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Million\$ for affordable housing in Montana

First-time state funding

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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Montana's coal severance tax trust fund made \$15 million available to develop multifamily rental housing.

For-profit, non-profit and government entities are eligible to apply to Montana's Housing Board

for low-interest loans. Madison County is not in the position to apply for the new funding opportunity, according to Madison County Housing Board Chair Cindy Gockel. But builders and developers in the county with plans ready to break ground can apply for a piece of the \$15 million.

"It's another tool in these communities," Montana Department of Commerce's executive director of housing, Bruce Brensdal said.

Montana House Bill 16 focuses on providing funding for low-income and moderate-income housing loans with money from the permanent coal severance tax fund. HB 16 was

effective July 1, 2019 and on Dec. 9, 2019, the Multifamily Coal Trust Homes Program became the first state funding available to help combat the affordable housing shortage. The Montana Department of Commerce's Housing Board will allocate the \$15 million to eligible projects.

Projects can be new construction, land acquisition and/or building renovations for multifamily rental homes. The MHB will approve applications during monthly meetings on a continuous basis. Applications have to be submitted at least six weeks before the meeting at which the MHB will approve or deny its funding assistance.

The maximum term for a loan is a 30-year fixed rate. Interest rates on loans will vary depending on household incomes that projects target. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development defines households earning 80% or less of an area's median income as

low-income households. Moderate-income households are defined as household incomes 81-95% of the median income for the area.

According to the Census Bureau, Madison County's median annual income is \$47,900. A multifamily rental housing project in Madison County targeting households earning 30% of the area's medium income (\$14,370 annually) would receive a 1.56% interest rate. The interest rates tier out into four brackets as high as 5.56% for moderate-income households, which is an annual household income of \$38,799 - \$45,505 in Madison County.

The new available money is another option for developers and employers in Madison County to fund their existing efforts of providing more housing for the county's workforce.

"What I'm seeing is pretty exciting," Gockel said. "We're seeing developers doing things differently and employers are starting to pitch in."

BRUCELLOSIS

Madison County cow tests positive

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A cow on a Madison County ranch tested positive for brucellosis. The brucellosis-infected cow was detected during a voluntary whole-herd testing Dec. 30. All other animals on the ranch tested negative for the disease, indicating an early detection. The infected cow was euthanized, and the ranch will be quarantined until secondary tests are confirmed from the National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, Iowa.

"We need to confirm that it didn't come from a domestic source," Montana Department of Livestock brucellosis program veterinarian Dr. Eric Liska said.

Brucella abortus bacteria is the source of brucellosis, which causes abortions and lower pregnancy rates in infected animals. The disease has nearly been eradicated from the United States, except in some bison and elk populations of the Greater Yellowstone Area. Portions of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming have different expectations to retain a brucellosis Class Free Status because of the disease's presence in surrounding wildlife.

The loss of a brucellosis Class Free Status would negatively impact Montana's exporting market. The financial risk seems to be incentive enough for most Montana ranchers in the Brucellosis Designated Surveillance Area to voluntarily test their cows annually.

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“What makes our DSA work so well is our progressive ranchers,” Liska said.

The DOL requires cattle that seasonally graze in the DSA to be tested for brucellosis before leaving the area. Counties in the DSA are required to vaccinate cattle to reduce the spread within a herd.

“It’s not a perfect vaccine,” Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks wildlife veterinarian Jennifer Ramsey said. “Elk is a little bit tricky. Learning on free-ranging animals is difficult.”

Brucella abortus is listed as a biological select agent in the US. Select agents potentially pose a severe threat to public and/or animal health, which makes further research on it difficult and expensive.

Abortion sites of infected elk are the most common way brucellosis is transmitted to other elk and livestock. The highest rate of transmission is February through June, during late pregnancy and calving season for elk. The close proximity of cattle and elk in lower elevations also increases the likelihood of a cow coming in contact with the bacteria.

Since 2010, brucellosis has affected 10 cattle herds in Montana’s DSA, with the last detection in 2017. Though the disease does not affect the meat of an animal, it can be transmitted to humans through the lactation of an infected female animal. Consuming unpasteurized dairy products is the most common way brucellosis infects people. Antibiotics can be prescribed to people who have contracted brucellosis.

Brucella abortus can enter through flesh wounds. Veterinarians, meat-packing plant employees, ranchers, hunters and others who regularly come into contact with elk, bison and/or cattle are most at risk of getting brucellosis.

Wearing gloves and other simple precautions significantly reduces the chances of getting brucellosis. Most of the bacteria is in the reproductive organs of infected animals, so it is advised to minimize contact with those organs from animals in brucellosis designated surveillance areas.

“It can be concerning when a brucellosis affected herd is discovered, but our DSA producers and veterinarians should be commended for their efforts and compliance with regulations,” DOL’s State Veterinarian Dr. Marty Zaluski said. “A high rate of testing, much of it voluntary, is the primary reason we continue to find affected herds rapidly, which not only minimizes the impact on that producer but protects our state and trading partners.”

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Montana’s Brucellosis Designated Surveillance Area. MAP CREATED BY MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

Brucella abortus life host cycle. Black arrows: After pregnancy, the bacterium invades trophoblasts and the mammary gland, inducing abortion and shedding through milk. Blue arrows: The heavy contaminated placenta and fetus become the main source of infection for humans and other animal hosts. Humans that consume unpasteurized milk may acquire the bacterium. Infected buffalo, cattle or elk may keep the infection cycling in the herd. Red blunt arrows: Pasteurization or fermentation of dairy products eliminates brucella organisms and the risk of human contamination. PHOTO COURTESY FREE COMMONS



THE BEEF GUIDE TO USMCA

Revised trade agreement

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The United States-Mexico-Canada trade agreement benefitted Canada and Mexico cattle and beef markets. U.S.’ cattle and beef market remains mostly the same.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the USMCA deal Dec. 19. The deal modernizes the 25-year-old free trade agreement between North American countries including improvements in Mexican labor laws, the American auto-manufacturing industry and intellectual property. The main benefit for America’s agriculture industry, Madison County’s largest industry, is

the certainty that one of its largest markets remains open.

“They did address issues that needed to be addressed,” US Cattlemen’s Association Director Emeritus Leo McDonnell said. “There’s winners and losers. Cattle didn’t win this one.”

The US Cattle Association hoped the deal would have included assurances that represented American beef’s good quality. Five years ago, the World Trade Organization deemed country-of-origin labeling on beef products as discriminatory.

Mexico and Canada’s beef industries have grown over the last few decades, displacing a lot of cattle production

outside of the U.S. But there is currently no clear definition of U.S. beef product, according to the USCA.

Imported cattle and beef can be labeled as a U.S. product if handled in the States before going to market. Country-of-origin labeling could benefit the U.S. beef market because it is a desired product.

After more than a year of uncertainty as the USMCA trade deal bounced around the U.S. House of Representatives, Montanan industries have certainty that their largest market remains open. Montana exported \$692 million goods to Canada in 2018, according to the United States Trade Representative.

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Rod was an avid hunter and fisherman, and he looked forward to the harvest every year. He was proud of his

accomplishments as a business owner, a baseball coach/umpire, a hunter education instructor, and, most of all, as a dad.

Those who knew him, will remember his willingness to help his neighbors, his hunting and fishing knowledge,

his tendency to quote George Carlin, and his love of AC/DC and classic rock. His son will forever remember the hunting and fishing adventures they shared in MT, UT, CO and WY. His daughter will forever remember him as a dad who came home from work one day

with a stray cat riding on his shoulders as a gift for her.

No service will be held. Those who wish to can make a contribution in Rod's name to the Mule Deer Foundation (muledeer.org) or the Beaver-head Animal Shelter (bvhd-shelter-rescue.com).

Memorial Service for Rev. Jean Johnson

Jean Johnson, pastor of the Madison Valley Presbyterian Church, passed away Dec. 7, 2019 at the Benefis Hospital in Great Falls. A memorial service for Rev. Jean Johnson will be held Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020 at the Madison Valley Presbyterian Church in Ennis at 1 p.m. with a time of fellowship to follow.

In recognition of Jean's love for Christ, her church and her hopes for its vibrant future mission in the greater Ennis community, memorial gifts may be made to the Madison Valley Presbyterian Church, PO Box 125, Ennis, MT 59729. If you would like to share a story or card with Jean's family and friends, please send that to the above church address as well.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



It takes a village

KEELY LARSON
THE MADISONIAN

The Virginia City Ice Rink (VICE), a 501c3 nonprofit, could be compared to a theater production. There are so many people involved in making it a success that each individual person is not always recognized for their efforts. As parents or high school drama teachers say, there is no such thing as a small role. That sentiment rings quite true for those involved with VICE.

“Every bit of volunteer help they give is important,” Amy Kelley said. Tasks like maintaining the ice, cleaning the warming house, sharpening donated skates available for free usage, Zamboni-ing and a slew of others take time and energy, and if not completed, the rink would not prosper.

“Everybody puts in a hand and that’s what keeps it going,” Matt Carey said.

“I want to recognize those people,” Kelley said. Those people who work behind the scenes and are not always acknowledged. Or those people who drop a \$50 in the donation box anonymously. It takes a village, Kelley emphasized, and villages are made up of many.

The question Kelley gets asked most through VICE’s Facebook page is about the cost to skate at the rink, and the answer is that it is completely free. VICE is a partnership between the town of Virginia City and the nonprofit. Virginia City owns the park and provides water to create the

rink and electricity for the warming house and lights.

Big events at the rink, like the broomball and hockey tournaments, increase turnout during free skating days. Kelley mentioned having 40 people at the rink the other day and not knowing a single person there. This past weekend hosted the Winterfest broomball tournament and at the height of past tournaments, Virginia City Mayor Justin Gatewood estimated 200-300 people attending.

These people otherwise would not have come to Virginia City in the winter. This influx of visitors brings extra revenue to local businesses and participating teams rent VRBOs to stay near the ice rink, providing economic benefit to Virginia City during its off-season.

Carey and others will be on standby to make sure the ice remains in good condition for the skaters, ready for extra Zamboni work. Strong skaters wreak greater havoc on the ice during hockey tournaments.

10 years ago, it was still a lot of work to maintain the rink and the village was smaller. With more volunteers, VICE revived. “Number one, we all love ice skating,” Mayor Gatewood said. This was one reason people wanted to bring it back in addition to wanting to provide local kids with an outdoor activity that was free and accessible.

“It couldn’t happen without this army of volunteers,” Kelley said.



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December 30, 2019

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December 31, 2019

Medical aid was administered in Ennis. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Silver Star and Ennis. An accident occurred in Twin Bridges. A disturbance was reported out of county.

January 1, 2020

A disturbance was reported in Ennis.

A wildlife complaint was made in McAllister. Medical aid was administered in Sheridan. A wildlife complaint was made in Ennis.

January 2, 2020


An accident occurred in Twin Bridges. Animal complaints were reported in Norris and Silver Star. A welfare check was performed in McAllister.

January 3, 2020

A citizen was assisted in Sheridan. A welfare check was performed in Twin Bridges. A fire call was made in Sheridan. Medical aid was administered in Sheridan. A dog complaint was made in Sheridan.

January 4, 2020

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Exceptional December at Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center

Submitted by GAIL NELSON

The month of December has been truly exceptional here at Tobacco Root Moun- tains Care Center. All of the Christmas decorations and holiday music really got us in the holiday spirit. We celebrated with family and friends on Dec. 14 during our annual Christmas party and raffle. Everyone really enjoyed


the special presentation of Christmas carols sang by our resident choir. This presen- tation put together by the activities department and was the beginning of a wonderful party. The buffet provided by the dietary department was out of this world, especially the desert (yummy cheese- cake). Then Santa showed up spreading good cheer to every- one. Thank you to everyone

that joined us and made this a super special day. The Ruby Valley Boys and Barb Wire were here on the 19th to share in the cele- brating of the holidays. They sang traditional Christmas carols along with the “always wonderful” country music that they perform. The residents and staff had a blast dancing and singing along. All enjoyed the afternoon.

We had an extra special surprise on the afternoon of the 20th. Santa’s elves came bearing gifts for all. Lynda, Linda and Tammy from the Madison County Sheriff’s Of- fice came to visit, and brought gifts that were put together by the employees of the Madison County Sheriff’s Office, DES and Ennis PD. Not only did they bring gifts for every resi- dent but they also brought two

giant boxes of art supplies and much more for all to enjoy. The three women walked up and down the halls spreading cheer and delivering gifts to everyone. It was unexpected and exciting for our residents. Some cried tears of joy and others laughed in excitement. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Our residents are still talking about the gen- erosity of this wonderful visit.

On Christmas morning, every resident came out to a gift from Santa and a handmade card from the Twin Bridges first grade class. This was a truly wonderful holiday season for the resi- dents here at Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center and we thank everyone for their time and generosity. Onward and upward to a new year and a new decade!!!



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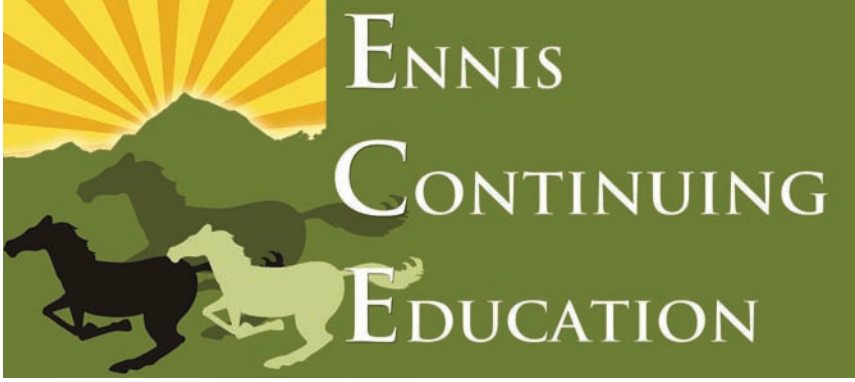


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SPORTS

Swooping victories

Twin Bridges boys' basketball

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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The Falcons massively outscored their competition this weekend. The Twin Bridges boys' basketball team defeated the Trojans in Drummond on Jan. 3. "I was proud of the boys to come out with 10 days off for the break and really grind out a good win," Twin Bridge head coach Josh Keller said. The Falcons' defense showed up in Drummond with 25 defensive rebounds, six blocks and 22 steals. Junior Matt Kaiser was a major contributor to the Falcons' success. He led in points and capitalized on eight rebound points during the game. Charlie Kruer was not far behind Kaiser, earning the Falcons 15 points. Kruer went on to lead the Falcons in points against Sheridan Saturday. He put up 21 points on the score board in the first half including a crowd erupting dunk. "Sheridan was a game I wanted the guys to really learn how to focus and come out fast," Keller said. The Falcons had a 54 percent shooting rate including seven three pointers. Twin Bridges worked well under the net. They owned the lane lines of their home court. Kaiser made the majority of shots he went for. He had an 86 percent shot rate against the Panthers. Mirroring his game from the day before, Kaiser scored off eight rebounds. The Falcons will host the Whitehall Trojans on Friday, Jan. 10 and Lone Peak on Saturday, Jan. 11.

Jan. 3 Twin Bridges Falcons: 16 32 49 Final: 62 Drummond Trojans: 10 12 17 Final: 26	Team total: 3 Individual leader: Bryce Nye/ Charlie Kruer/ Tate Smith Individual total: 1	Kruer Individual total: 24
POINTS Team total: 62 Individual leader: Matt Kaiser Individual total: 18	FREE THROWS: 60% success rate	2-POINTERS Team total: 23 Individual leader: Charlie Kruer Individual total: 5
2-POINTERS Team total: 19 Individual leader: Matt Kaiser Individual total: 8	Jan. 4 Twin Bridges Falcons: 31 53 68 Final: 74 Sheridan Panthers: 4 9 11 Final: 14	3-POINTERS Team total: 7 Individual leader: Charlie Kruer Individual total: 4
3-POINTERS	POINTS Team total: 74 Individual leader: Charlie	FREE THROWS: 70% success rate



Panthers Kaden Batzler (L) and Cole Hill (R) defend against Falcon Zayne Carter.
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Ladies of the Ruby Valley faceoff. Falcon Ashely Guinanne faces Sheridan Panther Brooke Grow in Saturday night's game.
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Conference games for the Panthers

Sheridan boys' basketball

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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The Panthers started the new year with a loss against the Ennis Mustangs Jan. 3. The Panthers played at home and finished every quarter in the lead. Hartson Van Houton racked up 16 points, mostly with three-pointers. Van Houton carried Sheridan in points against Ennis. Kaden Batzler was a strong contributor in both games. Batzler played the majority of both games, leading in two-pointers against Ennis and total points against Twin Bridges. The Falcons defeated the Panthers in Twin Bridges by 30 points on Saturday. The Falcons dominated the court, allowing few opportunities for the Panthers to score. Sheridan travels to Drummond Jan. 10 to play the Trojans.

Jan. 3 Sheridan Panthers: 14 30 47 Final: 58 Ennis Mustangs: 15 32 51 Final: 73	3-POINTERS Team total: 5 Individual leader: Hartson Van Houton Individual total: 4	Batzler Individual total: 8
POINTS Team total: 58 Individual leader: Hartson Van Houton Individual total: 16	FREE THROWS: 45% success rate Jan. 4 Sheridan Panthers: 4 9 11 Final: 14 Twin Bridges Falcons: 31 53 68 Final: 74	2-POINTERS Team total: 5 Individual leader: Kaden Batzler Individual total: 4
2-POINTERS Team total: 19 Individual leader: Kaden Batzler Individual total: 6	POINTS Team total: 14 Individual leader: Kaden	3-POINTERS Team total: 1 Individual leader: Jason Chisholm Individual total: 1
	FREE THROWS: 33% success rate	

Sheridan girls' basketball

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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The Panthers could not make it happen against the Mustangs Jan. 3. The first quarter ended scoreless for the Sheridan girls. Caitlyn Galiger accumulated the most points for the Panthers. She scored all of her points in the second half. The Panthers stepped up to the free throwline seven times, making only three of the 14 baskets. The Panthers take on the Trojans in Drummond Jan. 10.

Jan. 3 Sheridan Panthers: 0 7 12 Final: 14 Ennis Mustangs: 13 26 38 Final: 47	3-POINTERS Team total: 1 Individual leader: Faith Larsen Individual total: 1	2-POINTERS Team total: 8 Individual leader: Tina Hill/ Desaray Tipton/ Caitlyn Galiger Individual total: 2
POINTS Team total: 14 Individual leader: Caitlyn Galiger Individual total: 4	FREE THROWS: 21% success rate	3-POINTERS Team total: 1 Individual leader: Faith Larsen Individual total: 1
2-POINTERS Team total: 4 Individual leader: Brooke Grow/ Tina Hill/ Desaray Tipton/ Caitlyn Galiger Individual total: 1	Jan. 4 Sheridan Panthers: 5 11 17 Final: 22 Twin Bridges Falcons: Final: 56	FREE THROWS: 23% success rate
	POINTS Team total: 22 Individual leader: Tina Hill Individual total: 5	

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Ask the Expert


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Q: I'm considering healthy resolutions for the New Year. Is sleep really an essential factor for better health?

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SPORTS

Wildcats defeat two conference teams

Harrison boys take the win in basketball

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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Two wins for Harrison boys’ basketball start off the new year. The Wildcats had home court advantage against Granite Jan. 2. It was anyone’s game entering the second half, but Harrison pulled through and took the lead in the third quarter. Cristian Contreras and Luke Cima scored 14 points, both leading the Wildcats in points. “It was close for most of the game, but our defense and timely buckets allowed us to pull away in the fourth,” Harrison head basketball coach Zach Murphy said. Harrison traveled to Lone Peak High School to take on the Big Horns on Saturday. Vern Homner started the game with a technical foul. He could not resist a dunk in warmup, which referees warranted a technical. Cima again topped the scoreboard for the Wildcats with consistent two-pointers. Kyle Homner and Sage Buus each drained a three-pointer, Buus in the first half and Homner in the second half. Harrison had a 75 percent success rate at the free throw line, their highest of the season so far. Next, the Wildcats will battle the Lima Bears at home Jan. 10.

Jan. 2 Harrison Wildcats: 14 20 30 Final: 49 Granite Prospectors: 16 20 24 Final: 32	3-POINTERS Team total: 1 Individual leader: Cristian Contreras Individual total: 1	Individual total: 16 2-POINTERS Team total: 14 Individual leader: Luke Cima Individual total: 6
POINTS Team total: 49 Individual leader: Cristian Contreras/ Luke Cima Individual total: 14	FREE THROWS: 55% success rate	3-POINTERS Team total: 2 Individual leader: Kyle Homner/ Sage Buus Individual total: 1
Jan. 3 Harrison Wildcats: 7 20 36 Final: 52 Lone Peak Big Horns: 8 15 23 Final: 39	POINTS Team total: 52 Individual leader: Luke Cima	FREE THROWS: 75% success rate
2-POINTERS Team total: 20 Individual leader: Luke Cima Individual total: 7	TECHNICALS: Vern Homner	

Two losses for Harrison

Wildcats girls’ basketball fall to conference competitors



Wildcat senior, Kayley Christensen drives to the bucket in Friday night’s game at Lone Peak. PHOTO COURTESY ANDREA CHRISTENSEN

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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The Wildcats lost to the Prospectors in Harrison Jan. 2. Granite finished with a single digit lead on Harrison. Aleena Bacon lead the Wildcats in points, consistently scoring throughout the game. She made a three-pointer in each half. Dana Lerum can make three-pointers, draining three against Granite and two against Lone Peak. Rosie Chater fouled out of both games, along with Bacon during the second game of the week. With a good success rate off the free throw line, Harrison girls did a good job capitalizing on the easy baskets. Lerum lead Harrison against the Lone Peak, but the Harrison girls could not pull through with a win in Lone Peak. The Lima Bears will come to Harrison to take on the Wildcats Jan. 10.

Jan. 2 Harrison Wildcats: 8 12 23 Final: 36 Granite Prospectors: Final: 42	3-POINTERS Team total: 5 Individual leader: Dana Lerum Individual total: 3	Lerum Individual total: 19
POINTS Team total: 36 Individual leader: Aleena Bacon Individual total: 14	FREE THROWS: 50% success rate	2-POINTERS Team total: 5 Individual leader: Dana Lerum Individual total: 3
Jan. 3 Harrison Wildcats: 4 21 27 Final: 35 Lone Peak Big Horns: Final: 52	POINTS Team total: 35 Individual leader: Dana	3-POINTERS Team total: 3 Individual leader: Dana Lerum Individual total: 2
2-POINTERS Team total: 7 Individual leader: Lauren Cima Individual total: 3	FREE THROWS: 73% success rate	

The Herd defeats the Panthers

Ennis boys’ basketball take home a win


BY HANNAH KEARSE
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The Mustangs defeated the Panthers in Sheridan Jan. 3. It was a close first half with the Mustangs leading by only two points. It was not until the final quarter that the Mustangs solidified their lead on the Panthers. Ian Swanson dominated the court, bringing in 31 points for Ennis.

Jan. 3 Ennis Mustangs: 15 32 51 Final: 73 Sheridan Panthers: 14 30 47 Final: 58	POINTS Team total: 73 Individual leader: Ian Swanson Individual total: 31	Team total: 28 Individual leader: Ian Swanson Individual total: 12	Individual leader: Brand Ostler Individual total: 1
2-POINTERS	3-POINTERS Team total: 1	FREE THROWS: 67% success rate	


MADISON COUNTY WEATHER

Thursday




Mostly cloudy skies early. A few snow showers developing later in the day. High around 25F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of snow 30%.

Friday




Mostly sunny skies. High 23F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph.

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RAPTOR RESCUE

AN OWL NAMED ENNIS

Finley, grateful for his leather Kenpos, about to put Ennis in the dog kennel. PHOTO COURTESY OF MAIDA KNAPTON



By KEELY LARSON
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On a fall day in November, Maida and Finley Knapton were out on a five-mile loop run. They were going back through the rodeo grounds when their dog discovered an injured owl hopping around with what seemed to be a broken wing.



The Knaptons called their dad who told them to call the Montana Raptor Conservation Center. Maida and Finley were familiar with the Raptor Center. The center has done demonstrations in the Ennis schools before.

"She (Becky Kean, rehabilitation director) told us to get the dog kennel and she told us to use leather gloves," Maida said. Maida finished the remaining two miles of the run to get back to their house, grabbed their dog kennel and her car. Finley stayed behind to keep an eye on the owl.

If an injured bird is discovered, Jordan Spyke, director of operations at the Raptor Center, instructs people to call. Someone knowledgeable can assist bird rescuers more effectively once they know the context as each injury varies case by case. Maida sent Kean a picture of the bird to bring her onto the scene, allowing her to help more efficiently.

Back on the running loop, Finley, with his Kenpo gloves, grabbed the owl and put it in the dog kennel. "And that was kind of cool," Spyke said with a hint of humored impression. "Its talons were, like, extremely sharp. If I would have not had those gloves on, it would have been really painful," Finley said.

"With handling raptors, you have to be really careful with their feet," Spyke said. Raptor's powerful talons can squeeze hard, which is why Kean told Maida to grab leather gloves for handling the owl.

The kids hopped in the car with the owl they named Ennis in the dog kennel and drove home. Ennis spent the night at the Knapton's. The next day Maida and Finley's mother, Sunni, took the owl to the center.

"When I dropped him off, the gal that took him in was kind of like, 'we'll see how he does,'" Sunni said, which did not instill much confidence.

Ennis exhibited a fractured radius, or essentially the wrist bone of the bird. Spyke described it as an aligned fracture, which allowed them to simply wrap the wing in a sling and let it heal on its own. Typically, with this type of injury, the center would do surgery and insert a titanium pin, unnecessary for this owl.

The Knaptons also learned that Ennis was a long-eared owl, unusual in this part of



The x-ray of Ennis and his fractured radius. Spyke said about 200 birds per year are brought in with similar injuries. PHOTO COURTESY OF MONTANA RAPTOR CONSERVATION CENTER

Montana. Long-eared owls tend to prefer wooded and unpopulated areas. Sunni had never heard of this type of owl before but was familiar with the Grey Horned owls in the trees by their home.

Ennis's recovery period ended up taking about a month. Sunni wanted to be able to tell their adventure as a happy story but was not sure what to expect after the uncertainty that lingered after dropping Ennis off.

"He slept in our guest room! We know him!" Sunni said. Kean would send Maida updates about Ennis's progress.

The family was invested in the process and the outcome.

On the Winter Solstice, Sunni was able to tell her happy story. "Long-eared owls are super cool birds, so it was good to release it and send it back to where it was from," Spyke said.

The Knapton siblings played a good Samaritan role that day in November. They acted responsibly and took time out of their run to help a struggling creature. "It made me feel like the work really meant something," Finley said. "It felt like you did something good," Maida echoed.



The raptor rescuers, Maida and Finley. PHOTO COURTESY SUNNI KNAPTON



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Dreading a dental visit?

5 tips for getting the most out of it

Submitted by Ashley Pontius prnewswire.com

Many people would just as soon avoid scheduling a dental appointment, unless an unbearable toothache lands them reluctantly in the dentist's chair.

Fear of pain is one reason for procrastination, but it's not the only factor. People worry a routine checkup could reveal the need for expensive, major work. Wary patients also sometimes harbor doubts about whether a costly procedure is even necessary.

But patients can put themselves at ease and get the most out of their dental visit by fully vetting their dentist and learning how to weigh options, says Dr. Rick Mars (www.dentalcaregroup.net),

author of The Big Smile: The Principles of Modern Dentistry – for Dentists and Patients.

“Many dentists don't do a good job of educating their patients and communicating with them,” Dr. Mars says, “and most patients don't do a good enough job educating themselves. We have a saying in dentistry that if you put 10 dentists in a room with a single patient, they will come up with 10 different treatment plans.

“But the great thing about dentistry is the multitude of creative solutions available to patients. You need to ask the right questions to make sure you understand the treatment options.”

Dr. Mars offers these tips for finding the right dental treatment at a fair price:

Educate yourself and listen when your dentist educates.

“The worst thing that can happen is that you don't get the treatment you need and something disastrous happens,” Dr. Mars says. “The second worst thing that can happen is that you do get treatment, but you didn't actually need it. Taking an active role means you not only do your own research and get a second opinion, but you also listen carefully to your doctor when your doctor educates you.”

Read online reviews with a critical eye. “The internet can be very helpful when you're vetting a new dentist, but there's also a lot of misinformation out there with patients' reviews,” Dr. Mars says. “In today's world, patients wield power like they never previously had. In general, people who bother to write reviews are disgruntled and want recourse and even revenge.

On the other hand, numerous positive reviews, ideally from people you know who were treated by that dentist, can add up to a trustworthy referral.”

Interview your dentist and their team. “You can ask them how many times they've done a certain procedure and even ask to see photos of their cases,” Dr. Mars says. “It may require a specialist rather than a general dentist. And find out why they charge what they charge.”

Get an honest second opinion. “Even though you trust your dentist, you might hear a treatment plan that just doesn't sit well with you,” Dr. Mars says. “Get a copy of your radiographs from your current dentist to take to your second-opinion dentist. Never show the second dentist your treatment plan until they give their final suggestions.”

Ask to see the results of your dental investment. “Rather than limit your evaluation of your dentist to time, cost, or customer service, think about your dental work like you consider mechanical work to your car,” Dr. Mars says. “After treatment, dentists can and should show you radiographs of your teeth and point out the details proving your problem is fixed.”

“If you've done your homework,” Dr. Mars says, “your dentist, whether a general practitioner or a specialist, should leave no room for doubt that you're in the right place.”

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Treating Seasonal Affective Disorder

Submitted by NEWS IN HEALTH

Is the long, cold winter getting you down? For people with seasonal affective disorder (SAD), the change in seasons brings on a form of depression. Most often, it begins in late fall or early winter each year and goes away in the spring and summer. Common signs of SAD include low energy, overeating, and sleeping too much.

If you have SAD, there are several things you can do. Try to be active and exercise. Spend time with other people and confide in a trusted friend or relative. Medications like antidepressants and psychotherapy can also help. Some people may find relief through complementary health approaches, like light therapy. Using an ultrabright light box each day may help replace the natural sunlight you're missing during the winter. Light boxes give off light that's about 20 times brighter than ordinary lighting.

Some studies support a form of talk therapy adapted for SAD. This type of cognitive behavioral therapy focuses on replacing negative thoughts with positive ones. You may also be asked to identify activities you enjoy.

A few small studies suggest that supplements like St. John's wort and melatonin may help with SAD. But experts caution that St. John's wort can interact with many medications. And melatonin may improve sleep for some people with SAD, but it's not known if long-term use is safe.

If you're experiencing SAD, talk with your doctor to come up with a plan to feel better.



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A CIVIL PATH

By Keith Axberg

I like people with depth, I like people with emotion, I like people with a strong mind, an interesting mind, a twisted mind, and also that can make me smile. Abbey Lee Kershaw

We have embarked on a new year, and it is officially referred to as an election year. I cringe because much of the past three years in America has been so acrimonious as to fatigue even the stoutest of hearts.

I am pleased as punch that I am not a political analyst or pundit. I have the privilege of writing on matters of life and faith. There may not be a whole lot of depth or meat in what I have to say, but if

the lions starve on the floor of the Coliseum, I'm not going to cry.

It seems strange that so many people say they yearn for peace and harmony (an intersection of two hallways at a nearby nursing facility, by the way) while simultaneously hoisting their flags and rattling their sabers. Although modern light sabers are more given to humming than rattling, the effect is the same: dread.

Dread. One letter more than Dead. It's not that far off, is it?

I was speaking to a friend of mine who happens to fall on a section of the political spectrum outside my own sphere of influence, but we get along fine. How?

To start with, we don't call each other names. Labels are fine if

they're affixed to cupboards so one can find the plates or the drawers with the silverware, but they aren't as helpful when dealing with people. For one thing, labels are often wrong.

The story is told of a woman who frequented a high-end clothing store. The store would open early or stay open late in order to cater to her whims. She would phone ahead, and the manager in the clothing department would pre-select items she was sure the woman would be interested in buying, and she would remove the proper labels and replace them with Size 2. No matter what the mirror told the customer, she was convinced she was a size 2, and had the labels to prove it!

No, people are far more complex than labels, so we honor one another by ignoring the labels we might be tempted to use, and actually talk to one another.

It is our church's tradition (and calling) to "respect the dignity of every person." I'm pretty sure that comes from the Bible, whether it is a direct quote or not. While Jesus may have argued with his enemies (and we do have enemies in life), his challenge to them was always to "be better than that." Again, that's not a direct quote, but I am sure it is an accurate reflection of what was in his heart at the time.

There are people whose decisions and actions clearly violate the tenets of their faith. Mine sure do. None of us is perfect, and

while I would love to think myself rational and reasonable and one who mostly pleases God with the things I say or do, I suspect I fall short of that ideal, and I have no doubt there are folks who could find plenty of evidence to bear witness to my shortcomings.

So the second thing that enables civil discourse is having a sense of humility when offering our thoughts: I think I am right, but I could be wrong. Let's talk about it. That's called conversation. We talk.

If my friend and I debate, it is with minds open to hearing what the other has to say. Each of us has a story. Each has experiences that help to shape our perspectives, so we respect the dignity of the other

by honest listening.

My hope as we move forward into 2020 is that we will each find ways to build one another up. Even when we are most distressed by what we see or hear on the news, know that it is barely a blip on eternity's radar. If a butterfly flapping its wings in Beijing can cause the sun to shine in NYC in the place of rain, our little acts of civility can surely move the needle of grace far beyond what we might otherwise imagine.

That's my hope and prayer for 2020 in this, our valley. Peace!

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

COMMODITY INSITE: THE GREAT GRAIN ROBBERY OF 70'S V.S TODAY

BY JERRY WELCH

In the decade of the '70's, grain prices rose sharply because of two main events. First, what is now called the, Great Grain Robbery. Second, was a series of weather issues that provided a tail-wind for prices that lasted into the '80's. According to Wikipedia, "The Great Grain Robbery was the July, 1972 purchase of 10 million tons of United States grain (mainly wheat and corn) by the Soviet Union at subsidized prices, which resulted in higher grain prices in the United States. Grain prices soon reached 125-year highs in Chicago. In a 10-month span, soybeans went from \$3.31 to \$12.90 a bushel. Food prices around the world rose 50% in 1973."

In essence, the grain complex and the U.S. agriculture markets were hit with a one-two punch in the gut in the '70's. First, was unexpected demand

from the Soviet Union and second was several crop disasters brought about by Mother Nature. Historically, there was no other period in American history that faced such fundamental challenges. However, we may be facing something similar if China and the U.S. strike a trade deal with China committed to buy \$40 billion worth of U.S. ag-products a year for several years. And, if climate change impacts crop yields and production anywhere on the globe, we may be looking at history simply repeating itself.

With but a few days left in 2019 and the decade of the "twenty-tens", the following headlines caught my attention from the Huffingtonpost.com, entitled, "2019 Was The Year The World Burned." The article stated, "Wildfires burned around the world this year from

Australia, the Amazon and California. These forest blazes are part of nature but climate change is making them more frequent and more intense."

Here are a few statements from the article above that are sobering. "Australia...had the hottest day on record with an average maximum temperature across the country of 107.4 degrees Fahrenheit." "Seven of California's 10 most destructive fires have happened in the last four years." Annual rains are coming later and later, while hot, dry winds have helped whip up fires." "The Amazon saw more than 80,000 forest fires this year, an increase of 75% from 2018." "This is not an isolated event," a campaigner at Greenpeace Lebanon, told The Ecologist, "as 2019 has been a year of unprecedented forest fires from Siberia to the Ama-

zon, from the Canary Islands to Indonesia, sending clear signals that our planet is burning and it is time to act like it."

And from my weekly column in October entitled, "Dodging A Bullet In 2020." Over the past few decades, there were three years with horrible weather devastating crops that led to higher prices. Those years were 1983, the drought year of 1988 and flood year of 1993. And do not forget the U.S. planting season this year was so rain soaked, and worse than 1993, the corn and soybean crops were the most delayed seeded in history."

Recently, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration showed May, 2019 to be the fourth warmest May in their 140 year database, only behind May 2015 (second warmest), 2016 (warmest) and 2017 (third warmest) and 2018 (fourth

warmest). The 20 hottest years on record have all occurred within the past 22 years. And the past five years in a row have been the hottest and warmest back-to-back years in history as well. "

"I fear, 2020 will be hot and dry year the likes of which has not been seen in years. The U.S. is long overdue for drought-like weather conditions to impact the grain and livestock markets. The U.S. has dodged a bullet the past five years amid record setting heat that simply did not sear the Grain Belt in the key growing months of July and August. I doubt grain producers will be so lucky in 2020."

In November, New York Fed executive vice president Kevin Stiroh warned in prepared remarks, "that climate change - not, say, asset bubbles created by his employer - is a major threat

that risk managers can't ignore." I cannot agree more with Mr. Stiroh. In particular, once a trade deal with China is signed which is unexpected demand.

In the new year and new decade ahead, the odds are high that weather issues will play a major role in determining the values of food stuffs in the U.S. and across the globe. What I am seeing, hearing and believing is that history is on the verge of repeating itself similar to the early '70's, following the Great Grain Robbery that kept a bid under the agriculture markets well into the '80's.

My advice to U.S. farmers and ranchers? Be financially prepared for what lies ahead. Do not be left behind. Get the best and most reliable counsel available. There is no substitute for timely and accurate information.



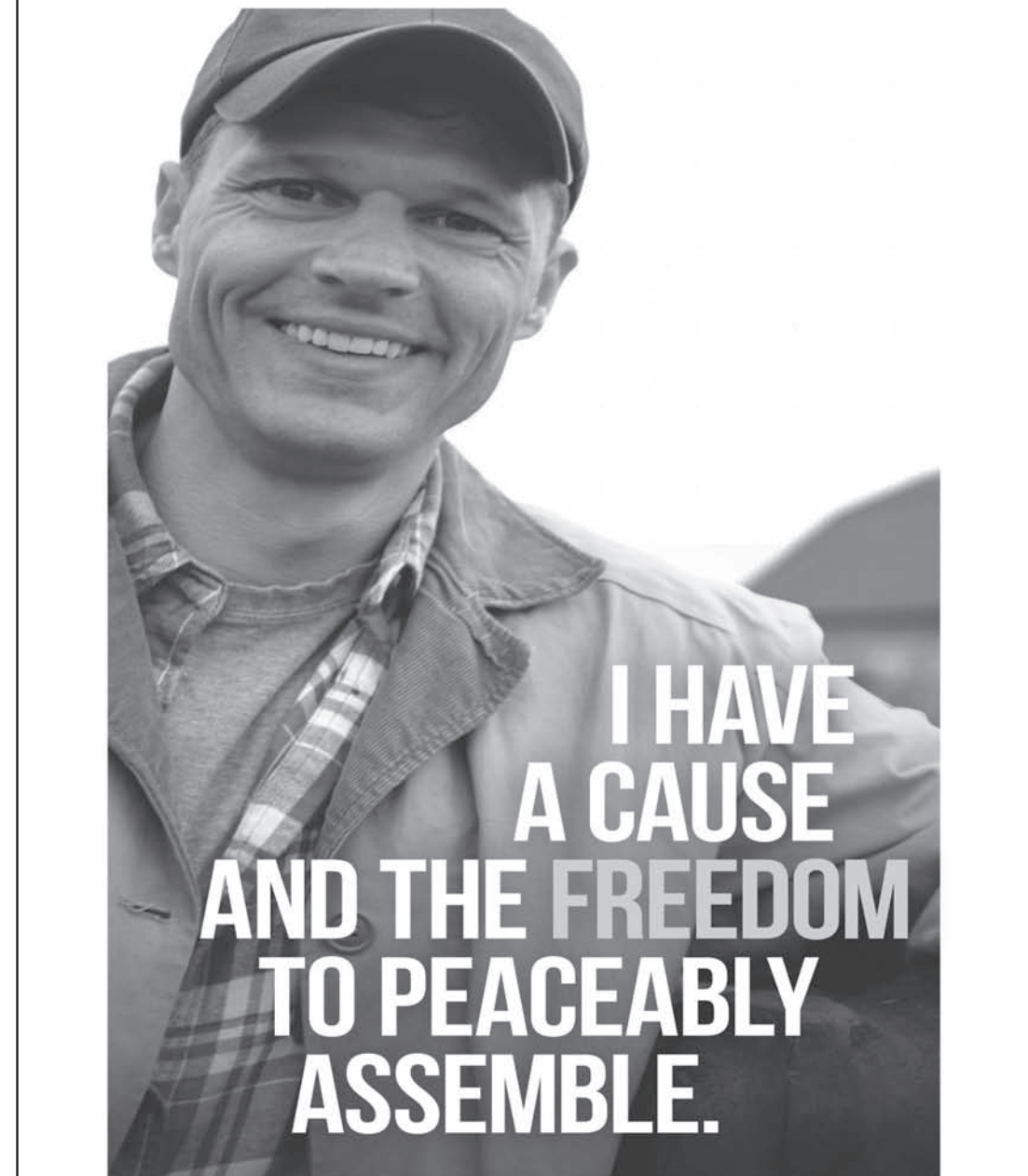
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1. CuraAao neighbor
6. Lungful
9. Not on a rolling stone
13. British unemployment checks
14. Schiller's famous poem, e.g.
15. "Will comply" in radio commu-
nication
16. Opposite of liability
17. Napoleon Bonaparte or Louis
Vuitton, e.g.
18. Embedded design
19. *Teen with telescopic powers
21. *Adventurous professor with
fear of snakes
23. *He played it in "Casablanca"
24. Sign of escape
25. Steampunk decoration
28. Thanksgiving tubers
30. Fear of flying, e.g.
35. Bun baker
37. "CliffsNotes," e.g.
39. Bound by oath
40. Nay, to a baby
41. Bread spreads
43. *She takes on PG&E
44. Sacrificial spot
46. Wedding promise?
47. Not yet final
48. Eats between meals
50. Blood-related problem
52. Ship pronoun
53. Diamond's corner
55. Be obliged
57. Name before X
61. *Orphan who wanted more gruel
64. Love between AbElard and
HEloOse
65. Pitching stat
67. Nostrils, anatomically speaking
69. Pine
70. Fleur-de-_____
71. Novelist Wharton
72. *Adopted orphan of Green
Gables
73. Auction set
74. Like a disreputable neighbor-
hood

- DOWN
1. Palindromic title
2. CISC alternative
3. *Female Superman foe alongside
General Zod
4. Afrikaners' ancestors
5. Off course

6. First-rate
7. Nuptial agreement
8. Version of a song
9. Mr. Bean's ride
10. Paella pot
11. Diagnostic test
12. Bean that rhymes with Goya
15. Distance from side to side, pl.
20. Insect in adult stage
22. Tiny bite
24. Most vital part
25. *A barbarian
26. Convex molding
27. Ladies and _____, for short

29. *a.k.a. The Mayor of Castro
Street
31. *Hutch actor in 2004's "Starsky
& Hutch"
32. *Famous Frankenstein portrayer
33. Like Michael Collins
34. *One of Miss Hannigan's orphans
36. *Russell Crowe's Biblical role
38. _____ of the trade
42. Bar seat
45. Type of realistic baby doll
49. *Pizzeria owner in "Do the Right
Thing"
51. Strings
54. Olfactory sensation
56. Avoid
57. Poet Angelou
58. Flock's affirmation
59. Bank's provision
60. Dry or salt
61. Brewer's kiln
62. Great Lake
63. Retired, shortened
66. Spanish river
68. Like a wallflower

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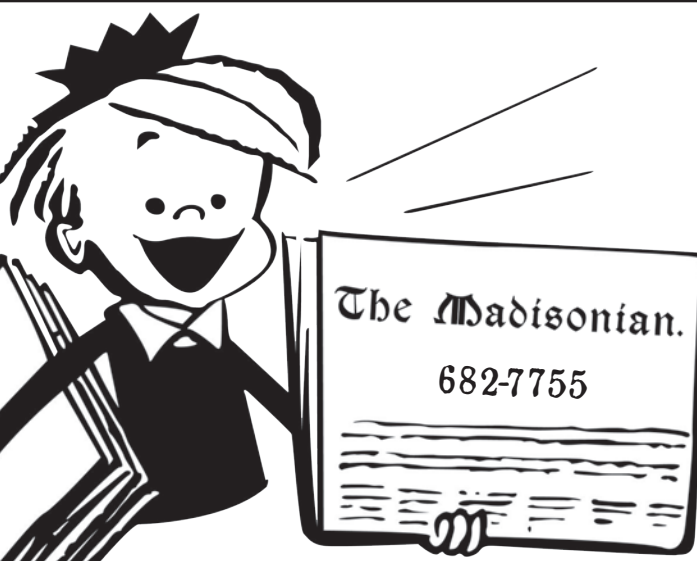
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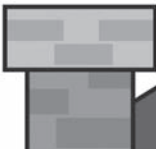
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to John Warren, Attorney at Law, P. O. Box 28, Dillon, Montana 59725, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct DATED December 3, 2019.
/s/ Sandy Nyhart
Personal Representative Personal Representative's Attorney John Warren P. O. Box 28 Dillon, Montana 59725 (Pub. JAN 9, 16, 23, 2020)
JOHN WARREN
MNAXLP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON LEE CASE, Deceased.
Cause No.: DP-29-2019-31
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to William Innis, Personal Representative, c/o Kruer Law Firm, P.C., P.O. Box 718, Sheridan, MT 59749, return receipt requested or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. Dated this 2 day of JANUARY, 2020. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
/S/ STEPHANIE GEHRES KRUER
Attorney for Personal Representative (Pub. JAN 9, 16, 23, 2020)
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PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Madison County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. during their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, to hear comments on: Resolution 6-2020, renaming roadways accessing Beaverhead Condominiums complex located within properties legally described as Beaverhead Condo, S30, T06 S, R03 E, #1401 THRU #1416 TRACT A & B and Beaverhead Condo, S30, T06 S, R03 E, ACRES 5.84 in Big Sky. The hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Conference Room at the Madison County Administrative Building, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, Montana. Written and/or oral comments on the proposed road name changes are welcomed. Written comments may be sent to the Madison County Planning Office by mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT, 59755; fax to (406) 843-5229; by e-mail to planning@madison.mt.gov or they may be handed in at the public hearing. (Pub. NOV 28, 2019, JAN 9, 2020)
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PUBLIC HEARING

The Madison County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:15 pm in the Public Meeting Room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, Montana. The Board will consider the agenda item and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners who will take final action. A request by Lone Mountain Land Company on behalf of MB MT Acquisition LLC for Preliminary Plat approval of Lee's Pool Subdivision and Planned Unit Development (PUD), a 132-unit residential/commercial development that would divide the 233.78-acre subject property into five Condo lots, one future development lot, and two Open Space lots proposed to be developed as follows: Condo Lot 1 (35.60 acres) - four lodge buildings with 81 units, a spa facility, restaurant, and 13 detached guest cabins; Condo Lot 2 (14.95 acres) - a Ski Lodge, one chairlift terminal, and two detached residential condominiums; Condo Lot 3 (14.08 acres) - 17 detached residential condominiums; Condo Lot 4 (9.19 acres) - 9 detached residential condominiums; Condo Lot 5 (7.57 acres) - 10 detached residential condominiums; Lot R (89.72 acres) - to be re-divided and developed in the future; Open Space A (40.40 acres); Open Space B (9.91 acres). Accessed from Jack Creek Road via Lone Mountain Trail and Moonlight Trail, the subdivision would be served by an extension of existing public water and sewer services operated by Moonlight Basin Water & Sewer LLC. The proposed PUD regards a requested modification to standards outlined in Section IV-B-1(c)(3) of the Madison County Subdivision Regulations, to reduce the applicable construction setback from onsite waterways from 100-ft to 40-ft.. Located within the Moonlight Basin Overall Development Plan area, the subject property is legally described as Tract A1 of Certificate of Survey 2508 in the NE1/4, SE1/4, SW1/4 & NW1/4 of Section 12, Township 6 South, Range 2 East, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana. Comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on January 27, 2020, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City,

Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to planning@madisoncountymt.gov. Verbal or written comments may also be given at the public hearing. The preliminary plat and supplemental information pertaining to this proposed subdivision is available for review at: • Madison County Planning Department, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City; • Madison Valley Library, 210 West Main Street, Ennis; • Big Sky Fire Department, Station 1, 650 Rainbow Trout Run, Big Sky Call (406) 843-5250 for more information. Darlene Tussing, President, Madison County Planning Board (Pub. JAN 9, 16, 2020)
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BUDGET AMENDMENT PROC-LAMATION SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT #5 MADISON COUNTY

At a regular meeting of the board of trustees of School District No. 5, Madison County, Montana, held November 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sheridan School Charles B. Murray Media Center, the following resolution was introduced: WHEREAS, the trustees of School District No. 5, Madison County, Montana, have made a determination that as a result of unanticipated enrollment increase, the district's budget for the Elementary General Fund does not provide sufficient financing to properly maintain and support the district for the entire current school fiscal year; and WHEREAS, the trustees have determined that an amendment to the Elementary General Fund Budget in the amount of \$38,745.39 is necessary under the provision of Section 20-9-161 (1), MCA; for the purpose of unanticipated enrollment increase and WHEREAS, the anticipated source of financing the budget amendment expenditures shall be Elementary General Fund Reserves; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of School District No. 5, Madison County, Montana, proclaims a need for an amendment to the Elementary General Fund Budget for fiscal year 2020 in the amount of \$38,745.39 under Section 20-9-161(1), MCA for the purpose identified above, and; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of School District No. 5, Madison County, Montana, will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Sheridan School CB Murray Media Center, 105 Madison Street, Sheridan, Montana, on January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering and adopting the budget amendment. (Pub. JAN 9, 2020)
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DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 20-6-604, Montana Code Annotated, provides in pertinent part: (1) Whenever the trustees of a district determine that a site, building, or any other real or personal property of the district is or is about to become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for the school purposes of the district, the trustees may sell or otherwise dispose of the real or personal property. If a decision to sell or dispose of property is made, the trustees shall adopt a resolution to sell or otherwise dispose of the district real or personal property because it is or is about to become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for the school

purposes of the district. (2) The resolution may not become effective for 14 days after the notice required in subsection (3) is made. (3) The trustees shall provide notice of the resolution in the manner required for school elections in 20-20-204. WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 20-6-604, Montana Code Annotated, the Board of Trustees of Sheridan School District No. 5, has found that the former Robber's Roost School Site is obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for school purposes; WHEREAS, the site of the former Robber's Roost School was deeded Robber's Roost School District in 1884 and transferred to the Sheridan School District No. 5 in 1948 when the Robber's Roost School District was abandoned; WHEREAS, the site of the former Robber's Roost School is now within the boundaries of the ranch owned by Ruby Habitat Foundation, Inc.; WHEREAS, Sheridan School District No. 5 was unaware of the location and its ownership of the site of the former Robber's Roost School; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Sheridan School District No. 5, shall sell following real property to Ruby Habitat Foundation, Inc.: A tract of land situation in the SE¼NE¼ of Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 4 West, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana, more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the ¼ section corner between Sections 29 and 30, in T5S, R4W; thence running North along Section line (across stage road) 7.76 chains to corner of school lot; thence N38°50'W 4.00 chains along road to a corner; thence N51°10'E 3.22 chains to section line; thence South along section line 5.14 chains to place of beginning, as previously described in Book 44, page 154. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with District practice and as required by Sections 20-6-604 and 20-20-204, Montana Code Annotated, this Resolution shall be posted in three different places in the district and published in The Madisonian, the newspaper of general circulation in the District. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the resolution shall become effective fourteen (14) days after such publication and posting if, in accordance with Section 20-6-604, Montana Code Annotated, no taxpayer appeals this Resolution prior to January 14, 2020, by filing a verified petition with the Clerk of the District Court setting

out in detail the objections to the adoption of the Resolution or the disposal of the property and serving a copy of such petition upon the School District. DATED this 10th day of December, 2020. BOARD OF TRUSTEES Sheridan School District No. 5 By WILLIAM WOOD
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REBECCA LARSON
Clerk of the Board (Pub. JAN 9, 2020)
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PART 30: SAWYERS

“Set out from the Kansas river ½ past 4 oClock, proceeded on passed a Small run on the L. S. at ½ Mile a Island on the S. S. at 1½ me. Hills above the upr. pt of Isd. L. S. a large Sand bar in the middle. Passed a verry bad place of water, the Sturn of the Boat Struck a moveing Sand & turned within 6 Inches of a large Sawyer, if the Boat had Struck the Sawyer, her Bow must have been Knocked off & in Course She must hav Sunk in the Deep water below.”

—William Clark, June 29, 1804

Column and photos by
THOMAS J. ELPEL

The untamed Missouri formed a minefield of sawyers or snags, dead trees anchored to the bottom. Colliding with a sawyer could have sunk the keelboat and ended the Lewis and Clark Expedition at any point on the Missouri River, but it remained a treacherous journey. Between boiler explosions and sawyers, steamboats rarely survived for five years. An estimated 400 steamboats sunk on the Missouri before railroads provided a safe and economical alternative in the late 1800s.

Navigating today’s channelized river is vastly easier, although it does have its own challenges. We hoped to camp in the middle of Kansas City for easy access to town. Helpful folks on the Missouri River Paddlers Group on Facebook offered eighty comments with pros and cons regarding safety and legal issues for potential camping options near the city. With the forecast calling for a good day followed by a windy day, we opted to paddle through Kansas City and catch a ride back.

River angel Bill Fessler graciously invited us to camp at his recreation cabin downstream at Orrick, in spite of extensive flood damage there. During the height of the flood, Bill kayaked through his own cabin. Now the water was down, and the grass was green, yet mucking out the house remained a daunting project. Nevertheless, Bill fired up the barbecue grill and greeted us with hamburgers. We enjoyed a lovely evening around the campfire with Bill and friend John.

The Arabia Steamboat Museum was a must-see in Kansas City as we toured the

town with Bill. The Arabia was headed upstream in September of 1856 with 130 passengers and 220 tons of cargo when it hit a sawyer and sank. Fortunately, the upper decks remained above water, allowing rescue of all passengers. Whiskey kegs and other cargo on the lower deck were swept away with the river, but everything in the cargo hold was preserved in a watery time capsule. The boat continued sinking deeper into the muddy riverbed for years, until the river shifted course, leaving the Arabia forty-five feet below ground in what later became a cornfield.

The approximate location was retained over time, but accessing the ship below ground and below the water table stymied early recovery efforts. In 1988, amateur treasure hunters Bob Hawley and sons obtained landowner permission to excavate the Arabia, partnering with friends Jerry Mackey and David Luttrell on the enterprise. The ship itself was largely beyond salvage, the upper decks having been ravaged by the river, but they recovered the engine, boilers and paddlewheel core. The real treasure was the merchandise in the cargo hold, originally destined for resale in frontier towns.

The team salvaged the world’s largest collection of pre-civil war artifacts, totaling hundreds of thousands of items, including saws, axe heads, hinges, dishes, silverware, beads, and clothing. Vegetable fibers, such as cotton, degraded over time, but animal proteins, such as leather and wool, survived in like-new condition. Although the team intended to sell the artifacts, they were inspired by the treasure trove to create the Arabia Steamboat Museum and keep the collection together. Thirty years after excavation, the family-run operation



The reconstructed paddlewheel of the steamboat Arabia turns in the museum lobby.

is still cleaning and preserving artifacts for display.

Driving through Kansas City, we stopped in a forest park to shake some wild persimmon trees, easily identified by their dark, cubical bark. Four small persimmons fell to the ground; three were still firm and astringent tasting, the fourth mushy and sweet.

Rolling back the wheel of time, we toured Fort Osage National Historic Landmark downriver at Sibley, Missouri. William Clark noted the bluff overlooking the river in 1804, returned from the Pacific Ocean in 1806, then led a team back to establish Fort Osage as a trading post in 1808.

The U.S. government ran a series of trading posts like Fort Osage to undersell private traders who charged Indians extortionate prices and often sold alcohol, inflaming relations on the frontier. The town of Sibley was named after George C. Sibley who ran the profitable operation for the government.



The cargo hold of the steamboat Arabia was filled with merchandise headed to frontier towns.

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Fort Osage was abandoned in 1822 as the Osage Indians ceded land and migrated west ahead of white settlement. The site was rediscovered by archaeologists in the 1940s and subsequently rebuilt based on the foundations, aided by surveys and drawings produced by William Clark.

Back at Bill Fessler's house, we were joined by Bill Nichols of the Sierra Club, who brought barbecue dinner with him. Bill recently led a group on a week-long canoe trip down the Jefferson River Canoe Trail in Montana, one of the three rivers that come together to form the Missouri. Bill provided a detailed break-down of their experiences and challenges and an estimate of the tourist dollars the group contributed to the Montana economy. From Lewis and Clark to the Steamboat Arabia to newfound friends around the campfire, we are all connected by the great Missouri River.

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.

We toured Fort Osage National Historic Landmark at Sibley, Missouri.



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Monday, January 13 – BLT cobb salad, roll, dessert - Mahjong @ 1 p.m.

Tuesday January 14 – Steak fajitas, rice, beans, dessert - Pan at 12:45 p.m.

Wednesday January 15 – Lasagna, garlic bread, salad, dessert - Mahjong at 1 p.m.

Thursday, January 16 – Ham & bean soup, corn muffin, dessert - “Happy Birthday”

Friday, January 17 – Baked fish, rice, veggies, dessert - Pinochle, at 12:30 p.m.

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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).

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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 9 - Chicken pot pie, dessert

Tuesday, January 14 - Fish & chips, dessert

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9 a.m.
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6 p.m.
Ruby Valley Brew Trivia Night
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Noon - 3 p.m.
Pond Hockey Tournament
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

5 p.m. **Live Music at Ruby Valley Brew**
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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.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

5:30 p.m.
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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.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6:30 p.m.
Chautauqua
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SATURDAY, MARCH 21

6:30 p.m.
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SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
7 p.m.
Harrison School Board Meeting
Meet at Harrison School.

SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
7 p.m.
Twin Bridges School Board Meeting
Meet at Twin Bridges School

7 p.m.
Sheridan School Board Meeting
Meet at Sheridan School.

SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
5 p.m.
Ennis School Board Meeting
Meet at Ennis School

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
5 p.m.
Alder School Board Meeting
Meet at Alder School

MONDAYS

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.
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.

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.

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

Open Table Tennis, Pony 7 - 9 p.m.
For all ages and skill levels - 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

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 Madison County Library community room.

10:30 a.m.
Story Hour, Twin Bridges
Twin Bridges Library

10:30 a.m.
Books and Babies, Ennis
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 Auxiliary Meeting, Ennis SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH
Madison Valley Manor Sun Room

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 at Sheridan Public Library
First and Third Thursday of Every Month

FRIDAYS

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

5:30 p.m.
Live Music, Ennis
Willie'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
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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Dinner
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