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Two bills with Madison County implications advance in legislature

SB 241, SB242 could impact historical preservation revenue

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HELENA—Two bills before the Montana state legislature could carry significant implications for Madison County, particularly in reference to historic preservation in Virginia and Nevada cities.



Sen. Jeffery Wellborn

SB241 – Resort Tax

The first of those bills, SB 241, seeks to revise Montana's resort tax laws to allow for the imposition of an additional resort tax. Spearheaded by Senator Jeffrey Wellborn of Dillon, SB 241 appeared before the Senate Taxation Committee on March 12, where it was passed by a 10-2 margin.

If ultimately passed, the bill would give Virginia City's historic district, along with Montana's nine other resort tax areas, the opportunity to vote on whether or not to increase their area's resort tax by 1 percent. The resort tax is levied on the retail value of any goods and services sold in those areas, including lodging and camping facilities, restaurants and bars, ski resorts and recreational facilities—all the amenities used by visiting tourists during the peak seasons.

At a preliminary hearing for the bill on February 20, Virginia City councilwoman Erin Leonard expressed the council's unanimous support of the bill to the Taxation Committee.

"Virginia City has a population of 178, but it is also a resort community that sees over 500,000 visitors a year, all in a span of one summer season," Leonard told the committee. "With so many visitors in so little time, we find it makes sense to have visitors help contribute a small amount during their visits to ensure that there will continue to be a place to come back to and enjoy in fu-

ture years."

Representatives from West Yellowstone and Big Sky also expressed their support for the bill. In Virginia City alone, a 1 percent resort tax increase would create around \$30,000 in additional revenue for the community. The bill stipulates that any additional resort tax revenue be used for infrastructure maintenance and improvements, which in Virginia and Nevada cities could range from the fire department and public restrooms to maintaining the 1860s and 1870s-era buildings visitors enjoy when they come to the historic district.

An attempt at similar legislation was stymied in 2017 after receiving a 50/50 vote in the Senate. Requiring a majority vote to proceed, that bill died. But after a 10-2 initial vote, SB 241 flew through its second and third readings on March 18 and 19, passing both by a margin of 33-16.

SB 241 will next appear before the House Taxation committee, where it will undergo the same process. If it passes that committee, it will proceed to the governor's desk for approval.



Sen. Roger Webb

SB242 – State Parks Decal

A second senate bill, SB 242, could potentially determine the fate of up to a third of the allocated budget for Montana's state parks and a sizeable chunk of the funds that go to the Montana Heritage Commission, which restores and maintains the artifacts and buildings housed in Virginia City, Nevada City and Helena's historic Reeder's Alley.

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Gone in a blink

Ruby Valley Hospital demolished

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SHERIDAN—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. A request for proposals and suggestions put out by the board went unanswered, so the powers that be voted in favor of tearing down the building. They will continue to deliberate on what will fill the space in the future.

The old hospital had many deficiencies that would have had to be overcome to repurpose the building. It was built without an automatic fire sprinkler system and without air conditioning, as well as inadequate ventilation and insulation. It also wasn't entirely ADA-accessible, as the new hospital—finished in August of last year—is.

Work on the demolition of the old hospital began the second week of March, and by March 20 the building was gone down to the cement foundation. The pine tree in front of the space, as well as the painted trout statue featuring scenes of the Ruby Valley, will remain in place.

The medical clinic building which stood adjacent to the hospital will also remain on the property. The Board of Trustees agreed to lease that building to the Sheridan Senior Center for use, since all medical personnel and facilities are now housed in the new hospital just up the street.

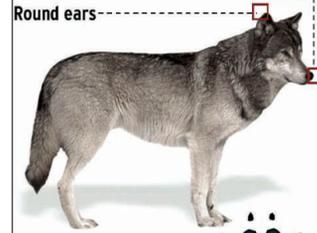


The former Ruby Valley Hospital building in Sheridan was torn down last week, after the hospital Board of Trustees voted unanimously to demolish the building in January. A call for proposals for a new use went unanswered, and now the board will deliberate on what the future of the lot will hold. The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

How to recognize a gray wolf

GRAY WOLF

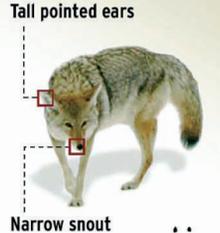
Color: light gray to black
Dimensions: 2.5 feet tall, 5-6 feet long
Broad snout



Round ears
80-120 pounds
Paw size: 4" x 5"

COYOTE

Color: light gray/brown
Dimensions: 1.5 feet tall, 4 feet long
Tall pointed ears



Narrow snout
20-50 pounds
Paw size: 2" x 2.5"

Wolves are protected by federal law under the Endangered Species Act.

Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The Salt Lake Tribune

County approves wolf management reimbursement

Free sober rides taxi service also on the agenda

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VIRGINIA CITY—At their weekly meeting on Tuesday, March 19, the Madison County commissioners approved the institution of a reimbursement fee for ranchers who legally harvest a wolf in protection of their livestock.

The resolution passed Tuesday is very specific in its verbiage, stating that landowners who kill a wolf are only eligible to receive the reimbursement if "those persons have legally and lawfully taken/harvested/trapped a wolf within Madison County and presented the same to the Livestock Protection Committee for certification."

That certification process includes evidence that the wolf in question was harvested "in defense of domestic livestock" and "approved by Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks." The money for reimbursement will come from the funds of the Livestock Protection Committee, which was created when livestock producers agreed to levy a tax of 50 cents per head of cattle and 20 cents per head of sheep specifically to generate funds for livestock protection, which includes "the control of predatory animals," the resolution states.

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University of Montana - Western claims national title

Lady Bulldogs wow NAIA tourney to claim 1st title in school history

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DILLON—March Madness has officially begun, but while fans were glued to the television watching the selection show for the NCAA's top 64 basketball teams, maybe they should have been watching the smaller schools duke it out in the NAIA championships.

If they had, they would have seen the stellar wrap-up to the season of the University of Montana Western women's basketball team. In the NAIA tournament they played against teams from around the nation in Billings last week, capping things off in the sweetest way possible: with the first national championship in school history.

Three other brackets played concurrently, adding 24 more teams to the fray in Billings. Between Friday, March 15 and Tuesday, March



The Lady Bulldogs of the University of Montana-Western

19, 30 games were played and dreams both realized and dashed.

Great Falls' Providence College fell in a first-round match against Campbellsville University of Campbellsville, Kentucky, on Friday, while the host team, Billings' Rocky Mountain College, fell in an upset to Shawnee State of Portsmouth, Ohio.

The Carroll College Saints made

it farther than those two teams, defeating the University of Pikeville in the first round and moving on to play Oklahoma City University. But the second round would be the end of the road for the Saints, leaving only one Montana team left: the Lady Bulldogs of UM Western.

The Bulldogs, top ranked among the eight teams in their bracket, easily took down No. 8

seed Georgetown College of Kentucky, rolling to an 89-69 win in the opening round on Wednesday, March 13. They led from the first quarter and weren't outscored until the fourth, when Georgetown offered a minor surge but was unable to make up a 21-point deficit before the buzzer.

BULLDOGS ctd. on A2

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The Lady Bulldogs of the University of Montana-Western stopped by Twin Bridges school on their way home, the school wished them well and celebrated with this photo. (SUBMITTED)

BULLDOGS continued from A1: University of Montana - Western takes NAIA title

Western then moved directly on to the second round on Friday, March 15, where they took on Arkansas' Lyon College. The Bulldogs came into the tournament ranked No. 4. In the NAIA, while Lyon ranked No. 18, and though the margin of victory was a little smaller at 70-58, it was still comfortable. Brianna King, one of Western's top players all season, led the Bulldogs with 27 points and Britt Cooper, who graduated from Harrison High School in 2015, added 17 more.

The Lady Bulldogs then moved on to face The Master's University in the quarter-finals, where the margin of the final score became ever-increasingly narrow. After earning a narrow 14-13 lead at the end of the first quarter, UMW held an even 10-10 second quarter before being outscored 21-12 by The Master's in the third.

Heading into the final period behind 44-36, the Lady Bulldogs kept their cool when it counted, racking up 24 points to the Mus-

tangs' 11. With a 60-55 win, UMW advanced to the semi-final game. Cooper led the Bulldogs with 14 points.

Cooper has been a standout for the Bulldogs since she arrived for the Bulldogs since she arrived her freshman year, having scored 1169 points during her career as a Wildcat as well as 224 steals, 199 blocks, 697 rebounds and 267 assists. In her junior season as a Lady Bulldog she was named to second team all-conference and led the Frontier Conference in rebounds and double-doubles.

That season would also be the first time UMW had ever advanced to the NAIA tournament, where they were knocked out in the semifinal round by Tennessee's Freed-Hardeman, who then went on to claim the national title.

It was fitting, then, that the lady Bulldogs would have to play Freed-Hardeman again to make it to the national title game.

On Monday evening, March 18, it was a rematch of the game that ended their 2017-2018 season

two games short of a national title. And with 40 seconds to go, the Bulldogs were down by six. It looked as if it would be a similar heartbreaking end. By two seconds from the buzzer, Freed-Hardeman still led, 66-63.

Then, Brianna King scored a three-pointer. The game was tied, and now in overtime.

And those extra minutes were all the Bulldogs' needed. Led by King's 39 game points and a raucous and roaring home-state crowd in Billings, they outscored Freed-Hardeman 12-7 in overtime, enough for a 78-71 win and redemption for last year's loss.

And just like that, UMW found itself on the court of its first national title game in school history. The 29-4 Bulldogs would play 32-4 Oklahoma City, their fifth game in six days.

After the nail-biting games on Monday and Tuesday, the Lady Bulldogs made quick work of Oklahoma City in the title game. King led UMW once again with 37

points, while Tori Anderson added 14 and Cooper added nine more.

They outscored the Stars in three of four quarters, notching a 47-29 lead by halftime. After a small rally by Oklahoma City in the third quarter and a close fourth, their final margin of victory was 16 points, 75-59. It was the most comfortable scoring gap they'd seen since their first-round victory against Georgetown College.

After a dream-come-true week of play, three Bulldogs took home top honors for the tournament: King claimed the tournament MVP accolade, while Cooper won the Hustle Award and Anderson was also named to the all-tournament First Team. UMW head coach Lindsay Woolley was named NAIA Coach of the Year.

And now, there will be a new, extra-large trophy gracing the halls of the University of Montana Western. If the Bulldogs' trajectory over the past three seasons is any indication, there's more greatness to come in the future.

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COUNTY continued from A1: Wolf predation reimbursement fee approved

The Montana state law that allows boards of commissioners to set bounties for the hunting of "predatory animals" does not extend that allowance to "species managed or protected," including wolves. Thus, the language of the resolution states that the wolf reimbursement fee "is not and shall not be a general bounty," but instead a method of ensuring that the funds allocated to the Livestock Protection Committee are "used for their intended purpose."

The reimbursement, which the commissioners set at \$100, will only apply when a landowner has harvested a wolf within state regulations. That means the rancher or farmer must harvest the wolf within Montana's designated wolf season of mid-September through mid-March and have a designated wolf tag purchased through Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP). Landowners who apply to be re-

imbursed will be evaluated by the board of commissioners.

FWP only allows 100 wolves to be harvested statewide during the season, so restrictions on hunting them are strict since wolves have long been protected by federal endangered or threatened species regulations. The wolf season for the 2018-2019 hunting season closed on March 15, so the new reimbursement fee will not apply until the season reopens on September 15 of this year.

Also at Tuesday's meeting, the commissioners heard from Ruby Valley Taxi owner Bronwen Pfau on her efforts to institute a "sober rides home" program in the Ruby Valley.

While her ordinary taxi service requires passengers to pay for their rides, Pfau said she offers rides for free to passengers who elect to get a ride home after a late night rather than driving intoxicated and risking

their own and others' safety. She said she keeps nameless statistics to share with Madison County's DUI task force, logging the number of potential DUIs she's helped to prevent.

"If people make the choice to not drink and drive, I want their ride to be free," Pfau told the commissioners. "I've seen what this valley does for each other and I've been on the receiving end of that. This is my opportunity to give back."

Pfau said the new program, which she only instituted officially a few weeks ago, has already seen good returns. She drove a group to and from Butte on St. Patrick's Day, a city always known for its rowdy celebration of the holiday. She's had repeat customers pass her name along to friends and is seeing her network grow. Her goal would be to have customers call her to take them to the bar or restaurant they'll be vis-

iting and not just home, so that they won't have to worry about leaving vehicles parked outside an establishment until they can come back for them.

"Someday," she joked. "There will be a party going on at the bar and not a car in the parking lot!"

In order to get the nonprofit 501 (c)3 designation she's applying for, Pfau has asked local community members, bar owners and the commissioners for letters of support for the program. After that, customers or other interested parties will be able to make donations to offset the cost of providing the free rides. The commissioners voted unanimously to provide a letter of support.

The Madison County commissioners meet weekly on Tuesdays, in the county administrative building in Virginia City.

BILLS continued from A1: Two bills under legislature consideration could have local impacts

SB 242, sponsored by Senator Roger Webb of Billings, seeks to revise the fee structure for Montana's state parks, fishing accesses and state-owned properties by establishing a windshield decal available for motorists to purchase when they register their vehicles.

Montana had a similar decal system until 2004, when the legislature voted to establish the voluntary \$6 fee at time of registration that vehicle owners can opt out of if they choose to. Even with the option to opt out, the voluntary fee has a compliance rate of around 77 percent.

Webb presented the bill to the Senate Fish and Game committee on March 19, citing a statistic that said that implementing a decal could drop that compliance rate to as low as two percent. But having looked at other states that had implemented such a measure, he asked the committee to consider that dip

to result in a compliance rate closer to 20 percent.

Rather than the \$6 fee, the windshield decals would cost \$35 for a household's first vehicle, and \$20 for each vehicle after that. No proponents came to speak in favor of the bill before the committee, but there were several opponents.

One of those was Paul Sihler, chief of staff for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP). He hearkened back to the days when Montana last had a decal system, saying it would be an unfortunate development to go back to that process and calling this bill "déjà vu."

"It takes Montana state parks to a place we've been before, to a time when parks were struggling financially," Sihler told the committee. "I do not believe that it is Senator Webb's intent to financially cripple the park system, but I believe through lack of participation and

sticker shock at the price increase, that is the inevitable consequence of Senate Bill 242."

If the bill passes, Sihler said he would foresee such financial hardship that the state parks would have to cut up to 14 percent of its total staff, including park rangers and maintenance employees.

Montana Heritage Commission (MHC) executive director Elijah Allen also spoke in opposition to the bill. The MHC, Allen says, receives 38 cents from each \$6 fee, but that adds up to nearly half of the state-allocated funds the commission receives each year.

"The Montana Heritage Commission uses these allocated funds to restore and preserve 276 historic buildings ranging from the 1860-1875 time period," Allen told the committee. "We have 1.2 million Americana artifacts: more than Gettysburg and second only to the

Smithsonian."

Primarily, those funds are used for keeping the historic buildings and the boardwalks in Virginia City and Nevada City safe for the thousands of tourists that use them. If that money disappeared, Allen noted, the consequences could mean injuries or lawsuits.

"This bill will destroy our heritage buildings, our history, business development for Montana and will expose the state to negligence and costly litigation should some of the 500,000 tourists be hurt in an accident," he said. "I am hopeful this committee will fight for Montana business development, its tourism and its heritage."

SB 242 remains under deliberation by the Senate Fish and Game Committee, with a transmittal deadline of April 1. If no action has been taken by that point, it will be considered dead.

Ennis hunter education class scheduled for April 13, 20

ENNIS – Anyone born after January 1st, 1985, and wanting to hunt in Montana, must take and pass a hunter education course.

Classes will be held April 13 and 20, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Ennis Rodeo Grounds.

Students must be 10 years old at the start of the first class.

Students are required to read the manual and complete the chapter quizzes. They must show the completed manual to an instructor at sign in before the start of the first class.

Parent or guardian of students 17 years old or younger must attend the first 30 minutes of the first class.

Students can pick up the manual at Shedhorn Sports, at 103 Main St. in Ennis, Ask at the front desk, or at any FWP office.

Sign up is on line only, on the fwp.mt.gov web site.

Sign up closes April 9. Bring your own lunch. The class is free and open to anyone

who wants to hunt and/or learn how to handle firearms safely.

Please dress for cold and wet weather both days, as we will be inside and outside, and our weather can change in a hurry.

For more information call Al Noack at 682-7352

Agencies, county, recreation groups sign off on plan to keep popular access road open

DILLON – Shed-horn and big game hunters, hikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy continued road access to a vast swath of public lands in Beaverhead County, after county commissioners, citizens and conservation groups, and state and federal agencies agreed to a plan that will ensure the East Fork Blacktail Road remains available for public use.

Agencies hope to complete the final stages of an easement transfer in time for the road to open on May 15, 2019, as it has for many years.

Historic use of the public road, which accesses lands managed by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks (FWP), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and ends in the Beaverhead – Deerlodge National Forest, was in jeopardy after the US Forest Service determined two bridge crossings no longer met federal safety standards.

USFS officials recognized the road would remain closed under their jurisdiction and worked with local, state and federal agencies to find a solution to keep the road open for public use.

“All the stakeholders agreed closing the road was not an option,” said Tim Egan, a DNRC land manager based in Dillon. “Recreation is a big economic driver in Beaverhead County and the road sees a lot of use by outdoor enthusiasts.”

Each year on May 15, the gated portion of the road accessing the Blacktail Wildlife Management Area is opened to public use. Egan said the area is so popular with shed-horn hunters that people towing campers and horse trailers are lined up days in advance, hoping to get a prime campsite at the East Fork Camp-

ground, located on BLM land at the end of the road.

State and federal agencies, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Beaverhead County commissioners, and the Beaverhead Recreational Users Group started discussing the issue in 2016. The Forest Service indicated a willingness to relinquish its interest in the road and easement, and much of the subsequent work involved legal review and discussion of whether the county or one of the other agencies was best-suited to take it over.

In January of 2019, the Forest Service offered to assign the easement to DNRC. Montana FWP had completed an engineer’s assessment of the two bridges and determined they met all state standards, which differ from some of the federal standards the Forest Service was obligated to meet.

“There were definitely a lot of things to work through,” Egan said. “Each agency uses the road for different management activities at different times of the year. The Wildlife Management Area is closed to public use from December 1 to May 15 to protect elk on winter range. If the road ownership changed, the BLM would have to acquire easements across DNRC’s State Trust Lands. There was also the issue of road repair and maintenance and paying for that.”

The stakeholders reached final consensus on March 8, 2019, with DNRC ultimately agreeing to assume ownership of the road. Egan said the bridges will need some minor upgrades but will be ready for the road’s annual opening on May 15.

“Everyone involved feels really good we could get this resolved,” Egan said.

MT OCP, AARP Team to Fight Fraud

Volunteer training partnership believed to be first in nation

HELENA – The Attorney General’s Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) and AARP Montana collaboratively trained volunteers today who will educate community groups in various Montana cities about scams, fraud, and identity theft. This effort, which is believed to be the first of its kind in the nation between AARP and an attorney general’s consumer protection team, will reach more older Montanans than either organization formerly has been able to using its own staff.

“When it comes to financial fraud and scams, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and education is the most effective tool for prevention,” Attorney General Tim Fox said. “While my Office of Consumer Protection has partnered for several years with AARP to educate seniors about how to avoid con artists, training AARP volunteers to help us amplify the message across our vast state makes good sense from both a budgetary and staffing point of view.”

The seven volunteer outreach specialists, who are from Helena, Butte, Billings, and Great Falls, come from a variety of backgrounds which complement their new roles as experts in the areas of fraud and scam prevention. They will be available in several Montana communities to speak to civic and community groups and at conferences upon request. It

is possible more volunteers will be trained in the future, depending upon how often the first group is utilized.

“Anyone, regardless of income, education, profession or age, can become a victim when unscrupulous individuals target unsuspecting consumers in an effort to line their own pockets,” said Tim Summers, AARP Montana State Director. “Because information is a consumer’s best defense against becoming a victim, this partnership with the Montana Attorney General’s Office is critical to our consumer protection work. Together, we are able to leverage our resources to reach a much broader audience with important fraud prevention information.”

Montana is rapidly aging, with the age 65+ demographic being one of the fastest growing in the nation. The U.S. Census Bureau predicts that by 2035, people over 65 years old, commonly referred to as “baby boomers,” will outnumber children for the first time in our history. Across the nation and in Montana, financial fraud and scams continue to have a disproportionate impact on seniors, with older Americans losing billions of dollars every year to various scams and frauds. Several states, including Montana, are developing task forces to address these problems head on. Those task forces include professionals who investigate and prosecute crimes targeting the elderly, from physical and sexual abuse, to financial exploitation and fraud.

To request a scam awareness presentation free of charge, visit Montana’s Office of Consumer Protection website, e-mail mtaarp@aarp.org, or call AARP’s Nancy Andersen at (406) 457-4703.



Varney Bridges

Varney Bridge replacement work begins Friday, March 29

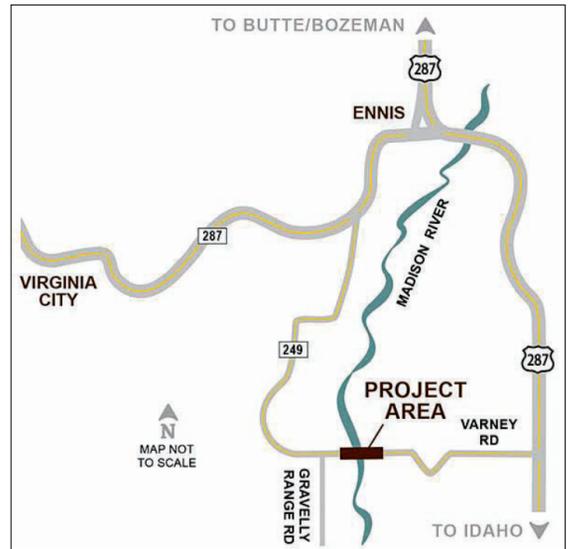
ENNIS – The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) will close the Varney Bridge Friday, March 29 as work begins to replace the bridge. The bridge crosses the Madison River on Varney Road (S-249) approximately eight miles south of Ennis in Madison County. Construction is expected to be completed in December.

During construction:

- The bridge will be closed to through traffic.
- Motorists will be detoured around the bridge through Ennis using Highway 287 (east of the bridge) and Varney Road (west of the bridge).
- The Fishing Access Site on the east side of the bridge will be open.
- The river will remain open to boats.
- Please expect minor delays during construction.
- Boats will be directed through the construction area.

“The Fishing Access Site located on the east side of the bridge will remain open during construction,” said MDT Project Manager Shane Watson. “Boats and fisherman in the river will be able to float through the construction area.”

The project will improve motorist safety and help reduce water and ice running over the bridge. The existing Varney Bridge is a 12-foot single-lane structure originally built in 1897.



The bridge has a pier in the middle of the stream that is an obstacle to water and ice moving under the bridge. During the winter months, water and ice back up on the pier and run over the bridge.

The project includes:

- Constructing a single-span bridge removing all piers in the river.

- Widening the bridge to include two 12-foot travel lanes, 2-foot shoulders and

- Adjusting the alignment of the road with the bridge to improve sight distances. To sign up for construction email updates, text VARNEY to 22828. Questions and comments can be directed to Brandon Coates at Brandon@rbci.net or by phone at (406) 465-3350.

For more information, contact the Montana Department of Transportation at (406) 444-9229. Those using a TTY may call 1 (800) 335-7592

Sen. Tester introduces bill to ban asbestos

BIG SANDY – To eliminate deadly exposure to asbestos, U.S. Senator Jon Tester is sponsoring the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act.

Tester’s bill will amend the Toxic Substance Control Act to direct the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ban the manufacturing, processing, use, and distribution of asbestos and any mixtures containing the deadly carcinogen.

“Montanans know all too well the lasting damage of asbestos exposure—just ask folks in Libby and Troy,” Tester said. “Banning this harmful substance will protect our families and prevent future suffering and loss of life. There is no place in our communities for asbestos, and this bill will help guarantee that our kids and grandkids can live out their years protected from this hazardous substance.”

Asbestos is still legal in the United States, even though it has been

banned in most other developed countries. Asbestos in all forms is known to be a leading cause of mesothelioma, lung cancer, and other chronic respiratory diseases.

A recent study found that in 2016 asbestos-related diseases caused more than 39,000 deaths in the United States.

Tester’s bill will also require any person or company that has recently manufactured or distributed asbestos to submit a detailed public report to the EPA. Within two years, the EPA will be required to submit a public report to Congress assessing the presence of asbestos in residential, commercial, and public buildings.

More than 200 residents of Libby have died and thousands more have been diagnosed with asbestos-related diseases since W.R. Grace closed its local vermiculite mine in 1990. After widespread contamination was uncovered in 2000, Libby and its surrounding communities were

placed on the EPA’s Superfund National Priorities List in 2002.

Tester has been a vocal advocate for Libby, commissioning long-term health assessments and progress reports on this issue and pushing the EPA to intensify its cleanup efforts around Libby, Troy and other Montana Superfund sites. Tester last year secured \$2.5 million to support health screenings for families who have been exposed to asbestos in Libby.

Tester championed legislation to designate the first week in April as “National Asbestos Awareness Week.”

The bill is named after Alan Reinstein, who passed away in 2006 at the age of 66 from mesothelioma, a disease caused by exposure to asbestos. Alan’s wife, Linda, co-founded the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization in 2004.

Bowhunter education classes scheduled

TWIN BRIDGES – Doug Stonebraker, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Chief Bowhunter Education Instructor for Madison County wants folks to know that Bowhunter Education classes are coming to Twin Bridges beginning April 22.

The classes will be conducted April 22, 23, 24, 25 and 27 at the

Twin Bridges High School in the Montana Room.

These classes are for both adults and youths who will be at least 11 years old by the first day of class.

Students must attend all five sessions to be certified.

Classes start each evening at 6 p.m. and finish around 9 p.m.

The Saturday session begins at 8 a.m. and finishes up about 3 p.m.

The class is free to the public and a free lunch will be provided on Saturday.

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OBITUARIES

Patricia Dare Satterwhite Moore

March 16 2019

Patricia (Pat) went to be with her Lord on March 16, 2019, after battling kidney failure for several months. Pat passed with family by her side at her home in Laurin Montana, her home of the past 22 years.

Pat was born in Beaumont, Texas on January 13, 1938 to Collin Satterwhite and Wilda Daniels. Pat attended school in Texas. Her first school was Percilla Grade school, middle school at Grapeland Junior High, then high school at Pasadena High School.

Friends and family meant everything to Pat. Pat made life-long friends with several of her friends from Priscilla, Grapeland, and Pasadena. Over the years she stayed in contact with many friends but Pat and Martha, one of her friends from Priscilla, were especially close. Martha and Pat would talk once or twice a week for what seemed like, to Clint at least, an eternity! It was an eternity... an eternity of friendship.

Pat was also very close to, and enjoyed the company of,

Pam's husband's mother, Teetsie (Alemia Spradley). Teetsie passed some years ago and since that time Pat has been looking forward to meeting up with Teetsie again in Heaven. Close friends make the world just a little bit better.

Pat's closest friend in her life was William Clinton Moore, whom she married in 1965. Pat and Clint have shared their lives, lives that have been full and rich, loving and caring, and perhaps most importantly, lives as best friends!

A quiet hobbyist, Pat enjoyed penning the occasional poem and putting her talents into writings. She had a command of language and the ability to articulate her thoughts and feeling into a song, a song of the heart. Illustrating this ability and the deep love she had for Clint is the first paragraph of a romantic letter penned by Pat in 1999. Pat wrote, "Oh my darling Clinton how I wish you were here. I want to hold you in my arms as our hearts beat in a timeless dance of sweet won-

derous love." We'll leave the rest of the letter between Pat and Clint.

An avid movie fan Pat loved Westerns, old Romance movies, "Gone with the Wind" was a favorite, and actors and actresses such as Shirley Temple, Betty Davis, and of course, John Wayne. It's likely Pat would be of the opinion that there wasn't a good movie made after 1960... well, with the exception of "Lonesome Dove" and the "North and the South". Pat was quite the film critic!

Perhaps of most importance was Pat's relationship with God! Throughout her life Pat held fast to living her life according to the Bible and the Lord's teachings! Doing so was paramount in Pat's life!

Pat is survived by her husband, Clint Moore and children Linda Anderson, Pam Spradley, Tricia Hall, Susan Pruitt, Mike Moore, and Debbie Scott. Pat's daughter, Cindy McCann, preceded Pat in passing. Pat is also survived by her brother Edward Satterwhite and his wife Car-



olyn. Pat is also survived by a multitude of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

As we all celebrate Pat's life we think about the impact she had on all of us. When you look at each of Pat's children, as you look at each of Pat's grandchildren and great grandchildren, you see so many of Pat's qualities displayed in each one. We are thankful for that... that's a legacy I'm sure Pat is proud of!

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Carol J Miller

March 14, 2019

Carol J Miller passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 14 at the Madison County Medical Center, in Ennis, Montana.

She was born January 31, 1961 in Vallejo, California, the daughter of Don and Janet Robbins.

A 1979 graduate of Hogan High School in Vallejo, Carol then attended college at University of San Francisco, where she graduated with a business degree.

On May 12, 1990, she married Thomas Miller at Dana Point, California.

In 2016, Tom and Carol moved to Ennis to enjoy the outdoors. She was an avid golfer and member of the Shadowridge Country Club in Vista, California. She loved snow-skiing, fishing and camping. She will be remembered for her loving, caring spirit. She will be greatly missed.

Survivors are husband Thomas Miller of Ennis, Montana; two daughters, Jessica



Elaine Miller and Kelly Robbins Miller, both of Dana Point, California; two step-daughters, Brooke Erin and husband Jeff Brooks of Indianola, Nebraska and Brittany Morgan of Grand Island, Nebraska.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Sharon Bensing, and her father-in-law Robert Miller.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Lawrence Edward Judd

March 13, 2019

Lawrence Edward Judd, 78, of Florence, AZ passed away on March 13, 2019.

Lawrence was born on June 12, 1940 in Butte to Edward Lawrence and Vivian Judd.

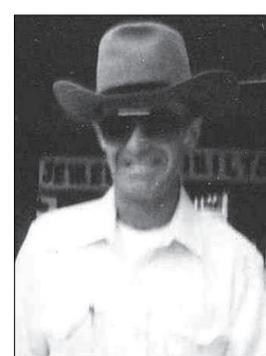
Larry attended Butte High School and two years of college before entering the military in 1959.

While in the military Larry met his first wife, Pearl and they married in 1961. They share two children together, Edward and Robin (Mike).

After his military career Larry worked in construction before starting his own business. He worked a various number of positions, working on campers, mechanics, welding, custom farming, and vegetation management, he was a jack of all trades.

He eventually started visiting Arizona with his second wife, Judy whom he married in 1990 and gained a stepchild Mark (Kari).

He officially retired in 2009. Though Larry demanded excellence and could be grumpy at times he was always there for



anyone in need. He was true to his word and handshake.

Additional survivors of Larry include two grandchildren, three sisters; Aletha Black, Karen Nicholls, Bonnie Brown, and multiple nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 12:00p.m. at Heritage Coolidge Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers the family asks to make memorial contributions to Montana National Guard

Henry Buster Patacini

March 10, 2019

Henry passed away at his home surrounded by family on March 10, 2019.

Henry was born into a large, hard working Swiss-Italian family on April 19th 1923. His parents were Achille and Esther Patacini, his older siblings were Elsa, Elso, Pete, Vernie, Elsie (whom is living) Alex, and Ruby. His family owned a large dairy in the Pleasant Valley area south of Whitehall, working it until the mid 1950s. Henry left school and home to work at the age of 16. Henry received his high school diploma at the age of 90, with the help of the Montana veterans and Montana State OPI office.

He worked many jobs, ranching for local ranchers, at sawmills and the local mines. He loved to box and he loved to dance. Henry spent his "not working hours" boxing for enjoyment and dancing.

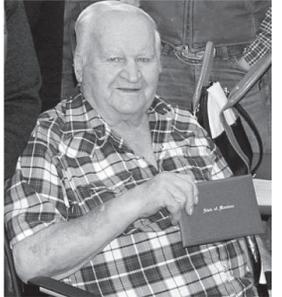
He then went into the Navy, as a SeaBee during World War II. Stationed mainly in Okinawa. Before he left for over sees he married Marjorie Johns. While in the navy, his first daughter Alberta was born. He lost his wife after seven years of marriage, at the age of 27 to heart problems, thus leaving him to raise his small daughter alone.

In 1950 he married Betty Edwards. They owned a small ranch, but Hank still continued to work outside his own ranch for local ranchers, also breaking and shoeing horses to help finances. From this union Henry and Betty had two children Gail and Timothy.

In 1966 Henry lost his wife, Betty at the age of 36 to cancer. Thus he was back in the role of dad and mother to two young children. Henry thrived in his parenting roll.

Henry met Fay Foran in 1978 and they were married soon after. Only for hard times to hit again when Fay was burnt badly in a fly over on Labor day in Dillon 1979. Fay was pregnant at the time of being burnt, so times were very concerning as they spent time in the Salt Lake city Burn center. Their son Angelo was born in February 1980, to accompany his sister Amy.

Henry loved his horses, even in his older days he could tell his horses stories with love and name most of the horses he had worked with through his life. Hank continued ranching on a ranch he



purchased from his parents after their retirement, also in the Pleasant Valley area. Working outside the ranch, to help ends meet as a butcher in Butte for Biastock and Schumacher.

In 1968 he purchased the Continental Bulk plant in Twin Bridges, delivering bulk fuels and oil from Lima to Cardwell. He and his wife Fay, operated Patacini Tire In Whitehall with his son Timothy and wife sue, until Tim's untimely death.

Hank is preceded in death by his parents, all of his brothers and sisters except Elsie, his dear son Timothy, grandson Boe Dove, and son in law Vern Dove.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Fay, and children/grand/great/great-great children: Alberta Dove-Brandon and children Kyler, Kara & Charlie; Matt (Jill) Dove and children Bailey Fel-lows (Nick); Boe, Grace, Evelin and Aidan and great-great-granddaughters Eastlyn and Aniston; Tim Fisher- & son Timmy. Tammy Juris-AJ, Bailey, Brooklynn; Gail Banks-Davey (Jolene) children Jasmine, Lilly and Johnny; Adam (Sierra) and children Gus, Char-lie Rose, and a baby boy due in June; Luke (Katie) and children Jackson, Emma and Ethan; Angelo (Melissa)-Mindy, Trevor, and Tristan; Sue Mayer (Alan)-Rico Patacini (Katura) and children Ryker and Bria; Brianna Patacini; Marcia Lamb (Jeff)- Kaitlyn, Chance and Jamus; Pat Foran (Andrea)-Pam; John (Rebecca) Amy (Jerod) -Ty (Kim) and baby Enzo; Hunter, Cooper, Piper, and Keely. Hank also has numerous nieces and nephews and friends.

Per Henry's request there will be no services, and cremation has taken place. He will be buried at the Fish Creek Cemetery. If friends or family would like to donate to an memorial, please do to any Animal Shelter in the area.

Melvin Joseph Hagl

March 19, 2019

Melvin Joseph Hagl, Sr., age 74, of McAllister passed away March 19, 2019 at the Madison Valley Hospital surrounded by his family.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. A more complete obituary will appear in a future edition. K&L Mortuaries & Crematory of Ennis is assisting with arrangements.

Marion Olind

March 25, 2019

Marion Olind, of Harrison, passed away on March 25, 2019.

She was born in Harrison, on December 10, 1933.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 28, at 1 p.m. at K&L Mortuary in Harrison.

Ennis school board weighs junior high credit requirements

Potential safety training for administrators, teachers outlined

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ENNIS—Many of Madison County’s school districts have similar responsibilities as the middle of spring semester rolls around, including evaluating preliminary budget data, setting academic calendars and weighing options for tax levies. The Ennis school board did all of those things at its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 13, and more.

Reports

The meeting began with reports from elementary principal Brian Hilton and high school principal Mellissa Newman. Hilton updated the board on developments since last month’s meeting regarding the school’s Altacare program, which provides in-school, outpatient treatment for students with learning or behavior disorders.

Last month, Hilton told the board that because Ennis has struggled to fill one of its therapist positions, its Altacare program may have to close its doors. State regulations dictate that a program can only go a certain amount of time without a full staff before it is required to close. However, Hilton told the board that he and superintendent Casey Klasna met with Altacare’s regional supervisor and CEO to explore options. Ennis was granted an extension to resume its care through the end of the school year, which gives the district some additional time to fill the vacant position.

Newman recapped the recent regional science fair, where students attempted to qualify for this week’s state fair. Two students each from the high school the 8th grade and the 6th grade qualified to move on to state.

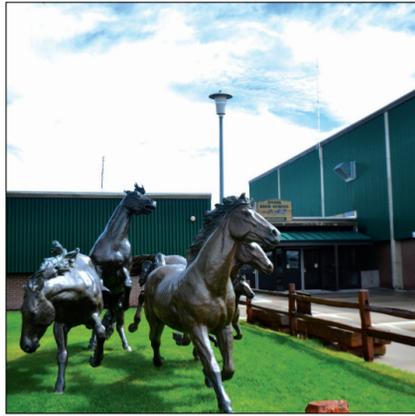
Newman also outlined something she and Ennis staff have been working on since the early part of this school year: outlining and enforcing a set of requirements for junior high students outlining how many credits they must earn to move on to subsequent grades and how to ensure that they do that successfully.

“It’s all a way of these kids becoming successful,” Newman told the board. The outline she presented to the board provided a five-credit requirement for 6th graders, a 5.5-credit requirement for 7th graders and a six-credit requirement for 8th graders. If a student failed a core class—history, math, English or science—during a given quarter, they would be required to take a Title I class the following quarter instead of the usual elective course to make up the failed term’s grade. Students who failed a core class in the fourth quarter would be required to make the credit up during summer school.

The requirements have not yet been adopted by the board, who gave Newman enthusiastic approval to pursue the endeavor further, outlining the potential costs of a summer school program and bringing them back to the board’s April meeting.

“I think middle school is really where you have to start instilling accountability in kids,” said board member Jenny Rohrback. “I think it’s a great plan.” Her fellow board member Julie Funston expressed similar feelings.

“We’ve needed something like this for a while,” Funston said. “I think this is a great start on a solution to the problem.”



ALICE training?

In his superintendent’s report, Klasna presented an outline to a new program that staff, administrators and volunteers may undergo in the near future in an effort to maintain school safety and preparedness in case of an emergency.

Klasna provided information on the ALICE program, which was outlined after the Columbine, Colorado mass high school shooting in 1999. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate, outlining the steps to follow in the event of an active shooter or other campus intruder situation.

The ALICE training is adaptive, delineating between active and passive lockdowns and providing educators with strategies that will protect students without simply locking themselves in a room and waiting for aid. The training includes a series of on-line presentations and quizzes that propose a variety of situations and the best ways to react to them.

Klasna said the training would cost around \$1,500 to train the entire Ennis Schools staff, including coaches, substitutes, administrators and even volunteers. That money would come from the school’s safety budget. He said that other schools around the state have implemented the training with positive results; the board did not decide for sure if or when the district may pursue ALICE training.

Other agenda items at Ennis’s March school board meeting:

- The board approved one of four suggestions for the 2019-2020 academic calendar after Hilton conducted an extensive survey that took the preferences of parents and staff into account, as well as athletic seasons and vacation days. The final calendar places the first day of school on August 28, the Wednesday before Labor Day, and the last day on May 29, the Friday after Memorial Day. The board also approved lengthening the school day by 12 minutes, which would allow two fewer instructional days while still exceeding the minimum number of instructional hours required by the state. School will still begin each day at 8 a.m. and will release at 3:15 for elementary school and 3:17 for high school.

- The board elected not to run a voted levy this year. The board has run levies for the past three consecutive years, and Klasna noted that the levy would be worth just over \$7,000 but that the election itself would cost around \$3,000.

- In several staffing updates, the board approved a contract extension for Klasna, as well as hiring a volunteer assistant coach for junior high track, approving Jared Smithson as assistant high school golf coach and accepting the resignation of art teacher Melissa Johnson. The school is currently evaluating applications for a new art teacher.

Harrison not likely to hold school election

Most area schools will forgo elections

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HARRISON—At its monthly meeting on Monday, March 11, the Harrison school board decided that unless more board trustee candidates present themselves in the coming week, the district will likely not hold an election this year.

The decision is one that most of Madison County’s districts are making for the 2019-2020 school year, since most are electing not to run permissive levies, which require a taxpayer vote to be approved as they often raise local taxes by a small amount. Because Harrison will not hold a levy, there will be nothing to vote on except one open board seat.

And since there will likely be no candidate to oppose current board chair Dusty Wagner, who is the only board member whose term ends this spring, an election would be an unnecessary expense for the district.

Also at Monday’s meeting, Superintendent Fred Hofman provided an update on annual negotiations with the teachers’ union.

The negotiating committee hosted a meeting earlier this month and provided a proposal that was partially accepted by the board, said clerk Judi Ward. The remainder of the proposal will be considered at the next negotiations meeting and will come up on future board agendas this spring.

The board also discussed revisiting the layout of the 2019-2020 academic calendar with some possible changes. Another annual responsibility of the board, setting the calendar must take into consideration athletic seasons; Thanksgiving, winter and spring breaks; learning improvement days for teachers and staff and holidays.

The state of Montana used to require 180 instructional days every school year, but discontinued that method of tracking in favor of instructional minutes, which comes out to a comparable number of school days. However, if the board approves lengthening or shortening the school day by a given number of minutes, they can shorten

or lengthen the school year accordingly by as much as a few days.

Harrison’s board hasn’t yet passed a set calendar, so they will continue considering options at the April school board meeting.

Harrison has also seen a fair amount of transportation-related business on their meeting agendas this school year, and that continued on Monday. The district is considering purchasing a second yellow school bus, as well as evaluating its current transportation contract with Whitehall-based Harlow’s Buses. Those considerations remain in their early stages, especially since Harrison’s budget for the 2019-2020 school year won’t be firmly set until this summer. The purchase of the new bus is likely, but it remains uncertain as to when it will take place.

The Harrison school board’s next regular meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, April 8.



On Saturday, March 23, students from Harrison High School attended prom at Whitehall High School. Harrison’s Layne Homner and Maddison Christiansen were named prom king and queen 2019. (A. CHRISTENSEN)



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To: Stockholders of Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc.

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This is a Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemorative Event sponsored by the Governor's Office, the Department of Military Affairs, the Military Museum, American Legion Post No. 2, the Oro Fino Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Veterans Administration.

In 2011, the United States Senate passed a congressional measure

recognizing the 30 of March as an annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.

Also in 2011 the 62nd Montana Legislature enacted into law House Bill 255, entitled, "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day," establishing March 30 to recognize and thank our Vietnam veterans.

Locally, the Sheridan American Legion Post 89 will host a veterans' lunch at the Sheridan post building from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in recognition of National Vietnam Veterans Day, Friday, March 29.

This event will start a new monthly lunch program sponsored by the Sheridan post for all Ruby Valley veterans. Michael Morgan is urging everyone to check out the Post, visit fellow veterans and help the Legion welcome home Vietnam veterans.

Local student's business idea wins entrepreneurship contest

TWIN BRIDGES -- Twin Bridges High School student Mhanon Sullivan recently received second place honors in the Montana Teenpreneur Roundup. Sullivan's business idea, The Comfort Critter, proposes to develop an app-linked animal toy that plays the owner's voice in order to reduce anxiety-related behaviors pets can exhibit when left alone at home.

Business education teacher Jody Sandru sponsored Sullivan's submission. This is the third consecutive year that Sandru's students have earned top honors in the Roundup.

Montana Teenpreneur Roundup is an annual competition for high school students hosted by the Bozeman-based nonprofit One Montana. The Roundup provides an opportunity for Montana's next generation of innovators and business leaders to showcase their entrepreneurial spirit and creativity. Students compete in two categories: existing businesses and ideas for innovative new prod-

ucts and services. Over 80 students participated this year.

Sullivan will receive a cash prize for her achievement during the awards ceremony hosted by Gov. Bullock in April. In addition, she will have an opportunity to hone her business skills during an all-expenses-paid four-day entrepreneurship workshop hosted by One Montana, MSU's Jake Jobs College of Business & Entrepreneurship and MSU's Blackstone LaunchPad in June.

Reflecting on Sullivan's achievement, Jim Masker, program manager for One Montana, noted, "Mhanon is a shining example of the creativity, grit and business savvy that exists today among Montana teens. We look forward to seeing the positive impact she will have on our state's future."

To see a video of Sullivan's pitch, visit: <https://vimeo.com/322877368/70fa3c2a2b>



Twin Bridges student Mhanon Sullivan and high school business teacher Jody Sandru. (SUBMITTED)



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Kaye Suzuki

Kaye Suzuki has lived in the Madison Valley for 35 years, but her love of the outdoors stretches far beyond that, to her decades-long career with the Forest Service and a draw to the garden from a young age.

Eight years ago, Suzuki adopted the post of treasurer for the Madison Conservation District and became involved in Ennis Schools' GROWW Program not long after that, helping to teach students about the wildlife, crops and wilderness around them.

She is also the chair of the Madison Farm to Fork program, which helped to start GROWW and has been instrumental in installing a large new greenhouse on campus for students in culinary arts and applied science classes to get their hands dirty—literally.

"Seeing that what you do could bring people to work together for something that benefits the entire community, it sparked something in me," says Suzuki. One of her first projects after moving to Ennis was helping to complete the playground at Lions Park, and she loved watching the community appreciation that sprung from the work.

Her two children graduated from Ennis High School, while her husband is actively involved with the Madison Valley Ranchlands Group. Kaye has also shared her love of gardening through adult education classes, giving back by sharing her many gifts.

"If you're willing to give of yourself, it makes the community stronger," she says. "That's what's guided me. It's not about me, it's about how I can help others."



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Also attending Cascade Farmers Mutual Insurance Company meeting was former Sentinel John Ranum as the guest speaker. Mr. Ranum discussed The Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Sentinels who stand eternal watch. Sentinel John Ranum served 1960-61 and did his presentation during Cascade Farmers Mutual Insurance Company's Annual meeting. Thank you, John Ranum for your service and taking time to be our guest speaker this year.

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MSU offers new ranching systems bachelor's degree

By Anne Cantrell,
MSU News Service

BOZEMAN — A new ranching systems degree that is expected to help sustain the agricultural heritage of the northern Great Plains and Intermountain West will be offered at Montana State University beginning this fall as part of a new umbrella program.

The program, called the Dan Scott Ranch Management Program, was approved today by the Montana Board of Regents. The program will offer a bachelor's degree in ranching systems; in the future, it will also offer outreach workshops and professional networking for the ranching community. The ranching systems degree will be housed in the Department of Animal and Range Sciences in the MSU College of Agriculture.

The Bachelor of Science degree in ranching systems aims to graduate students with the knowledge and skills to employ prudent ranching practices that create value and improve the state and country's natural resources.

"We're really excited to offer this degree," said Patrick Hatfield, head of the Department of Animal and Range Sciences. "We want students (to enroll) who have a strong work ethic, a commitment to the ranching industry and a passion for learning. We hope they will continue a lifetime of learning with the foundation we give them."

Hatfield said the four-year degree takes a systems-level approach, meaning that rather than focusing on just one discipline, it will integrate course work and experiential learning in animal production, natural resource management and economics and business, as well as applied skills such as communication, lifelong learning and critical thinking. There will also be a structured experiential learning component through internships with ranch partners across Montana and the region.

Students must apply to the degree program during their sophomore year, and each student admitted to the program will be matched with an internship host ranch for two years beginning the summer after the sophomore year. Each student will have individualized learning objectives based on that particular ranch and then return to the classroom and teach their fellow classmates about the unique aspects of their internship experience.

"We want to give students that real-world experience, but we also want to enhance their



An MSU employee moves cattle at the Fort Ellis research station near Bozeman. (MSU/KELLY GORHAM)

communication and leadership skills, so they have to come back and take the lead in the classroom," Hatfield said. "They will be responsible for teaching the other students about the parts of (their internship host) ranch."

Hatfield added that the students' internship experiences collectively will reflect the diversity of the ranching industry in Montana.

The Dan Scott Ranch Management Program is named for the late Dan Scott, eldest son of Padlock Ranch founder Homer Scott. Dan Scott served as CEO and manager of the ranch for 50 years. Founded in 1943 by Homer and Mildred Scott, the Padlock Ranch is a diversified cow-calf, farm and feedlot operation in Montana and Wyoming. It is run today by Homer and Mildred Scott's descendants. In addition, the Scott family started First Interstate Bank in 1968 and remains its majority shareholder.

Dan Scott's daughter, Risa, provided MSU with a \$2 million

gift in 2018 in her father's honor to support the program. To date, MSU has raised \$3.5 million for the program, with a goal of raising \$6 million, according to Kevin Peterson, MSU Alumni Foundation director of development for the College of Agriculture. The private support will allow the university to hire a program director and set up the unique internship host ranch program for the students.

"This transformative program in ranch management would not be possible without the support of many private donors — most notably, Risa Scott's \$2 million gift to honor her late father, Dan Scott, who was a true leader in the ranching industry," Peterson said.

Hatfield said there is a great need for the degree program. In 2016, the MSU Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship conducted a survey about the field of ranch management that focused on Montana Stockgrowers Association members

and other agricultural stakeholders involved in the land and livestock management business.

Hatfield said the survey of more than 200 individuals found that there was a high demand for talented management expertise for both large investment-type land holdings and existing ranches. He said the survey found that existing family ranches had the highest need.

"The survey also showed that the need was not only increasing rapidly, but that it could be effectively addressed at a Bachelor of Science level, so long as it integrates systematic thinking education with experiential learning," Hatfield said.

Similarly, Hatfield pointed to a 2015 study from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture that showed tremendous demand for recent college graduates with a degree in agricultural programs. According to the report, there are an estimated 57,900 high-skilled job openings annually in the food, agriculture, renewable natural resources and environment fields in the United States. However, on average

there are only 35,400 new U.S. graduates with a bachelor's degree or higher in agriculture related fields, well short of the jobs available annually.

Hatfield said MSU intends the Dan Scott Ranch Management Program to be recognized as the "preeminent ranch management program in the Northern Great Plains and Intermountain West regions."

"When these students graduate, we expect that they will have both the foundational academic training combined with experiential training to one day be leaders in this profession," he said. "We will lay the foundation for these students to be outstanding future ranch managers. We expect most of our graduates will be young men and women, and we realize there is no substitution for real-life experience."

Individuals who would like to learn more are invited to contact Hatfield at hatfield@montana.edu or Peterson at kevin.peterson@msuaf.org.

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How Montana property taxes are set

Madison County gives a good 'bang for the buck' in property tax

HELENA – SmartAsset recently released its fifth annual study on property taxes, and Madison County ranked among the Montana counties getting the most 'bang for their buck.'

The study analyzed metrics including quality of local schools and local crime rates compared to property taxes to find where people were seeing the most value for their tax dollars.

Montana's property tax system

Buying a house? If so, it's a good idea to get familiar with the Montana property tax system. Montana has relatively low taxes on residential real estate. The state's average effective property tax rate is 0.85%, lower than the national average of 1.19%.

In part, rates in Montana are low because the system is structured to reduce the burden on homeowners. The taxable value (the value on which your taxes are based) for an owner-occupied residential property is only a small percentage of the property's market value. Commercial and business property also receive big exemptions. Below we will take a closer look at Montana's tax rates and other important information for you to consider.

How property taxes are calculated

Property taxes in Montana are based on your total tax rate

and the taxable value of your home. Taxable value is based on your home's market value, but the state of Montana calculates it using a somewhat complicated formula.

First, residential property is reappraised by state assessors once every two years. (Reappraisal occurred every six years prior to 2015.) The goal of the reappraisal is to match the current market value for each property. If the reappraised value is greater than the previous value, the difference is phased in over the course of the two-year reappraisal cycle. That means there is a slight lag between your current market value and the value on which your taxes are based.

Taxes on residential properties are also limited by the fact that Montana only levies taxes on a small percentage of a property's market value. This rate changes annually and the most recent rate is 1.35%. So for a home with a market value of \$100,000, the taxable value is only \$1,350. Your total state and local property tax millage rates (described in the next section) apply to that \$1,350.

Property Tax Rates

Cities, counties and school districts largely determine tax rates in Montana. The state also collects statewide taxes to support education. Tax rates are expressed in mills, or as millage rates. A mill equals

\$1 for every \$1,000 of taxable value, while a millage rate is a mill expressed as a decimal. For example, 1 mill is equivalent to a millage rate of 0.001.

For example, the statewide taxes are 95 mills for public schools and another 6 mills for higher education. In 2016, the average mill levy across all taxing districts in Montana was 573.83 mills.

While your tax bill will reflect a millage rate, a good way of comparing tax rates from one area to the next is an effective tax rate. This is equal to annual property taxes as a percentage of home value.

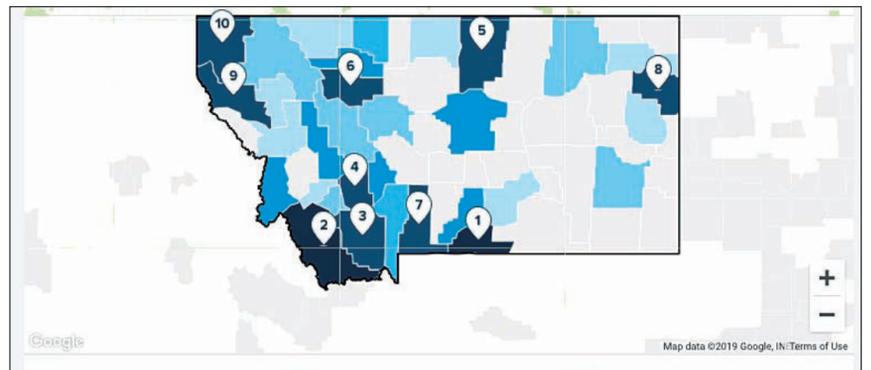
Methodology

Smart Asset's study aims to find the places in the United States where people are getting the most for their property tax dollars. To do this we looked at school rankings, crime rates and property taxes for every county.

As a way to measure the quality of schools, we analyzed the math and reading/language arts proficiencies for every school district in the country. We created an average score for each district by looking at the scores for every school in that district, weighting it to account for the number of students in each school. Within each state, we assigned every county a score between 1 and 10 (with 10 being the best) based on the average scores of the districts in each county.

For each county, we calculated the violent and property crimes per 100,000 residents.

Using the school and crime numbers, we calculated a community score. This is the ratio



Rank	County	Property Tax Rate	School Rating	Crimes Per 100k People	Overall Value Index
1	Carbon, MT	0.61%	6.00	76	98.38
2	Beaverhead, MT	0.78%	10.00	705	89.85
3	Madison, MT	0.54%	9.00	823	85.55
4	Jefferson, MT	0.64%	10.00	903	83.77
5	Blaine, MT	1.60%	2.00	226	83.17
6	Teton, MT	0.89%	8.00	1225	78.57
7	Park, MT	0.77%	9.00	887	75.81
8	Richland, MT	0.55%	5.00	912	75.62
9	Sanders, MT	0.62%	7.00	1183	74.87
10	Lincoln, MT	0.73%	7.00	1247	73.02
	MT	0.84%	6.00	2574	

of the school rank to the combined crime rate per 100,000 residents.

We used the number of households, median home value and average property tax rate to calculate a per capita property tax collected for each county.

Finally, we calculated a tax value by creating a ratio of the community score to the per capita property tax paid. This shows us the counties in the country where people are getting the most bang for their buck, or where their property tax dollars are going the furthest.

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UM study suggests climate change limits forest recovery after wildfires

By UM News Service

MISSOULA – New University of Montana research suggests climate change makes it increasingly difficult for tree seedlings to regenerate following wildfires in low-elevation forests, which could contribute to abrupt forest loss.

The study, "Wildfires and Climate Change Push Low-elevation Forests Across a Critical Climate Threshold for Tree Regeneration," was published March 11 in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences and is available online at <http://bit.ly/2HeZc8t>.

Kimberley Davis, a postdoctoral research associate in the W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation at UM, and her co-authors examined the relationship between annual climate and post-fire regeneration of ponderosa pine and Douglas fir in low-elevation forests of western North America.

"Forests in the western U.S. are increasingly affected by both climate change and wildfires," said Davis, the study's lead author. "The ability of forests to recover following wildfire de-

pends on annual climate conditions, because tree seedlings are particularly vulnerable to hot and dry weather. We wanted to identify the specific conditions necessary for post-fire tree regeneration to better understand how climate change has been affecting forests through time."

The authors used tree rings to determine establishment dates of more than 2,800 trees that regenerated after fires in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana and New Mexico between 1988 and 2015. Annual tree regeneration rates were much lower when seasonal climate conditions, including temperature, humidity and soil moisture, crossed specific threshold values.

Over the past 20 years, climate conditions have crossed these thresholds at the majority of study sites, leading to abrupt declines in how often annual conditions are suitable for tree regeneration. The study results highlight how future fires in similar sites may catalyze transitions from forest to non-forest ecosystems.

"Adult trees can survive in warmer and drier conditions than seedlings, and our study found that some low-elevation areas that are currently forested no longer have climate conditions that are suitable for tree regeneration," Davis said. "In these areas, high-severity fire



Ponderosa pine and Douglas fir forest burned in the 1994 Idaho City Complex Fire on the Boise National Forest in Idaho, and little regeneration has occurred since. (KIMBERLEY DAVIS)

may lead to ecosystem transitions from forests to grasslands or shrublands.

"It is important to understand how climate change and wildfires will affect tree regeneration because forests are important economically, ecologically and culturally," she said. "Ponderosa pine and Douglas fir are two of the most dominant tree species in the western U.S., and they are critical for the regional forestry industry. Forests also contain high levels of biodiversity and provide a variety of ecosystem services, such as

carbon sequestration and water regulation and supply. Additionally, people love to recreate in forests, which is an increasingly important part of the economy in western states."

Other UM co-authors include Solomon Dobrowski, Philip Higuera, Anna Sala and Marco Maneta. Additional co-authors include researchers from the U.S. Forest Service; the University of Colorado, Boulder; and the Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute.

Settlement bring nearly \$494 million in debt relief for CEC students

HELENA – For-profit education company Career Education Corporation (CEC) has agreed to reform its recruiting and enrollment practices and forgo collecting about \$493.7 million in debts owed by 179,529 students nationally, in a settlement with Montana Attorney General Tim Fox and 48 other attorneys general.

The Assurance of Voluntary Compliance filed Thursday caps a five-year investigation. CEC agrees to forgo any and all efforts to collect amounts owed by former students living in the states participating in the agreement.

In Montana, 289 students will get relief totaling approximately \$572,029. CEC has also agreed to pay \$5 million to the states. Montana's share will be \$50,000.

"This settlement agreement highlights the importance of protecting student borrowers from abusive practices in the marketplace," Attorney General Tim Fox said.

CEC is based in Schaumburg, Ill., and currently offers primarily online courses through American InterContinental University and Colorado Technical University. CEC has closed or phased out many of its schools over the past 10 years. Its brands have included Briarcliffe College, Brooks Institute, Brown College, Harrington College of Design, International Academy of Design & Technology, Le Cordon Bleu, Missouri College, and Sanford-Brown.

A group of attorneys general launched an investigation into CEC in January 2014 after receiving several complaints from students and a critical report on for-profit education by the U.S. Senate's Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. That investigation revealed evidence demonstrating that:

- CEC used emotionally charged language to pressure

them into enrolling in CEC's schools;

- CEC deceived students about the total costs of enrollment by instructing its admissions representatives to inform prospective students only about the cost per credit hour without disclosing the total number of required credit hours;

- CEC misled students about the transferability of credits into CEC from other institutions and out of CEC to other institutions by promising on some occasions that credits would transfer;

- CEC misrepresented the potential for students to obtain employment in the field by failing to adequately disclose the fact that certain programs lacked the necessary programmatic accreditation; and,

- CEC deceived prospective students about the rate that graduates of CEC programs got a job in their field of study, thereby giving prospective students a distorted and inaccurate impression of CEC graduates' employment outcomes. For instance, CEC inaccurately claimed that its graduates were "placed" who worked only temporarily or who were working in unrelated jobs.

As a result of the unfair and deceptive practices described above, students enrolled in CEC who would not have otherwise enrolled, could not obtain professional licensure, and were saddled with substantial debts that they could not repay nor discharge. CEC denied the allegations but agreed to resolve the claims through this multistate settlement.

Robert McKenna, former Washington state attorney general and current partner at the San Francisco-based law firm of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, will independently monitor the company's settlement compliance for three years and issue annual reports.

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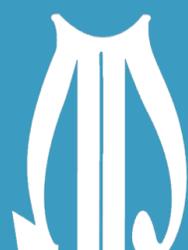


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Youth Art Month Student Exhibit

HELENA – March was designated Youth Art Month (YAM) in 1962 to encourage support for school art programs.

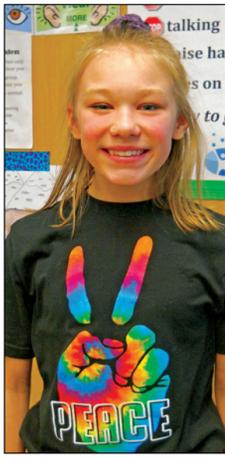
The Montana Art Education Association has held a show of student work from across the state in the Helena's State Capitol Building for many years.

The exhibit is in the hallway leading to Governor Bullock's office.

This year Sheridan Schools is proud to have three students exhibiting their art work in the YAM exhibit: Eagen Cordingley, Grade 1; Faith Randolph, Grade 6; and Sarah Anson, Grade 11.

In a letter supporting Youth Art Month, Gov. Bullock writes, "Students and teachers donate their time and projects to be on display in the Capitol throughout the month of March. This event gives all who visit a chance to see the work of Montana's outstanding students, teachers, and art programs."

Congratulations on this accomplishment, art students! Although your artwork will be coming home soon, this experience will last many years.



Above and right- Sheridan school students Eagan Cordingley, Faith Randolph and Sarah Anson. Their artwork is hanging in the hallway leading to Gov. Bullock's office in the state capitol. (SUBMITTED)

DISTRICT COURT ROUNDUP

The Madison County District Court scheduled two criminal proceedings for the week of March 25.

- Jessica Elaine Kent was charged in December with felony criminal possession of dangerous drugs after allegedly being found with cocaine in Big Sky's Arrowhead Mall. Kent was scheduled to make her initial appearance on Monday, March 25, but that hearing has been postponed.

- Kelly Ann Henderson was scheduled for a sentencing hearing that was also ultimately postponed. Henderson pleaded guilty to a fourth or subsequent count of driving under the influence, a felony, in 2009 and was sentenced to a 13-month state WATCH program and five years' probation. Henderson has since been charged with probation violations on three separate occasions in 2014, 2015 and 2016, when a warrant was issued for her arrest. She was arrested in November and will appear for sentencing at a later date.

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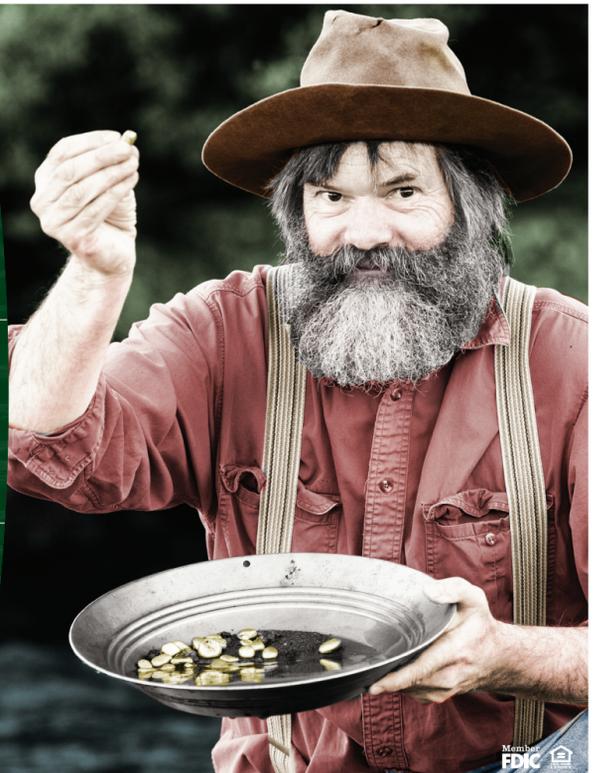
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FWP seeks public comment on smallmouth bass removal project

HELENA - Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is seeking public comment on a programmatic environmental assessment to remove smallmouth bass from Gallatin Valley ponds.

Comments on the proposed environmental assessment will be used to make a final decision on whether to proceed with the project as planned.

After illegally introduced smallmouth bass were discovered in a public pond near Belgrade and two private ponds in the Gallatin Valley were found suspect of having smallmouth bass populations, FWP sampled most public ponds in the Gallatin Valley to determine the presence or absence of smallmouth bass. The pond near Belgrade was the only public water shown to be positive for smallmouth. Private ponds were not tested.

In the 1970s, FWP stocked largemouth bass in a series of ponds near Three Forks.

Since then, illegal introductions have resulted in largemouth bass in nearly all public ponds in the Gallatin Valley, including a report of largemouth bass being caught in

Hyalite Reservoir.

FWP is concerned that further illegal introductions from this source will result in smallmouth bass populations in Upper Missouri River rivers and streams. Smallmouth bass would thrive in some area rivers and likely cause irreparable harm to wild trout populations, which are economically important to the state.

FWP proposes the use rotenone to eliminate known sources of smallmouth bass in ponds within the Gallatin Valley.

Once smallmouth bass are successfully removed from a community pond, FWP will restock the pond with rainbow trout.

To review the EA, go to http://fwp.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/environmentalAssessments/species-RemovalAndRelocation/pn_0079.html.

The deadline for public comment is April 17. A public meeting will be held in early April. Comment can be mailed to FWP, c/o Smallmouth Bass Removal, 1400 S. 19th Ave., Bozeman, MT 59718, or emailed to FWPRG3EA@mt.gov.

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Saturday

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Sunday

Partly cloudy. High 46, low 24. Winds SW 5 mph, 10 percent chance of precipitation.

Monday

Cloudy. High 44, low 26, Winds SSW 4 mph, 20 percent chance of precipitation.

Quote of the Week:

“Everything in excess is opposed to nature.”

Hippocrates



Seventh grade students at Ennis Schools cooked and ate six different varieties of Montana-grown grains for the March Harvest of the Month program, making "Green Grain Grub," a grain salad with a pesto dressing. (J. DIEHL)

March brings grains to Harvest of the Month

Seventh graders learn to cook with hands-on recipes

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ENNIS—Middle school students at Ennis Schools were the latest to learn about and cook some local ingredients when the time for the March Harvest of the Month rolled around.

Montana Harvest of the Month is a collaboratively-managed program produced by Montana State University and partners. The program has rotated among the grade levels for elementary and middle school students all year. This month, the seventh-graders had their turn, testing half a dozen varieties of Montana-grown grains.

Led by culinary science teacher Jamie Diehl, the students cooked "green grain grub" with a pesto sauce, comparing whole wheat cous cous, quinoa, oats, bulgur, farro and barley.

Montana produces the third most wheat and barley in the U.S., and is ranked 17th in corn production.

The students cooked dried versions of each grain, tossing them with sauce made with basil, garlic and parmesan cheese.

Grains like barley, cous cous, quinoa and farro are excellent sources of fiber, as well as antioxidants and beneficial micronutrients that often get overlooked such as manganese, selenium and niacin.

Grains can also be soaked or sprouted to make their nutrients more accessible by the body. Sprouted grains are often found in breads and are also thought to have even higher levels of minerals, proteins and antioxidants.

For people who want to lose weight, whole grains like these are also a good choice. With their high levels of fiber, they're proven to reduce appetite and are also thought to combat metabolic diseases and help stabilize blood sugar levels in people with diabetes.

In their taste test of six varieties, the students selected the cous cous as their favorite. The Harvest of the Month program, which will continue for two more months through the end of the school year, seeks to teach children about the origins of their food and the environmental and economic importance of eating local products whenever they can. As the weather warms, the program will connect with the workings of the Ennis school garden, where students can get their hands dirty both growing ingredients and cooking with the bounty of their efforts.

GREEN GRAIN GRUB

INGREDIENTS

PESTO
3 cups bunch fresh basil
1/2 teaspoon sea salt
1/3 cup Parmesan
2 cloves garlic
1/4 chopped almonds
1/2 cup olive oil

BARLEY
8 cups water (save 1/4 cup)
1/2 teaspoon sea salt
1 large garlic clove, whole
1 cup barley

DIRECTIONS

- Place all pesto ingredients into a blender or food processor and blend until it forms a paste.
- Bring barley, salt, and garlic to a boil in a medium saucepan. Lower heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Drain but save 1/4 cup of the starch water.
- Mix cooked (you can cool it) barley, reserved water and pesto until combined.

Add additional vegetables to create a pasta salad-like dish!

Students attend regional band festival

More than 300 middle school students travel to Philipsburg

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PHILIPSBURG—The annual southwest Montana middle school band festival took place in Philipsburg on Wednesday, March 20, attended by students from

nine area schools including Ennis and Sheridan.

The day included more than six hours of rehearsals in one of the largest ensembles students will have the opportunity to play in all year: over 150 musicians each in the 6th grade and combined 7th/8th grade bands. Four of the area's conductors rotated helping the students rehearse before an evening concert that night.

The location of the southwest Montana middle school band festival rotates each year. Both Ennis and Sheridan will host the event in the next few years.



ABOVE – Middle school students from Ennis, Sheridan, Whitehall and other area schools traveled to Philipsburg for the 2019 southwest Montana middle school band festival on Wednesday, March 20.

BELOW – After a full day of rehearsals, the musicians put on a community concert. (PHOTOS COURTESY OF ANDREW SCRUGGS)



Gov. Bullock forming Grizzly Bear Advisory Council

Governor asks for people to participate in this

HELENA – Governor Steve Bullock will establish a Grizzly Bear Advisory Council to help initiate a statewide discussion on grizzly bear management, conservation and recovery.

The Council will engage Montanans on a variety of issues and ultimately provide management agencies with discrete, actionable recommendations for grizzly bears in Montana.

"The recovery of grizzly bears in the Northern Continental Divide and Greater Yellowstone ecosystems is a great conservation success. Still, official federal delisting has yet to come to fruition," Bullock wrote in a memo to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Director Martha Williams.

"Legal uncertainty has created a void requiring our leadership," Governor Bullock said. "As bears continue to expand in numbers and habitat, we must identify durable and inclusive strategies to address current issues and prepare for the future. This advisory council represents a key step toward Montana embracing the tremendous responsibility and opportunity of long-term Grizzly Bear recovery and management."

Grizzly bears in the lower 48 states are officially under the jurisdiction of the FWS, but much of the day-to-day management of bears in Montana is done by FWP in partnership and with oversight of the FWS.

FWS delisted Greater Yellowstone grizzlies under the Endangered Species Act in 2017, but a federal court decision last fall relisted the population. This delayed the delisting process for the NCDE and resulted in an appeal of the GYE decision by the State of Montana and others.

Grizzly bear populations continue to expand, and management challenges and conflicts have increased. FWP, along with partner agencies such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services and the FWS, work together to respond to conflicts as they occur. However, the situation has become increasingly complex as bears move into areas of Montana outside of existing recovery zones.

Developing strategies to ensure a timely and appropriate

response to these conflicts and addressing the needs of communities and landowners most impacted in these areas are key priorities identified for the advisory council's deliberations.

The Grizzly Bear Advisory Council will be tasked with considering broad strategic objectives, such as:

- Maintaining and enhancing human safety;
- Ensuring a healthy and sustainable grizzly bear population;
- Improving timely and effective response to conflicts involving grizzly bears;
- Engaging all partners in grizzly-related outreach and conflict prevention; and
- Improving intergovernmental, interagency, and tribal coordination.

The Council will focus on providing recommendations to the Governor's Office, FWP, and the Fish & Wildlife Commission that are clear and actionable on how to move forward with grizzly bear management, conservation and recovery.

Council application information can be found online at <http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/species/grizzlyBear/default.html>.

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Hugh Reynolds joins Club 90 at Madison Valley Manor

ENNIS — Madison Valley Manor is honored to have a new addition to Club 90. Welcome Major Hugh Z. Reynolds, born December 21, 1919... yes, that's right, he is 99 years old and well on his way to celebrating his 100th birthday.

Hugh retired from more than 28 years of combined military service, beginning his impressive military career at the age of 14.

He joined the Montana National Guard in Harlowton, Montana on May 9, 1934 and entered Federal Service in 1940. He retired in 1966.

During his service he fought alongside his brother Cliff Reynolds.

On December 7, 1941 Hugh and the troops received the shocking news that Japan had attacked Pearl Harbor. Orders were immediately broadcast all over the Northwest directing all personnel to return to their commands as soon as possible. Within a week the 41st Division was deployed all along the Strait of Juan de Fuca, extending 150 miles south of Fort Lewis.

Hugh then made the trip overseas along with a contingent of approximately 10,000 men aboard the Queen Elizabeth to Australia. Hugh wrote about his service in "A History of World War II: The 41st Infantry Division and My Service in the 163rd Regiment" which is recorded at www.jungleer.com.

He is also the author of "A Life Remembered Billy Goats, Brones and Buttermilk Pancakes", memories of his early years, returning from war, starting a family and fishing in Alaska.

Hugh is an avid reader, author, and story teller. He is humble about



Hugh Z. Reynolds with Medals & Ribbons, including a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. (SUBMITTED)

his accomplishments, it may take a few questions to get him talking, but it is well worth the effort if you want to hear about the 41st Infantry Division and his service in the 163rd Regiment, fishing in Alaska

and here in Ennis, and so much more! It is a real treat meeting him and hearing about his adventures. We are looking forward to his 100 Year Birthday Celebration in December!

Link between adolescent boozing, adult anxiety?

WASHINGTON, D.C. — New pre-clinical research in rats has identified a link between adolescent alcohol exposure and specific molecular changes in the brain that contribute to increased anxiety in adulthood. A large body of evidence demonstrates a strong relationship between alcohol and anxiety problems in humans.

"These findings provide insight into the mechanisms through which alcohol-induced brain changes during adolescence increase vulnerability to alcohol and anxiety problems in adulthood," said George F. Koob, Ph.D., director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), part of the National Institutes of Health.

The new report is the latest installment of work led by NIAAA grantee Subhash C. Pandey, Ph.D., professor and director of the NIAAA-funded Alcohol Research Center in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Senior Research Career Scientist at Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago.

Dr. Pandey and his colleagues have previously reported that rats exposed to alcohol during adolescence show greater anxiety-like behavior as adults compared to non-alcohol exposed rats. They have also shown that those effects were linked to two genes that nerve cells need to form new connections with each other.

In the current study, the Pandey group focused on epigenetic changes that affect expression of the Arc protein in the amygdala, a brain region linked to anxiety and alcohol misuse. Epigenetic changes refer to DNA modifications that affect expression of a gene without altering the gene's DNA sequence.

As in their previous studies, the researchers administered alcohol to adolescent rats using a binge drinking-like

model and examined the animals for anxiety-like behaviors in adulthood, including how blocking the activity of eRNAs specific to the Arc gene affected those behaviors.

They found that compared to adult animals without adolescent alcohol-exposure, the adolescent alcohol-exposed rats displayed both decreased Arc eRNA expression and Arc gene expression in the amygdala, as well as heightened anxiety-like behavior in adulthood. However, a dose of alcohol reduced the anxiety-like behavior and was associated with a reversal in Arc eRNA and Arc gene expression — suggesting that Arc contributes to anxiety-like behavior.

Lastly, Dr. Pandey and his colleagues showed that directly blocking Arc eRNA in the amygdala of control rats led to anxiety-like behaviors, demonstrating that Arc eRNA expression in the amygdala regulates anxiety-like behaviors.

Further research is necessary to determine if these newly identified molecular targets might lead to the development of better therapies for pathologies related to adolescent alcohol exposure.

(A full report of their findings is online in the journal Biological Psychiatry.)

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, part of the National Institutes of Health, is the primary U.S. agency for conducting and supporting research on the causes, consequences, prevention, and treatment of alcohol abuse, alcoholism, and alcohol problems. NIAAA also disseminates research findings to general, professional, and academic audiences. Additional alcohol research information and publications are available at <https://www.niaaa.nih.gov>.

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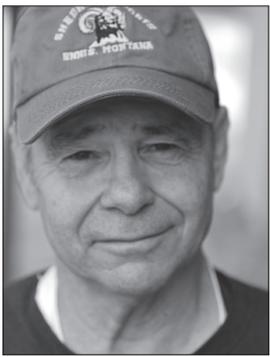
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Observing the surest sign of warmer days on the horizon

Despite the recent spell of 30° below-zero weather, I have noticed some indicators of the coming of spring. For instance, this afternoon I noticed that the enormous icicles dangling outside my living room window were actually melting a tiny bit. Neither did the snow crunch

beneath my feet when I left the house. Even better, my nostrils didn't freeze together at my first breath outdoors.

Later the same day, I also noticed the arrival of a few of our traditional winged trumpeters of spring. To begin, I saw a flock of eight Canadian geese laboriously winging their way north. Strangely enough, I couldn't help but notice that their normally soothing honks sounded more like strained squawks. Said striking abnormality led me to deduce that the birds may have headed north too soon and, as a result, had contracted a nasty strain of flu and its accompanying sore throat.

Similarly, when I saw my first robin, he was buried neck-

deep in powder-like snow. His beak chattered uncontrollably. His eyes were glazed over so heavily that, as near as I could tell, he was under the influence of opiates, which might have been the cause for a premature arrival.

Next, while making my way to the post office, I spied the first red-winged blackbird of the year. It was hanging upside down from a power line. The wretched beast appeared to be frozen solid. To me, that raised the possibility that the colorful avian aviator had also seriously misjudged its departure date.

Lastly, when I saw my initial meadowlark, its feet were frozen fast to the meadow. The poor thing's efforts to free itself,

along with the disconcerting circumstances concerning the other birds, were enough for me to question whether spring really was just around the corner. With my grim mid-winter mood mostly reinstated, I headed for home.

When I opened the screen door, a wicked gust of wind nearly tore it from my hands. Upon opening the entry door, I was fairly blown into my house and catapulted across the kitchen. When at last I wrestled the front entry door closed, I could actually feel the effects of cabin fever engulfing me. Then, from out the corner of my eye, I saw it!

Crawling across my kitchen window was, undeniably, the

surest sign of spring—a housefly! As I observed its silvery wings glistening against the lighted window, visions of colorful flowers surrounded by greenery, danced in my mind. Spring actually was just around the corner. So overwhelming was my sense of euphoria that I burst into a chorus of “Zip-pity-Do-Da.” Who would've thunk it? The birds had been right all along.

For a while, I stood mesmerized by the celebratory sight. Then, I remembered that, in short order, a veritable host of the fly's kin would be an ever-present irritation. The disgusting flying rubbish eaters would virtually dim the glow of my summer.

So, without further ado, I grabbed the flyswatter from atop the refrigerator and cheerfully splattered the “silver wings of spring” all over the window. And why not? After all, just by seeing the filthy bug I knew, for a fact, that warm weather was on the way. Thus, there was no need for further reassurance. With that in mind, I settled into the easy chair and watched the icicles melt.

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

BBB offers top tips to avoid getting scammed

March is the month we talk (even more than usual) about consumer protection. National Consumer Protection Week (earlier this month) offered a chance to talk about the basics of scam prevention; the 101 of how not to be a target for con artists. We talk about these tips a lot, but if you keep them handy, we can promise you will save yourself a lot of money and headache. And the good guys will come out with a big W over the scammers, at least when it comes to you, savvy consumer.

In an era when scams evolve quickly, and the internet is a powerful tool for ripping off unsuspecting victims, every week should be consumer protection week and every month should be consumer protection month.

So, let's dive right in. Here are your top tips to avoid being scammed

- Do not ever send money to someone you have not met face-

to face. Especially don't do this if they ask you to wire transfer money, use a prepaid debit card or a gift card. They are untraceable.

- Never click on attachments or links in unsolicited emails or texts. They can contain malware for your computer and steal your identity.

- Don't believe it's real just because it looks real. Logos, fonts and all appearance details can be copied onto emails and documents that look official. Same goes for websites. Caller ID can also be faked.

- Only make online purchases when you know the source is legitimate. Website addresses should have the “s” in “https.” There should be a small lock icon on the address bar. Read reviews of the merchandise. Look up the company at bbb.org.

- Be cautious of anyone you meet online, such as dating sites, Craigslist and social media.

- Don't share personal identifi-

cation information with anyone who has contacted you out of the blue. This goes for email, phone calls, texts, social media and your front door. Guard your banking, Social Security and insurance numbers.

- Reject pressure to “act immediately.” Scammers want you to act before you've thought it through.

- Only make payment for purchases through secure, traceable means. No wire transfers, prepaid money cards or gift cards when pressured to do so. Reject high up-front payments, high pressure sales tactics and simple handshake deals. Get a contract and read it all (yes, that means the fine print, too).

- Watch out when sharing on social media. Imposters may read up on you and sound as if they know you. Never post your travel plans.

In addition to the above tips for online activity, there are a few things to remember regarding other

ways scammers victimize consumers:

- Shred all paper such as junk mail and financial documents, old bills and medical paperwork.

- Monitor your financial accounts and check out any unknown transaction, no matter how small.

- Keep all software and virus protection programs updated.

Remember, it's important to report scams, even if you didn't lose any money. Share your experience with a scammer at bbb.org/scamtracker. You'll be a real hero when you prevent someone else from getting scammed, just because you reported it.

Questions about these scam tips or anything else BBB-related, please email Hannah.stiff@thebbb.org.



Hannah Stiff of the Better Business Bureau

COMMODITY INSITE: The future ain't what it used to be

BY JERRY WELCH

In my “A Game Changer” column from a week ago, I stated, “If and when China and the U.S. strike a deal to end the trade war, it is a game changer for American agricultural. I am basing that forecast on how much volatility is taking place with most all ag-markets and how anticipatory the futures market has been down through history. Without embellishment, a trade deal with China is a game changer for US agriculture.”

Following last week's column I received phone calls, emails and a few letters about the column above.

Each contained the following question. Does the futures market accurately predict the future?

Bankrate.com answered: “It's not just speculators reaching for the futures market crystal ball: Policymakers in the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve look to the futures markets for signs of potential price moves in vital commodities such as oil and metals. Increases or decreases in commodity prices directly impact the rate of inflation, a subject of keen interest to those in charge of the economy.”

Bankrate.com went on to pose the following question: “Do futures predict the future? Kind of, sometimes.”

Which was quickly followed by bankrate.com's answer: “The futures market failed to predict the stock market collapse in 2008. And it failed to

forecast the spikes of inflation experienced between 2004 and 2008. This led former chairman of the Federal Reserve Ben Bernanke to conclude, in a 2008 speech, that ‘it does seem reasonable ... to treat the forecasts of commodity prices obtained from futures markets, and subsequently the forecasts of aggregate price inflation, as highly uncertain. But there is evidence that futures markets do predict future prices.’”

Another opinion comes from stlouised.org, by William R. Emmons and Timothy J. Yeager, “Many commodities are traded in both spot (cash) and futures markets. The spot (cash) market is for trading today, whereas the futures market is for future delivery. Press

reports sometimes imply that futures prices provide a good forecast of future spot prices. Does the futures market really provide us with a crystal ball? The short answer is yes and no: Futures markets sometimes forecast future spot prices, but sometimes they do not.”

Regardless of what I stated a few weeks ago there are times when the futures markets get things all wrong.

Just as clearly there are times when the futures markets predict the future with pinpoint accuracy.

But for now, I will put the question to rest once and for all about the predictability of the futures market by observing and remembering the wisdom of that great Hall of Fame base-

ball player Yogi Berra.

“The future ain't what it used to be,” Berra said.

When asked to explain himself he went on to say, “I just meant that times are different. Not necessarily better or worse. Just different.”

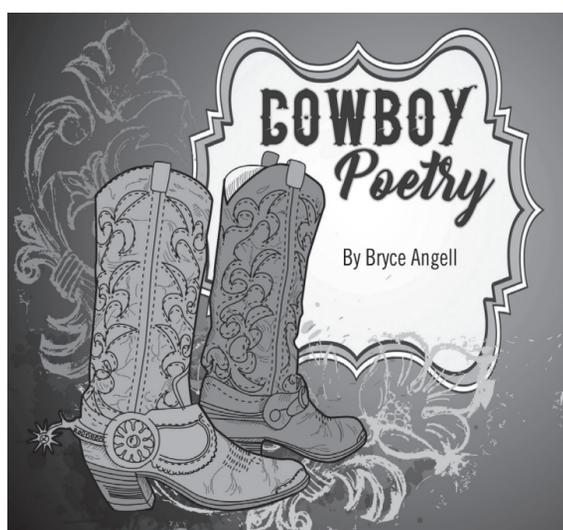
Again, and for now, where the futures markets are concerned I will bow to the wit and wisdom Berra and use his interpretation of the future.

Still, I'm from the old school regarding the futures markets. I view the futures markets grinding higher and higher and believe they are predicting the U.S. and China will strike a deal allowing China to buy \$50 billion worth of ag-products a year for five to six years.

If so, it will be a bullish

game changer for American agricultural.

I may receive more phone calls, text messages and letters about this week's column as I did a week ago. I welcome them. But please don't be offended because for years, I always follow the advice of Berra when he once stated clearly. “Never answer an anonymous letter.” And to this day, I have never answered an anonymous letter and never will.



Respect

My father taught me, “Show respect especially while you're young. ‘Cuz no one likes a little boy who has a nasty tongue.”

Those words were planted in my brain and always on my mind. But planted way so far in back, at times, they're hard to find.

I'd say I'm still respectful, but there's one thing I have learned. It doesn't matter who you are, respect is always earned.

I've worked among the best of men, from CEOs to clerks. And most were all respectable. Dang few of them were jerks.

I try to show each man respect. That usually is my plan. But I'll always be respectful to a kind and humble man.

A few years back, while passing out the checks to all the crew. One fellow said, “Thanks for the check and thanks for all you do.”

I held respect for that old

man right from the very start. I guess you'd say his humble way had deeply touched my heart.

Today I see too many men demanding some respect. Yet some of them will never give. They'd rather just collect.

I'm not inclined to give advice. I don't have that degree. But if you are respectful then you've earned respect from me.

My father's generation showed respect to everyone.

And they didn't need attention from the good deeds they had done.

I've taught my own grandchildren. It's for sure a certainty that their great grandfather shows respect. The best they'll ever see.

So, Dad it's been a lifetime of you teaching me respect. ‘Cuz I learned from your example. ‘Twas the best that I could get.

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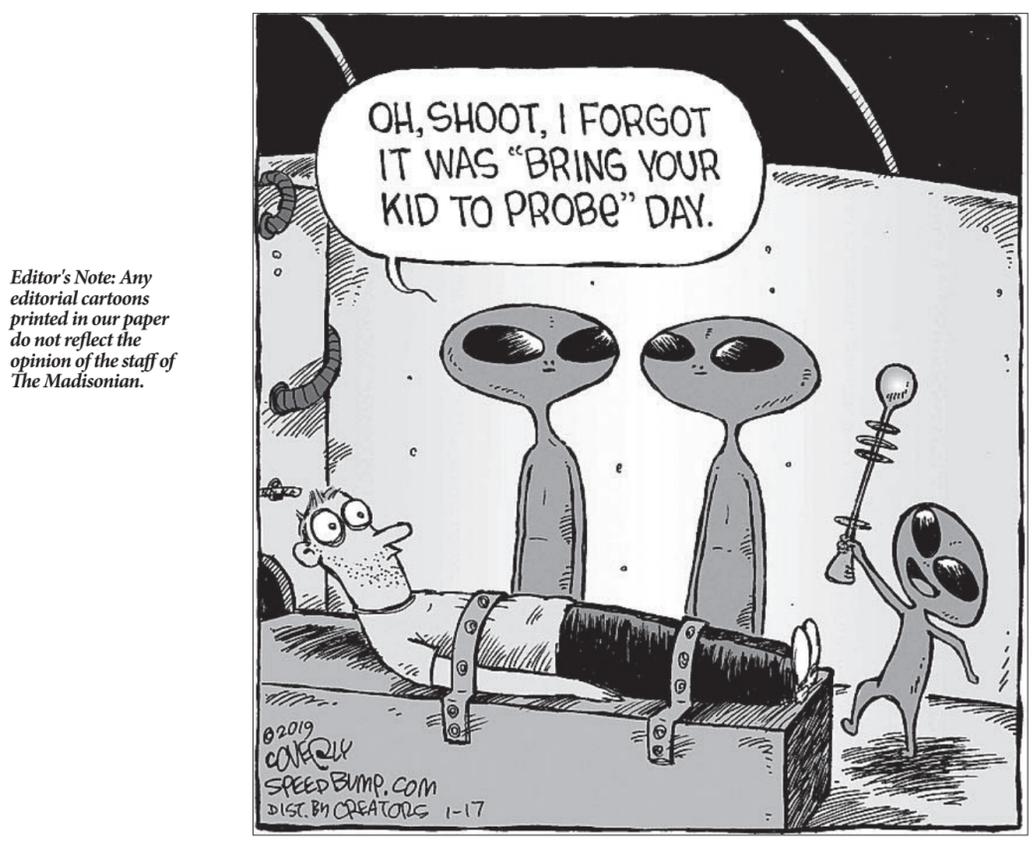
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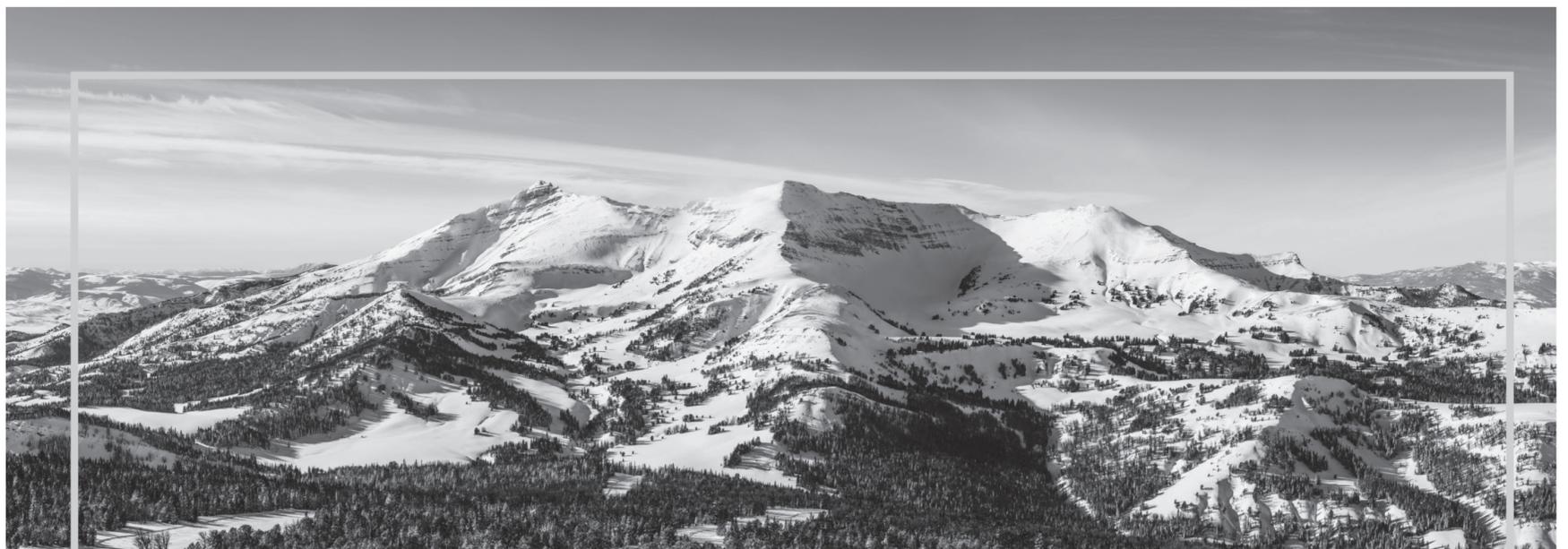
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF: JERRY W. TANGE, also known as JERRY TANGE, Deceased. Cause No. DP-29-2019-9 The undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to JO-MICHELLE BURWELL TANGE, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 10085 NE Yaquina, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Dated: February 20, 2019 /S/ JO-MICHELLE BURWELL TANGE Personal Representative STATE OF WASHINGTON :ss COUNTY OF KITSAP JO-MICHELLE BURWELL TANGE, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says: That she has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of her knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana. /S/ JO-MICHELLE BURWELL TANGE Personal Representative SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 20 day of February, 2019. /S/ Brock M. Bremic Notary Public for the State of Washington Residing at Bainbridge Island, Washington My Commission expires: March 09, 2020 Personal Representative's Attorney: Karen McMullin Post Office Box 55 Ennis, MT 59729 Telephone: (406) 682-7878 (Pub. March 14, 21, 28, 2019) *Karen McMullin* MNAXLP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT MADISON COUNTY IN RE THE ESTATE OF EDWARD FRANCIS ROGERS Deceased. Probate No. DP-29-2018-25 NOTICE IS GIVEN that Mary Yuricic has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be mailed to the Personal Representative with return receipt requested or filed with the Clerk as follows: Mary Yuricic, Personal Representative c/o Thomas C. Morrison Morrison Law Firm, PLLC 111 N. Last Chance Gulch (3B) Helena, MT 59601 Madison Co Clerk of District PO Box 185 Virginia City, MT 59755 I declare under penalties of perjury and the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct. /S/ THOMAS C. MORRISON Attorney for the Personal Representatives (Pub. March 14, 21, 28, 2019) *Morrison Law Firm* MNAXLP

NOTICE OF ELECTION

EAST BENCH IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Please take notice that election for Commissioner for Precinct 3 of the East Bench Irrigation District will be held at the annual meeting thereof in the Courtroom of the Beaverhead County Courthouse, 2 S. Pacific St., Dillon, MT on April 2, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. (Pub. March 21, 28, 2019) *EAST BENCH IRRIGATION DIST.* MNAXLP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF: THOMAS COLLOPY, Deceased. Cause No. DP-29-2019-10 That the undersigned has been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to

present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to GLENN T. COLLOPY, one of the Co-Personal Representatives, return receipt requested, at 6511 Golden Key Road, New Tripoli, Pennsylvania 18066, or SHARON L. COLLOPY, the other Co-Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 432 Wells Road, Doylestown, PA 18901, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Dated: FEBRUARY 28, 2019 /S/ GLENN T. COLLOPY Co-Personal Representative STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA :ss COUNTY OF LEHIGH GLENN T. COLLOPY, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says: That he has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of his knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana. /S/ GLENN T. COLLOPY Co-Personal Representative SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 28 day of February, 2019. /S/ Janice Louise Albertson Notary Public for the State of Pennsylvania Residing at: 401 Locust Rd., Hellertown, PA 18053 My Commission expires: 12.17.2019 STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA :ss COUNTY OF BUCKS SHARON L. COLLOPY, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says: That she has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of her knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana. /S/ SHARON L. COLLOPY Co-Personal Representative SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 1 day of MARCH, 2019. /S/ Katherine A. Knobler Notary Public for the State of Pennsylvania Residing at: Bucks County My Commission expires: March 16, 2021 Personal Representative's Attorney: Karen McMullin Post Office Box 55 Ennis, MT 59729 Telephone: (406) 682-7878 (Pub. March 21, 28, April 4, 2019) *Karen McMullin* MNAXLP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DELORES T. NICHOLLS, Deceased. Cause No.: DP-29-2019-11 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 Timothy T. Nicholls, 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 14 day of MARCH, 2019. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. /S/ STEPHANIE GEHRES KRUER Attorney for Personal Representative (Pub. March 21, 28, April 4, 2019) *Stephanie Kruer* MNAXLP

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGULAR VOTER REGISTRATION AND OPTION FOR LATE REGISTRATION Notice is hereby given that regular registration for the Madison County School District Elections scheduled for May 7, 2019 will close at 5:00 p.m., April 8, 2019. *NOTE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register and vote by appearing in person at the county election office at 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City, up to and including on Election Day. You may complete and submit a voter registration card, but you will need to return to the local election office on Election Day to pick up and vote a ballot. If these Elections are held, they will be conducted by MAIL ONLY. No polling places will be available. All active and inactive electors in Madison County, are entitled to vote at said election. However, inactive voters will not receive a ballot in the mail. ***Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the Election Office in order to vote, by requesting an absentee ballot in any election, or by notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of the elector's current address in the county. Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by requesting a form for registration by mail or by appearing at the county election office in Virginia City. If you have moved, please update your

registration information by filling out a new voter registration card and submitting it to the county election office. DATED this 12th of March, 2019 Madison County /s/ Kathleen D. Mumme, Election Administrator (Pub. March 20, 27 and April 3, 2019) Madison County Clerk & Recorder MNAXLP

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PLANNING SERVICES County Planning Services Request For Proposals (RFP) Virginia City, Montana Madison County, MT is seeking qualified individuals or firms for County Planning Services with the expertise and experience necessary to provide review and recommendations for routine County Planning related items and to provide guidance and strategy in assisting the County in planning for future growth and development. All qualifications/proposals must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., on Monday, April 1, 2019 at: Madison County, 103 W. Wallace, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755 or by email at HYPERLINK "mailto:madco@madisoncountymt.gov" madco@madisoncountymt.gov. For the complete submission requirements and scope of work, contact the Commissioners' Office at 406-843-4277 or see our website at HYPERLINK "http://www.madisoncountymt.gov" www.madisoncountymt.gov. Madison County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. (Pub. March 21, 28, 2019) *MC Commissioners* MNAXLP

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE on June 17, 2019, at 11:00 AM, at the Front Door to the Madison County Courthouse located at 100 West Wallace in Virginia City, MT 59755, the following described real property situated in Madison County, Montana: Parcel C of Certificate of Survey Book 7 of Surveys on file and of record in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana. A tract of land located in the SE 1/4 Section 32, T.5S., R.4W., P.M.M., Madison County, Montana being all of a tract as shown on C.O.S. BK. 7, PG 775-A and a portion of Parcel B and Tract 1 of C.O.S. BK. 7 PG. 1679, described as follows: Commencing at the center of 1/4 corner of said Section 32, thence S. 07°41'30"E., 472.72 ft to the true point of beginning of Parcel C; thence N. 67°33'04"E., 148.62 ft; thence S. 17°18'13"E., 323.96 ft; thence S. 14°50'24", 211.27 ft; thence S. 53°52'29"W., 64.34 ft; thence N. 72°00'22"W., 246.78 ft; thence N. 00°09'22"W., 418.47 ft to the point of beginning containing 2.47 acres of land. A.P.N. 9002600 More accurately described as: A tract of land located in the SE1/4 of Section 32, Township 5 South, Range 4 West, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana, more particularly shown and described as "Parcel C" on Certificate of Survey filed in Book 7 of Surveys, page 1696-BA, records of Madison County, Montana. David Frank Claypool and Sherry M. Claypool, as Grantors, conveyed said real property to First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A., as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust dated November 21, 2011, and recorded on December 6, 2011, as Document No. 143429. The beneficial interest is currently held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company. First American Title Company of Montana, Inc., is currently the Trustee. The beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to non-occupancy of the property. The total amount due on this obligation as of January 23, 2019 is \$237,345.00 principal, interest totaling \$110,301.81, mortgage insurance premiums of \$34,974.75, and other fees and expenses advanced of \$15,553.86, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other costs and fees that may be advanced. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale and late charges, if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person, including the beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by

Trustee's Deed without any representation or warranty, including warranty of Title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale. The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an interest in the property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the beneficiary or the successor in interest to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default. The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason, and in the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Dated: January 29, 2019. /s/ Rae Albert Assistant Secretary, First American Title Company of Montana, Inc. Trustee Title Financial Specialty Services PO Box 339 Blackfoot ID 83221 STATE OF Idaho ss. COUNTY OF Bingham On this 29 day of January, 2019, before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Rae Albert, known to me to be the Assistant Secretary of First American Title Company of Montana, Inc., Successor Trustee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same. /s/ Shannon Gavin Notary Public Bingham County, Idaho My commission expires: 01/19/2024 Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company vs David Frank Claypool; Sherry M. Claypool 103432-2(Pub. March 21, 28, April 4, 2019) *Mackoff-Kellogg* MNAXLP

MADISON COUNTY WEED BOARD YEAR 2019 HERBICIDE CONTRACT Madison County Weed Board Year 2019 Herbicide Contract Advertisement for Bids Madison County Weed Board is calling for sealed quotes for Noxious Weed Herbicides for the 2019 Madison County Weed Management Season. Quote specification (Type and Amount of Herbicides), and invitation to quote forms are available at the Madison County Weed Board Office, 2296 Hwy. 287, Alder, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755. Quotes will be accepted until the close of business, 12:00 P.M. Thursday, April 8, 2019. Quotes will be opened and read publicly at the regular Weed Board Meeting at the Weed Board Office, Alder, Montana, at 2:00 P.M. Thursday April 11, 2019. The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose bid is most beneficial to the County. Consideration will be given to Madison County resident bidders in accordance with MCA 7-5-2309, part 1, which states "if there are no out of state bidders for a contract subject to competitive bid under this part, the contract may be awarded to the lowest and best responsible bidder that is a County Resident and that makes a bid that is no more than \$500.00 or 3% higher, whichever is less, than the bid of the lowest responsible bidder that is not a County Resident". Prices are to be guaranteed to September 30, 2019. Madison County Weed Board reserves the right to reject any or all irregularities in Quotes. Date: March 5, 2019 /s/ John Armstrong, Chairperson Madison County Weed Board /s/ Ronald E. Nye, Chairman Madison County Commissioners (Pub. March 21, 28, April 4, 019) *MC Weed board* MNAXLP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAUL W. TILLINGER, Deceased. PROBATE No. DP-29-2019-7 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 Randall Baker, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested at c/o PO Box One, Bozeman, MT 59717-0001, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Dated this 21 day of February, 2019. /s/ Randall Dwain Baker

Personal Representative (Pub. March 21, 28, April 4, 2019) *Planalp, Reida, Roots & Riley PC* MNAXLP

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE on July 22, 2019, at 11:00 AM at the Front Door to the Madison County Courthouse located at 100 West Wallace in Virginia City, MT 59755, the following described real property situated in Madison County, Montana: The West 150 feet of Lot 1 in Block 8, being 99 5/12 feet along Jefferson Street and 200 feet along Hamilton Street of the Town of Sheridan, according to the official plat and survey thereof on file and of record in the office of the Madison County Clerk and Recorder. Deed Reference: Book 171, Page 289 and Book 184, Page 117. Ted J. Darby and Donna J. Darby, as Grantor(s) conveyed said real property to Madison County Title, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Intermountain Mortgage Co., Inc., as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust dated on February 14, 2002, and recorded on February 20, 2002, as Book 464, Page 911, Document No. 85231 and re-recorded on September 30, 2002, as Book 473, Page 888, Document No. 88465. The beneficiary interest is currently held by Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series Trust. First American Title Company of Montana, Inc., is currently the Trustee. The beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to vacating the property. The total amount due on this obligation as of December 31, 2011 is \$89,474.83 principal, interest totaling \$2,256.71, and other fees and expense: advanced of \$9,632.08, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other costs and fees that may be advanced. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale and late charges if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person including the beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed without any representation or warranty, including warranty of Title express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale. The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an interest in the property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the beneficiary or the successor in interest to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default. The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason and in the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Dated: March 6, 2019 Rae Albert Assistant Secretary, First American Title Company of Montana, Inc. Successor Trustee Title Financial Specialty Services PO Box 339 Blackfoot ID 83221 STATE OF Idaho ss. COUNTY OF Bingham On this 6 day of March, 2019, before me, a notary public in and for said County and State personally appeared Rae Albert, known to me to be the Assistant Secretary of First American Title Company of Montana, Inc. Successor Trustee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same. Shannon Gavin Notary Public Bingham County, Idaho Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Asset Management Series I Trust vs Donna J. Darby ; Ted J. Darby 106550-1 (Pub. March 28, April 4, April 11, 2019) *Mackoff Kellogg* MNAXLP

MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCREASE NONVOTED LEVIES MARCH 2019

As an essential part of their budgeting process, the Boards of Trustees of Alder Elementary School, Ennis K-12 Schools, Harrison K-12 Schools, and Twin Bridges K-12 Schools are authorized by law to impose levies to support its budget. Final decisions on non-voted levies and final budgets are not established until August. The Boards of Trustees for the districts listed above estimate the following increases/decreases in revenues and mills for the funds noted below for the next school year beginning July 1, 2019, using certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year as provided to the district.

Twin Bridges intended building reserve uses: Door locks and rekey; Elem. HS, and Main Gym; Control units for HVAC System

*Impacts are based on current certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year as required by SB307.

If the district's taxable value increases the mills and taxpayer cost increases will be less than presented here. These estimates are preliminary and changes are expected before the final budgets are set in August.

Kathleen Wuefling, Clerk: Alder School
Ginger Martello, Ennis Schools
Judi Ward, Clerk: Harrison Schools
Thad Kaiser, Superintendent: Twin Bridges Schools
See charts associated on Page B8

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO IMPOSE AN INCREASE IN LEVIES

As an essential part of their budgeting process, Sheridan School District's Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose levies to support its budget. The Sheridan School District's Board of Trustees estimates the following increases/decreases in revenues and mills for the funds noted below for the next school year beginning July 1, 2019, using certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year as provided to the District:

See charts associated on Page B8

*Impacts above are based on current certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year.

The District anticipates using the permissive Building Reserve levies listed above for the projects that improve the general safety of students and staff, increase energy efficiency, to repair roofing systems, or any other critical repairs needed to improve the functionality of school facilities.

These estimates are the District's best estimates at the current time. They are based on the current year's taxable value, as required by MCA 20-9-525. These estimates are preliminary and changes are expected before the final budgets are set in August. Please contact District Clerk Rebecca Larsen at 406-842-5302 or becky.larsen@sheridan.k12.mt.us if you have questions or need additional information.

District basketball honors announced

15 local athletes among top in District 12C

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MADISON COUNTY— With the basketball season over, regional honorees were announced last week for districts across the state. Madison County high schools were well represented with 15 athletes garnering first or second team honors.

The all-district first team included four Twin Bridges standouts, which comes as no surprise after their stellar season, which earned them a third-place finish at the state tournament. Senior Daniel Krueger and juniors Nate Konen, Jake Hughes and Bryce Nye were all named to the District 12C first team, along with Ennis senior Trevor Swanson. On the second team repre-

senting the district were three area sophomores: Ennis's Ian Swanson, Harrison's Luke Cima and Twin Bridges' Charlie Krueger.

All of those players represented Madison County at the southwest Montana All-Star Classic in Butte on March 12. They made up a portion of the Treasure State team, which lost to their opponents, the Big Sky team, in a high scoring match of 112-100. Michael Haverfield of Dillon was the high-scoring player of the game, leading both teams with 29 points, 27 of which came from beyond the three-point line.

While the girls' all-star selections had not yet been

announced before press time, Madison County was also well represented at the state level on the boys' side. Nye, Konen and Daniel Krueger were among the only 16 players selected to the all-state team. Only two other teams had as many players receive the honor: Arlee and Manhattan Christian, the only two teams to beat the Falcons during the season, who later went on to form the Class C championship matchup.

Ennis's Swanson was also named to the all-state team, marking him as one of the top 16 players in Class C this year. Of the four Madison County representatives, Krueger and Swanson are the only seniors; Nye and Konen will have a chance to repeat the honor next year.

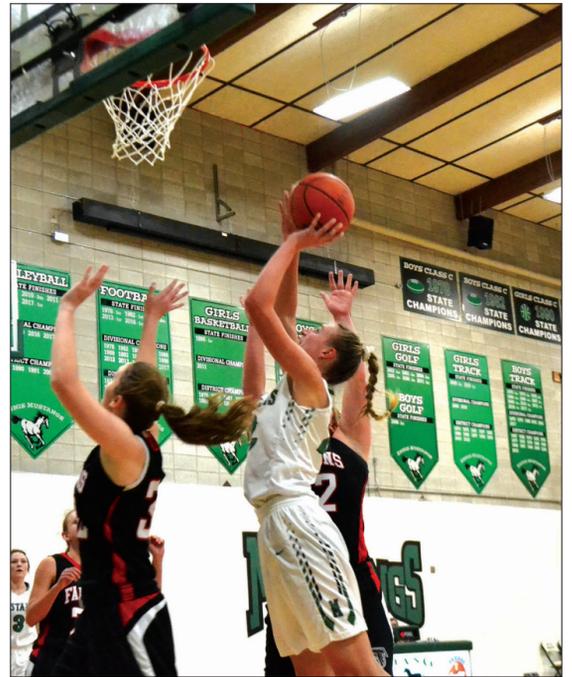
Representing the women on the all-district team were Ennis seniors Whitney McKittrick and Jourdain Klein. On the second team were

their teammates senior Joree Hokanson and sophomores Landri Paladichuk and Jenna Snider.

Rounding out the second team for District 12C were Twin Bridges sophomore Clancy Phillips and Sheridan sophomore Deseray Tipton.

Klein, McKittrick and Phillips were the only representatives to the all-star game from Madison County, along with alternate Blu Keim of Twin Bridges. Klein led both teams scoring in characteristic fashion—she led the Lady Mustangs in most of their games this season—with a game-high 17 points in that match.

But it wasn't enough to carry the Treasure State girls to the victory. They fell to the Big Sky team, which Phillips was a part of, in a narrow 67-62. And with that final matchup, high school basketball in Montana was officially wrapped up for another season.



Ennis's Jourdain Klein was named a 12C first team all-district selection last week, along with teammate Whitney McKittrick. Klein was also the high scorer at the southwest Montana all-star basketball game, where she scored 17 points. (R. COLYER)

Gov. Bullock's dark money lawsuit against the IRS draws new support

HELENA – Governor Steve Bullock today announced that the State of New Jersey has joined his lawsuit against the IRS. The case challenges a decision by the IRS to stop collecting information from dark money groups about their donors.

"When the IRS makes decisions that threaten our democ-

cracy, it's up to states to stand up and fight back," said Bullock. "It's unacceptable that corporations, foreign interests, anybody can give to dark money groups and the IRS won't even collect their names anymore."

The suit alleges that the IRS violated the federal Administrative Procedure Act when it decided to eliminate the disclo-

sure requirement without notice or public comment.

Bullock's announcement came a day after he announced a new measure in the legislature to limit the influence of foreign corporations and governments in Montana elections. The legislation, Senate Bill 326, would close a loophole created by the Citizens United case.

– Montana Tax Tip: First-time filers need to keep address updated –

HELENA – Keep your mailing address current with the state Department of Revenue (DOR) or, your state income tax refund could be delayed.

Due to security measures to combat fraud, the department sends refunds only as paper checks to first-time filers – not by direct deposit. The Post Office

will not forward these to a new address.

Changing your address with DOR is easy. You can download a change-of-address form at revenue.mt.gov. Or, call (406) 444-6900.

Montanans who haven't filed state returns in three years or more will also receive any refund

on a paper check.

In 2018, about 2,000 state income tax refunds were returned to the department before eventually finding their rightful owners.

Remember, it could take up to 90 days to receive your refund. To check on yours, go to revenue.mt.gov and click "Where's My Refund."

Bill aims to block DNRC from acquiring water rights from state land lessees



A classic Western water fight is playing out in the Legislature over a bill that would address who can lay claim to water diverted from private lands for use on state lands. (MONTANA FREE PRESS)

By Leia Larsen,
Montana Free Press

HELENA — The old Western adage that "whiskey's for drinking, water is for fighting over" is repeated so often it's almost become a cliché.

But water is always a hot topic in the Treasure State, and a classic Western water fight is playing out in the Legislature over a bill that would address who can lay claim to water diverted from private lands for use on state lands.

When property owners with water rights lease land from the state, specifically school trust lands, they can build pipes from their private wells or springs and use the water to irrigate crops or raise livestock on that land. Montana's Department of Natural Resources and Conservation claims it owns a stake in the water that's used on state lands, however, even after the water right holder's lease expires. That has some lessees concerned.

HB 286

Rep. Alan Redfield, a Republican and rancher from Livingston, is carrying House Bill 286, which would bar the state from acquiring ownership of water channeled from private lands.

Lawmakers on the House Natural Resources Committee heard testimony on the bill earlier this month, and they're expected to take action on it today during their 3 p.m. meeting in room 172 of the state capitol.

"We're trying to keep these water rights where they belong, but we're constantly bombarded," Redfield during a Feb. 13 hearing. "It's costing us thousands of dollars in attorney's fees."

Liv Stavick with the Montana Farm Bureau called the state's claims a "usurping" of private water rights and said it could deter future use of state lands.

"Let's say the state can now lay a claim to you water right. Let's say they can do so without due process. Do you think that landowner will choose to put water on their state lease? I can tell you I certainly would not recommend it to my members," Stavick said.

But Shawn Thomas, DNRC trust lands division administrator, pointed to a bedrock tenet of water law in the West, including in Montana: the beneficial use concept.

"Water rights are defined by the point of beneficial use, not the point of diversion," Thomas said at the hearing.

In other words, a farmer can

divert water from a river miles away and move it to her property with pipes or canals. The person who owns the land where the water is diverted doesn't own the water. The farmer owns the water because she's putting it to the beneficial use of growing crops or raising livestock.

The same concept applies to groundwater and wells, according to DNRC.

"Lots of folks have water rights where surface water is diverted far away from where it's being used," Thomas said. "Groundwater has not been distinguished differently from any surface right."

The Trust Lands Management Division must maximize the value of its lands for the benefit of public education. Revenue that the division collects — whether from agricultural leases, timber harvesting or mining — is piped to Montana schools.

"We're out here managing these lands and advocating for these beneficiaries, and holding to the fact that we have this mission and this mandate that's clear and direct, to go out and do good things, to generate revenue for the kids," Thomas said.

In 2018, agricultural and grazing leases generated more than \$26 million for state schools. Losing the water that improves agricultural state lands could decrease the value of those lands.

Ripple effects

HB 286 creates a temporary water right that allows a water right holder to use his water on state lands, then reclaim the full water right after the lease ends.

The bill also specifies that the state can't claim an ownership interest in water diverted from private land and used on leased state lands. That provision applies retroactively, which means the state could lose claim to hundreds of water rights it has already proved ownership of in court, according to Brian Bramblett, an attorney for DNRC.

"With the exception of [one] case, I'm not aware of any cases where the water court determined the state wasn't the owner of a water right beneficially used on trust lands, regardless of where the point of diversion was," Bramblett said.

That one case, 43A-A, is where things get muddy.

It involves an irrigator who occasionally used surplus water on leased state trust lands. In 2000, the Montana Water Court ruled that the state couldn't claim a lessee's water if it was only tem-

porarily used on state lands. The decision also notes that, in 1991, an irrigator in the case attempted to transfer the same water rights to the Department of State Lands (the predecessor to DNRC's Trust Lands Management Division), but the department declined since the point of diversion was not on state land.

The Water Court was created in 1979 to wade through hundreds of thousands of cases that flooded the state after the Legislature established Montana's first formal water rights laws in 1973.

HB 286 supporters say the court's ruling on 43A-A also proves that a water right holder gets to keep his water if he diverts it from private land to state land.

"It says that a water right owner can't be divested of a property right except through constitutional power, such as eminent domain," said Krista Lee Evans, executive director of the Senior Water Rights Association. "And at least in that instance, there would be a process and compensation for the loss of the property right."

But opponents of HB 286 point to another case, from 1985, which ruled if water is diverted or developed on state lands, title to the water belongs to the state.

In Dept. of State Lands vs. Pettibone, the Montana Supreme Court found that lessees act on behalf of the state. The court further noted that if an irrigator lost her lease but retained all water rights, the irrigator could influence the way the state land is used, since "control of water means control of the land itself" in the arid West. That irrigator could meddle with the bidding process for future leases by refusing to provide water or selling it at an inflated price.

Not all lawmakers on the House Natural Resources Committee were persuaded by the state's arguments, however.

"From what I'm hearing, if I lend you my roller skates, you get to keep my roller skates," said Rep. Steve Gunderson, R-Libby. "I don't see where the landowner or water right owner is being reimbursed for use of his water. I see a taking, and that's all I see."

The Montana Farm Bureau, the Senior Water Rights Coalition, the Montana Stockgrowers Association, the Montana Water Resources Association, the Montana Well Drillers Association, and the Montana Farmers Union also spoke in favor of HB 286. The committee closed the nearly two-hour hearing without taking a vote.

PUBLIC NOTICES (CTD.)

INCREASE NONVOTED LEVIES CONT. FROM B7

Fund Supported	Estimated Change in Revenues*	Estimated Change in Mills*	Estimated Impact \$100,000*	Home of \$100,000*	Estimated Impact Home of \$200,000*
Adult Education	\$0.00 increase/decrease	0 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease
Bus Depreciation	\$0.00 increase/decrease	0 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease
Transportation	\$0.00 increase/decrease	.56 mill decrease	\$0.07 decrease	\$0.16 increase	\$1.16 increase
Tuition	\$0.00 increase/decrease	0 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease
Building Reserve	\$1,100 increase	2.83 mills decrease	\$3.81 decrease	\$7.63 decrease	\$7.63 decrease
Total	\$1,100 increase	3.39 mills decrease	\$3.88 decrease	\$6.49 decrease	\$6.49 decrease

Alder intended building reserve uses: deferred maintenance, building insulation, technology upgrades, school safety, transportation

Fund Supported	Estimated Change in Revenue*	Estimated change in mills*	Estimated impact on home valued at \$100,000*	Estimated impact on home valued at \$100,000*
Adult Education:	\$21,427.00 increase	.21 mills increase	0.28 increase	0.57 increase
Bus Depreciation:	\$0.00 increase/decrease	0.00 mills increase/decrease	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transportation:	\$29,554.00 increase	0.29 mills increase	\$0.39 increase	\$0.78 increase
Tuition:	\$0.00 increase/ decrease	0 mills increase/ decrease	\$0.00 increase/ decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease
Building Reserve:	\$0.00 increase/decrease	0 mills increase/ decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease
Total:	\$50,981.00 increase	.50 mill increase	\$0.67 increase	\$1.35 increase

Ennis intended building reserve uses: anticipated facility maintenance projects at this time: maintain and repair existing buildings, remodel existing buildings, repair/replace roof, repair/replace boilers. Install fiber optic, school safety

Fund Supported	Estimated Change in Revenues*	Estimated Change in Mills*	Estimated Impact \$100,000*	Home of \$100,000*	Estimated Impact Home of \$200,000*
Adult Education	\$0.00 increase/decrease	0 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease
Bus Depreciation	\$16,947.37 increase	6.40 increase	\$8.64 increase	\$17.27 increase	\$17.27 increase
Transportation	\$75,000.00 increase	28.31 increase	\$38.22 increase	\$76.45 increase	\$76.45 increase
Tuition	\$0.00 increase/decrease	0 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease
Building Reserve	\$0.00 increase/decrease	0 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease
Total:	\$91,947.00 increase	34.71 mill increase	\$46.86 increase	\$93.72 increase	\$93.72 increase

Fund Supported	Estimated Change in Revenues*	Estimated Change in Mills*	Estimated Impact \$100,000*	Home of \$100,000*	Estimated Impact Home of \$200,000*
Adult Education	\$10,000.00 decrease	2.17 decrease	\$2.93 decrease	\$5.86 decrease	\$5.86 decrease
Bus Depreciation	\$0.00 increase/decrease	0 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease
Transportation	\$0.00 increase/decrease	0 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease	\$0.00 increase/decrease
Tuition	\$7,000.00 increase	1.52 mills increase	\$2.05 increase	\$4.10 increase	\$4.10 increase
Building Reserve	\$53,000.00 increase	11.61 mills increase	\$15.68 increase	\$31.36 increase	\$31.36 increase
Total:	\$50,000.00 increase	10.96 mills increase	\$14.80 increase	\$27.54 increase	\$27.54 increase

SHERIDAN HIGH SCHOOL

Fund	2018-19 Actual Levies		2019-20 Projections					
	\$	Mills	\$	Mills	Change \$	Change Mills	Est. Annual Tax Impact \$100K home	Est. Annual Tax Impact \$200K home
General - BASE	\$ 110,621	18.39	\$ 130,855	21.77	\$ 20,235	3.38	\$ 4.56	\$ 9.12
General - OvrBASE	\$ 298,176	49.60	\$ 281,257	46.78	\$ (16,919)	(2.82)	\$ (3.81)	\$ (7.62)
Transportation	\$ 61,596	10.25	\$ 66,544	11.07	\$ 4,948	0.82	\$ 1.11	\$ 2.22
Bus Depreciation	\$ 53,580	8.91	\$ 55,000	9.15	\$ 1,420	0.24	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.64
Tuition	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
Adult Ed	\$ 6,483	1.08	\$ 6,308	1.05	\$ (175)	(0.03)	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.08)
Technology	\$ 19,072	3.17	\$ 19,072	3.17	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
Flexibility	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
Debt Service	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
Building Reserve Permissive	\$ 20,600	3.43	\$ 20,600	3.43	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
Building Reserve Voted	\$ 20,000	3.33	\$ 20,000	3.33	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
Grand Total	\$ 590,128	98.16	\$ 599,636	99.75	\$ 9,508	1.59	\$ 2.14	\$ 4.28

SHERIDAN ELEMENTARY

Fund	2018-19 Actual Levies		2019-20 Projections					
	\$	Mills	\$	Mills	Change \$	Change Mills	Est. Annual Tax Impact \$100K home	Est. Annual Tax Impact \$200K home
General - BASE	\$ 137,613	38.07	\$ 139,330	38.55	\$ 1,717	0.48	\$ 0.65	\$ 1.30
General - OvrBASE	\$ 203,834	56.40	\$ 217,444	60.17	\$ 13,611	3.77	\$ 5.09	\$ 10.18
Transportation	\$ 69,794	19.31	\$ 69,044	19.10	\$ (750)	(0.21)	\$ (0.28)	\$ (0.56)
Bus Depreciation	\$ 35,396	9.79	\$ 40,000	11.07	\$ 4,605	1.28	\$ 1.73	\$ 3.46
Tuition	\$ -	0.00	\$ 9,097	2.52	\$ 9,097	2.52	\$ 3.40	\$ 6.80
Adult Ed	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
Technology	\$ 25,000	6.92	\$ 25,000	6.92	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
Flexibility	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
Debt Service	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
Building Reserve Permissive	\$ 28,300	7.83	\$ 28,100	7.78	\$ (200)	(0.05)	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.14)
Building Reserve Voted	\$ 20,000	5.53	\$ 20,000	5.53	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
Grand Total	\$ 519,936	143.85	\$ 548,015	151.64	\$ 28,078	7.79	\$ 10.52	\$ 21.04

Brazil a 'bad actor in the global marketplace'

Health of cattle industry at risk says U.S. Cattlemen's Assn.

By Dr. Brooke Miller, M.D.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Tuesday, March 19, Brazilian Agriculture Minister Tereza Cristina Dias accompanied President Jair Bolsonaro to a meeting with President Donald Trump to discuss the reopening of Brazil's fresh beef exports to the U.S. market, among other agricultural market access.

The United States Cattlemen's Association (USCA) is strongly opposed to compromising the health of the domestic cattle herd for the sake of increased beef exports, especially from a country marred by scandal.

From May 15 to June 2, 2017, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) conducted an audit of the Brazilian beef industry due to a high number of rejected exports from the country attempting to make their way into our borders. In total, over 1.9 million pounds of Brazilian beef product has been rejected due to "public health concerns, sanitary conditions, and animal

health issues."

Following the release of this audit, the concerns of U.S. cattle producers were validated as Brazil failed in several categories regarding its trade with the U.S., including: oversight; statutory authority, food safety and additional consumer protection regulations; sanitation; hazard analysis and critical control points; chemical residue testing programs, and microbiological testing programs.

The nearly 50-page report detailed findings of blood clots, bone chips and abscesses in imported beef from Brazil, proving that mitigation efforts currently in place are not adequate to keep products that can carry Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) out of the U.S.

The impact of losses from an outbreak of FMD in the U.S. would be catastrophic to the cattle industry and the national economy. The potential economic losses include:

- The depopulation of herds as well as the genetics in those cattle, which have been carefully developed and invested in
- Quarantine measures, in-

cluding the closure of any infected premises.

- Disease control measures including the cost of developing and mobilizing appropriate vaccines and implementation of a vaccination program

- The disposal of diseased livestock.

- The loss of wildlife and subsequent impact on hunting and recreation

- Disruptions in trade as a result of a change in the U.S. FMD status through the World Animal Health Organization (OIE).

A 2009 study conducted by Kansas State University modeled the effect of an FMD outbreak in a 14-county region in southwest Kansas, which is an area of highly concentrated cattle production. The study modeled the potential effects of an FMD outbreak on the entire state based on various sizes of cattle operations. The study stated that an FMD outbreak within a single cow-calf operation would contribute to an overall loss of 126,000 head within the state and a combined cost of \$23 million dollars.

An outbreak of FMD in the United Kingdom in 2001 resulted in the slaughter of 6.1 million animals, devastating the agriculture industry, the econ-

omy and strained resources to the breaking point.

It has been calculated by the OIE, that a FMD outbreak within the United States could result in \$14 billion in losses calculated to include both farm income and the effect on consumers and international trade relations. The devastating effects of FMD cannot be overstated.

Aside from protecting the health of the domestic cattle herd, USCA is also concerned that the reopening of U.S. markets to Brazilian beef will only continue to unveil consumer safety concerns.

In 2017, it was revealed that Brazilian meat inspectors had been caught accepting bribes to allow expired meats to be sold and sanitary permits to be falsified. The sting investigation, dubbed "Operation Weak Meat" also detailed fraudulent laboratories that conducted fabricated microbiological checks. The scandal resulted in the suspension of Brazilian meat imports in China, South Korea, the European Union, Chile, and the United States.

Last year, in an effort to change the rules of a game they were already losing, the Brazilian Beef Association petitioned USDA FSIS to amend the im-



port inspection instructions in FSIS Directive 9900.1 to eliminate "loose tin" from the list of conditions identified as container defects. A loose tin is considered a defective container under USDA FSIS current regulations, as the looseness of the container would indicate the failure of a full vacuum of the food product, allowing for air to enter and spoilage to occur. The petition is just another example of the country attempting to circumvent our rules and regulations for what constitutes a safe food product. USDA has not issued an official response to the petition.

USCA remains strongly opposed to any reopening of beef trade with Brazil. The final audit report included horrific examples of a lack of equivalent

food safety standards and protocols, at even the most basic level. Brazil has consistently shown to be a bad actor in the global marketplace.

USCA is urging President Trump and Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue to strongly consider the concerns outlined here to protect the health of the U.S. cattle herd and ensure America's favorite protein remains in plentiful supply.

Dr. Brooke Miller is a third-generation rancher, raising black Angus cattle in the foothills of the east slope of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and currently serves as Vice President of the United States Cattlemen's Association.

NRCS Montana Sets April 19 ACEP easement application deadline

BOZEMAN – The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Montana is accepting applications for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) Wetlands Reserve Easements.

While NRCS accepts easement applications on a continuous basis, NRCS has set a deadline of April 19, 2019, to apply for 2019 funding.

"Easements are sometimes a perfect fit for a landowner who is looking to protect his or her land from future development or to protect and improve wetlands or provide critical habitat for wildlife," said Erik Suffridge, NRCS assistant state conservationist for easement programs in Montana.

Wetlands reserve easements allow landowners to successfully restore, enhance and protect habitat for wildlife on their lands, reduce damage from flooding, recharge groundwater and provide outdoor recreational and educational opportunities. Eligible landowners can choose to enroll in a permanent or 30-year easement. Tribal landowners also have the option of enrolling in 30-year contracts.

To learn about ACEP and other technical and financial assistance available through NRCS, visit your local USDA Service Center or www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov.

Barrett Hospital invests in UV technology

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Fortunately, keeping healthcare facilities clean can aid in decreasing the prevalence of HAIs and streamline care.

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare, a nonprofit critical access hospital and trauma receiving center serving the rural southwestern region of Montana, provides a range of services and care, has space dedicated to cancer care, wound care, infusions and scheduled diagnostics. Due to the high sensitivities these patients have towards bacteria and viruses, patient safety is Barrett Hospital's top priority, so the proactive investment in the Clorox Healthcare® Optimum-UV Enlight® Systems was an easy decision.

"Because our hospital serves such a large geographic area, our patients rely heavily on our facility to provide high quality care and we need to be prepared for anything," said Carol Kennedy, RN, MSN, Chief Clinical Officer

at Barrett Hospital & HealthCare. "A lot of hard work and effort goes into how we clean throughout our hospital. We're passionate about patient safety and very excited about the system's ability to help keep infection rates low. Incorporating the Clorox Healthcare® Optimum-UV Enlight® System into our existing cleaning and disinfecting protocols worked so well for us that we've invested in two."

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April music at Norris Hot Springs

NORRIS – Joanne Gardner shares the Norris Hot Springs music lineup for April. Performers include the following:

- Friday, April 5 - Dan Henry is a one man band playing guitar, harmonica, and vocals. He's driven with a blues influence but covers a wide range of music from folk to rock and reggae and so much more, including original songs.
- Saturday, April 6 - Dave Provost is an award-winning singer-songwriter-guitar player who has plied his craft while engaging audiences on both coasts and points in-between for the last 30 years.
- Sunday, April 7 - Lang Termes has been playing professionally most of his life. His vocal style ranges from mellow folk ballads to growling boogie blues.
- Friday, April 12 - The Road Agents are a Southwest

Montana acoustic rock and roll band. They play upbeat original tunes on guitar and mandolin and on the best nights they are joined by Fridayends on fiddle, harmonica, and stand-up bass.

- Saturday, April 13- Bozeman native singer songwriter Tom Kirwan performs a blend of Folk, Country and Americana. Tom's songs evoke nostalgia of long-ago dreams and people, while weaving stories of human longing both past and present.
- Sunday, April 14 - Mountain-Reggae gypsy infused soul band, Cole & The Thornes of Bozeman MT are an eclectic funky group with uplifting energy.
- Friday, April 19 - Todd Green from Three Forks plays acoustic guitar and sings 1960s, 70s and 80s rock classics.
- Saturday, April 20 Logan Dudding is now honing his guitar skills, he's enjoying solo acoustic

performers while he covers favorite songs and crafts his original songs.

- Sunday, April 21 - Bluesy singer/songwriter Charlie Denison brings a mix of folk, rock, soul, reggae a little country and - his favorite - blues.
- Friday, April 26 - Solo Performer Jacob Rountree will perform original ambient indie rock with a focus on meaningful lyrics.
- Saturday, April 27 - Wolf & The Moons is an Americana/Bluegrass band based out of Missoula. Their rich 3-part harmonies and extensive mix of originals and covers make them a unique and entertaining experience.
- Sunday, April 28 - Aaron Williams from rock/reggae band In Walks Bud will be playing a variety of tunes including rock, folk, reggae, and instrumentals.

Question: Do you think marijuana should be legalized in Montana?

	Overall Sample	Woman (Female)	Man (Male)	Urban	Rural	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.
Yes	50.5%	51.8%	48.4%	51.1%	49.6%	77.9%	32.7%	45.3%
No	37.4%	37.1%	37.7%	36.9%	37.6%	10.4%	55.8%	42.1%
Don't know	12.2%	11.2%	13.9%	11.9%	12.8%	11.7%	11.5%	12.6%

UM Poll: Montanans largely support legalizing marijuana

By UM News Service
 MISSOULA – The University of Montana's new online Big Sky Poll found that 51 percent of registered Montana voters support legalizing marijuana, while 37 percent oppose legalization. Eighty percent of Democrats support legalization, along with 33 percent of Republicans.

When asked, "Do you think marijuana should be legalized in Montana?" responses differed by age.

Respondents ages 18-26 and 27-46 showed strong support for legalization, with 67 percent and 64 percent of the age groups an-

swering "yes," respectively.

Fifty-six percent of respondents aged 47-66 support legalization, while 29 percent of voters 67 and older support legalization in Montana.

The Big Sky Poll was conducted online between Feb. 21 and March 1 with 293 registered voters in the state of Montana.

The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 5.72 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level.

The poll collects and reports information about Montanans' perceptions of local, state and federal issues. The Big Sky Poll is led

by Sara Rinfret, director of UM's Master of Public Administration Program, and Justin Angle, UM associate professor of marketing, in conjunction with eight seminar students from UM's MPA and business analytics programs.

The survey was commissioned with support from the UM Social Science Research Laboratory. The UM Big Sky Poll will be conducted on an ongoing basis, with its next iteration in fall 2019.

Full results from the poll can be found on the UM Big Sky Poll website at <http://umt.edu/bigsky-poll>.

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March 17 - 23, 2019

- March 17 - Suspicious circumstances on Dolly Varden Dr., McAllister; Animal complaint in 4600 Blk US Hwy 287, Ennis.
- March 18 - Missing person on Flyfisher Ln., Alder; Abandoned vehicle at US Hwy 287 & Madison St., Ennis; Citizen assist in 100 Blk W. Main St., Ennis; Vandalism/criminal mischief in 7500 Blk US Hwy 287 N., Harrison; Citizen assist, Out of county; Wildlife complaint in 100 Blk N. Main St., Sheridan; Welfare check in 100 Blk Jefferson St., Sheridan; Theft complaint on Stearman Ln., Ennis.
- March 19 - Medical aid in 1600 Blk MT Hwy 287, Nevada City; Alarm call in 300 Blk E. Hamilton St., Sheridan; Citizen assist in 3500 Blk MT Hwy 287 N, Sheridan; Disturbance in 200 Blk W. Hamilton St., Sheridan.
- March 20 - Medical Aid in 400 Blk MT Hwy 84, Norris; Medical Aid on Buckboard Dr., Sheridan; Suspicious Circumstances on Mill Creek Rd., Sheridan; Accident in 200 Blk Madison Ave., Ennis; Disturbance in 100 Blk S. Main St., Sheridan.
- March 21 - Abandoned vehicle on Spanish Peaks Dr., Big Sky; Coroner call in Sheridan; Disturbance in 4900 Blk US Hwy 287, Ennis; Abandoned vehicle on MT Hwy 41 N, MM 50, Silver Star; Fire call on Hill Top Trail, Ennis; Suspicious circumstances in Ennis; Citizen assist in 100 Blk Ennis St., Ennis; Traffic complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 14, Virginia City; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 65, Norris; Traffic Complaint in 100 Blk W. Main St., Ennis; Wildlife Complaint at Main St. & Flick Ln., Sheridan; Medical Aid on Wisconsin Creek Rd., Sheridan; Disturbance in 100 Blk N. Main St., Sheridan.
- March 22 - Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 29, Sheridan; Coroner call in Sheridan; Citizen Assist on Judy Ln., Alder; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 79, Harrison; Disturbance in 2300 Blk MT Hwy 287, Alder
- March 23 - No reported calls

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Student of the Week

Sheridan Elementary School is proud and excited to announce 1st grade student, Eagen Cordingley, as our Student of the Week. Eagen is an exceptional student, always performing near the top of his class. Eagen has a great personality and sense of humor that is really beginning to shine. Eagen has a number of favorite activities when he is not in school. He loves to play with his sister and friends, play Minecraft on his Wii, and design on his Lite-Brite. His favorite subject in school is science; this was highlighted by his recent 3rd place finish in his class during Sheridan Elementary's Science Fair. Great job Eagen of embracing Sheridan Elementary's universals: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be Successful, and BE A PANTHER!

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Ruby Valley FFA district competition winners

Ruby Valley FFA competes in district competitions

SHERIDAN – “The Ruby Valley FFA chapter has been very busy recently,” writes chapter reporter Grace Larsen. “We’ve had many accomplishments in district competitions,” Larsen continues:

- Cade McParland placed second in Senior Mechanics, 13th in Farm and Agribusiness Management, 20th in Sales and eighth in Parliamentary Procedure.
- Tyler Haag placed fifth in Senior Mechanics, third in Farm and Agribusiness Management and 12th in Parli-Pro.
- Jack Gilman placed eighth in Senior Mechanics, 17th in Farm and Agribusiness Management, and 29th in Sales.
- Colby Caldwell placed eighth, Coleman Gilman

placed 14th and Dmitri Abbott placed 21st in Senior Mechanics.

- Noah Caldwell took fifth, Caitlyn Galiger holds 17th, while her younger brother, Michael Galiger claimed 19th, Kaleigh Caldwell holds 16th, Faith Larsen took 22nd, Chase Lutgen placed 24th, Koy McDougal holds 25th, Cade Cathey holds 26th, and Kaiden Batzler placed 12th in the Junior Mechanics.
- Zoe Lee placed 12th in Senior Agronomy, ninth in Farm and Agribusiness Management, and third in Parli-Pro.
- Tia Hill placed 26th in Senior Agronomy while Sofy DuPond placed 29th.
- Grace Larsen holds 14th

in Senior Sales and eighth in Parli-Pro.

- Isaac Bendon placed 42nd in Sales. In Conduct of Meetings, Jorien Verhow took fourth place, Brooke Grow placed sixth.
- Kaiden Batzler also placed sixth in C.O.M., Noah Caldwell holds ninth place, Lane Poirier took tenth along with Faith Larsen.
- Caitlyn Galiger placed 12th in C.O.M.

“Most of these individuals will be moving onto our state competition in April of 2019. The sales team placed fifth overall, the Conduct of Meetings team placed first, and Parli-Pro placed second.”

“The senior agronomy team placed eighth and the Farm and Agribusiness Management team placed second. Junior mechanics placed second as well and the senior mechanics placed first.”



“The Ruby Valley FFA chapter is looking forward to our future accomplishments and opportunities,” Larsen writes. “We have welcomed many new members into new positions and into our permanent records. We hope that we have many new members and promote our FFA chapter as a strong leader in our community.”

Montana high school students invited to apply for free weeklong summer journalism camp

MSU News Service

BOZEMAN — Applications are now being accepted for a free summer journalism camp for high school students on Montana State University’s campus. The camp will run from July 7-12 and includes lodging and meals on campus. The deadline for applications is April 8. Students from any Montana community are invited to apply. Twelve participants will be selected. The weeklong, residential experience will immerse students in the theory and practice of journalism. Participants will explore relevant issues facing American journalists today and develop skills by covering a variety of news events throughout the Bozeman area. After leaving camp, students will return to their home communities and

develop a story that sheds light on a significant aspect of life within their town. In the application, students will be asked to identify important issues in their communities and recognize how the media covers them. They will also be asked what stories have not been covered and how the community would benefit if the rest of the world knew more about these issues. Students must also submit photographs of important locations in their towns. For details and a link to the online application, please visit <http://ato.montana.edu/ywp-jour/>. The camp is hosted by the Yellowstone Writing Project with support from the MacArthur Foundation and the National Writing Project.

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- Monday, April 1 – BLT, sweet onion rings, pickle, dessert, mahjong at 1p.m.
- Tuesday, April 2 – Taco Salad, roll, dessert, pan at 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 3 – Baked fish, rice, veggies, dessert, mahjong at 1 p.m.
- Thursday, April 4 – Swedish meatballs, mashers, veggies, dessert.
- Friday, April 5 – Clam Chowder, salad, roll, dessert, pinochle at 12:45 p.m.

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

Meals on Wheels, Sheridan
The Sheridan Senior Center offers meals for seniors 60 years and older, Monday - Friday. Seniors may choose to eat at the Senior Center, family style for \$3.50, or have their meals delivered for \$4. Delivered meals are within the city limits of Sheridan and should be called in by 10 a.m. Contact Shirley Sand at 842-5966.

Virginia City Café
Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on Tuesday & Thursdays from 11 am to 3 pm for \$4.00.

- Thursday, March 28 – Ham & noodle casserole, roll, dessert
- Tuesday, April 2 – BLT with soup or fries, dessert
- Thursday, April 4 – Baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, veggie, roll, dessert.

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

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

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**Thursday
March 28**

Mad Gals March Meeting, Ennis
The Mad Gals will meet at the Ennis Senior Center for social hour at noon and lunch at 12:30. RSVP by March 25 and bring a friend!

**Friday
March 29**

Vietnam Veterans' Day Lunch, Sheridan
The Sheridan American Legion will host a lunch at the Post 89 building for all Ruby Valley veterans to share a meal and help "welcome back" Vietnam veterans. 11 a.m. at 217 Main Street.

**Saturday
March 30**

Madison County Democrats Meeting, Virginia City
The Madison County Democratic Central Committee will hold its monthly meeting at 10 a.m. at the Thompson-Hickman Library. For more information

call Ian Root at 682-3151.

Earl Holt-John Seaman Poker Tournament, Ennis
11th annual Texas Hold 'Em scholarship tournament benefiting students at Ennis High School. Silver Dollar Saloon, 2 p.m. Call 682-5208 for information.

Notable Montana Women, Virginia City
Learn about Montana women who have contributed to the state and the country. Actress Myna Loy, Associate Professor of Native American Studies Kristen Ruppel and Bannack physician Molly Atwater. 7 p.m. at the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center, admission by donation.

**Wednesday
April 3**

Lenten Breakfast, Ennis
Join us for the fourth Lenten breakfast, hosted by Madison Valley Baptist Church. Food and fellowship to celebrate the season, 7 a.m.

50 Year Pin Dinner, Twin Bridges
Join Freemasons West Gate Lodge #27 for its 50 Year Pin Dinner at 6 p.m. 212 S. Main Street. Call Doug at 406-451-9802 for information.

Lysander Piano Trio, Dillon
This trio of piano, violin and cello commissions new works and creates programs that mix today's music with well-loved masterworks. Offering interactive performances for audiences of all ages. 7:30 p.m. at the UM Western Beier auditorium, call 683-2432 for ticket information.

**Thursday
April 4**

Business After Hours, Ennis
Join businesses around the area to meet and network with members of the chamber. Snacks and beverages provided. 5 p.m. at the Ennis Senior Center.

**Friday
April 5**

Student Program at the Observatory, Twin Bridges
Presentation on how to set up a telescope followed by a tour of the night sky and stargazing (weather permitting). 7:30 p.m. at 280 Wet Georgia Rd. Call 842-7722 for information.

**Saturday
April 6**

Fire Department Cakewalk, Virginia City
Join the FC Fire Department for a cakewalk! Bring your family and a cake to the Elks Lodge. Cash bar, cupcakes for the kiddos and a DJ spinning classic tunes all evening. 6 p.m.

Public Night at the Observatory, Twin Bridges

A presentation on Our Moon, then a tour of the night sky and stargazing (weather permitting). 7:30 p.m. at 280 Wet Georgia Rd. Call 842-7722 for information.

Tester gets more than \$600,000 to boost affordable housing

\$601,000 in grants awarded to NeighborWorks programs

BIG SANDY – On Wednesday, March 20, U.S. Senator Jon Tester announced that two NeighborWorks programs in Montana are receiving grants to help increase access to affordable home ownership, provide housing education, and improve home conditions across the state.

The grants award \$305,000 to NeighborWorks Montana and \$296,000 to NeighborWorks Great Falls, both of which increase access to quality, affordable housing for low-income Montanans.

"NeighborWorks is helping folks across our state buy homes and build lasting, healthy communities," Tester said. "These grants will help

these great organizations continue to provide more Montanans with the tools they need to find a place to call home."

The grants are administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and provide the NeighborWorks programs with unrestricted funds to support basic operations and investments in real estate development and lending.

Tester has been a strong supporter of expanding affordable housing. Earlier this year, he helped negotiate a funding deal that makes substantial investments in affordable housing initiatives, including \$150 million for NeighborWorks programs across the country.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

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

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

TUESDAYS

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

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

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

Open Table Tennis, Pony 7 - 9 p.m.
For all ages and skill levels - Two Tables
At the Pony School
Info @ 685-3481

Support group, Ennis
Ennis family and friends support group for those struggling with addiction. 5 p.m. 100 Prairie Way, 599-3659.

WEDNESDAYS

Tennis, Ennis
9 a.m. til 1p.m., come play tennis at the Madison Meadows Golf Course. All levels welcome.

TOPS, Ennis
Weekly weigh-ins are at 9 a.m.
Meetings at 9:30 a.m.
MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299

Books and Babies, Ennis
Madison Valley Public Library, 10:30 a.m. 682-7244

Baby Bistro, Ennis
First and third Wednesday of the month at the

Madison Valley Public Library and 11 a.m.

Grief Support Group, Ennis
Everyone welcome. Meets every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Madison Valley Baptist Church

Angelwings ministry, Sheridan
Every Wednesday from 2:45-4 p.m. at the Bloomin' Ruby Cafe.

THURSDAYS

MV Women's Club FIRST THURS OF EA. MONTH
September through May at noon at the Madison Valley Baptist Church.

MV Manor Auxiliary Meeting, Ennis SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH
1 p.m., Madison Valley Manor SunRoom

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

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

FRIDAYS

Tennis, Ennis
9 a.m. til 1p.m., come play tennis at the Madison Meadows Golf Course. All levels welcome.

Story Time, Ennis
Pre-K to Grade 2, 11 a.m. Madison Valley Public Library. 682-7244.

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

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7 p.m.

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