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Sheriff charged with felonies involving 2017 drug deal case

Twin Bridges drug buy evidence missing

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VIRGINIA CITY—Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson was charged with two felonies and one misdemeanor on Wednesday, September 5, by the State of Montana. All three charges are in connection with a drug-related investigation that took place in June of 2017.

State witnesses include several members of the Madison County Sheriff's Department and two agents of the state Division of Criminal Investigation, a branch of the Montana Department of Justice.

The charges were brought by Assistant Attorney General and Special Deputy Madison County Attorney Mary Cochenour.

Background

In March of 2018, Agent Mark Hilyard of the Montana Division of Criminal Investigations (DCI) was assigned to investigate a complaint that Thompson falsified information on a search warrant filed after the arranged drug buy in June of 2017.

The buy, which took place near Twin Bridges, on Monday night, June 11, was facilitated by a confidential informant (CI).

The informant was to enter the residence of Martin James Walsh, an alleged drug source, to purchase drugs while Thompson, Deputy Wes Heavrin, Sergeant Craig Schroder, Reserve Deputy Dan Birdsill and Champlain Tom Luksha, watched the buy from a distance.

The CI and his vehicle were searched before entering Walsh's residence.

Heavrin and Schroder searched the vehicle, a pickup truck, and found no drugs in the cab. Birdsill searched the pickup's box and found no drugs.

Heavrin did not see who searched the CI's person, but noted that a Crown Royal bag with drug paraphernalia—a butane torch and a glass pipe—and a plastic bag containing what later tested positive as methamphetamine was found on the CI.

The CI then entered Walsh's residence, where he successfully purchased a brown substance that later tested positive as heroin, and returned to law enforcement, about 15 minutes later, according to court records.

According to court records, Heavrin took the heroin and the CI's drugs and paraphernalia back to the sheriff's office at the county courthouse. Heavrin and Schroder then took 11 photographs of these items, and created a photograph log, documenting which items were taken from Walsh's residence and which were taken from the CI.

Heavrin then placed these items in an evidence bag.

According to court records, Thompson then took custody of the evidence and told Heavrin and Schroder that he would enter them into evidence.

According to court records, Thompson told Heavrin not to write up a narrative on the controlled buy because he would cover this in his report.

At about 1 a.m. on June 12, with evidence that heroin had been purchased, Thompson sought and was granted a warrant to search Walsh's home from District Court Judge Luke Berger.

In the affidavit requesting the warrant, Thompson wrote that he "met with the informant and searched him and his vehicle which were both free of any drugs or money."

This conflicts with the sheriff's department report stating that drugs had been found on the CI, although Heavrin stated he did not remember who searched the informant.

On May 1, 2018, Hilyard and fellow agent John Sullivan, questioned Thompson about the conflicting information.

Thompson clarified that his statement in the affidavit referred to the fact that there were no



drugs or money on the informant when the CI entered Walsh's house, but acknowledged that they did find drugs and paraphernalia on his person prior to the buy.

The agents then read Thompson a Miranda warning, a police warning given to criminal suspects to preserve the admissibility of statements made during an interrogation.

The agents then searched the evidence locker and Thompson's office and could not locate the CI's drugs or paraphernalia.

On May 2, Hilyard interviewed Schroder. He said that when first confiscated, the CI's drugs and paraphernalia were placed on the hood of the CI's pickup and seen by everyone, including Thompson.

Charges

All of this information from the DCI investigation resulted in three charges against Thompson, one misdemeanor and two felonies.

Thompson is first charged with official misconduct, a misdemeanor. That charge comes from the allegation that Thompson knowingly made a false statement in a sworn affidavit to the court, namely the request for the search warrant for the residence where the drug buy occurred.

A second charge against Thompson is a felony count of tampering with or fabricating phys-

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A tropical homecoming



Above - Ennis High School's 2018 homecoming king and queen Clay Coffman and Logan Crowley at the homecoming football game on Friday night, September 7. Other nominees for king and queen were Jourdain Klein, Dillon Williams, Whitney McKittrick, Rusty Lucas, Joree Hokanson, and Kyle Lohrenz. (R. COLYER PHOTOS)

Below - Junior defensive back Zane Sanborn (34) gets a hand on Tri-Cities' Jordan Nees during Ennis High School's homecoming football game on Friday, September 7. The Mustangs fell to the Titans 48-26 in an energetic game, cheered on by an enthusiastic homecoming crowd.



Ennis High School fills weekend with festivities

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ENNIS—Balmy late-summer weather matched Ennis High School's homecoming theme of a tropical luau: parade floats on Friday, September 7 featured palm trees, leis and water guns on an 80-degree afternoon. Students from kindergarten to the class of 2019 took over Main Street to celebrate the last vestiges of summer and kicked off the school year in the most enthusiastic manner possible.

The Mustangs had enjoyed a week of spirit days leading up to Friday's parade—from "meme day" to "wacky outfit day"—and the homecoming football game against the Tri-City Titans.

And while they channeled their sunniest attitude and the stadium was a forest of Mustang green, they got burned on the field, falling 48-26 in a lopsided game against the Hobson team.

But regardless of the loss, excitement remained high as students enjoyed a homecoming dance on Saturday night, September 8. They made the end of the summer one to remember, and from the looks of the crowds at the parade and football game, most of the Ennis community helped them to do it.

Trinity Episcopal: Ready for another 100 years

Church celebrates rejuvenation

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JEFFERS—Over the weekend, Trinity Episcopal Church celebrated a community effort to renovate and renew the historic church and to soak up the last of summer's sunshine before autumn sets in.

On Saturday, September 8, the church hosted a fall festival that drew over 50 people: a celebration that included a bouncy house, crafts, fresh apple cider, scarecrow making and games, plus the main event, of course: the chili cookoff.

But the celebration has been at least six years in the making, says Judy Herrick.

Herrick has been a member of Trinity's congregation for nearly 30 years and is serving her third term on the church's vestry—similar to a council or board of trustees. Back in 2012, Herrick was the vestry's junior warden, a position in charge of the building and grounds of the church.

"We really just wanted to paint the church," she remembers. "But we discovered the church is so old it had lead-based paint in it."

The church was first built in 1902, so the presence of lead paint wasn't a huge shock.

But when they learned that, the bid to do all the work to repaint—stripping the old paint, power washing or scraping the walls, hauling the paint chips to an appropriate disposal site—was over \$60,000 by itself.

So, the vestry decided, if just repainting was going to be such an undertaking, why not do all the necessary work at once, and be done with it?

"We realized we could side the church, insulate it so it would

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The 116-year-old Trinity Episcopal Church in Jeffers rebuilt its foundation. Members celebrated with a cook-off and other activities. (R. COLYER)

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CHURCH continued from A1: Trinity Episcopal celebrates after major renovations

be warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer," Herrick says. "And then we're done."

But they next faced a new challenge: how was a congregation of 35 people—on a good day—going to raise the funds necessary for a project of that magnitude, which altogether would cost nearly half a million dollars?

So, the Trinity Episcopal community began hosting events. There were wine tasting festivals, the annual spring garage sale and this summer's farmers' market, which ended up more successful than anyone had imagined.

"We're providing a venue for the community to come and sell their wares," says project coordinator Melissa Smith, who was also instrumental in pulling the fall celebration together. "The church sells fresh vegetables grown right there in the Community Garden as well."

The farmers' market began earlier this summer and takes place every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and has been a bigger draw than Smith ever anticipated. Vendors sell crafts, homemade snacks and fresh, super-local produce.

Those events, coupled with the generosity of the community, resulted in around \$285,000 toward the church renovation project.

"Everyone loves that sweet little church," says Herrick. "People who don't even live here have given money to make sure it stays there, because they love to see it."

By 2014, the project was ready to move forward.

But before even the insulation and painting could begin, the 116-year-old church needed a new foundation to replace the rock and rubble one it was sitting on at the time. It had become so warped that the walls of the church were bending outward by around four inches.

To remedy this, the church was lifted up entirely and moved off its original foundation in order to put a new one in. Engineers inserted metal tie rods inside the church, which are still there today.

"This area gets earthquakes, and this church couldn't withstand another earthquake," says Herrick of the pre-renovation foundation. "They put the tie rods in so that when we moved the church, the walls wouldn't come crashing down."

The replacement of the foundation took the better part of a year, and by 2015 engineers were finally ready to put in a new lawn and sprinkler system. Then came replacement siding and insulation, and the removal of all that lead paint.

The total cost of the entire project ended up around \$475,000, says Herrick. That was covered by the congregation's contributions and all the successful fundraising events, plus a \$30,000 bank loan and \$50,000 from the Episcopal Diocese of Montana, plus some savings in the church's own fund.

Saturday's celebration was in honor of the community, with which this massive project, six years in the making, wouldn't have even been possible, says Herrick.

"It's our fall 'thank you to the community' festival," she says. "They've really supported us by coming to events that help us pay off this loan."

Saturday's chili cook-off featured six different varieties, from white chicken chili to gluten free options and classic versions, plus cornbread and all the necessary fixings. First prize and the commemorative "chili cook-off champion" apron went to David Harwell for his classic but extra-spicy concoction. Community members and parishioners spent one of the summer's last hot and sunny Saturday afternoons celebrating the devotion of Trinity Episcopal's supporters over the last 116 years.

And now, Trinity Episcopal Church is ready for its next century. With a church retrofitted for the 21st century and a brand-new priest in Jamie Leonard, who just joined the congregation on Sunday, September 2, it's an exciting time for a devoted congregation.



Above - Kids learn how to press apples for fresh cider on Saturday, September 8, at Trinity Church's celebration. (R. COLYER PHOTOS)

Below - Event coordinator and Trinity Episcopal parishioner Melissa Smith ties the "chili cook-off champion" apron onto David Harwell for his prize-winning chili on Saturday, September 8. Attendees of the church's annual fall celebration voted on which of the half-dozen competing chilis was their favorite.



The spread for the chili cook-off at Trinity Episcopal's fall celebration on Saturday, September 8. With six offerings plus grilled hot dogs, cornbread, beverages and dessert, nobody who attended left hungry.

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HELENA – Every year, millions of dollars and other personal assets go unclaimed; every year, the state Department of Revenue (DR) encourages individuals and businesses to check whether some of that might be theirs.

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One killed in Labor Day motorcycle crash

Passenger seriously injured

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ENNIS—A 59-year-old Belgrade man was killed in a single-vehicle motorcycle crash on the afternoon of Labor Day, Sep-

tember 3. John Litschauer was driving the motorcycle just before 3 p.m. headed northbound toward Norris when the motorcycle left the road to the east and drove into the ditch around mile post 59.

The motorcycle flipped several times, throwing both Litschauer and a female passenger from their seats.

Litschauer was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash, while the motorcycle's other passenger was transported via ambu-

lance to Madison Valley Medical Center, and later Life Flighted to another hospital. She remains in serious but stable conditions.

Authorities were uncertain why the motorcycle made the abrupt left turn off the road, but Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson said authorities were investigating the possible involvement of alcohol in the days after the crash.

Both passengers were wearing helmets when the crash occurred. It is the second fatality along

Highway 287 in just over a month.

On July 27, a 19-year-old woman was killed just one mile from Monday's crash, near mile post 58. She was headed southbound on the same stretch of road and also left the road, crossing a lane of oncoming traffic.

Ennis Ambulance, Madison Valley Rural Fire Department, Madison County Sheriff, Life Flight and Montana Highway Patrol all responded to Monday's crash.

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ical evidence. Thompson is alleged to have taken "possession of physical evidence that was found on a confidential informant, particularly white powder that tested positive for methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia," and removed it "with the purpose to impair its availability in a proceeding or investigation."

The third count and second felony against Thompson is perjury.

Court documents allege that Thompson "while in an official proceeding...knowingly made a false statement under oath...or swore or affirmed the truth of a statement previously made." This is also in reference to the affidavit in request of

the search warrant.

A public servant found guilty of the first charge—official misconduct—is subject to a fine of up to \$500 and a jail term of up to six months.

The felony counts—perjury and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence—each carry the

same sentence: up to a 10-year prison term, and a fine of up to \$50,000, or both.

Thompson has been summoned to an initial hearing, set to take place at the county courthouse in early October.

Gravelly elk numbers up

Herd remains manageable with help of ranchers, farmers

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SHERIDAN — Gravelly Range elk numbers are up, according to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) survey numbers.

FWP Biologist Dean Waltee, of Sheridan, counted elk while doing an antelope survey from an airplane between July 14 and August 9 this year.

Waltee reports that he “classified” 1,457 elk across the Gravelly Elk Management Unit. (Classified means that he determined the age and sex of the elk either from firsthand observation or digital photos of the herds he encountered.) Elk that were in groups of fewer than 50 were “classified” from the plane; those in groups larger than 50 were classified from digital photos taken from the plane, he noted.

Waltee tallied 753 cows, 355 calves, 111 yearling bulls, and 219 adult bulls the 19 other elk remained a mystery.

Waltee’s object was to determine the ratio of calves to cows, to get a better handle on where the Gravelly elk population was heading, up or down.

When he added his figures up he came up with this:

“Adding this recruitment to the post 2017 hunting season population of 9,895 gives an estimated pre-2018 hunting season population of 12,672 elk—compared to 11,887 prior to the 2017 hunting season,” his report notes.

Numbers up

Why the jump in elk numbers?

These “pre-hunting season population estimates,” fluctuate up and down in response to calf production, annual weather conditions, and the number of elk hunters bag, Waltee said.

Gravelly pre-hunting season elk population estimates peaked at 13,440 in 2015, Waltee noted.

This was “principally facilitated” by restrictive antlerless hunting regulations from 2009 to 2014, these aimed at increasing elk populations.

“During 2015, early and often snow accumulation concentrated elk on winter range where hunters get to them easily and liberal antlerless harvest opportunity aimed at reducing the population facilitated a record harvest for the area,” Waltee said.

“This reduced the pre-2016 estimated population to 11,170 elk. Since then, the population has grown to an estimated 12,600. This was facilitated by healthy calf production and below average hunter-harvest.”

The below average hunter bag was the result of minimal snow during the 2016 and 2017 hunting seasons, which would have pushed elk down, out of the high country and on to winter range.

Waltee also notes that long-term Gravelly unit elk calf production averages, compared to other elk populations across western Montana, have been high.

“This is the product of healthy individual female elk within the population and high survival of calves. Both are indicators of healthy habitat,” he notes.

This healthy habitat includes high amounts of nutritionally rich forage, well dispersed surface water, low disturbance from humans during critical seasons, and balanced predator populations. Also favorable short-term weather conditions — good vegetation growth during spring and summer and relatively short and mild winters help, too.

Elk issues

While hunters and wildlife watchers are quite happy to see more elk, some ranchers and landowners have a different opinion of rising populations.

“From the public’s perspectives, more elk means more viewing opportunities for the public and more harvest opportunities for hunters,” Waltee said.

“From the ag producers’ perspective, more elk means greater use of their private rangelands, agricultural lands, and stored hay crops. It also means greater impact to their fences and increased use of their time. All of this negatively impacts their financial bottom line. For ag producers that also operate commercial hunting programs, more elk means more opportunity to sell access to them. Most of the Gravelly Elk Management Unit is within the Brucellosis Designated Surveillance area. Therefore, more elk means increased risk of elk-livestock co-mingling and transmission of brucella from elk to livestock.”

However, Waltee noted that the rising number of elk the last two years hasn’t resulted in more complaints from landowners. Waltee said “a typical amount of damage complaints” came in during this time.

“Landowner complaints,” he said, “are influenced more by winter conditions than elk population. i.e. elk concentrate on stored crops most during periods of deep snow and cold conditions. During these periods, ag producers suffer a lot of damage from elk, even during periods of relatively low populations.”

“High elk populations magnify damage during difficult winter conditions. For landowners who use hunters during the hunting season to harvest and disperse elk, we have the ability to work with them further through (FWP’s) Game Damage Program. This includes use of Game Damage hunts from August 15 through February 15 or assistance with securing fence materials to protect stored crops. These assistances are funded by hunters.”

“Elk populations that grow beyond carrying capacity of their habitat,” he continued, “that is they require more forage and browse, especially that on limited winter range, than is available will negatively impact themselves.”

“This would first manifest itself through reduce fawn production and winter survival of all age and sex classes. In this scenario, elk would also negatively impact other ungulate populations such as mule deer, pronghorn, moose, or bighorn sheep. This could further cascade to impacts on large carnivore populations. This is the principal reason we look to use hunter-harvest to manage ungulate populations within habitat capacity.”

Is hunting enough?

Waltee was asked if he thought hunters could accomplish enough harvest to reduce the number of elk to a number that both the land and the people around the area can support.

“Weather will be the principal influencer,” he said. “If snow accumulation and condition facilitates elk migration to winter range by mid-November, then yes, enough elk will be harvested to reduce population.”

Little snow would mean the harvest will fall short, calf production could increase and the population could continue to grow.

Another oddity is at work with elk, too. In the Madison Range hunting districts (HDs), there are biologist reports of elk moving out of one district and into another, skewing counts and causing havoc for those trying to manage the herd numbers.

Waltee says this is not likely in the Gravelly Unit (which includes seven HDs - 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327 and 330) because it is managed at the Unit scale, not on the HD scale. In the past, the Gravelly unit was managed on the HD scale.

“From an elk management perspective,” Waltee said, “these individual hunting districts (in the Gravelly Range) could be dissolved. They are currently used more for deer than elk management.”

He also noted that during winter, elk from both the Gravelly Unit and Madison Range mix on winter range in the Madison Valley. This is why he and Bozeman-based FWP wildlife biologist Julie Cunningham collaborate closely on elk surveys within the Madison Valley, doing aerial surveys simultaneously so as not to miss or double-count elk that might move across Hwy 287 from day-to-day. This also includes follow-up ground surveys to monitor elk as they move off of winter range and begin to migrate back to summer ranges.

Future of Gravelly elk

“The management objective for the Gravelly Elk Management Unit is 6,400-9,600 elk observed post hunting season,” Waltee said. “If habitat remains healthy, private landowners continue to allow hunter access to elk while they are on private property, and predator populations within balance of prey populations, managing the population within this range will remain possible.”

However, he added a few admonitions:

- Continued hunter access to private lands to both harvest and disperse elk will be critical in managing populations, preventing private property damage and the spread of disease among elk, livestock and other big game animals, as well as reduced forage on the range. Waltee lauded Gravelly Unit private landowners, especially the ranchers and farmers, who put up with the “negative impact” elk can have on their operations. These landowners have a “relatively high tolerance for elk on their lands; especially ... during difficult winter conditions.” Many Gravelly Unit elk spend their winters on private ranchlands in the Madison, Ruby, or Sweetwater valleys, he said. “Because of this, collaboration between wildlife enthusiasts and private landowners will remain critical. This collaborative balance is the primary focus of the livestock grazing programs FWP implements on the Wall Creek and Robb-Ledford Wildlife Management Areas.”

- The continued growth of grizzly populations is expected to impact calf production at some point.

- Research shows Gravelly elk, part of the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem’s herds, include those close to known chronic wasting disease areas. This is likely to become a management issue in the future.

- Habitat fragmentation is a problem, especially on winter range. The problem is houses, roads, fences, etc. change how elk use winter range, and will have an “accumulative negative impact” on elk. Waltee says habitat conservation efforts will remain important as a result.

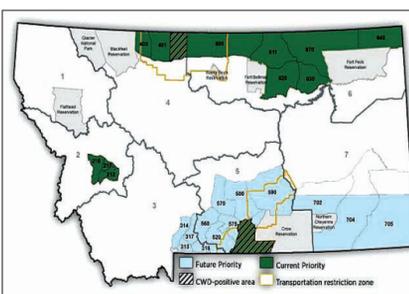


Table 1. Gravelly Elk Management Unit 2017-18 Survey Results and Estimated Fall 2018 Calf Recruitment.

Survey Area	Observed Total	Classified	Obs. BTB	Obs. Cows	Obs. Yearling Males	* Est. Yearling Females	** Est. Adult (≥2.5yrs) Cows	Summer 2017 Calves: 100 Adult Cows	% Of Classified = Adult Cow	*** Winter 2016-17 Total Adult Cows	**** Expected Fall 2017 Calves Recruited	***** Expected Fall 2017 Female Calves Recruited
W. Greenhorns	371	270	67	123	36	54	69	61	26	96	59#	35##
W. Madison	2,631	1,806	168	1,125	131	197	928	61	51	1,342	819#	491##
BT and SC	3,166	1,903	114	1,087	152	228	859	61	45	1,424	869#	521##
Snowcrest and SW	3,054	2,102	217	1,201	158	237	964	61	46	1,405	857#	514##
Ruby Mts.	673	290	23	154	48	72	82	61	28	188	115#	69##
Total	9,895	6,371	589	3,680	523	788	2,902	61	46	4,552	2,777#	1,666##

*Determined by multiplying the number of yearling males (spike bulls) by 1.5, which provides yearling females totals assuming males and females equal 40 and 60% of winter calves respectively.



Above- Unicyclist Silas Sherbourne, 18, of Tacoma, a unicyclist followed the Trans-America bicycling trail through Virginia City recently. Right - Sherbourne doing his thing. (E. LEONARD PHOTOS)

Unicyclist follows trail through Virginia City

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VIRGINIA CITY - Silas Sherbourne, 18, of Tacoma, Washington is a unicyclist.

“Unicycling is the first thing I learned to do when I moved to Washington,” he said. (Sherbourne was born in San Antonio, Texas.) “I never thought I’d do this.”

Unicycling became meditative for him, he said, addictive. “It’s a jump,” he said. Since then, Sherbourne has

been traveling the Trans-America Bicycle Trail, with Adventure Cycling, a non-profit bicycling group on a 36-inch wheel unicycle.

Along the way, he’s lost 70 pounds since 2017.

Why does he continue to follow the trail?

“Because I want to, and because I’m not sure what I want to do with the rest of my life,” he said, noting again how unicycling is meditative. “I’d like to lead by example. And it is about self discovery.”

Ride on, Silas....



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OPINION

Editor

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Conner Shultz, physical therapist at the Madison Valley Medical Center, for his help in improving my knee function.

I was in a great deal of pain and am now so much better.

As a 75-year-old grandmother, I was skeptical of whether physical therapy could help me, but with patience and encouragement, Conner proved me wrong. Forever grateful to you, Conner!

Rebecca Hardy, Ennis RV Village

Editor:

Ray Shaw puts his Constituents First

The cuts proposed by Governor Bullock and ultimately formalized in the 2017 Special Session had real consequence for vulnerable Montana populations. Ray Shaw, a senior Legislative leader, insisted that reductions in essential services be addressed as quickly as possible. The following lan-

guage, directly from SB9, reflects Ray's priorities as to where the Executive should direct millions generated from the Core Civic contract negotiation. Funds should go to: "Essential services" means governmental services: (A) delivered: (I) to the most vulnerable populations; (II) to families, children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities; and (III) to ensure a continuum of care allowing individuals to remain in the least restrictive environment;" Moreover, Ray insisted that money cut from DPHHS be fully restored long term once the economy further stabilized. Currently over \$30 million has been restored.

Every so often you come across a person that is the real deal. An individual that cares so deeply that when their constituents hurt, they hurt. From humble shepherd to senior legislator, Ray Shaw does the work of the people, and always puts Montana's most vulnerable first. Montana needs more Ray Shaws. I am honored that Ray Shaw considers me a friend.

Senator Llew Jones, Finance Chair

Hughes Creek Road illustrates need for road fine bill

By Tom Puchlerz

For decades, hunters in Ravalli County have been blocked off from reaching public lands in the Bitterroot National Forest by an illegal gate on Hughes Creek Road.

This route has an extensive history that well establishes its status as a county road, going back to records as far as 1898. Yet a handful of people who live along the road put up a gate and blocked off public access to public lands. The same people who gated the road actually filed in the 1980s to have it officially abandoned by the county — their own actions acknowledging that it was an established county road, used by the public to access public land.

Now the Hughes Creek Road is about to re-open, thanks to an eight-year legal campaign by the Ravalli County Fish and Wildlife Associ-

ation that culminated recently with a Montana Supreme Court ruling that the route is a county road. That was followed up with a letter from the Ravalli County Commission ordering the landowners to take the gate down — or receive a bill from the county when it does the work to restore public access.

Reopening this road a big win for hunters, anglers and all recreationists who want to get to their public lands. But it came at tremendous cost to the Ravalli County Fish and Wildlife Association, and to the hunters who have been deprived of legal access to our public land in this area for decades.

The problem of illegal gates on county roads that lead to public land is not isolated to this case. All too often around Montana, people try to make public lands and waters their own private domains by cutting off

legal public roads and blocking legal public stream access.

The problem is that under Montana law, the fine for illegally gating a county road is set at a mere \$10 per day. The penalty is a non-deterrent to wealthy special interests that want to block public access, and it provides no incentive for a county attorney's office to put their time into reopening illegally gated county roads. It's doubtful that the fine has ever been levied.

Last legislative session, the Montana Wildlife Federation led an effort to pass a bill that would have increased the fine for illegally gating a county road to up to \$500 per day, with no minimum. This bill was simple, common-sense, and gave more power to county governments to go after illegal road gates. Despite support from hunters, anglers, and other land users, and bipartisan

support in the Legislature, the bill was killed due to some backroom politics by special interest groups.

When the legal record on a road's status is as clear as Hughes Creek, a letter from the county attorney could resolve many of these cases if the fine has some teeth in it. Simply increasing the penalty to a maximum of \$500 per day would help get people to take down illegal gates. And it would give them a strong incentive to work with the authorities to restore public access to legal public routes. We need our lawmakers to quit letting special interests block this common-sense fix to give Montanans access to our public lands and waters.

Tom Puchlerz is VP for issues for the Montana Wildlife Federation and a member of the Ravalli County Fish and Wildlife Association.

Mayors say yes to I-186's responsible mining

Not just one, but many, rivers run through Montana. They are the arteries that nourish and bring life to our state's cities and towns.

Montana's communities depend on these waterways to provide safe and healthy drinking water for our wells and municipal water systems, and to irrigate our fields.

And, more and more, our rivers and streams fuel our local economies, putting Montanans to work, bringing visitors to our restaurants, hotels and stores, and creating new opportunities for local investment.

Much of the economic growth that many Montana communities have experienced in recent years wouldn't have happened without our famed rivers and the high-quality of life they reflect. They are what help draw new businesses and workers to locate here, and why so many of us stay.

In short, Montana communities run on clean, natural water. And, as mayors of Montana communities, we want to ensure this resource continues to run strong for generations

to come.

This is why we support I-186, the Yes for Responsible Mining Initiative, which will be on state ballots this November.

I-186 is a Montana solution to a Montana problem: the issue of hard-rock mining waste. Too many times in our state's history we've learned the hard way that some irresponsible, out-of-state industries love us only for our resources and, once those have been harvested, have no problem in quickly pulling up stakes and leaving us here to contend with their mess.

The toxic legacy of irresponsible hard-rock mining continues to plague Montana's landscape, rivers and streams. It also continues to cost our state millions of dollars each year in continued cleanup of contaminated sites and polluted water.

Examples include the Zortman-Landusky Mine in Phillips County, which cost \$27.5 million to clean up and where perpetual treatment of waters costs Montana taxpayers \$1-2 million each year.

Meanwhile, toxic runoff from the Upper Tenmile Creek Mining Area contaminated Helena's well water and threatened the city's municipal water supply. Treatment of this water costs Montanans millions and will never end.

At the Beal Mountain Mine in Silver Bow County, selenium pollution threatens cutthroat trout and an estimated \$13.7 million in public funds has been spent for mine cleanup and water treatment. At the Mike Horse Mine in the Upper Blackfoot, 26 million gallons of acid mine drainage must be captured and treated annually. Altogether, more than 2,500 miles of Montana streams are contaminated with hazardous mining waste.

We know that mining has contributed much good to Montana's history, and that it can be done right, without permanently polluting our streams. Mines such as the Stillwater mine near Billings and Montana Resources in Butte are important mainstays of Montana's economy, and will not be impacted by I-186.

Currently, Montana has no way to deny a permit to a proposed mine that will pollute our rivers with toxic waste, such as lead, arsenic, mercury and acid mine drainage. I-186, which is similar to laws passed in Maine, Michigan and New Mexico, will change this. It will prevent new hard-rock mines that threaten to permanently pollute our rivers and streams. And it will hold mining companies accountable for cleaning up after themselves.

The measure is about accountability and common sense, two things we value in our Montana communities. I-186 won't affect existing mines or the expansions of those mines, just any hard-rock mines proposed in the future.

Our clean water is too precious not to protect. Our children, businesses and communities depend on it. Let's preserve it for generations to come. We hope you'll join us in saying YES for responsible mining and I-186.

OBITUARIES

Edward "Bud" "Ed" Rogers

Sept. 4, 2018

Edward "Bud" "Ed" Rogers

Passed away in Ennis on Sept. 4th, 2018. Edward was born on August 15th, 1935 in Forsyth, Montana to R.H. Rogers and Nellie Quinlaven. Bud and his brother Bob Rogers lost their mom at a young age. The boys lived with their grandparents off and on until R.H. married Gladys Jacobson, they settled back into the Ruby Valley where Bud graduated from Sheridan High School.

After graduation, Bud went to Louisiana to work as a seismographer. Then in 1956, he married Loraine Smith in Helena, MT. Bud went to work for the Mountain States Telephone in Great Falls. Along with working in Great Falls two of his five kids were born here, Mary Kay and Curt Edward. Bud was trans-

ferred to Billings with the telephone company in 1960. He later separated Loraine Smith in 1962.

In 1964 he started a new chapter to his life by marrying Diane Carlson in Billings. This is where he was blessed with the other three of his five children, Regan Goettle, Rae Rogers, and Ralee Rogers. Ralee was a twin but his brother Buddy passed during birth. Bud and Diane built their dream home on Pine Hills Dr. in Lockwood overlooking the Billings Valley. We all learned about carpentry and pulling nails while enjoying the countryside.

Ed, as they knew him in Ma Bell, spent 30 years on the road with his best friend Bob Nelson. Ed retired and separated in 1985 and started traveling to AZ and CA. During the summer he lived

up at the Mine in Alder, MT. He loved snowmobiling and four wheeling while here and many other places as well. Many grandkids got to enjoy the great outdoors and made many memories while up at the Mine. Many memories were made while traveling with him. He finally settled down in the Heights of Billings where he could pull more weeds and enjoy the view of the Valley.

Bud was a wheeler and dealer going to auctions and garage sales. He enjoyed shopping at the Dollar Store and Mr. Thrifty's in Billings where he always got good deals and big hugs. He always put smiles on every face of the people he met.

Bud is survived by his brother Bob (Laurie) Rogers and their two sons of Alder. His children Mary (Rocky) Yuric and Curt Reese, of Helena. Regan Goettle, of Ennis, Rae Rogers, of Lock-



wood and Ralee (Kelly) Rogers, of Columbus. He is also survived by his 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The will be a service held at the K & L Mortuary in Ennis on Friday Sept. 7th at 11 a.m.

Kenneth W. Shirley

1949-2018

Ken was born and raised on Cold Springs Ranch by Forrest and Betsy Shirley. He loved Montana, hunting, fishing, and conversing with all people. He befriended everyone he spoke to. He will be missed by family and friends alike. We love and miss you. Rest in Peace.

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MADISON COUNTY FAIR RESULTS

Madison County Fair Special Awards 2018		
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Best of Show	Madison County Fair Board	Joselyn Nephew
Reserve Grand Champion Div. I	Ron & Georgia Nye	Cassidy Carruthers
Best Bantam	White & White Veterinary	Joselyn Nephew
Best Mother & Baby Class	White & White Veterinary	Tessa Scott
Best Group of 3	White & White Veterinary	Dennis Bacon
Grand Champion Youth Div. I	Montana Cross Farms	Cassidy Carruthers
Reserve Champion Youth Div I	Gayle Hanson	Joash Lamb
Best Bantam Youth	Carlena Stockton	Joselyn Nephew
Best Mother & Baby Youth	Montana Cross Farms	Tessa Scott
Best Group of 3 Youth	Steve & Shelly Burke	Leighton Broksle
Best Overall Turkey	Lois Lehwalder	Dawson Scott
Best Overall Duck/Goose	Carlena Stockton	Joash Lamb
Best Overall Poultry	Northwest Farm Credit Services	Joselyn Nephew
Open Class Floriculture Awards	Sponsored by	Recipient
Best of Show	Madison County Fair Board	Rob Lott
Outstanding Decorated Hat (June Kelly Memorial)	Bud's & Blooms Garden Club	Dianna Kellie
Best Begonias	Buds & Bloom Garden Club	Tanya Kozimer
Best Fresh Flower Arrangement (Gloria Broksle Memorial)	Kris & Teri Larsen	Lauren Taylor
Best Cactus	Kathy Elser	Brooke Mehlhoff
Best Indoor Plant (June Kelly Memorial)	Kathy Elser	Bonnie Kelly
Grand Champion Div. IV	Rock & Kristen Swensen & Family	Lauren Taylor
Best Native Plant Arrangement	John & Cynthia Osborne	Patricia Bradley
Grand Champion Div. II	Rock & Kristen & Family	Bonnie Kelly
Grand Champion Div. III	Scott & Laci Holbrook	Nancy Paige
Best Marigold	John & Cynthia Osborne	Bonnie Kelly
Best Annual	Doug & Sharon Lasich	Lorranye Meredith
Best Rose	Jim & Michele Van Dyke	Paula Elser
Best Sweet Peas	Dan & Sherri High	Paula Elser
Champion Division I	John & Cynthia Osborne	Bonnie Kelly
Best Perennial	John & Cynthia Osborne	Sherrie High
People's Choice Award	Beacon Business Center	Lauren Taylor
Best Orchid	Buds & Bloom Garden Club	Tanya Kozimer
Best Overall Floriculture	Northwest Farm Credit Services	Bonnie Kelly



Working Ranch Horse results

TWIN BRIDGES - The 4-H Working Ranch Horse Program has had another successful year for exhibitors participating in the Madison-Jefferson County Fair.

This year's show was held August 6 at the Ennis Rodeo Grounds and had eight exhibitors.

The working ranch program teaches horse and cattle stockman ship through a variety of classes geared to horse and cattle work.

These classes are geared towards the activities that you would engage in on a daily basis with a working ranch job or ranch lifestyle.

The exhibitors competed in a cattle sort, knowledge test that shows their smarts of all aspects of horses and cattle, reining agility pattern to showcase their horsemanship skills, and roping classes both on and off a horse.

Depending on the level of the exhibitor, this determined the degree of difficulty they had in each class. It was a great show that showcased all the participants hard work.

The following is this year's results at the fair show:

Level Two - Hannah Todd - Grand; Spur Chapman - Reserve; Vance Wingard - Blue

Level Three and Four - Brand Oster - Grand; Jacey Johnson - Reserve.

Reining/Agility Pattern

Level One - Treyer Ostler - Grand; Doc Wilson - Reserve; Kayzlie Ostler - Blue.

Level Two - Hannah Todd - Grand; Spur Chapman - Reserve; Vance Wingard - Blue

Level Three and Four - Jacey Johnson - Grand; Brand Oster - Reserve

Roping

Level One - Treyer Ostler - Grand; Doc Wilson - Reserve; Kayzlie Ostler - Blue

Level Two - Spur Chapman - Grand; Vance Wingard - Reserve; Hannah Todd - Blue

Level Three and Four - Brand Oster - Grand; Jacey Johnson - Reserve

Cattle Sorting

Level One - Doc Wilson - Grand; Kayzlie Ostler - Reserve; Treyer Ostler - Blue

Level Two - Vance Wingard - Grand; Hannah Todd - Reserve; Spur Chapman - Blue.

Level Three and Four - Brand Oster - Grand; Jacey Johnson - Reserve

Over All High Point Winner - Grand - Brand Oster

Over All High Point Winner - Reserve - Doc Wilson

Beginner Overall Grand Champion - Doc Wilson

Beginner Overall Reserve Champion - Treyer Ostler

Junior Overall Grand Champion - Hannah Todd

Junior Overall Reserve Champion - Spur Chapman

Senior Overall Grand Champion - Brand Oster

Senior Overall Reserve Champion - Jacey Johnson

We would like to thank all those parents that shuttled kids back and forth to practices, all of our sponsors that helped out with buckles and great prizes, and our wonderful judges and ground crew that help make this show and project possible. Thank you again!



Scenes from the Madison County Fair, held in August - call these two "goat girls and turkey boys." (SUBMITTED)

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DISTRICT COURT ROUNDUP

The Madison County District Court did not schedule any criminal hearings for the week of September 10, but several active cases have moved forward over the past weeks.

Heidi Laura Berg appeared for an initial hearing on August 28. Berg faces a felony charge of criminal possession of methamphetamine and a misdemeanor charge of possession of dangerous drug paraphernalia, both charges initially brought last month.

Dustin Dale Bock faces a felony charge from last September of sexual intercourse without consent, for sexual relations with a woman who did not, or was in a position where she could not, consent to sexual intercourse. Bock was also charged with two felony counts of tampering with witnesses or informants for attempting to get the victim, a witness and the witness's mother to withhold testimony, and a misdemeanor charge of attempted sexual assault. A jury trial for Bock's case is set to begin in December.

A charge against Dalton Furie Dapoli of failure to register as a violent offender was dismissed by the court on August 24, and that case closed.

Joseph Dominic Shackleton was found guilty of a fourth offense of operating a non-commercial vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration of over the legal limit of 0.08% last month. He was sentenced on August 27 to 13 months in the state Department of Corrections' Warm Springs Addiction Treatment and Change (WATCH) program. Shackleton was also given three years' suspended sentence and a \$5,000 fine.

Jury selection began for the case of Bonnie Rae Klose, who is charged with felony criminal possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of dangerous drug paraphernalia. A new hearing has been scheduled for later this month, which will begin a three-day jury trial.

SPORTS

Mustang XC opens season

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BUTTE—The Ennis High School cross country team joined 13 other teams and nearly 250 athletes for its second race of the season on Tuesday, September 4.

The Mustangs took six athletes to Fairmont Hot Springs for a 5-kilometer race hosted by Butte Central High School.

Freshman Lucas Belding, sophomore Kyle LaClair and junior Wyatt Fredson raced in the junior varsity boys group, which comprised of 49 athletes. They took 29th, 31st and 33rd respectively, in times of 25:01, 25:17 and 25:39.

On the varsity side, Seniors Ryan O'Connell and Dillon Williams were back-to-back in 41st and 42nd in a race of 56 athletes. They were only eight seconds apart in 23:11 and 23:19.

Ennis's single-athlete women's team also raced on Tuesday. Junior Maida Knapton was 23rd in a 39-athlete varsity women's race in a time of 26:01.

Neither of the Ennis teams was scored in the team rankings because they did not have the required five athletes in a single race to earn a team score, but all had strong showings for an early season race.

It was only the team's second race of the season, and the first for many of the athletes, as a September 1 race in Belgrade was cancelled.

Athletes from Whitehall and Harrison also raced on Tuesday.

Whitehall's Adam Williams, Kenzie Hugulet and Ethan Flood were 13th, 30th and 44th in the JV boys race in 22:42, 25:16 and 28:40, and Brynna Wolfe and Macee Patrilli raced to 9th and 12th in the JV girls race in 28:17 and 28:47. Madison Loomis finished 7th in the varsity girls race in 23:35.

Harrison's Zane Christiansen was 54th in the varsity boys race in 27:49, and Aleena Bacon, Makenna Christiansen and Maddison Christiansen took 22nd, 34th and 35th in the varsity girls race in 26:00, 27:31 and 28:18.

The cross country season continues with Twin Bridges hosting its only home meet of the season on Saturday, September 15 at 10 a.m.



The Ennis Mustang cross-country team. Six harriers raced at Fairmont Hot Springs Tuesday, Sept. 4 (SUBMITTED)

Twin takes Sheridan's girls V-ball 3-0

SHERIDAN - Twin Bridges girls volleyball team overtook Sheridan's girls in three matches, of 25-16, 25-18 and 25-15 on Tuesday, September 4.

Twin Bridges stats went this way:

- Kills -19 - Team leaders: Anna Kaiser, 8; Riah Edsall, 8

- Assists - 18 - Team leader: Joui Rosselott, 10

- Aces - 19 - Team leader: Taryn Johnson, 7

- Digs - 3- Team leader: Clancy Phillips, 3

- Blocks - 5 - Team leader: Anna Kaiser, 3

Sheridan's stats went this way:

- Kills - 8 - Team leaders: Ruby Rossiter, Amanda Grow, Zoe Lee, 2 each

- Assists - 7 - Team leaders: Micara Devereaux, 4; Madison Van Houten, 2.

- Aces - 11 - Team leaders: Zoe Lee, 4; Tia Hill, Madison Fable and Madison Van Houten, 2 each.

- Digs - 4 - Team leaders: Ashton Sheffield, 2; Madison Fable, Zoe Lee, 2 each.

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FINANCIAL FOCUS

Women Business Owners: Don't Forget About Your Retirement Plan

American Business Women's Day is celebrated on Sept. 22. And there is indeed cause for celebration, because, in recent decades, the number of women business owners has risen sharply, to the point where nearly 40 percent of all businesses are now women-owned, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. If you are one of these owners, or thinking about becoming one, you'll always have a lot to think about when running your business, but there's also an area you can't ignore - your retirement. Specifically, you need to consider establishing your own retirement plan.

Most plans available to you are fairly easy to establish and maintain, and are not terribly costly to administer. Here are some popular options:

- **Owner-only 401(k)** - This plan, also known as an individual or solo 401(k), is available to self-employed individuals and business owners with no full-time employees other than themselves or a spouse. For 2018, you can put in up to 25 percent of your annual income as an "employer" contribution, and you can defer up to \$18,500 (or \$24,500 if you're 50 or older). The sum of your employer contribution and your salary deferrals cannot exceed \$55,000, or \$61,000 if you're 50 or older. You can make elective contributions on a pre- or post-tax (Roth) basis. Pre-tax contributions reduce your taxable income for the current year. Roth contributions don't offer any immediate tax benefit, but any qualified withdrawals will be 100% tax-free.
- **SEP IRA** - If you have just a few employees or are self-employed with no employees, you may want to consider a SEP IRA. You'll fund the plan with tax-

deductible contributions, and you must cover all eligible employees. As an employer, you can contribute the lesser of 25% of your compensation (if you're also an employee of your own business) or \$55,000.

- **Solo defined benefit plan** - Pension plans, also known as defined benefit plans, are less common than in previous years, but you can still set one up for yourself if you're self-employed or own your own business. This plan has high contribution limits, which are determined by an actuarial calculation, and your contributions are typically tax-deductible.

- **SIMPLE IRA** - A SIMPLE IRA, as its name suggests, is easy to set up and maintain, and it can be a good plan if your business has fewer than 10 employees.

However, while a SIMPLE IRA may be advantageous for your employees, it's less generous to you, as far as allowable contributions go, than an owner-only 401(k), a SEP IRA or a defined benefit plan. For 2018, your annual contributions are generally limited to \$12,500, or \$15,500 if you're 50 or older by the end of the year. You can also make a matching contribution of up to 3% of your compensation. As an employer, your contributions are fully deductible as a business expense up to certain limits; as an employee, your pretax contributions reduce the amount of your taxable income for the same tax year.

Before opening any of these plans, you'll want to consult with your taxadvisor on the tax issues and a financial professional on the investment aspects. But don't wait too long. You will need to work hard to keep your business thriving - so choose a retirement plan that works just as hard for you.

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SPORTS

Ennis girls V-ball takes Drummond, Three Forks, Granite

ENNIS – Ennis's Mustang girl's volleyball galloped over Drummond's Lady Trojan team on Friday, August 31, in three matches.

The Mustangs topped the Trojans in all three matches: 25-9, 25-11 and 25-16.

Ennis stats went this way:

- Kills – 26 - Team leaders: Jourdain Klein, 13; Whitney McKitrick, 9
- Assists – 26 – Team leaders: Riley Robinson, 12; Whitney McKitrick, 8
- Aces – 16 – Team leaders: Landri Paladichuk, Alyssa West and Joree Hokanson, 3 each.
- Digs – 7- Team leaders: Whitney McKitrick, 3; Landri Paladichuk, 2
- Blocks – 1 - Team leader: Jourdain Klein

Drummond's stats went this way:

- Kills – 11 - Team leaders: Hailey Swarengen, 3; Rylee Hilmo, 3; Hannah Bradshaw, 2; Sydney Phillips, 2
- Digs – 6 - Team leaders: Hailey Swarengen, 2; Gracie Weaver, Hannah Bradshaw, Sara Keilley, Sydney Phillips, 1 each.

On Thursday, Sept. 6, Ennis's lady Mustangs took on Three Forks' Lady

Wolves, and beat them 25-19, 25-18 and 25-15.

The Mustangs racked up the following stats:

- Kills – 26 - Team leaders: Jourdain Klein, 15; Whitney McKitrick, 5
- Assists – 25 – Team leaders: Whitney McKitrick, 11; Riley Robinson, 10.
- Aces – 12 – Team leaders: Joree Hokanson, 4; Landri Paladichuk and Alyssa West had 3 each.
- Digs – 17- Team leaders: Whitney McKitrick and Jourdain Klein, 5 each; Alyssa West, 3.
- Blocks – 5 - Team leader: Jourdain Klein, 2.

No stats were provided by the Wolves.

On Saturday, Sept. 8, the Lady Mustangs went up against Granite's Lady Prospectors at Ennis, and took three matches 25/13, 25/14, 25/20.

- Stats for this match for Granite were
- Kills – 9 – M. Talon, 3
 - Assists – 6 – E. Grange 6
 - Digs – 27- S. Meresh, 9; E. Grange, 9
 - Aces – 3 – M. Tallon, 2
 - Blocks – 4 – A. Hill, 2,5

Panthers pounce on Lynx, 69-44

SHERIDAN - The Panther football team rolled off 51 points in the first half and rolled on to a 69-44 win over the Lincoln Lynx, according to Coach Mike Weatherbee.

This victory follows a pair of Panther losses.

The previous match-up, in early September, found the Panthers opening strong against Valley Christian Weatherbee noted. They came out in the opening quarter and scored 12 points while holding the Eagles to none.

However, that all came to an end as the Eagles rolled off 46 unanswered points in the second and third quarters.

The Panthers closed strong scoring 19 to the Eagles 10 in the final quarter to end up in a defeat 56-31.

Defensive standouts for the Panthers were: Moxon Lee with 2 tackles 10 assists and

an interception, and Hartson Van Houten with 5 tackles 4 assists and an interception.

Offensive standouts included: Jack Gilman with 40 yards rushing and 72 yards receiving and 2 touchdowns; Moxon Lee with 6 of 10 passes for 122 yards and 2 touchdowns and 112 yards rushing and 1 touchdown; and Hartson Van Houten ran for 50 yards and a touchdown and caught a 15-yard pass for another touchdown.

Against the Lynx, this past week, the Panthers' course changed.

Weatherbee noted that Hartson Van Houten was a standout in the first quarter running a kickoff for a touchdown and receiving another. He went out of the game with an injury but the other Panthers picked up the pace and scored with a powerful offensive showing. The defen-

sive player of the game for the Panthers was Jack Gilman who had 7 tackles, 5 assists and 3 sacks. Right behind him defensively was Moxon Lee who had 6 tackles and 7 assists. Offensively Moxon Lee was the player of the game. He threw for 7 touchdowns and 196 yards and rushed for another 104 yards. Jack Gilman rushed for one touchdown and caught another 3, but was followed closely by freshman standout Kaiden Batzler who caught 2 in the end zone. This was a big win for the Panthers who host the Heart Butte Warriors this Friday at 7:00 Pm on the Sheridan field.

Quarter Scoring (Sheridan/Lincoln) - 24/12, 27/6, 12/12, 6/14; Final 69/44

- Stats Leaders for Sheridan
- Moxon Lee - 8 rushes for 109 yards
 - Jason Chisholm - rushes for

- 64 yards 1 touchdown
- Jack Gilman - 3 rushes for 8 yards 1 touchdown
- Hartson Van Houten - 1 rush for 50 yards
- Receiving
 - Jack Gilman -4 catches for 84 yards 3 touchdowns
 - Kaiden Batzler -2 catches for 48 yards 2 touchdowns
 - Cade McParland -1 catch for 10 yards 1 touchdown
- Hartson Van Houten -1 catch for 10 yards 1 touchdown
- Defensive Leaders
 - Jack Gilman - 7 tackles 5 assists 3 sacks
 - Moxon Lee - 6 tackles 7 assists
 - Hartson VanHouten - 2 tackles 2 assists 1 Interception
 - Cade McParland - 3 tackles 4 assists
 - Jessie Van Dyck -3 tackles 2 assists 1 sack



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The music the band plays is very pleasing to the residents. It is not uncommon to see members of the audience clapping, dancing, or singing along. Jim has a following, Elaine, Jim's mother, sister Connie, and friend Bev Claassen, never miss a party! Families and friends of the manor residents come to listen and enjoy as well.

The manor and the community are fortunate to have these talented musicians donate their time singing and playing. The joy and happiness it brings to many is priceless.

The Tune Tangles always end their session by playing the famous saw and singing Happy Trails to you.

From all of us at the Madison Valley Manor, on behalf of our precious residents and their families and friends, Thank You and Happy Trails to the Tune Tangles!

Nominated by MVM Activities, Dr. Melody J. Clark, Activities Director

Madison County DISPATCH

September 2-8, 2018.

- Sept. 2 - DUI on Cemetery Loop Rd., Ennis; Animal Complaint at MT Hwy 359 & US Hwy 287, Harrison; Wildlife Complaint in 100 Blk Flick Ln., Sheridan; Disturbance at MT Hwy 41 & Melrose Bench Rd., Twin Bridges; Alarm Call in 100 Blk Mountain View Rd., Ennis; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 35, Cameron; Traffic Complaint at MT Hwy 287, MM 22, Alder; Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk W Main St., Ennis; Accident at MT Hwy 287 & Varney Rd., Ennis

Sept. 3 - Accident on MT Hwy 41, MM 22, Twin Bridges; Wildlife Complaint on Carbine Trail, Ennis; Medical Aid on US Hwy 287, MM 15, Cameron; Accident on US Hwy 287, MM 59, McAllister; Animal Complaint in 400 Blk Upper Ruby River Rd., Alder; DUI on US Hwy 287, MM 52, Ennis; Suspicious Circumstances in 300 Blk N Main St., Ennis.

Sept. 4 - Coroner Call in Ennis; Wildlife Complaint on Cemetery Loop Rd., Ennis; Trespass Complaint on Browns Gulch Rd., Virginia City; Citizen Assist in 400 Blk W Hugel St., Ennis; Medical Aid in 100 Tobe Rd., Ennis; Medical Aid in 500 Blk Ray Ln., Sheridan.

Sept. 5 - Traffic Complaint in 100 Blk W Hamilton St., Sheridan; Traffic Complaint in

200 Blk Ruby St., Sheridan; Fire Call on MT Hwy 287, MM 31, Sheridan; Dog Complaint in 600 Blk Beaverhead St., Ennis; Accident at Maxs Ln. & N. Meadow Creek Rd., McAllister; Accident at MT Hwy 84, MM 2, Norris.

Sept. 6 - Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 84, MM 6, Norris; Missing Person on Baldy Mtn. Court, Ennis; Suspicious Circumstances on MT Hwy 357, Alder; Medical Aid in 4900 Blk US Hwy 287, Ennis; Citizen Assist in 100 Blk E Main St., Ennis; Medical Aid in 200 Blk L&M Ranch Rd., Ennis; Coroner Call in Ennis; Medical Aid on Bluff View Ln., Ennis; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 50, Ennis.

Sept. 7 - Fire Call in 100 Blk Trails End Ln., Pony; Wildlife Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 24, Alder; Medical Aid in 200 Blk L&M Ranch Rd., Ennis; Accident in 200 Blk Ballard Ln., Ennis; Wildlife Complaint on Carey Ln., Sheridan; Welfare Check in 600 Blk Nicole Way, Ennis; Disturbance near Chowning St., Ennis.

Sept. 8 - Fire Call on Axolotl Lakes Rd., Ennis; Traffic Complaint on Main St., Harrison; Welfare Check in 400 Blk Pond Rd., Cameron; Fire Call on MT Hwy 87, MM 7, Cameron; Theft Complaint in 5500 Blk US Hwy 287 N., McAllister

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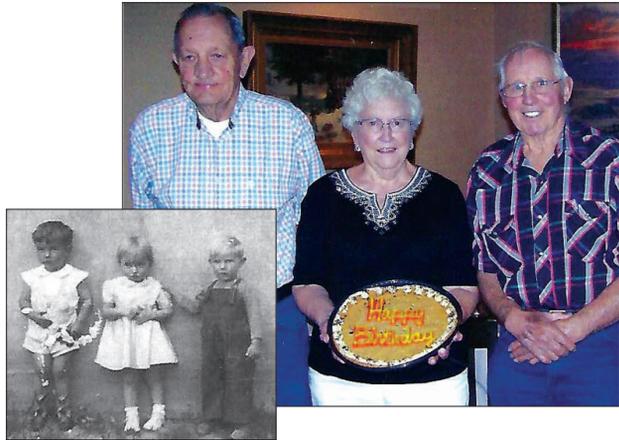
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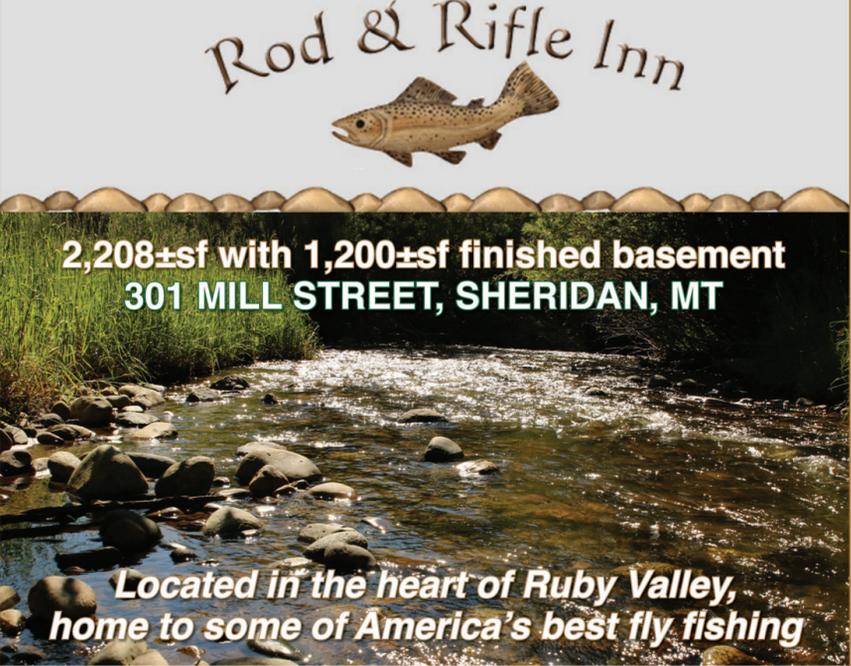
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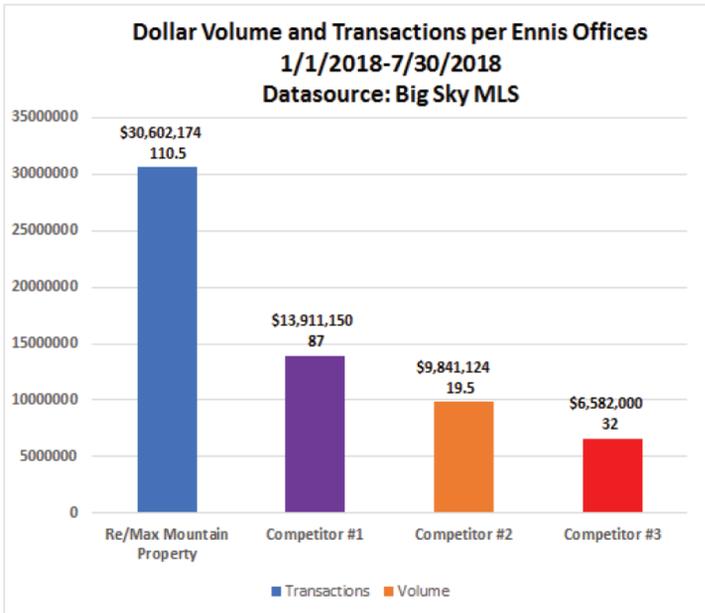
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HEALTH CARE



Q: Can treatment for high blood pressure reduce the risk of memory impairment?

A: The recent results of a large government study on blood pressure treatments revealed that aggressive treatments to lower systolic blood pressure from above 130 to under 120 also significantly lower the risk of Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI). Persons with MCI have greater difficulty with memory, language and judgement than expected given normal age-related changes. While MCI does not interfere with a person's ability to live independently, research shows that about 50% of people diagnosed with MCI will develop dementia within 5 years. Over time, high blood pressure can damage the small blood vessels that deliver oxygen and nutrients to nerve cells in the brain. In the study, aggressive treatment of high blood pressure reduced the risk of MCI by 19% relative to standard treatments for high blood pressure. If you have high blood pressure, talk to your health care provider about a healthy lifestyle changes and medications that can help reduce your blood pressure.

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Q: What are the top exercise trends of 2018?

A: 10. Functional Fitness: a program designed to help you achieve better fitness and coordination for your daily life.
9. Senior Programs: as the baby boomers are retiring, this trend has become popular
8. Personal training: this always remains an extremely popular way for people to train.
7. Yoga: helps gain strength, flexibility and reduces stress.
6. Accredited Fitness Instructor Classes: this is growing at gyms nationwide.
5. Strength Training: Burn calories, gain muscle and improve strength.
4. Body Weight Training: Use your own weight for resistance (pushups, pullups, etc.)
3. Wearable Technology: track your workouts, calories burned and heart rate.
2. Group Training: general classes that can work with all levels at the same time!
1. HIIT: High Intensity Interval Training was the number one trend hits year. You perform short bursts of activity at your maximum level, then follow with a lower intensity activity to bring your heart rate back down.

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PHYSICAL THERAPY



Q: WHAT is the function of the SHOULDER BLADE?

A: The shoulder blade is a free floating triangular bone surrounded by muscle. It is attached by muscle to the spine, neck, and attached to the shoulder with ligaments/muscle. It is surrounded by muscle, muscle coverings and slides on your ribcage. These attachments of muscles helps move your neck. It stabilizes and moves the shoulder, spine and low back.

The shoulder blade at times has problems moving which can affect the neck, shoulder, and back. It affects posture, grasping a cup and may cause pain in the upper or low back. Treatment of the shoulder blade is often missed by healthcare professionals and how it works throughout the body. It can affect how we move and indirectly cause a multitude of complaints from pain to numbness. The shoulder blade, a muscular floating body part that affects multiple parts of the body.

Robert (Bob) Sahli, PTATCLAT

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EYE CARE



Q: My mom has glaucoma; does this mean I will also have glaucoma?

A: It's known that many traits are passed from one generation to another. But it can be difficult to understand why some people inherit a genetic disease and others do not, and it's often not clear which family members are at risk. Up to 60% of blindness in infants is caused by inherited eye diseases, including congenital cataracts and glaucoma, retinal degenerations, and eye malformations. In adults, glaucoma and age-related macular degeneration are two of the leading causes of blindness, both of which have some level of genetic inheritance. In addition, even the most common vision problems are genetically determined, including strabismus (crossed-eyes), amblyopia (lazy eye), myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), astigmatism and color blindness. Risk can be a complex combination of genetics and lifestyle factors, but if you have a family history, then your risk is higher and you should have regular check-ups. Using information from the eye examination, and general medical history, your eye doctor has the expertise to diagnose and offer advice on treatment.

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INSURANCE

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MENTAL HEALTH



Q: Did I Have a Panic Attack?

A: Panic attacks can wake you while sleeping and seem to occur unexpectedly. Panic attacks generally develop in young adults, and women are twice as likely as men to have panic attacks. Great discomfort and fear can increase within minutes and may include symptoms such as: pounding heart, palpitations, dizziness, light headedness, fear of losing control, nausea or abdominal distress, fear of dying, sensations of shortness of breath, shaking or trembling, and sweating. Several of these symptoms may cause people to frequently see their physician or go to the emergency room believing they have a serious life-threatening issue. Due to feeling embarrassed, these symptoms can trigger lack of communication with family, friends, and even physicians. Panic attacks are real and they are treatable through therapy and medications prescribed by your physician if necessary. Please do not isolate or suffer in silence, contact your physician or therapist if you experience any of these symptoms.

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REAL ESTATE



Q: Are you making a good investment for your retirement?

A: As I watch the weather channel I came to the realization of just how hard it is to hit "average." The Temperature is always above or below and hitting the exact "average" is statistically next to impossible. Real Estate is very similar so "trends" become equally important to consider, especially for investment minded individuals. 2017 marked 20 years of keeping statistics in the Madison Valley. In Town Homes have increased from an "average" of \$98,872 in 1997 to \$201,570 in 2017 - doubling in value over the 20 year span. Out of town homes have increased from \$152,850 to \$401,903 almost triple in 20 years. If you are considering investments you may wish to consider real estate. There are many low interest, low down loan programs available for both the first time home buyers as well as programs for investors as well. Owning your home can be a huge step in creating personal wealth for your retirement years. Check out the possibilities today and begin building for your tomorrow!

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PHARMACY

Q: When is the best time to get a flu shot?

A: Unfortunately, flu season is just around the corner. Every flu season is different, and influenza infection can affect people differently, but millions of people get the flu every year, causing hospitalization and even death for thousands of people. Flu season in the United States can begin as early as October and last as late as May. An annual seasonal flu vaccine is the best way to reduce your risk of getting sick with seasonal flu. For the best protection, everyone 6 months and older should get vaccinated every year. When more people get vaccinated against the flu, the less flu can spread. And remember, you cannot get the flu from receiving flu vaccine! It's best to get vaccinated before flu begins spreading in our community. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body that protect against flu. That's why it's better to get vaccinated early in the fall, before the flu season really gets under way. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that you get a flu vaccine by the end of October, if possible. However, getting vaccinated later can still be beneficial and vaccination should be considered even into January or later. Contact your health care provider or pharmacist for more information.



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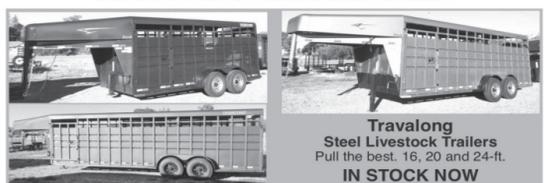
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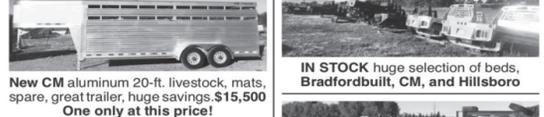
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Friday
 Partly cloudy. High 69, low 41. Winds SSW 7 mph, 0 percent chance of rain.

Saturday
 Mostly cloudy. High 74, low 40. Winds S 14 mph, 0 percent chance of rain.

Sunday
 Sunny. High 71, low 36. Winds SSW 9 mph, 0 percent chance of rain.

Monday
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Quote of the Week:

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The end of an era in Virginia City

After nearly 16 years, the twins are leaving the Bale of Hay

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VIRGINIA CITY – On September 22, a Virginia City institution will be no longer: The Twins, Gay and Kay Rossow, will no longer run the Bale of Hay Saloon in Virginia City.

They're not getting out of Dodge... er VC. They're switching businesses; transitioning from saloon-running to hawking candies and chocolate, or "swapping one addiction for another," as Kay said, in jest.

However, after more than 16 years at the Bale of Hay, things just won't seem the same there, people have told the twins following their Sept. 4 announcement of this transition.

"Maybe it will be better," said Gay, on Saturday morning, Sept. 8, when the twins actually sat down for a few minutes and shared their stories and the future plans from a table inside The Bale of Hay.

Beginnings

Gay Rossow was the first of the twins to come to the Bale of Hay – originally the J. F. Stoer Saloon. She landed there in 1991, she said, when she began working for Bovey Restorations, as an assistant general manager.

For the next five years, Gay made sure all of the 18 restaurants, bars and other hospitality venues under the Bovey prevue were being run appropriately, she said.

Beginning in the 1940s and 1950s, the Boveys – rancher and state legislator Charles and his wife Sue – began buying up much of Virginia City and Nevada City, restoring these towns' old historic structures, and operating them as a tourism destination. By 1961, their efforts earned Virginia City a designation as a National Historic Landmark.

Charles Bovey died in 1978, Sue passed in 1988, but their family carried on their efforts after this.

In 1994, the Virginia City Preservation Alliance was formed by local citizens and others interested in preserving the history of the town.

Three years later, in 1997, the Montana Heritage Commission (MHC) stepped in to purchase the town from Ford Bovey and take ownership of the Bovey holdings, to preserve and protect state history, and create a tourism venue.

Meanwhile, Gay continued to work at the Bale of Hay and, as a registered massage therapist – she graduated from the New Mexico Academy of Healing Arts in June 1999 – operated Body and Soul Massage Therapy.

Kay came up to Virginia City from Texas in 2002, and began pouring beers at the saloon.

In 2003, the twins, now together, made their

pitch to MHC to acquire the Bale of Hay. Initially, they didn't give much thought to running the Bale of Hay, but when the lease came up, and their customers kept telling them they would be a good fit for running the place, they put in a bid.

It was accepted, and from that point on, the Bale of Hay grew to become the institution it is today.

Memories

Kay, earlier this year, called what she and Gay have done at the Bale of Hay "caretaking history."

"We made a series of good business decisions," she said, crediting these decisions with making the saloon what it is today.

"We watched Bar Rescue," Gay said.

Some of these decisions included expanding the menu – it used to be there was only a Tombstone pizza oven in the saloon. Kay said she realized that to keep people here, they needed to serve food, so they expanded their food offerings.

They also made a special effort to include local products from local distilleries and brewing companies. This and buying American were important business decisions for them, Gay said. "Some people don't care about that, but we did."

They also bought the Ghost Tour, and expanded it, in 2011. And they held three annual festivals.

Saturday afternoon, Kay recalled how a customer once told her that she could sit on the boardwalk porch of the Bale of Hay and see everyone in the world go by. "I think I have seen a fair part of the world go by in the last 16 years," she said.

Kay said she would not miss all the hard work and long hours she and Gay put in the saloon. Their days are "insane," often 12 and 13 hours long, plus running Body and Soul Massage.

What Kay and Gay said they would miss was the people, the social aspects of the saloon, and the relationships formed with people over the nearly 16 years they'd run the saloon.

Kay specifically cited the local businesses they did business with, the distilleries and breweries. She talked about seeing customers five or six times a summer and building a relationship with them.

Both twins talked about how they'd had customers who came into the saloon, ordered something special each time, and how they'd remember them from this order, how when that order came up, they'd look for that specific customer.

Kay also mentioned the bands, how various band members wondered if they'd have an opportunity to play at the Bale of Hay again. She encouraged them to stop in and have a free-for-all jam session before the saloon changed hands.

Gay recalled how singer Steven Tyler, of Aerosmith fame, and Paul Teutul Sr. ("Big Daddy") of Orange County Choppers reality TV show, came into the Bale of Hay one evening. Tyler dumped his motorcycle out in the street she



The Twins: Kay and Gay Rossow, are saying goodbye to the Bale of Hay Saloon after nearly 16 years of running it. They are not leaving town, but changing businesses. They will be running Cousin's Candy Shop in Virginia City. (J. TAYLOR)

said, and she didn't recognize either one of them, until one of her customers whispered in her ear that the celebrities were in the saloon.

She ended up giving Tyler a Bale of Hay T-shirt and told him to wear it some place cool. He did.

She also recalled country music artist turned politician Rob Quist paying the saloon a visit.

Future

Both Twins were excited about their future plans, too.

They have purchased Judy McCord's Cousin's Candy Shop, a handmade candy store in Virginia City.

It is an entirely private business, not connect-

ed to MHC, the twins said.

"It's exciting," said Gay, "the business model is a textbook model. We might pretty up the edges some, and add a line of chocolates maybe some hand-made gift baskets to the mix."

They said they have not found anyone to take over the lease at the Bale of Hay yet, but felt confident this would happen soon.

The twins are holding a Season Closing Party on Saturday, Sept. 22. The party will feature a 2 – 6 p.m. music jam; a pig roast and potluck dinner at 6 p.m., and Dave Walker's music from 8 p.m. on.

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Researchers study how wolf predation shapes elk antler evolution

MISSOULA – What happens when you mix a biologist who studies beetle horns with scientists who spend their time exploring predator-prey dynamics? You get a better understanding of why elk shed their antlers much later than males of any other North American species.

University of Montana researchers and their partners recently published a study in *Nature Ecology and Evolution* chronicling an evolutionary tie between wolves and when bull elk shed their antlers. The study is online at <https://go.nature.com/2NK3rHR>.

The authors were UM doctoral candidate Matt Metz, along with UM co-authors Doug Emlen and Mark Hebblewhite, Dan Stahler and Doug Smith of the National Park Service, and Dan MacNulty of Utah State University.

They discovered that wolves in Yellowstone National Park preferentially hunted bulls who already had shed their antlers over those who still had them during late winter.

The finding suggests that antlers are used for more than just competing for cows – that they help deter predators, too – which could help explain why bulls shed their antlers long after the rut.

"Because wolves often prefer elk in these systems, male elk uniquely keep their antlers for much of the winter," Metz said. "Other species, say moose in our study system, shed their antlers beginning in December. We believe elk evolved to keep their antlers longer than any other North American deer because

they use their antlers as an effective deterrent against wolf predation."

Antlers evolved to improve breeding success. The bigger the antlers, the more likely a bull is to successfully breed cows during the fall. In many species, these types of weapons also serve secondary purposes, but those reasons are not always well understood, as is the case for elk.

Bulls shed their antlers beginning at the end of each winter and immediately start growing another set. Getting rid of antlers as soon as possible removes a cumbersome burden and gives individual bulls a jumpstart at growing antlers for next year's rut.

But as a whole, elk shed their antlers months later compared to other North American deer species, and shedding is staggered over a two month period beginning in March, suggesting there might be other reasons to keep antlers around a little longer.

"Antlers are the product of sexual selection, where males are competing over breeding opportunities in a short time window in the fall," Metz said. "Here we show that the evolution of antlers was also influenced by other things in an elk's environment, like wolf predation, and that a secondary function also helped to shape the characteristics of this structure, such as when antlers are shed."

Metz, a longtime Yellowstone wolf researcher, analyzed over a decade's worth of data from the Yellowstone Wolf Project, a long-

term study recording interactions between wolves and their prey.

Wolves in Yellowstone often kill bull elk during the winter months, but Metz and his co-authors found that wolves strongly preferred to kill individuals who had already shed their antlers – even though they were often in better condition than bulls who still had their rack. The results showed that antlers are indeed an important predatory deterrent for elk – a secondary function that could help explain variation in antler retention time across species in temperate climates.

"These males that shed their antlers first are more vulnerable to being killed by wolves despite being in better nutritional condition," Metz said. "The individuals who are in the best condition are the first to drop their antlers to get a leg up on growing larger antlers for the next season and therefore gain the greatest reproductive success. Wolves mostly target individuals who are very young, old or in poor nutritional condition, which are characteristics that make them vulnerable. Here we identified a new, unexpected vulnerability – shedding antlers early."

The study highlights an evolutionary Catch-22: Weapons come with both benefits and costs. Bulls who drop their antlers early may grow relatively larger antlers in the upcoming year, winning more cows, but they're also at greater risk to become dinner first.

For younger bulls unlikely to be successful in the upcoming rut anyway, the risk is too high. These



Matt Metz and Mark Hebblewhite examine the remains of an elk. (NPS PHOTO)

males are among the last to cast their antlers.

Metz earned a B.S. in wildlife biology from UM and has studied predator-prey dynamics in Yellowstone since 2002.

"The study first came about through observations that I had when I worked as a seasonal field technician for the Yellowstone Wolf Project in the early 2000s," he said. "We usually see antler-casting starting at the tail-end of March. But the winter of 2004-05 was milder, and bulls were shedding their antlers a little earlier."

One day he and another researcher spotted a wolf-killed elk.

"We hiked into it, and it was an antlerless male in early March," Metz said. "We hadn't seen any living bull elk without antlers yet on the landscape. We thought, 'That's

kind of interesting.' We just started to notice this relationship where we would observe wolves encountering male elk, and they seemed to be focusing on those who had already shed their antlers. It took 13 years of data to actually test this idea."

Along the way, Metz pulled in other co-authors, including UM professors Hebblewhite and Emlen.

"To me, one of the coolest things about this project is how it started," said Hebblewhite, a wildlife biology professor in UM's W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation who focuses on large-mammal predator-prey systems. "It started with Matt just being observant, noticing something in nature, and then diving into it over a decade to find out why. This is the heart of the scientific process."

Hebblewhite has studied wolves

and their prey for a quarter century, but this is the first time he'd stopped to consider what makes antlers antlers. "A lot of the time, the reasons we study nature are to control or manage it, to make it do something we want for us," he said. "This is a case of wonder at its finest."

Emlen, an evolutionary biologist and professor in the Division of Biological Sciences, said what was most fun about the project was the nature of the collaboration, which crossed departments and disciplines.

"Matt is a wolf biologist. And Hebblewhite is an elk biologist, but he doesn't focus on antlers," Emlen said. "I work on rhino beetles, and I study animal weapons – beetle horns. I spend most of my time thinking about why weapons are so big. It's been a blast to work on antlers, because those are giant weapons. It's been a wild ride. That a beetle biologist who studies weapons can collaborate with elk and wolf biologists adds a fun twist to the story."

The study was funded in part by the National Science Foundation's Long Term Research in Environmental Biology program, which aims to help sustain research projects lasting 10 years or longer.

"This is a really sophisticated look at a complicated behavior," said Kendra McLaughlan, NSF program director. "They were able to make this discovery because of 13 years of careful observations. Sometimes it is really important to have that long-term record of observations."

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Screening for Type 2 Diabetes and pre-diabetes in children, adolescents

Local diabetes educator shares how to do this

Janet Howard-Ducsay RN
Certified Diabetes Educator

Now that the new school year has started it is a good time to think about diabetes and our children's health. Many believe that Type 2 diabetes is a chronic illness that affects only adults. With 1.5 million Americans diagnosed with diabetes every year, it is important to consider pre-diabetes and diabetes in children as part of that population. Children with obesity face four times the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes compared to children with a body mass index (BMI) in the normal range, according to a study published in the Journal of the Endocrine Society. Both obesity and diabetes are epidemic health problems. Obesity affects about 12.7 million children and teens in the United States. Obesity is just one of the risk factors for pre-diabetes and diabetes.

The 2018 Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes recommend screening for Type 2 Diabetes in Asymptomatic Children and Adolescents if they meet the following criteria:

Overweight with BMI at or greater than 85% for age and sex, or >120% for ideal height with one or more risk factors that include:

1. Maternal history of diabetes or Gestational diabetes during child's gestation
2. A family history of diabetes –first or second-degree relative

3. Ethnicity of Native American, Latino, Asian, Pacific Islander or African American descent.

4. Indicators of insulin resistance- Acanthosis Nigricans- (dark dry areas under arms and neck), polycystic ovary disease, small for gestational birth weight, or elevated cholesterol, triglycerides or blood pressure.

There are really no symptoms of pre-diabetes. HbA1c testing is the important factor since it is the tool that can identify the specific guidelines for prevention of a daily exercise plan as well as a recommended age-appropriate weight loss. HbA1c is a simple blood test that identifies the concentration of blood glucose levels for 3 months. It does not require any fasting or preparation. Pre-diabetes HbA1c results are 5.7%-6.4%. Pre-diabetes diagnosis has up to 65% reversible outcome.

Diabetes though is not reversible. The diagnosis symptoms of diabetes are: excessive thirst, frequent urination, dry skin, excessive hunger, fatigue and or blurry vision. Diabetes HbA1c results are 6.5% and greater. Screening and testing should continue every 3 years using HbA1c lab tests beginning at the age of 10 or the onset of puberty.

The incidence of Pre-diabetes or Type 2 diabetes in children and adolescents is on the rise and this is an opportunity to diagnose pre-diabetes and focus on prevention. Consider discussing this testing with your health care provider as the school year begins. It is an excellent addition to the school preparation checklist we all have at the beginning of the academic year.

New Medicare cards mailing soon

By Jeff Hinson

Starting in September 2018, Medicare will mail new Medicare cards to people with Medicare in Colorado, Montana, Utah and Wyoming, to help protect you from identity fraud.

The new Medicare cards no longer contain your Social Security number, but rather a unique, randomly-assigned Medicare number that's unique to you. The new card will help protect your identity and keep your personal information more secure. As soon as you receive your new Medicare card, you should safely and securely destroy your old Medicare card and keep your new Medicare number confidential.

You can start using your new card as soon as you receive it. Your Medicare coverage and benefits won't change at all.

Medicare will automatically mail your new card -- at no cost -- to the address you have on file with Social Security. So make sure your mailing address is up to date.

If your address needs to be corrected, contact Social Security at ssa.gov/myaccount or 1-800-772-1213. TTY users can call 1-800-325-0778.

If Social Security has your current mailing address, there's nothing else you need to do to receive your new card.

Mailing everyone a new card will take time. Your card might arrive at a different time than your friend's or neighbor's.

Once you get your new Medicare card, take these three steps to make it harder for someone to steal your information and identity:

- Destroy your old Medicare card right away (shred it).

- Doctors and other health care providers know that Medicare is replacing the old cards. They are ready to accept your new card when you need care.

- Beware of anyone who contacts you and asks for your new Medicare number, personal information, or to pay a fee for your new card. There are no charges whatsoever for the new cards.

- Guard your card. Treat your new Medicare number like you treat your Social Security or credit card numbers. Only give your new Medicare number to doctors, pharmacists, insurers, or other people you trust to work with Medicare on your behalf.

Medicare will never call you uninvited and ask you to give us personal or private information to get your new Medicare card.

Scam artists may try to get personal information (like your current Medicare number) by contacting you about your new card. If someone asks you for your information, or for money, or threatens to cancel your health benefits if you don't share your personal information, hang up and call us at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Your new Medicare card will be paper. Paper cards are easier for many providers to use and copy, and they save taxpayers a lot of money. Plus, you can print your own replacement card if you need one.

Carry your new card and show it to your health care providers. They know the new cards are coming. Doctors, other providers, and health care facilities



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will ask for your new Medicare card when you need care.

If you forget your new card, you, your doctor, or other health care provider may be able to look up your new Medicare number securely online once it has been issued.

If you're in a Medicare Advantage or Other Medicare Health Plan (like an HMO, PPO or Cost plan-Colorado only) or a Medicare Drug Plan, continue to use your Medicare Health or Drug Plan ID card when you get health care or fill a prescription. However, you also may be asked to show your new Medicare card, so you should carry this card with you, too.

Jeff Hinson is Medicare's Regional Administrator for Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah & Wyoming. You can always get answers to your Medicare questions by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

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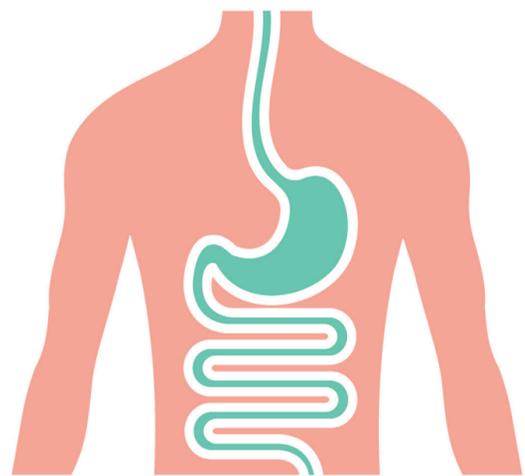
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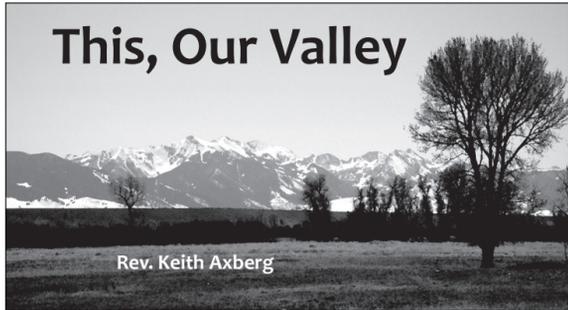
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This, Our Valley



Rev. Keith Axberg

"He brought me out into an open place; he rescued me because he delighted in me." Psalm 18:19

Life is full of disappointments.

I was enjoying a few moments of peace and quiet on our deck, reclining on what purports to be a zero gravity lounger. While it is quite comfortable, I'm afraid my body has always been able to detect the existence of gravity and, in fact, would no doubt attract space clutter at twice the speed it normally does on earth – but that's beside the point.

I was lying there on the lounge and spied a marvelous spider web shining off in the distance across the yard. I was amazed I could see something so light and wispy from so far away, and then realized that perhaps it wasn't as fragile as I'd thought – that perhaps it had been created by some gigantic mutant Shelob – that perhaps the reason I could see it was because the spider WANTED me to see it, WANTED me to come explore it, check it out and

... SNAP! That would be the end of your dearly-beloved-now-departed columnist.

Well, my fear of spiders goes back a long way, and so I wasn't going to fall for that, but I had decided to go check it out and was impressed with what I had found.

The fact is it was a common, ordinary garden variety spider who had been quite busy in our – yes, you guessed it – garden. I don't think she would have rated a 10 in the Miss Spider Beauty Pageant, but still, she was of a freckled variety, and the web stretched from the roof of the house down to the shrubs below, and across the pathway to another shrub entirely. It was quite a feat of engineering and most intriguing.

I decided against disturbing the little beastie, even though the abode had closed off an entire pathway. Instead, I decided to leave it until morning and capture some brilliant shots with my camera. With any luck, the web would glisten with dew in the morning sunlight and I could come away with photos of prize-winning caliber for National Geographic or something.

The next morning, while it was still dark, I got up and, as is my custom, got the coffee going and while the nectar of life dripped slowly into the carafe from which I would draw the life-sustaining go-go juice, I got out my camera, set the dials, and mounted it on a tripod for a photo-shoot with the aforementioned sure-to-win-atrophy arachnid.

I stepped out onto the deck as the sun made its ascent, breaking over the trees to the east. I crept up to the spider's lair and ... nothing! She was gone. The web was gone. A single strand of webbing hung from the soffit, waving good-bye in the faint

morning breeze.

Life is full of disappointments. My dreams of a Pulitzer – dashed. My dreams of a cover shot for the National Geographic – slashed. However ...

My coffee was ready, so I gathered up my equipment and drank away my disappointments.

Life happens. Maybe a bat swooped in during the night and made off with my little spider friend. Maybe he or she found someone else with whom to pal around or make baby spiders with. Maybe she found the neighborhood too active with paparazzi – who wants to live where there's no sense of privacy?

So, I abandoned my quest for the perfect picture.

I wonder why I didn't get all my stuff together and take some photographs when I had the daylight and the shot the day before? Why did I think the future would be better than the present?

Perhaps life is full of disappointments when we try to live in either past or future, and not in the now. I'd made a decision based upon a dream. I could have taken a picture when I first saw the web and its fascinating occupant/architect, but I didn't. Shall I regret that choice? Or is it wiser to reflect on what I did (and why), and decide to seize the moment next time I have it?

There may or may not be a next time, but there is always a now, and that's where I think God would have us live here in this, our valley.

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COMMODITY INSITE: African Swine Fever Virus

BY JERRY WELCH

Within the past few days, cash hog prices in the U.S. have approached their lowest levels in 16 years. The total hog herd is the largest in history, the sow herd the second largest in history and hog producers continue to expand at a modest pace. And with feed costs relatively cheap and demand for pork both domestic and foreign doing better than expected, the odds suggest producers will continue to expand production.

However, while cash prices are at a 16-year low, hog futures have been rising sharply due to fears of African swine flu virus (ASFV) that has once more surfaced in China with a few outbreaks now reported in Europe.

The virus is exceptionally deadly. "When virulent strains cross into domestic pigs they cause very serious disease. Virtually all the pigs in the infected herd become ill and the majority die," says thepigsite.com.

It is not surprising that all countries regard it as important. There is no vaccine for it and those European, South American and Caribbean countries which have been infected have adopted a slaughter policy to eradicate it. Mild strains

of the virus also occur which cause a milder but still serious disease in domestic pig herds. And, "there is no treatment."

From www.scidev.net, "Outbreaks of African swine fever reported from widely different parts of China over the past month have prompted experts, including from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), to warn that the virus could spill into adjacent South-east Asia, with devastating consequence for hog industries. And, "the spread of the virus to China "could have devastating socioeconomic consequences for both the Chinese and the global pig industry."

The futures markets are notorious for predicting the future and for a very good reason: Futures markets tend to forecast what will be seen in the future. With that thought in mind, here is how the hog futures market is trading at the end of this week. Keep in mind that cash hog prices in the US are hugging 16 year lows of \$30, give or take a bit but front month October futures traded up to \$56.72. June, 2019 hog futures hit \$80.75 this week. Obviously, the hog futures market is concerned about ASFV.

Concerns are also growing across the globe. Here are a few comments from the newspaper, Bangkok Post, "The disease is endemic to Africa and was first detected in China last month, in northeastern Liaoning province bordering North Korea and the Yellow Sea. It then spread to five more provinces in China."

"It sparked a call for Hong Kong to kill pigs imported from China to prevent the disease taking a hold there. There is no vaccine against ASF, but the virus poses no health threat to humans."

This week ended with U.S hog futures rising to a new two-month high as fears of ASFV are rampant. It was announced overnight that the highly fatal disease has been found in six provinces in China, on 18 farms. Since China is the world's largest hog producer and consumer the impact on their economy and possibly the entire global food supply chain is nothing the shrug off.

In fact, the United Nations just issued a report stating clearly that there is a, "very real possibility that ASFV could jump the border into other countries. It is estimated that China has approximately 400 million hogs and thus far, only

40,000 have been culled.

Obviously, based on cash hog prices, the US has an excess of supply while China is threatened with a shortage and possibly a big one at that. In normal times, China could come to the US for either hogs or pork to meet any domestic shortage they may face. But with the tariff dispute going in the trade war that kicked into gear in March, it is unlikely China will look to the US to solve their problem.

The ASFV situation looms large in China and Europe and will not likely go away anytime soon. And that is why hog prices basis the US futures market has increased 30% in a month. Are we staring at a historical moment in time for hog prices in China and possibly the US as well?

If you want to learn the history of the futures markets check out my two books on www.commodityinsite.com. I do believe you will enjoy my most recent book, "Haunted By Markets."

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One day at a time

Practice makes perfect. What have you been practicing? What are some of things you practice every day that have become habits? Do you pile papers to file later? Do you leave your cloth bags in the car when you grocery shop? Do you push snooze when you should get up but you go to bed past your bedtime so you're not rested?

A person who practices filing paperwork every day will never have piles (well the paper kind). A person who always takes cloth bags into the grocery store will never have a huge supply of plastic bags. A person who is strict about going to bed to get the rest needed doesn't need an alarm to wake up.

We're really good at routine living. When we don't like certain results then the routine isn't serving us. Unless we toss in a decision to change a habit, we'll continue to get results that don't make us happy. The good news is, WE CAN CHANGE. Being able to change behavior is a God-given gift. And it's really not that hard to do, if we make up our minds to it and find ways to make it fun until it becomes a habit.

Let's say you've just learned that pop (in the northwest that's what we call Coke and root beer) isn't good for you and you've read that it's addictive and you have an inkling you're addicted to it. Addiction is the state of being enslaved to a habit or practice or to something that is psychologically or physically habit-forming, as narcotics and sugar are.

Being enslaved sounds so ominous because it infers you've lost your freedom of choice or action. The truth is, we become enslaved by our habits and that's both good and bad. Good when it's a good habit and bad when it's a bad habit.

Baby Steps to Changing a Habit

A really good baby step is one AA uses...one day at a time. So instead of saying, "I'm never going to drink Dr. Pepper again," say, "Today, I won't drink Dr. Pepper." (You could also add to that "...or buy it." If you don't buy it, you won't have it to abuse.

When you start on a plan to break a habit and you only focus on one day at a time, you'll find that each day it gets easier. That's because as the

days go by you'll think less and less about its absence and more and more about the new habit you're establishing. Scientists say that 21 days is the magic number.

On January 8 of this year, Terry and I quit drinking alcohol. We didn't have a "drinking problem" so the decision didn't have a lot of momentum behind it other than curiosity. I decided to keep a notebook on my thoughts and right in line with the 21 day theory, my last note was on Monday, January 29 and I wrote: "I really don't need to write anything. I just don't have any thoughts on this right now." And I never wrote it again.

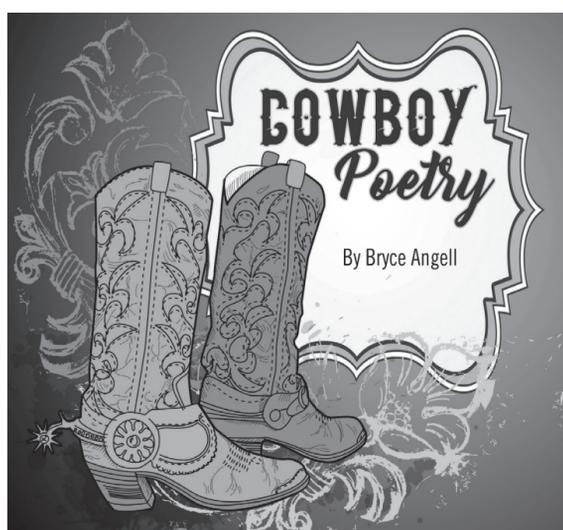
Today's as good a time as any to make a decision to start a new habit and do it just for today. Get a little note book and, as the day goes along, write your thoughts down that pertain to the change you're making. Think of ways to make your new habit fun to keep doing. In the beginning, Nelly (my inner child) wanted me to keep track of each day we didn't have alcohol by putting a pretty bead into a pill organizer and when

a month of beads was collected she wanted them strung and worn on my regular appearance on a local television to show. Whatever works do it.

Today as I write, Terry and I are on 198 days with no alcohol and I probably think about it once every two or three weeks. I haven't written in my notebook since January 29 and Nelly doesn't need to get a bead every day. I've become enslaved to my new habit of not having alcohol and in that enslavement I'm free of the old habit.

I'd love to hear what new habit you're going to do just for today. Please email me at pam@pamyong.org.

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Berry Pie

The evening air was so dang cold. We moved in by the fire. A cowboy tossed a block of wood. He'd get the flames up higher.

The trail boss talked about our day, then gave some good advice. And then he passed the berry pie. Each cowboy cut a slice.

We'd started this tradition of a berry pie at night. The pies were pure perfection as we gobbled down each bite.

But let me take you back at least a year or two ago. The

berry pies were all homemade. Your taste-buds told you so.

One cowboy, name of Wyatt, said, "There weren't no recipe." He'd baked the pies that morning, but each bite was agony.

He said he'd learned to make the crust. His grand-ma'd taught him well. But I swear the pie crust tasted more like pie dough straight from @###%!

Well, Wyatt guesstimated 'bout the filling in the pie. And when he offered seconds,

'twas enough to terrify!

So, we gathered up his pies and promptly threw 'em in the trash. I heard one fellow tell him, "We'd been better off with hash."

I've never heard a cowboy code 'bout calling someone fool. But if those words are written we for dang sure broke that rule.

And the other cowboys cooking skills would cause a human slaughter. I swear that every cowboy there would probably burn water.

So, we turned to desperate measures. Would we vote for pies from town? The only nay was Wyatt. Trail boss slammed the gavel down!

And now we're eating berry pie straight from the bakery. We'll keep this fond tradition 'cuz homemade was misery.

But someone said that Wyatt really wanted one more try. The trail boss offered his advice. "You bake 'em, say goodbye!"

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- 9 Wapiti
- 12 Culture medium
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- 14 Evening hour, in a way
- 15 Folded entree
- 16 Thy
- 17 Every iota
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- 19 "Monty Python" intro
- 20 Grooving on
- 21 Bidly
- 23 Always, in verse
- 25 Watermelon-shaped
- 28 Dodges
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- 33 Privately funded film
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- 49 Doctrine

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MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Madison County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 6:15 pm in the Public Meeting Room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, Montana. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on the proposed Vista Minor Subdivision and the update to the Yellowstone Club Master Plan. The proposed subdivision will split 4.34 acres from a larger tract in to 1 single-family residential lot. The area to be subdivided is located south and east of Cabin Road and west of Miller Lane adjacent to Phase 6A (Enclave) Subdivision, Yellowstone Mountain Club, in a portion of the North ¼, Section 12, Township 7 South, Range 2 East, PMM. Written comments should be received by 3:00 pm on September 24, 2018, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to planning@madisoncountymt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing. The preliminary plat and supplemental information pertaining to the proposed subdivision is available for review at: • Madison County Planning Office, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City

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• Yellowstone Mountain Club, One Yellowstone Club Trail, Big Sky Call (406) 843-5250 for more information. John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board Pub. Sept 6, 13, 2018) mcpb MNAXLP

NOTICE

The Madison County Board of Commissioners will not be holding their regular Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, as they will be attending the Montana Association of Counties Annual Conference in Missoula, Montana. The next regular meeting following this date will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018. Pub. Sept 6, 13, 2018) mcc MNAXLP

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REQUEST FOR FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

The Madison County Floodplain Administrator has received a Floodplain Development Permit application request from David and Jolene Banks for a house and driveway in the Jefferson River flood prone area on Parcel B, COS 7/8 in Section 14, Township 2 South, Range 6 West, PM. The 40'x30' detached garage will be constructed on fill with a slab on grade on more than 2 feet above base flood elevation. The 30.33'x76' house will be constructed on a crawl space with the inside flood elevation greater than the base flood elevation, and with certified vents to meet Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements. A driveway will connect the building site to an unnamed road on the northeast side of Parcel B. The property fronts on Jefferson Rd, S. Tobacco Root Rd and S. Tobacco Root Rd near the Jefferson Acres Subdivision, Silver Star. A description of the proposed project is available for review at the Madison County Planning Office, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City, MT 59755. Comments concerning the above request should be directed to the Madison County Floodplain Administrator via mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755; by phone to (406) 843-5250; by fax to (406) 843-5229; or email to cfechter@madison-countymt.gov.

Comments will be received through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 28, 2018. In the event of substantial comment or protest to the issuance of the permit, the Madison County Floodplain Administrator may hold a public hearing to determine whether the permit shall be issued. Charity Fechter, Floodplain Administrator Madison County Pub. Sep. 13, 2018) MCB MNAXLP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF: DIANA G. STARK, Deceased. Cause No. DP-29-2018-20 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 ROBERT J. STARK, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at P.O. Box 72, Twin Bridges, MT 59754, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Dated: August 28th, 2018 /S/ ROBERT J. STARK, Personal Representative STATE OF MONTANA) ss COUNTY OF Madison) ROBERT J. STARK, 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/ ROBERT J. STARK, Personal Representative SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 28th day of August, 2018. /S/ KAREN MCMULLIN Notary Public for the State of Montana Residing at: Ennis, MT My Commission expires: September 14, 2019 Personal Representative's Attorney: Karen McMullin Post Office Box 55 Ennis, MT 59729 Telephone: (406) 682-7878 Pub. Sep. 13, 20, 27, 2018) km MNAXLP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY A. GATES, Deceased NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Gayle F. Schabarker is the personal representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be mailed to Gayle F. Schabarker, PO Box 42, Ennis, MT 59729. Dated this 7th day of September 2018. Gayle F Schabarker Personal Representative Pub. Sep. 13, 20, 27, 2018) gs MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF VIRGINIA CITY Richard Salmonsens has requested a Variance for roof top solar panels, in the Historical Residential District, at 205 Broadway Street, Virginia City, Montana. Public comment will be heard at the October 18, 2018 council meeting. The meeting will be at 7:00 pm at the Rehearsal Hall, 316 W Idaho Street, Virginia City Pub. Sep. 13, 20, 2018) tovc MNAXLP

PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING

The Preliminary Budget for the Town of Virginia City, Madison County, Montana, has been completed and is on file in the office of the town clerk. There will be a public meet-

ing on September 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Town Office, 316 E Wallace St, Virginia City. Pub. Sep. 13, 20, 2018) tovc MNAXLP

NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee's Sale on December 12, 2018, 11:00 AM at the main entrance of 100 Wallace Street, Virginia City, MT 59755, the following described real property situated in Madison County, State of Montana: A tract of land 100 feet by 100 feet in Lot 6, Block 5 in the Town of Sheridan, Madison County, Montana, described as follows: Beginning at the point 50 feet east of the Southwest Corner of Lot 6, in Block 5, according to the Official Amended Plat of the Town of Sheridan, Montana, thence easterly along the north line of Hamilton Street 100 feet; thence Northerly 100 feet to the north line of Lot 6; thence westerly to a point 50 feet east of the west line of Lot 6; thence southerly 100 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, as previously described in Book 136, Page 387, records of Madison County, Montana. More commonly known as 212 West Hamilton Street, Sheridan, MT 59749.

David Wade Zahn, as Grantor, conveyed said real property to First American Title Company of Madison County, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Stockman Bank of Montana, its successors and assigns, by Deed of Trust on September 8, 2014, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Madison County, State of Montana, on September 8, 2014 as Instrument No. 157542, of Official Records. The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows: Assignee: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Assignment Dated: May 1, 2018 Assignment Recorded: May 29, 2018 Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 178037 All in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder for Madison County, Montana Benjamin J. Mann is the Successor Trustee

pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, State of Montana, on July 16, 2018 as Instrument No. 178808, of Official Records.

The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to Grantor's failure to make monthly payments beginning February 1, 2018, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$86,486.45, interest in the sum of \$2,236.02, escrow advances of \$495.58, other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$-80.90 for a total amount owing of \$89,137.15, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or 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 Grantor. 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 en-

vironmental 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, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee's Sale, to 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 by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee's and attorney's fees. In the event that all defaults are cured the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled.

The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason. 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.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated this 2nd day of August, 2018. Benjamin J. Mann, Substitute Trustee 376 East 400 South, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, UT 84111 Telephone: 801-355-2886 Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST) File No. 52836 Pub. Sep. 13, 20, 27, 2018) hwm MNAXLP

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Bat observations more frequent in fall

HELENA – Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) reminds everyone that fall is a time when bat observations are common in Montana. During autumn, young bats are attempting to take care of themselves, some bats are beginning long migrations to warmer climates and some bats are grounded by disease or illness.

A common misconception is that bats "carry" rabies. When a bat contracts rabies, it dies. Prior to this, it begins to show clinical signs of the disease: lethargy, loss of appetite, it often ends up grounded because it can no longer fly or feed.

Seven rabies-positive bats have been confirmed statewide as of August 31. While this is normal, it's important to remember how to handle bat contacts:

- Bats should be tested for rabies in all situations where there was potential for human

or pet exposure, such as direct contact with the bat or sleeping in a room where the bat was found.

- Bats should also be tested in situations where direct contact cannot be ruled out, such as when a bat is found in a room with a sleeping child or a mentally incapacitated individual.

For questions about exposures to bats within the home and how to submit bats for testing, contact your local health department.

Bats found indoors when there has been no potential for human contact should be captured or encouraged to move outdoors using some easy techniques based on the bats' own desire to get back out. Directions for this can be found FWP's webpage.

Some Montana bats may be more visible this time of year because they are starting a long migration to warmer climates.

Flying Buffalo Project, National Public Lands Day at Madison Buffalo Jump State Park

THREE FORKS - Montana State Parks will host the Flying Buffalo Project and National Public Lands Day celebration at Madison Buffalo Jump State Park on Saturday, September 22 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sky Wind World, Friends of the Madison Buffalo Jump and park staff invite the community to the park on National Public Lands Day to appreciate our public lands and experience Native American art and culture through a kite building and flying workshop.

Along with kite building and flying, join us for a program on the importance of being a good land steward and the part we play in preserving our public lands. Guest speaker, Marvin Dawes will perform a smudging ceremony as a

blessing over the park and give a culture presentation based on the Crow Tribe and their history in the area surrounding the Missouri Headwaters and the tributaries that contribute to its mighty flow.

Marvin Dawes is an interpretive ranger at the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Park, and a member of the Crow Tribe from Crow Agency, Montana.

This event has something for everyone! Kids of all ages are welcome to build a kite and fly and all are invited to engage in the culture this area has to offer and how we can preserve our Public Lands. For more information, call (406) 285-3610 or visit <http://stateparks.mt.gov/madison-buffalo-jump/>



Left - Sargent Brian Redfield is serving in the Army Reserve as an ammunition specialist stationed in Butte. Brian attended Twin Bridges High School. His parents are Becky Wood and Dave Redfield. Women for Veterans Auxiliary represents friends and community member is commending Sgt. Redfield for serving our country. (SUBMITTED)

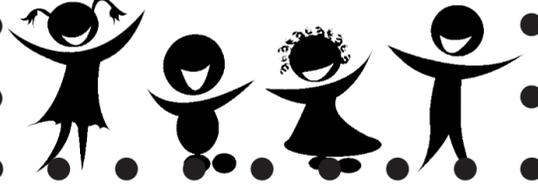
CHILD FIND

Ennis Schools is offering FREE developmental screenings for children birth to age five.

Screenings offered include: hearing, communication, motor skills & general development.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

To schedule an appointment or for more information, Call the Elementary office at 682-4237



AREA SENIOR MEALS

Ennis Senior Center

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

- Thursday, September 13 - French dip, jojo potatoes & veggie sticks, dessert, red hats
- Friday, September 14 - shrimp alfredo, salad & roll, dessert, pinochle at 12:45 p.m.
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- Friday, September 14 - shrimp alfredo, salad & roll, dessert, pinochle at 12:45 p.m.
- Monday, September 17 - crispy chicken sandwich, chips & pickle spear, dessert, mahjong at 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 18 - reuben & pickle, onion rings, dessert, play pan at 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 19 - fried fish & slaw, hush-puppies, dessert, mahjong at 1 p.m.
- Thursday, September 20 - breakfast burrito, fruit, "happy birthday" cake

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 Café on Tuesday & Thursdays from 11 am to 3 pm for \$4.00.

- Tuesday, September 18 – BLT with soup or fries, dessert.
- Thursday, Aug. 16 – Ham with Mac & Cheese, 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.

- Monday, September 10 Spaghetti, Garlic bread, green salad, green beans, pistachio dessert
- Wednesday, September 12 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggie, salad, dessert
- Friday, September 14 Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, pasta salad, fruit bowl, choc cake
- Monday, September 17 Goulash (hamburger, tomato, mac) salad, peach crisp
- Wednesday, September 19 Chicken Pot Pie, salad, apple pie
- Friday, September 21 Swiss Steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, dessert
- Monday, September 24 Stuffed Pork Roast, roasted root vegies, salad, pumpkin roll
- Wednesday, September 26 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggie, salad, dessert
- Friday, September 28 Fish Sticks, mac and cheese, veggie tray, fruit bowl, dessert.

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9:30 A.M. AT ST. MARY'S IN LAURIN
8:00 A.M. AT ST. PATRICK'S IN ENNIS
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FRI. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking
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843-5352 Virginia City



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Go to outpostevents.net for a complete listing of events

Thursday September 13
Ennis Book Club—Ordinary Grace
The Ennis book club will be discussing “Ordinary Grace” by William Kent Kreuger, with a presentation by Phylis Wasich. 1 p.m. at the Madison Valley Public Library.

Friday September 14
Bozeman Symphony Far Afield featuring Bobcat Brass, Virginia City
The Far Afield program takes Bozeman Symphony ensembles to rural communities to present free performances and share their musical perspectives. The

trio making up Bobcat Brass are the trumpet, horn and trombone professors at Montana State University’s School of Music. Catch a performance and hear exciting works from Poulenc to Plog. 7 p.m. at the Elling House arts & Humanities Center.

Thursday September 20
Gravelly Landscape Collaborative Meeting, Alder
Meeting to discuss the Greenhorn Project update and a Tobacco Roots Landscape Conditions presentation. For more information visit gravellylandscapecollaborative.org. 5:30-8 p.m. at the Alder Community

Center, 29 Upper Ruby Road.

Madison Valley Artifacts Presentation, Ennis
Madison Valley History Association presents Darlene Neville Rochez, speaking on artifacts of the Chowning, Ennis and Jeffers families. 4 p.m. at the Ennis Senior Center.

Saturday September 22
Season Closing Party at the Bale of Hay, Virginia City
Legendary Bluesman Dave Walker playing all his favorite music to delight the whole crowd. 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Bale of Hay Saloon.

Thursday September 27
Mad Gals Fall Kickoff, Ennis
Fall kickoff lunch and meeting. Social at noon, lunch at 12:30 at the Alley Bistro in Ennis. RSVP by Monday, September 24 if you plan to “bring a friend.”

Thursday October 4
Business After Hours, Ennis
BAH hosted by Thurston Inc., formerly Jack Daugherty Insurance. 5 p.m. at 201 E. Main Street.

Saturday October 6
Cider Pressing Party, Sheridan
Jackson’s Garden is hosting a community cider pressing from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Bring your apples and clean containers and take home the cider you press, or just come watch and enjoy warm cider and fresh donuts! 125 Mill Creek Rd.

Wednesday October 10
Stage and Screen, Dillon
Flutist Gary Arbuthnot highlights incredible musical scores from movies, Broadway and opera to some of the biggest rock and pop groups of the modern era. 7:30 p.m. at the UM Western Beier Auditorium. Call 406-683-2432 for information.

Friday October 19
33rd Annual Hunters Feed, Ennis
Chefs of all abilities offer up their best and most creative wild game dishes for all to vote upon right on Ennis’s Main Street. T-shirts available for purchase for the 50/50 to help this free event. Register to participate by October 18. 3 p.m. on Main Street.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

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

Children’s Story & Craft Time for babies, 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 1 p.m., come play tennis at the Madison Meadows Golf Course. All levels welcome.

TOPS, Ennis
Weekly weigh-ins are at 8:30 a.m.
Meetings at 9 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

Madison Meadows Ladies Golf Assn.
Thursday play 9 a.m. (morning league) 5:30 p.m. (evening league), May - Sept.

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

FRIDAYS

Tennis, Ennis
9 a.m. til 1 p.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
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