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**Sheriff suspended, trial date uncertain**

**Initial court appearance set for October 1**

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VIRGINIA CITY—Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson was officially suspended on Tuesday, September 11, with three months' pay and benefits.

About 30 people attended the discussion, which was an agenda item at the county commissioners' weekly meeting. Of the three criminal charges brought against Thompson, the only one that the commissioners have any official business with is the misdemeanor charge of official misconduct.

"Montana Code Annotated states that a public servant that has been charged with official misconduct may be suspended from office without pay pending final judgment," said chairman Ron Nye. "On final judgment of conviction, the public servant shall permanently forfeit the public servant's office. Upon acquittal, the public servant must be reinstated in office and must receive all back pay."

The county commissioners have no jurisdiction over the two felony charges brought against Thompson: perjury and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence. Those are left to the District Court for adjudication. The main task of the commission was to determine whether or not Thompson would be paid while on suspension.

Thompson attended the meeting along with attorney Todd Whipple, a former chief prosecutor from Bozeman who has assisted with many cases involving law enforcement officers over his 21-year career. Thompson made a brief statement to the commissioners before deliberations and public comment began.

"As you all are aware, allegations have been made against me," Thompson read. "As your duly elected sheriff for the last three years and a sworn law enforcement officer for over 30 years, I pride myself on my character and my sense of integrity."

"Although I strongly desire to defend myself against these allegations before the commission, I must first address them where they have been made: in a court of law. I must accept the fact that while these allegations are being resolved, they obviously create a distraction to the sheriff's office. I therefore accept suspension pending resolution of this matter."

Whipple requested that the commissioners consider placing Thompson on paid suspension, based on the fact that his obligation to the Madison County Sheriff's Department, while not in the capacity of sheriff, will not end during his suspension.

"He will still be required to occasionally answer questions and address situations that might arise, although not in his official capacity as sheriff,"

SHERIFF continued on A2

## Bus - ted



Drivers are not following the rules of the road when it comes to school buses, according to school bus driver and school officials. Those who don't put the lives of students at risk. (R. COLYER)

**Drivers not following school bus regulations endanger students**

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MADISON COUNTY - As the school year gets rolling for districts around Madison County, local bus drivers and law enforcement continue to deal with drivers ignoring regulations involving school buses.

Gail Banks has been driving school buses in the county for nearly 32 years and says that all the schools through the Madison and Ruby valleys face an ongoing problem when drivers do not stop for the flashing red lights on buses.

"I hear on my bus radio all the time about people running reds and nearly hitting kids," says Banks. "It's so hard for a driver to watch kids so they don't get hit and get a car's license plate at the same time. So many people just break the law and go on their way."

It's been a problem in Madison County for years. State law requires that drivers stop at least 30 feet from a bus when its red signal is flashing, regardless of which direction the car is approaching from.

This code was updated in 2013 after a bill from Governor Steve Bullock increased the stopping distance from 15 feet. Drivers are required to remain stopped until students have either boarded their bus or safely reached the side of the road.

But what many drivers miss is that they also must wait until the bus has shut off its red signals, regardless of where students are.

SCHOOL BUS continued on A2

## MDOT to research options for Virginia City hill safety

**Investigation follows August's near miss dump truck crash**

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VIRGINIA CITY—The Madison County commissioners held a public meeting on Tuesday, September 11 to begin brainstorming ideas for making Virginia City safer for pedestrians and adding more resources for truck drivers passing through.

Tuesday's meeting was called for by Montana Heritage Commission executive director Elijah Allen in response to the dump truck crash that occurred on the west end of Virginia City.

That truck had lost air pressure to its brakes and been unable to stop, passing through Virginia City along Wallace Street and narrowly avoiding crashing into parked cars and a number of pedestrians along the main thoroughfare.

"When that truck went past my office, it had to have been going 100 miles per hour," Allen told the commissioners. "I'm just stunned...I think there are a lot of things we could mitigate."

One such option, Allen said, would be for the county to consider adding another runaway truck ramp on the Virginia City hill. The truck that crashed on August 23 lost its brakes after it had already passed the runaway truck ramp near the top of the hill.

Montana Department of Transportation (DOT) district administrator Jeff Ebert joined the commission at its meeting on Tuesday to discuss other potential options.

HILL continued on A2



The hill going down into Virginia City is a safety concern following the crash of a run-away dump truck recently. No one was injured in the crash, but it brought the issue of speed on this hill to the forefront. (R. COLYER)



**Remembering 9/11...**

Above - Ennis Police officer John Moore and Ennis Ambulance responder Jeffrey Sussman (both left) and Sussman's wife MaryAnn, also an Ennis Ambulance operator (right) shared lunch with Ennis Elementary School students on Tuesday, September 11.

Below - Ennis Elementary School students show off their police badge stickers with two first responders who joined them for lunch: Madison Valley Rural Fire Department, represented by Chris Orr (center) and chief Shawn Christensen. (R. COLYER PHOTOS)

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# Big Sky celebrates groundbreaking

Montage Big Sky to open June 2021

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BIG SKY—Several hundred people attended the groundbreaking of Montana's first luxury hotel in the Spanish Peaks enclave in Big Sky on Friday, September 14.

The Montage Big Sky Resort will occupy an area of over 3,500 acres and will feature three eateries, two pools, a spa and Big Sky's first bowling alley, and will cost roughly \$400 million to construct. It is also estimated to bring over \$1 million in resort taxes to the state of Montana.

Attendees of the event included Congressman Greg Gianforte, Senator Steve Daines and lieutenant governor Mike Cooney.

Montage founder and CEO Alan Fuerstman said he fell in love with Big Sky the first time he visited to do preliminary research on the site for the resort.

"Our promise is that we will be here with open arms," Fuerstman said of Montage. "We plan to be here for the next 20 years at least. My children won't vacation anywhere else."

Montage Big Sky will allow guests to ski in and out in the winter and overlooks several of Big Sky ski area's chairlifts. It will include 150 guest rooms and suites and 39 resort-style residences and will offer access to Spanish Peaks' 18-hole golf course.

The project will provide 300 construction jobs per day, says Matt Kidd, managing director of



Above - Hosts and speakers at the Montage Big Sky hotel groundbreaking on Friday, Sept. 14 included: Suffolk Construction CEO John Fish; CrossHarbor Capital managing director Matt Kidd; Big Sky chamber of commerce CEO Candace Carr Strauss; Montage founder and CEO Alan Fuerstman, Rep. Greg Gianforte, Lt. Gov. Mike Cooney, Sen. Steve Daines and CrossHarbor co-founder Sam Byrne.



Below - Hundreds of guests gathered at Spanish Peaks Mountain Club to celebrate the groundbreaking of \$400 million Montage Big Sky.

CrossHarbor Capital, a key partner in the project. The resort will also employ around 400 people on its completion.

Construction has already begun on the area where Montage

will sit, but the resort is not expected to open until the summer of 2021. Many attendees already plan to return for Montage's grand opening in a little less than three years.

"It's great to have a world-class partner in this project," said Gianforte at the groundbreaking. "I'm looking forward to being here for the ribbon cutting."

## HILL continued from A1:

Ebert noted that the DOT had pulled data on the number of serious crashes Virginia City has seen in the past decade, and that three of those had involved animals, two had been side-swiped vehicles and one had been a fixed-object collision. He said this was the first reported to the DOT that involved a commercial vehicle.

However, Ebert also said that when crashes do not involve a law enforcement response, they do not get formally reported to the DOT, so it's possible those numbers were lower than the actual number of incidents. Roger Williams with the Virginia City Fire Department agreed.

"We've had multiple runaways that haven't gotten reported and haven't caused an

## Safety of Virginia City Hill considered by MDOT

accident," Williams said. "Almost every fire meeting, we're wringing our hands over what we'd do if a runaway truck hit a propane truck or, God forbid, a storefront."

Allen also mentioned other options, like the installation of rumble strips as vehicles enter and exit Virginia City, adding a crosswalk somewhere along Wallace Street or adding more signage near the top of the 3-mile, 7 percent grade leading into town to warn drivers of what's ahead.

However, Ebert said, studies have shown that the more signage there is in a given area, the less drivers tend to actually pay attention to it. Atop the Virginia City there are already signs advising the grade of the hill, the curves and the speed lim-

it, which quickly drops from 70 miles per hour to 45, then 35 and 25 as drivers drop into town.

To begin the process, Ebert said, the DOT would begin by conducting traffic and pedestrian counts, which could begin as early as this fall.

Once that data is collected, the DOT could consider looking into purchasing a plot east of town for another runaway truck ramp or adding flashing signs or rumble strips similar to those that notify drivers of potentially sharp or unexpected turns on Highway 84 between Norris and Bozeman.

Allen also presented the option of exploring whether the Montana Heritage Commission, which is a state entity, could gift some land in order to create a

second runaway truck ramp. He estimated that nearly half a million people visited Virginia City and Nevada City this summer, and noted the importance of ensuring that drivers coming over the hill know exactly what they're about to drive into.

The DOT has a highway safety improvement sector that focuses on specific locations that pose traffic dangers, and Ebert said this could be an ideal case in which to utilize those resources. In the meantime, a multitude of potential solutions could be explored once research gets underway.

"The sooner we get the ball rolling, the better options we'll find," he noted.

## SHERIFF continued from A1: Commissioners suspend sheriff pending outcome of trial

but just as a person with institutional knowledge," Whipple said. "When officers are suspended, or accept suspension, and they maintain that presumption of innocence... it is customary and routine that that officer would be suspended with pay."

Commissioner Jim Hart made the distinction between the commissioner's options to follow heart or head in the matter at hand.

"We all could lead from our heart and be comparatively lenient," Hart said, "or simply go with our logic: commissioners are mainly responsible for finances and our employees. Roger technically is not our employee, but we do have to pay attention to the finances."

Another thing to consider was the potential duration of the investigation, which is currently unknown. Whipple mentioned that because an out-of-district judge from Helena would be presiding, it could take more or less time depending on her schedule.

County attorney Chris Christensen noted that a number of variables would determine the length of Thompson's suspension, the first of which is the length of the trial itself. But Christensen did not expect a trial to begin until at least six months from now.

"After the initial appearance... the court schedules an omnibus hearing, and there the attorneys decide how many days they think it will take

to try the case. That is then given to the court, and the court determines the trial date."

Before voting on whether or not to pay Thompson during his suspension, the commissioners opened the meeting to public comment. All the comments offered by attendees were positive toward the sheriff.

"I would recommend a little bit of heart in this situation," said Karen McMullin, an attorney in Ennis. "It would certainly lessen a hardship for not only the sheriff but his family."

Twin Bridges mayor Tom Hyndman agreed. "I've worked with Roger Thompson for quite a while now and I've been mayor for 13 years. He has served us very well in Twin Bridges," Hyndman said. "I know in his investigations he tries to be as careful as he can and tries to get things straight so there are no problems."

After the public comment period, Hart made his recommendation to his fellow commissioners: three months' worth of pay and benefits. Commissioners Dan Allhands and Ron Nye agreed, and the motion was carried in a unanimous vote.

Pending the outcome of Thompson's trial, Madison County undersheriff Phil Fortner will be acting sheriff. Thompson's initial appearance before the District Court is scheduled for October 1.

## SCHOOL BUS continued from A1: Drivers need to follow the rules to keep kids safe

School buses also have amber-colored flashers, which require a driver to slow to a reasonable speed and be prepared to stop.

Many students have to cross the road after alighting from their school bus, but the size of the bus means that drivers in nearby cars can't see around it. Drivers assuming there are no children behind a bus has led to countless near misses, many of which Banks has personally witnessed.

"It's the students who are really at risk," she says. "The

close calls are way too many. I have had semi-trucks pass my bus and nearly hit students already off the bus getting ready to walk across the lane.

"They could have killed those children just being in too big of a hurry to stop."

Sheridan superintendent Mike Wetherbee says one way to keep students as safe as possible is to place school bus stops at places where they won't have to cross the street to board.

"We try as well as we can to pick students up on the door side of the street," says Wether-

bee. "That's one of our policies. There's a ton of thoughts about safety there."

Wetherbee says that when a car illegally passes a school bus, the district's policy is to call Montana Highway Patrol or the sheriff's department. But the biggest problem is a lack of patience by drivers.

"We live in an impatient world," he says. "But the fact is, it only takes a few seconds to stop and make sure the kids are safe, and then get on your way."

The only instance in which a driver does not have to stop

for a school bus is when the bus is on a completely separate roadway, or a roadway that students can't cross such as a controlled-access highway or interstate.

Anytime cars and school buses find themselves sharing the road, drivers always need to take extra caution. If they don't the results could be tragic.

"Some people just aren't paying attention," says Banks. "Our luck will run out one day, and a child is going to get hit."

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New council member James Klyap took the oath as Twin Bridges town council's newest member on Tuesday, Sept. 11. Klyap took the place of David Banks Jr., who relocated due to new employment. Fellow council members Noland Frandsen, Matt Greemore, Scott Holbrook, and Mayor Tom Hyndman look on. The council approved its 2018-19 budget and some building compliance applications at its meeting. More on the budget in next week's *The Madisonian*. (J. TAYLOR)

## Sheridan talks water bonds, water issues, deer problem

**Bonds anticipate new well, other issues include service line leak, those who can't pay water bill**

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SHERIDAN – At Sheridan's September 10 town council meeting, the council discussed the creation of \$70,000 in Water System Revenue Bonds, other water issues, and talked about what council believes is the town's deer problem.

### Bonds

The bonds are being created in anticipation of drilling a new town well, to solve the town's ongoing water supply issues.

Mayor Bob Stump told council the bond anticipation note would – if finally approved at the October meeting – cover some of the costs the town incurred with Great West Engineering in creating a new town well.

Sheridan has been searching for a new water source for nearly a year, following three of the town's five wells essentially drying up. As a result, Sheridan went on a quest to find new water. The town tried rehabbing its older wells, without success. It looked at old water sources, including the former town water supply on Indian Creek, and the town instituted water conservation measures. In the end, the council deemed it best to move ahead with drilling a new, larger well.

Stump said most of the language in the bond anticipation note was legalese required by Montana codes, insurance and the state's revolving fund program.

Sheridan is currently being served by only one well, with a reduced capacity to produce water than it had in the past.

### Other water issues

Several other related water issues also cropped up during the meeting.

- Well rehab - Public works director Curt Green was asked if the town's dried up wells would be taken off line.

Green said Well No. 3 would not be taken off line, because it has the potential to "do something."

Stump also talked about how "chemical rehab" of old wells had been successful in Europe. Stump said a material was injected into the well, and this material chemically dissolved the barriers on the outside of the well casing – Sheridan's wells are not producing because of similar issues, he said – and that this process had the potential to redevelop the well.

According to Councilperson Emilie Saylor, the well casings in Sheridan's wells were installed in the early 1990s.

Green said his main concern with rehabbing the wells that are not producing any longer was bacteria, and how the state's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) would be looking at this when it came to the safety of the water source.

It was suggested that the town get this procedure on its radar.

Stump said this would have to take place after the town's new well was dug and operating.

Green said that the town could try this on Well No. 1 and if it works, try on No. 3 and No. 5, but this might require DEQ approval.

- Leaking service line - Council also discussed what they should do about a recently discovered leak in a resident's service line and how this might impact other residents should similar problems be found.

According to Stump, one North Main Street resident's service line leaked 320,000 gallons of water in a short period of time, resulting in a \$450 bill for the water the town provided to the service line. (After the water reaches the service line into a home, what happens to it is not the town's responsibility, Stump pointed out.) The resident, after the leak was discovered, immediately called a plumber to have the water turned off and the leak repaired, work done between Friday morning and that evening.

Stump said he was not comfortable with charging the resident the full \$450 for the water, even if this wasn't a town issue, but the resident's. He wondered if it would be possible to offer the resident some relief from this, how the town had handled this in the past.

Councilman Rahn Abbott wondered about the size of previous leaks. Stump told him this leak – the

largest ever – was twice as large as the largest previous leak.

Saylor wondered how often the town had leaking service lines.

Stump said the town currently knew of 20 leaking service lines, based on meter readings. He said this could be as simple as toilet that runs often, or the result of a leaking service line.

Town Clerk Ginger Galiger noted that the resident had already paid half of the bill for the water leak.

Councilman Dan Durham wondered if the town couldn't put a financial cap on this kind of a situation. "They didn't do anything wrong," he said. "If they didn't want to fix it, then they pay for it. But I don't feel good about charging \$450 for this."

Green wondered about a 24 hour time frame imposed on fixing such leaks.

Abbott suggested that the cost of the water could be spread out over a longer time frame, to ease the financial hit.

Stump said he liked Durham's idea of a cap on this, but suggested looking at it on a case-by-case basis.

The council tabled the issue in order to gather more information.

- Water bill assistance - The council also discussed water bill assistance, for residents who can't afford increased rates the council recently approved.

The issue was who would be eligible for help.

Abbott suggested using the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP), which pays part of winter energy bills for eligible people, as a yardstick for measuring those who need water bill help. He also wanted to build a matrix that would qualify people for help.

Saylor agreed, noting that LIEAP comes into the community to gather those who need help.

Accepting donations from the public to help those whose water bills are beyond their means – the town would like to create a fund for this – was also discussed. Galiger said a line on the water bill could be included about this.

### Deer problems

Stump said deer are a problem in Sheridan. "They're camped out around my house, and there are no resistant plants" he said. He also talked about complaints from other residents and some council members mentioned having deer eat their flowers and vegetables.

"We should be able to have something growing without an 8-foot fence around it," Stump said.

Stump wanted to see if there was any interest in implementing an urban deer management program, such as Glendive has.

Essentially, as Stump explained it, Glendive allows licensed hunters, using archery equipment, to shoot deer in town limits if they have permission from the landowner.

"This is not an open season on deer," Stump said.

A closer look at Glendive's program requires hunters to shoot antlerless deer before tagging bucks, and to bag and remove all entrails from downed deer during processing.

Durham wondered how effective the effort had been in Glendive. Stump said that about half of the problem deer had been removed from the town, but about 5 percent of these deer were deemed "not worth it."

Abbott noted that the Glendive effort focused on open spaces in that community, and he said there was not much of this in Sheridan.

Stump said he was thinking of the lagoon area in this regards.

Saylor, while acknowledging there was a deer problem, wasn't all that interested in a Glendive-style program in Sheridan. She noted that she is an archer herself and has hunted, but she worried about how many archers have the skills to quickly and cleanly take deer. She also wasn't interested in having her children see a deer dying in their backyard, or see a deer with an arrow in it running around town. She noted that Block Management areas outside Sheridan attract a lot of people, people landowners don't know, who may or may not have the hunting experience to cleanly take game and she worried about this in town, too. She thought only certain areas might lend themselves to this kind of effort, and make sure that those involved are dedicated individuals.

Green, who hunts with a bow, said he would hate to be the person who decides who is a better bow-hunter.

Durham suggested that the landowner would have the say-so on who got to hunt and who did not. Abbott said Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) should sign off on any program the town might put forth.

Stump said the town would invite FWP biologist Dean Waltee, who lives in Sheridan, to the next meeting to discuss this.

## VC Council discusses solar panels in town, parking lot

**Fiber optics, road safety also discussion topics**

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VIRGINIA CITY—The Virginia City town council followed up on several projects and looked to the future at its monthly meeting on Thursday, September 6. Conversation largely centered on the process for installing solar panels around town and a future project redoing Virginia City's main parking lot.

Conversation began with a brief discussion on the dump truck crash that took place in Virginia City last month.

"The fact that we skirted disaster is an absolute miracle," said Mayor Justin Gatewood.

Gatewood also noted that the town and Madison County were working with a representative of the Montana Department of Transportation to address options for preventing similar incidents in the future, and that some local parents had taken the initiative to move the school bus stop that was formerly very near the crash site.

### Solar panels

The council discussed the methods and regulations for citizens who wish to add solar panels to their homes in order to be better prepared for a variance request that is scheduled to come before the council in October.

Consultant Jim Jarvis noted that the town's current unilateral prohibition on solar panels is "a bit overzealous and it could be moderated."

The main concern with solar panels is keeping them in line with Virginia City's dedication to preserving the historic appearance and nature of the town, which is the cornerstone of its booming tourism industry, especially during the summer season.

Jarvis suggested that in the future, solar panels could be evaluated on a case-by-case basis based on the materials used and the placement of the panels on or near a residence, including a "good faith effort" to keep them as hidden as possible.

An illegal solar panel was installed in Virginia City earlier this year without the approval of the council. It was later determined that those panels would be allowed to remain where they were installed, but the homeowner who put them up was fined \$500.

Jarvis noted that new technology is constantly being refined that could potentially make solar panels nearly invisible, and said that could be an option for homeowners to pursue.

"Especially as a historic district of our stature," said Jarvis, "I think we have the right to demand the best."

The council compared the panels to the propane tanks, satellite dishes and air conditioning units that are visible throughout much of town and agreed that a historic-preservation-minded approach did not mandate a prohibition on new technology in town. The council will further discuss regulations on solar panels at its October meeting.

### Parking Lot

Jarvis also presented to the council a number of potential plans for the renovation and expansion of Virginia City's main parking lot—a project the town hopes to complete in time for the 2019 tourist season.

The local Chamber of Commerce, Gatewood noted, has pledged between \$20,000 and \$40,000 for the project, as well as a couple other grants totaling over \$100,000, but the project as a whole will likely cost over \$300,000, including the purchase of a number of lots facing Wallace and Idaho Streets.

"The town is going to have to borrow a minimum of \$100,000 to finance this," said Gatewood. The board also agreed that the town of Virginia City should be the supplier of the \$20,000 in earnest money required to hold the lots in question until construction can begin.

When completed, the expanded parking lot will have a 60-70 vehicle capacity, shifting a large amount of Wallace Street parking traffic off of Virginia City's main thoroughfare and allowing more space for pedestrians and the horse-drawn carriage that offers summertime tours for visitors.

The Virginia City council's September agenda also included:

- A public works report updating the board on the end of the tourism season. Routine maintenance and repairs will continue through the fall to prepare the town for winter and to already begin looking ahead for spring and summer of 2019.

- An update on the project bringing fiber optics to Virginia City. The utility work that has been ongoing for most of the summer on the east end of town is largely finished, and installation should be complete by next spring as individual residents are connected to the system.

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# OPINION

Editor:

Sen. Llew Jones' recent specious LTE absolving his colleagues in the Republican party of the budget crisis they, including our representative, created, once again illustrates the majority party's guile.

Our Governor proposed a balanced budget that maintained the very services that were slashed by the GOP. It likewise ensured a sufficient fund balance to manage the biennium.

However, the Republicans deliberately built a budget on false revenue projections over the objections of the Governor and the minority party. Their budget manipulations resulted in devastating cuts to services, jobs, DPHHS critical health care facilities, mental health and elderly services, school budgets, higher ed budgets, cuts to libraries.

As in two previous sessions, they again rejected the Veterans Home in Butte and critical infrastructure. They refused to consider any reasonable revenue measures (including a temporary tobacco tax!).

By refusing to work in an equitable way with the Governor, they forced a special session costing unnecessary tax money.

Then, over the minority party's objections, they made a deal with the devil, so to speak, by bargaining for a \$30 million contract with Core Civic, a dubiously-run private prison, to bring in the lost revenue rather than, again, any temporary reasonable revenue.

Sen. Jones now postulates that credit might be given to Rep. Ray Shaw for agreeing with his culpable party that "the Executive should direct" that the prison funds "go to essential services". The same ones that they cut. Duh.

This budget mess need not have happened. Remember that on November 6th.

Pat Bradley, Twin Bridges

Editor:

I've had the privilege of going door-to-door in Sheridan several times this summer on behalf of Jay Frederick, candidate for Montana House District 71. Jay lives in Ennis and is a Democrat, guided by small-d democratic principles and by our State and U.S. Constitutions.

Jay's background and career of public service, including military service, have instilled in him the qualities of honesty, integrity, strong work ethic, respect for others, long-range view, and passion for good government — qualities we need in our elected public officials. Jay is skilled in listening, working with people of diverse views, and finding shared values and common ground upon which to build solutions for the issues we face.

Healthcare is of major concern to the kind Sheridan residents who answered their doors to the sound of our knocks. No matter our political leanings, we all seem to recognize healthcare as an essential public service that needs fixing. Healthcare for seniors, veterans, young families, people with disabilities. The list goes on.

Healthcare for those who need it most is one of Jay's signature issues. Our local rural hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes need reliable support. Our children need reliable health insurance coverage. Those living with physical disabilities or mental illnesses need reliable access to case managers, physical and occupational therapists, psychiatrists, mental health and addiction counselors, home health workers, and trained peer support. The Republican-led 2017 Montana

Legislature cut the state budget dramatically; this action triggered the crippling of key elements of our health care system. Steps backward must be replaced by reliable steps forward, starting with the 2019 Montana Legislature.

Jay Frederick will work reliably on behalf of all HD 71 constituents. That means all of us in Madison County, plus folks in portions of Jefferson and Butte-Silver Bow Counties. Please join me in voting for Jay Frederick on November 6th.

Doris Fischer, Sheridan

Editor:

Perhaps this isn't a "normal" letter to the editor, but I want to say thank you to my husband. We have been together for over 20 years now and I must say that the third time was the charm!

Bill Moore (I call him "Wills") is without a doubt the best husband ever! Like any couple, we have been through good times and bad. Wills is always there for me; his loyalty and love never waver, no matter what the circumstances. He's had to perform some unpleasant tasks for me over the years; and rather than complain, we've always been able to laugh about them and let them pass as if they were no big deal. Wills is an impeccable housewife; he cleans the house, does the wash, etc. as often and as well, if not better, than I do. He can do absolutely anything; be it from scratch or repairing something. Plus, Wills is a perfectionist, so I know whatever he does is going to work like it's supposed to and/or be beautiful when it's completed.

What attracted me to Bill Moore in the beginning (other than his good looks!) was the air of integrity he possesses. My previous marriage left me hurting in a lot of ways and distrustful of men for several years. But if you look up the word integrity in the dictionary, Bill's name will appear. He is a man of his word and can be trusted completely to always tell the truth and stick by his moral compass.

Wills and I do a lot of things together and we enjoy one another's company immensely. But we also give each other the freedom to go and do things on our own. In fact, we encourage that in one another; and in so doing, it makes the time we spend with each other that more precious and fun. We play, we laugh, we share, we pray, we compromise, we communicate. Sometimes it's hard to tell where he ends and I begin. Wills and I are definitely an integral part of one another.

I have had a lot of health problems and surgeries over the last 20 plus years. Wills has always stepped up to the plate to take care of me, no questions asked. He has given of himself selflessly when the situation calls for it. I will say he tends to "hover" sometimes; but I'd much rather have it that way than a man who doesn't pay attention to his partner's needs.

Wills would give you the shirt off his back; he is kind and generous and hard-working. He is a very social man and enjoys the company of almost everyone he meets. He is loyal, dedicated, and passionate about fishing!

In short, I couldn't ask for a more devoted, wonderful man to call my husband. Wills has his faults, as we all do; but without them, he wouldn't be my Wills. His love for me is huge and so, so appreciated! This letter is to let him know publicly how much he is valued, cherished, and loved!

Nan Moore

# Stop nuclear cronyism

By Robert L. Bradley, Jr.

In June, President Trump directed Energy Secretary Rick Perry to bail out struggling nuclear and coal power plants. Such federal action would come on top of state bailouts, such as New Jersey's just-approved \$300 million annual life-line to keep three nuclear plants running.

The administration claims, as do nuclear companies, that bailouts are necessary to safeguard national security should fossil-fueled power plants go offline from a cyberattack or a natural disaster.

While it is true that nuclear plants can store significant amounts of fuel onsite, the administration's argument is a FAR stretch. A recent report from the Rhodium Group determined that a minuscule share of power outages -- .00007 percent -- have resulted from a shortage of onsite fuel. The study also failed to discover any clear link between nuclear power generation and more reliable energy systems.

Why nuclear in the first place? During its 1970s building boom, utility executives and politicians thought oil and natural gas were running out. Nuclear was also thought to be less expensive, even having promised to be "too cheap to meter."

The opposite was true. Nuclear cost overruns became legendary. Meanwhile, deregula-

tion cured the oil and gas supply problem. Today, thanks to hydraulic fracturing, natural gas prices are at historic lows, with the United States leading global production.

As a result, generating electricity at a new gas-fired power plant is estimated to cost half as much as at a new nuclear facility. This is in theory. In practice, the discrepancy has proven far greater. Two federally subsidized power plants in Georgia are now \$9 billion over budget and five years behind schedule. South Carolina ratepayers are looking at an 18 percent higher bill for two recently abandoned nuclear construction projects. The collateral damage included the bankruptcy of nuclear builder Westinghouse last year.

The failed promise of nuclear was certainly not due to a lack of government aid. Between 1948 and 2007, federal R&D subsidies for nuclear totaled more than \$80 billion, according to Taxpayers for Common Sense. The 2005 Energy Policy Act devoted \$2 billion in subsidies to six nuclear plants around the country. The Price-Anderson Nuclear Industries Indemnity Act of 1957 has subsidized insurance in case of nuclear accidents for the past 60 years.

Sixty out of the original 132 nuclear plants remain in operation today, accounting for about 20 percent of America's electricity generation.

By 2050, nuclear output is expected to decline by one-fourth.

There is one way that the federal government can aid nuclear without exploiting captive ratepayers or taxpayers -- by ending the Production Tax Credit for existing and new industrial wind turbines.

Wind power directly competes against -- and can ruin -- the economics of nuclear. In certain circumstances, kilowatt hours of wind output are sold at very low -- even negative -- prices just to get the 2.4 cent tax credit. That leaves nuclear, and even gas- and coal-fired plants that do not get this subsidy, with artificially low revenue to cause premature capacity retirement.

The obvious answer, then, is to end the tax subsidies for existing wind facilities, not to double-down on government subsidies.

It's not the job of government officials to decide which energy technologies succeed and which fail. And it's certainly not their job to prop up uncompetitive firms by raising electricity costs on average citizens and requiring taxpayer involvement. The consumer-driven marketplace alone, if theory and history is any guide, should arbitrate.

Robert L. Bradley Jr. is the founder and CEO of the Institute for Energy Research.

# OBITUARIES

Susie Whitman  
September 8, 2018

BOZEMAN - Susie Whitman, 74, passed away Saturday, September 8, 2018, in Bozeman, MT.

She was born October 7, 1943, to John and Erna (Raft) Reints in Jeffers, MT. She spent most of her life in West Yellowstone.

She met Clyde Whitman when he attended high school in Ennis. They moved to West Yellowstone after their marriage and raised their two sons there. Susie and Clyde both enjoyed Wolverine football and traveled with the team when Tim and Bob played.

Susie fought a long and brave battle with cancer. She always had a positive attitude and smile. Susie was "One of a Kind"!!

There will be a Celebration of Life Saturday, September 22



Anita Dykman  
September 12, 2018

HARRISON -- Anita Dykman, age 69, of Harrison passed away September 12, 2018 at Livingston.

Anita was born May 17, 1949 at Bozeman, Montana to Joe and Maxine (Cook) Dykman. She lived her entire life from birth with a mental health disability. However, she was a survivor for 69 years.

She was preceded in death by her father and a sister Barbara.

Survivors include her mother

Maxine and brother Joe Dykman both of Harrison, niece Kaitlin Dykman and nephew Maxwell Dykman both of Kiehi, Hawaii.

Memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church at Harrison with Rev. Joe Miller officiating. Interment was in the Harrison Cemetery.

Memorials are preferred to Counterpoint 603 East Milky Way Livingston, MT 59047.

K&L Mortuaries of Harrison is handling arrangements.

from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, West Yellowstone, MT.

Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service. www.dokkennelson.com

# Governor Steve Bullock presents 2018 Labor Day report: Strong economy

**Low unemployment, rising wages, strong entrepreneurial climate, workforce development keys to growing state economy**

HELENA – Governor Steve Bullock, along with Lt. Governor Mike Cooney and Montana Department of Labor & Industry Commissioner Galen Hollenbaugh, presented the 2018 Labor Day Report to Montanans on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

“Unemployment remains low, wages are growing, Montana entrepreneurs are more likely to be successful than businesses nationally, and we’re seeing growth in diverse industries,” said Governor Bullock. “As we celebrate the working men and women of Montana, let’s make a commitment to continue engaging in ways we can build a more diverse workforce, expand opportunities for Mon-

tana families, and fuel economic growth in all of our communities.”

The Labor Day Report is compiled annually by the Montana Department of Labor & Industry and provides a detailed examination at the economic performance of the state as measured by key growth indicators such as employment growth, income growth, and workforce training and development.

The 2018 Labor Day Report highlights strengths of Montana’s growing economy, including:

- Montana entrepreneurs are among the most successful in the nation at starting and developing new businesses, and in the last year, over 2,940 new establish-



**Gov. Bullock shares the state’s Labor Day economic report with the public on Tuesday, Sept. 4 (SUBMITTED PHOTO)**

ments were formed by Montana entrepreneurs;

- Real wages increased for Montana families with Montana posting the 4th fastest wage growth among states from 2007-2017;
- Over the last ten years, Mon-

tana’s per capita income has grown rapidly – the 10th fastest increase among states;

- Real GDP growth over the 2007 to 2017 timeframe outpaced the nation, adding an average of roughly 1.3% (or \$522 million) per year to real GDP. Montana’s total

nominal GDP in 2017 was \$48 billion;

• Over the last five years, registered apprenticeships have increased by over 30%. There are 1,820 active apprentices today and 21 different apprenticeable occupations in healthcare alone.

“We’ve seen first-hand how the Montana Registered Apprenticeship Program provides a pathway to in-demand jobs that pay well,” Commissioner Galen Hollenbaugh said. “Through industry-driven partnerships across Montana, we’re providing workers with the skills and experience they need to thrive.”

The 2018 Labor Day Report was presented at Blackfoot River Brewing Company, where the brewery announced the state’s first-ever Montana Registered Apprenticeship program in brewing. By connecting with the Montana Department of Labor & Industry’s Registered Apprenticeship program, the brewery is offering its workers a new pathway to becoming a professional brewer. An ap-

prentice will receive two to three years of hands-on learning in the brewery and complete approximately 140 hours of online courses through the Institute of Brewing and Distilling. At the end of the program, apprentices will receive a certified national credential.

Governor Bullock and Commissioner Hollenbaugh shared the state’s workforce training and development initiatives to equip students and workers with new skills and ensure businesses have a talented and trained workforce.

Governor Bullock discussed growing apprenticeship opportunities in diverse occupations, the “One-Two-Free” initiative to increase access to dual enrollment, and the expansion of preschool access to provide affordable childcare options for Montana families. Governor Bullock also emphasized state and national workforce development efforts through the Future Ready MT Cabinet and his National Governors Association chair’s initiative, Good Jobs for All Americans.

## Forest Service seeks comments on Southern Gravelly Mountain grazing project

ENNIS – The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest (BDNF) is preparing to do an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for the Strawberry to Cascade allotment management plan (AMP) project.

This EIS will assess sheep grazing on eight allotments on the Madison Ranger District in the southern Gravelly Mountains southeast of Ennis. This EIS would also ensure consistency with all laws, regulations and policies.

An issue of concern is potential impact of domestic sheep grazing on the wild bighorn sheep populations found on the BDNF. The concern is that domestic sheep grazing presents a disease transmission risk to the wild Bighorn sheep. Additional issues will be identified through scoping.

To learn more about the project and to view maps visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54522>. These documents are also available in paper or CD formats upon request.

Public comments are due by October 15. Only individuals or entities who submit timely and specific written comments about the proposed project during the public comment period will be

eligible to file an objection. Submit comments to Dale Olson, Madison District Ranger, by one of the following methods:

- Mail - Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Strawberry to Cascade Project, 5 Forest Service Road, Ennis MT 59729. Fax: (406) 682-4233.

•E-mail: [comments-northernbeaverhead-deerlodge@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-northernbeaverhead-deerlodge@fs.fed.us). Please put “Comments –Strawberry to Cascade AMP” in the subject line for emailed comments.

Comments should include:

- 1) Name, address, phone number, and organization represented, if any;
- 2) Title of project on which the comments are being submitted; and
- 3) Substantive comments including specific facts and supporting information for the District Ranger to consider.

For more information or questions concerning this project, contact Dale Olson, Madison District Ranger, [dolson07@fs.fed.us](mailto:dolson07@fs.fed.us), or Strawberry to Cascade Project Team Leader Jenna Roose, at [jroose@fs.fed.us](mailto:jroose@fs.fed.us) or (406) 682-4253.



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**Bullwinkle's return...**

Antoinette Scully's moose keeps coming back for the apples in her backyard. Photos taken Sept. 3 at about 7:30 a.m. "I have never seen a moose with the red antlers before," exclaimed Scully when sharing this photo. This is the time of year when bull moose and other deer family members lose their "velvet," the layer of tissue covering the antlers they shed in the winter, then regrow each summer. Moose are also known to be attracted to fermenting fruits of all kinds. (ANTOINETTE SCULLY)

**Court blocks ID, WY grizzly hunt for 14 more days**

MISSOULA, Mont. —Today, a U.S. District Court judge extended a temporary restraining order to block planned grizzly bear trophy hunts in Idaho and Wyoming for 14 more days while he prepares a ruling. The judge may only renew a temporary restraining order such as this once, so if there is no decision in the case over the next 14 days, wildlife advocates will request an injunction stopping the hunt until a decision is made.

"We are gratified Yellowstone's beloved bears are once again safe from trophy hunters' bullets," said Bethany Cotton, wildlife program director for WildEarth Guardians. "We look forward to the judge's thoughtful resolution of the deep flaws with the feds' removal of protections from these imperiled bears."

"We appreciate that Judge Christensen is preventing any unnecessary bloodshed while he deliberates on this important case," said Matthew Bishop, an attorney with the Western Environmental Law Center. "There is simply no need to rush into a grizzly bear hunt, with potentially devastating consequences

for this iconic species, when the merits of that hunt are being reviewed in federal court."

According to Brian Sweeney, Communications Director of the Western Environmental Law Center, Yellowstone region grizzlies remain threatened by dwindling food sources, climate change, small population size, isolation, habitat loss and fragmentation, and high levels of human-caused mortality.

The Yellowstone population is isolated and has yet to connect to bears elsewhere in the U.S., including to bears in and around Glacier National Park. Grizzlies also have yet to reclaim key historic habitats, including the Bitterroot Range along the Montana-Idaho border.

Hunted, trapped, and poisoned to near extinction, grizzly bear populations in the contiguous U.S. declined drastically from nearly 50,000 bears to only a few hundred by the 1930s.

In response to the decline, the Service designated the species as threatened under the Endangered Species Act in 1975, a move that likely saved them from extinction. The species has since struggled to hang on,

with only roughly 1,800 currently surviving in the lower 48 states. Grizzlies remain absent from nearly 98 percent of their historic range.

Last year (2017) marked the highest mortality for the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem's grizzlies since their ESA listing.

Sweeney claims grizzly bear mortality in 2018 is proceeding at a record pace, even without the added mortalities from hunting which would have claimed up to 22 more. At last count, approximately 690 grizzly bears resided in the Greater Yellowstone region, down from 2015's count of 717 bears. The last three years had near record-breaking grizzly mortality, with at least 41 bears killed in 2017, and an additional 15 listed as probable mortalities. Of this, at least 32 were killed by humans, and humans were responsible for at least 9 of the 15 probable deaths. As of this writing, 42 grizzlies are on the 2018 known and probable mortalities list for the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem, far outpacing previous years' rates.

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**Kids River Resource Day...**

Outreach Coordinator for the Ruby Habitat Foundation (RHF) Dave Delisi reports that RHF and the Ruby Valley Conservation District joined forces to organize and host a Kids River Resource Day, on RHF's Woodson Ranch property on Thursday, Sept. 13. Some 79 elementary school students from Sheridan, Twin Bridges and Alder schools visited and spent 45 minutes in each of eight stations: art, forestry, fish dissection, bear awareness, leave no trace, rivers, weeds, horses/stock and raptors. The presenters for each station came from various agencies and the surrounding area. "It was quite a good turnout and a great way to give kids a diverse experience in numerous useful skills," Delisi reports. (SUBMITTED PHOTOS)



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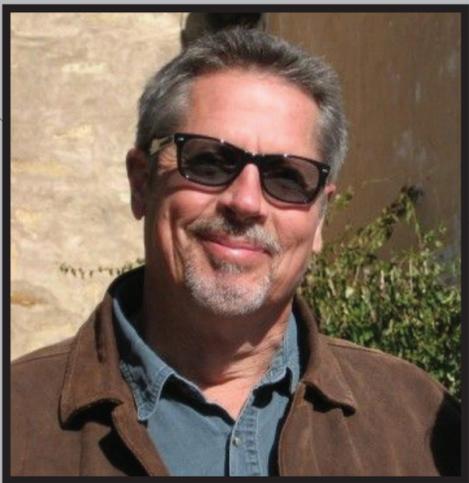
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*Lawrence Anderson*

Lawrence Anderson and his wife settled in Ennis five years ago, ending years of permanent RV-ing all over the United States. As soon as they landed in the Madison Valley and Lawrence discovered the Madison Stream Team, he got involved. "I got an email looking for volunteers, and I got involved right away," he says. "They've done some pretty cool projects, and I had some experience that was relevant to their work."

Anderson spent nearly 15 years as a power plant operator in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and that experience gave him extensive knowledge of water quality and the collection of data. So he joined the Stream Team, which monitors water quality around the Madison River Valley to identify threats to the health of local streams, and identify solutions.

So far, Anderson has worked on multiple Stream Team reclamation projects, volunteered with the Madison River Foundation and collected data on nearly half the streams the Madison Conservation District monitors. He's become an integral part of a team protecting one of southwestern Montana's most pristine natural resources.

## Madison County DISPATCH

September 9 - 15, 2018.

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| <p>Sept. 9 - Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 41, MM 48, Twin Bridges; Medical Aid in Alder Gulch; DUI Arrest in 100 Blk S Main St., Sheridan.</p> <p>Sept. 10 - Medical Aid in 100 Blk Tobe Rd., Ennis; Lost or Found Property in 4900 Blk, US Hwy 287, N Ennis; Accident on MT Hwy 84, MM 7, Norris; Lost or Found Property on Varney Bridge Rd., Ennis; Suspicious Circumstances on US Hwy 287, Harrison; Fire Call in Wigwam Area, Ennis; Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk Madison St., Sheridan; Missing Person in 1200 Blk Bear Creek Loop, Cameron; Accident at US Hwy 287 &amp; Mountain View Rd., Ennis; Vandalism/Criminal Mischief in 100 Blk Madison St., Harrison; Medical Aid in 600 Blk Nicole Way, Ennis; Fire Call on MT Hwy 87, MM 7, Cameron.</p> <p>Sept. 11 - Animal Complaint on Lupine Ln., Sheridan.</p> <p>Sept. 12 - Trespass Complaint in 800 Blk Jack Creek Rd., Ennis; Accident on MT</p> | <p>Hwy 359, MM 1, Cardwell; Warrant Service in 300 Blk Boundary St., Sheridan; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 51, Ennis.</p> <p>Sept. 13 - Suspicious Circumstances in 200 Blk W 6th Ave., Twin Bridges; Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 3, Ennis; Violation of Protection Order in 200 Blk E. Hugel St., Ennis; Dog Complaint in 200 Blk Charles Ave., Ennis.</p> <p>Sept. 14 - Coroner Call in Ennis; Suspicious Circumstances on Ennis Lake Rd., McAllister; Citizen Assist in 300 Blk E. Main St., Ennis; Wildlife Complaint in 300 W Armitage St., Ennis; Suspicious Circumstances in 5000 Blk US Hwy 287, Ennis; Animal Complaint at S. Third St &amp; Armitage St., Ennis</p> <p>Sept. 15 - Medical Aid in Sheridan; Accident on McGovern Creek Trail; Mammoth Accident on MT Hwy 287, MM 1, Ennis; Civil Service in 100 Blk Broadway St., Pony; Dog Complaint in 600 Blk Beaverhead St., Ennis.</p> |
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## Community Briefs

**Madison County Fair wins gold**  
 ENNIS – On September 6, the Northern Rodeo Association, a Billings-based rodeo presenter, awarded the Madison County Fair the 2018 Gold Rodeo of the Year.  
 The award was based on votes from the Northern Rodeo Association (NRA) and the Northern Women's Rodeo Association (NWRA) contestant votes and board of director votes. An award presentation during the NRA/NWRA Finals Banquet, on Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Butte Civic Center following the final performance of the Finals.

**Three Forks man killed by falling logs**  
 THREE FORKS - On September 6, at 6:39 p.m., the Gallatin County 911 Center received a call of a male who had an accident while unloading logs from a tractor-trailer at a lumberyard outside Three Forks.  
 Deputies and Three Forks Ambulance arrived and found that 69-year-old Allan Wagner of Belgrade was deceased, having succumbed to blunt force injuries sustained during the accident.  
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## Jackson's Garder Cider pressing party

SHERIDAN - A cider pressing party hosted by Jackson's Garden will be held Saturday October 6, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. People are encouraged to bring their apples and clean containers and take home the cider they press or just come and watch and enjoy hot cider and fresh donuts. Washing stations will be set up to prepare your apples prior to pressing: bring your own knives and cutting boards. However having your apples prepped before you arrive will reduce your waiting time.

Depending on the turn out your pressing time may be limited. The first gallon you press is free, a donation of \$5 gallon is suggested. Volunteers are needed to help with the pressing process. Jackson's Garden is located 2 miles east of Sheridan on Mill Creek Road. Watch for the greenhouses.

## Monument, Wigwam Fire updates

ENNIS - The U.S. Forest Service's Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest updated the Monument and Wigwam fires on Thursday, September 12. - The Wigwam Fire is 100 percent contained, and burned 4,087 acres. - The Monument Fire is 56 percent contained and has scorched 6,614 acres. According to USFS officials, a Burned Area Emer-

gency Response (BAER) team has completed their assessment of the burn severity of these fires and fire officials are preparing recommendations for erosion control, road maintenance and removal of hazard trees. Local crews continue to monitor and patrol the fire areas and take action on where conditions are safe. Smoke from interior burning will continue to show on the fires

until they receive significant rain and snow. Road closures have been lifted, however, people traveling in the fire area need to use caution. Hunters should carry a saw when traveling backcountry roads. There have also been multiple black bear and grizzly bear sightings in the area. USFS reminds everyone to be careful with fire.

## Conservative group files petition for withdrawal of 117,000 acres of public land from future oil & gas leasing

Includes more than 9,600 acres in Montana

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Conservatives for Responsible Stewardship (CRS) formally requested that the Department of Interior withdraw approximately 117,000 acres of public lands in five Western states from future oil and gas leasing on Wednesday, Sept. 5. The Trump Administration recently made all of the parcels contained in this petition available for lease without success. "These lands include critical big game habitat, migration corridors, trout streams, popular outdoor recreation areas, drinking water sources, and significant historic sites. They should now be released so they can serve the purposes for which they are best suited," said CRS President David Jenkins. "It certainly makes no sense to lock up these important public resources, which rightfully belong to all of us, for an oil and gas industry that has shown no interest in them," Jenkins added. The lands listed in the petition represent a small subset of the 11.4 million acres of public lands that the administration - in an effort to make oil and gas drilling the dominant use of America's public lands - has unsuccessfully attempted to lease. "Responsible stewardship and multiple use are conserva-

tive principles that have guided America's public land management for more than a century. The Trump administration has turned this tried and true approach on its head, threatening the public access, resource quality, and diverse revenue stream that western communities depend on," said Jenkins. Many of the parcels CRS is asking to be withdrawn were put up for lease over the objections of state and local government agencies that better understand the true value of these lands. In Montana, the petition includes over 3,000 acres of crucial winter range for big game species, as well as nearly 6,000 acres in a popular recreation area just east of Miles City. This area was designated based on a community decision-making process, and has benefited from several fish and wildlife enhancement projects developed through coordination with the State of Montana and National Wild Turkey Federation. Through this petition, CRS seeks to highlight the pitfalls of the administration's so-called "energy dominance" policy, characterized by a blanket approach to leasing that subordinates all other values to oil and gas production. As great conservative icons from Theodore Roosevelt to Ronald Reagan understood, the truly conservative path is a balanced approach, where conserving our fish and wildlife habitat, providing opportunities for outdoor recreation, and protecting our drinking water sources are on equal footing with development.

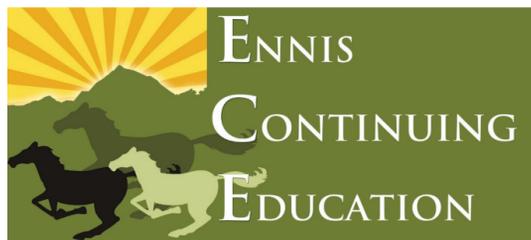
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| Open Sewing & Quilting   Mondays<br>14-7pm   Jamie Diehl & Kathy Olkowski<br>HS Rm#6   \$20             | Kathy Olkowski & Lexie Brundin<br>HS Rm#6   \$28  |
| Geology: Basic Identification   Mondays<br>5-6:30pm   HS Rm #4   Russell Scruggs   \$20                 | Evening Slow Flow Yoga   Tuesdays and<br>Thursdays   5:45-7:00pm   Karen Frey-Suplee<br>Commons Room   \$30 |
| Geology: Timetable and Formation<br>Mondays   6:45-8:15pm   HS Rm #4<br>Russell Scruggs   \$20          | Beginning Woodworking<br>Tuesdays & Thursdays   6-9pm   Charlie<br>Zitting   High School Shop   \$50        |
| Morning Slow Flow Yoga<br>Tuesdays and Fridays   5:45-6:45am<br>Karen Frey-Suplee   Commons Room   \$30 | 6 Weeks of Christmas   Wednesdays<br>5-8pm   Kay Gogerty   HS Rm#6   \$TBA                                  |
| Christmas Gifts Class   Tuesdays   5-8pm  | Lapidary   Thursdays   5:30-7:30pm<br>HS Rm #4   Russell Scruggs   \$20                                     |

### Workshops

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| Stop the Bleed<br>Wednesday, October<br>3rd   5:45-6:45pm   Jillian<br>Loveland   Ennis High School<br>Room #3   Free                                     | October 17th   5:15-7:15pm<br>Shanna Mae Swanson<br>HS Rm#3   \$20  | 5:15-7:15pm   Shanna Mae<br>Swanson   HS Rm#3 & In<br>the Field   \$20  |
| Pegmatite Geology<br>Field Trip   Saturday,<br>October 6th   9am-All Day  <br>Russell Scruggs   Meet in the<br>Ennis High School Parking<br>Lot   \$20    | "Capital Fights" The<br>Struggles of Selecting<br>Montana's Capital<br>Thursday, October 18th<br>6-7:30pm   Gary Forney<br>Virginia City Meeting Hall<br>\$20 | Photography Workshop:<br>Focusing Near and Far<br>Wednesday, October 31st<br>5:15-7:15pm   Shanna Mae<br>Swanson   HS Rm#3 & In<br>the Field   \$20 |
| Prospecting Geology<br>Field Trip   Saturday,<br>October 13th   9am-All Day  <br>Russell Scruggs   Meet in the<br>Ennis High School Parking<br>Lot   \$20 | Needle Felt Animal<br>Workshop   Saturday,<br>October 20th   9am-5pm<br>Gail Barndt & Jenn Doney<br>HS Art Room   \$68  | Jelly Roll Rug   Saturday,<br>November 3rd   9am-4pm<br>Kathy Olkowski & Lexie<br>Brundin   HS Rm#6   \$20  |
| Photography Workshop:<br>Becoming Familiar with<br>Your DSLR   Wednesday,   | Photography Workshop:<br>Using Your Manual<br>Camera Settings<br>Wednesday, October 24th  | Photography Workshop:<br>Shadows and Light<br>Wednesday, November 3rd<br>  5:15-7:15pm   Shanna Mae<br>Swanson   HS Rm#3 & In<br>the Field   \$20   |

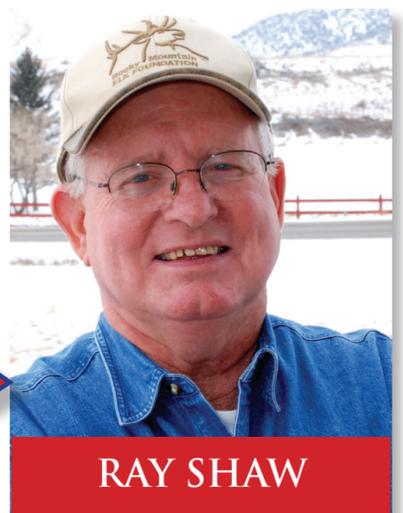
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# USDA Announces details of assistance for farmers impacted by 'Unjustified Retaliation'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Late last month, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced details of actions the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will take to assist farmers in response to trade damage from “unjustified retaliation by foreign nations.”

President Donald J. Trump directed Perdue to craft a short-term relief strategy to protect agricultural producers while the administration works on free, fair, and reciprocal trade deals.

The \$12 billion in programs will assist ag producers meet the costs of disrupted markets:

- USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will administer the Market Facilitation Program (MFP) to provide payments to corn, cotton, dairy, hog, sorghum, soybean, and wheat producers starting September 4, 2018. An announcement about further payments will be made in the coming months, if warranted.

- USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will administer a Food Purchase and Distribution Program to purchase up to \$1.2 billion in commodities unfairly targeted by unjustified retaliation. USDA's Food and Nu-

trition Service (FNS) will distribute these commodities through nutrition assistance programs such as The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and child nutrition programs.

- Through the Foreign Agricultural Service's (FAS) Agricultural Trade Promotion Program (ATP), \$200 million will be made available to develop foreign markets for U.S. agricultural products. The program will help U.S. agricultural exporters identify and access new markets and help mitigate the adverse effects of other countries' restrictions.

“President Trump has been standing up to China and other nations, sending the clear message that the U.S. will no longer tolerate their unfair trade practices, which include non-tariff trade barriers and the theft of intellectual property. In short, the President has taken action to benefit all sectors of the American economy – including agriculture – in the long run,” said Perdue.

- Market Facilitation Program - MFP is established under the statutory authority of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and administered by FSA. For each commodity covered, the

payment rate will be dependent upon the severity of the trade disruption and the period of adjustment to new trade patterns, based on each producer's actual production.

Interested producers can apply after harvest is 100 percent complete and they can report their total 2018 production.

Beginning September 4, MFP applications will be available online at [www.farmers.gov/mfp](http://www.farmers.gov/mfp). Producers will also be able to submit their MFP applications in person, by email, fax, or by mail.

The initial MFP payment will be calculated by multiplying 50 percent of the producer's total 2018 actual production by the applicable MFP rate. If CCC announces a second MFP payment period, the remaining 50 percent of the producer's total 2018 actual production will be subject to the second MFP payment rate.

MFP payments are capped per person or legal entity for corn, cotton, sorghum, soybeans and wheat.

For more information on the MFP, visit [www.farmers.gov/mfp](http://www.farmers.gov/mfp) or contact your local FSA office, which can be found at [www.farmers.gov](http://www.farmers.gov).

- Food Purchase and Distribution Program - The amounts of commodities to be purchased are based on an economic analysis of the damage caused by unjustified tariffs imposed on the crops listed. Their damages will be adjusted based on several factors and spread over several months in response to orders placed by states participating in the FNS nutrition assistance programs.

Products purchased will be distributed by FNS to participating states, for use in TEFAP and other USDA nutrition assistance programs.

- Agricultural Trade Promotion Program - The FAS will administer the ATP under authorities of the CCC. The ATP will provide cost-share assistance to eligible U.S. organizations for activities such as consumer advertising, public relations, point-of-sale demonstrations, participation in trade fairs and exhibits,

market research, and technical assistance.

Applications for the ATP will be accepted until November 2, 2018 or until funding is exhausted. Funding should be allocated to eligible participants in early 2019. The ATP is meant to help all sectors of U.S. agriculture, including fish and forest product producers, mainly through partnerships with non-profit national and regional organizations.

Market Facilitation Program		
Commodity	Initial Payment Rate	Est. Initial Payment** (in \$1,000s)
Cotton	\$0.06 / lb.	\$276,900
Corn	\$0.01 / bu.	\$96,000
Dairy (milk)	\$0.12 / cwt.	\$127,400
Pork (hogs)	\$8.00 / head	\$290,300
Soybeans	\$1.65 / bu.	\$3,629,700
Sorghum	\$0.86 / bu.	\$156,800
Wheat	\$0.14 / bu.	\$119,200
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**Saturday**  
Partly cloudy. High 68, low 41. Winds SW 9 mph, 0 percent chance of rain.

**Sunday**  
Cloudy. High 66, low 40. Winds SSW 8 mph, 10 percent chance of rain.

**Monday**  
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# PANORAMA



## Bozeman group to host free grief support class

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BOZEMAN—Compassus, an organization that bought out Rocky Mountain Hospice in Bozeman several years ago, will again be offering its semi-annual grief support group. The group held its first meeting Tuesday, September 18, and will continue weekly through November 13.

The Tennessee-based organization offers hospice and palliative services around the country, focusing particularly on patients whose physicians believe they have less than six months of life remaining, as well as their families.

Cindy Pipinich is a certified social worker with Compassus and has been spearheading these grief support groups for several years. Pipinich works with families who have lost loved ones on an individual basis, but says the group is one of her favorite projects.

“My goal is when it’s all over, that that group of people continue to rely on each other in the future,” she says of the group. “And I know that happens. It’s really powerful.”

Generally, the people who attend the sessions have lost a close loved one relatively recently; the group sessions are a way to connect with others in a similar situation. While the attendance of the group is often fluid for the first week or two, Pipinich says it’s a closed group for the most part. It’s important for the members of the group to remain as consistent as possible over the nine weeks in order to develop those kinds of therapeutic relationships.

“It’s probably one of the most helpful things for people who are grieving to be with other people who know what that’s like and who are feeling the same things,” says Pipinich. “It allows them to come together and share in the grieving process, and it offers consistent fellowship and support.”

That process, she says, is often misrepresented. Many people think of grief as a series of stages people go through, as if checking those boxes off as quickly as possible would mean they were back to normal. Pipinich says that’s not the case.

“We as a society don’t often appreciate how that process works,” she says. “Grief is actual-

ly a very fluid experience, and anybody can be years down the road and have something trigger a grief response. The bottom line is that the emotions can come and go, and you may not even experience every stage at all.”

The model presenting grief as a series of stages was initially put forward by Swiss-American psychiatrist Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, but its application to grief was not its initial purpose.

In reality, the stages—denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance—were designed to be applied to patients who had received a terminal diagnosis, and only later was it co-opted to apply to grief. Pipinich says a more accurate representation would be to view grief as a process rather than a series of steps.

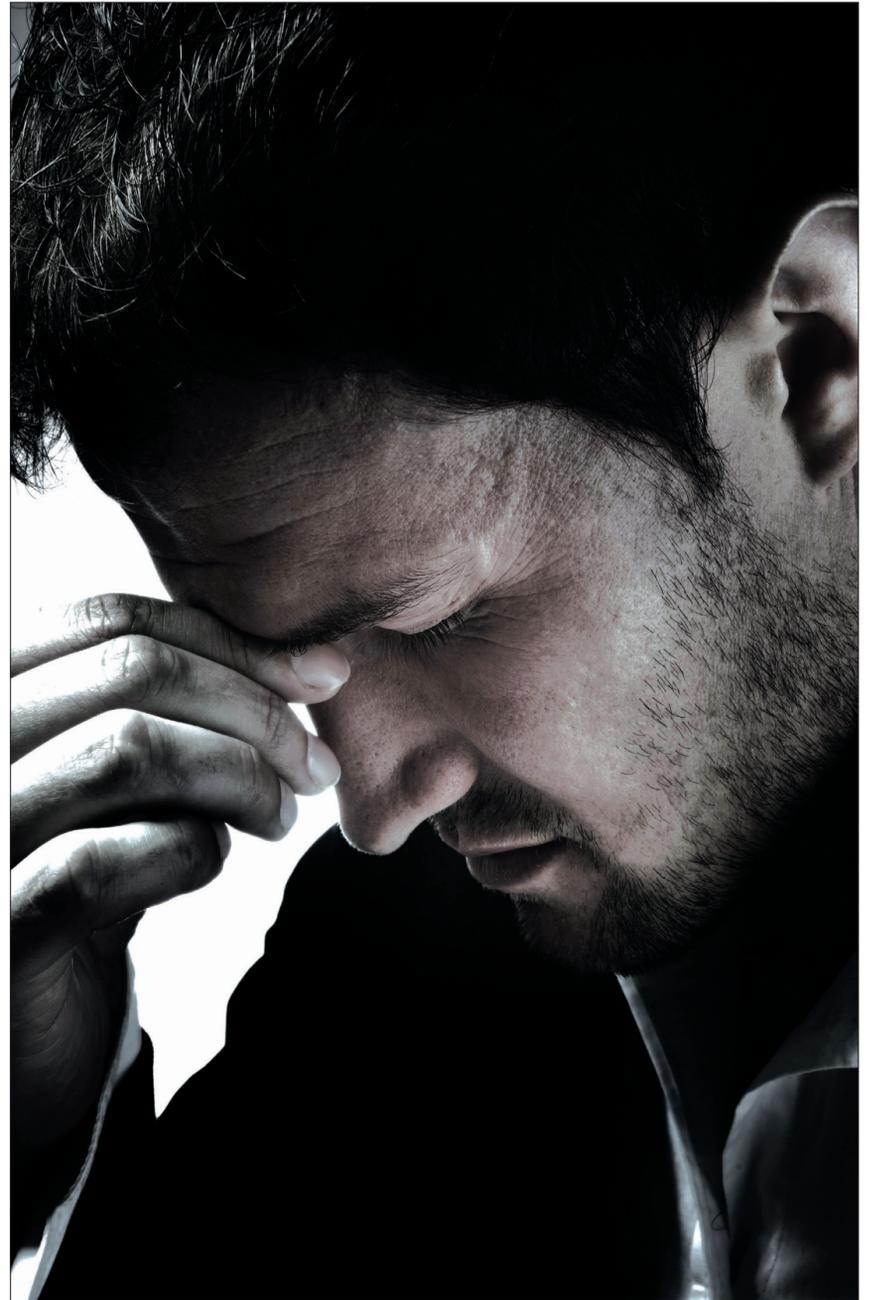
“People in the midst of the grief process often feel like there’s something wrong with them,” she says. “It’s often says that it’s more of an adjustment process than a pathology: there’s nothing wrong with you. Just realizing how universal that experience can be is helpful.”

Pipinich hopes word of Compassus’s resources will catch on in the Madison Valley. Compassus serves everyone within a 60-mile radius of Bozeman, but she fears people who may benefit from the group may not want to drive into Bozeman to access it.

“We serve such a wide area, I hope people will utilize it,” she says. “I get to watch it time after time, seeing them feeling so isolated and alone, to realizing there’s nothing wrong with them. It is such a valuable model.”

The semi-annual group draws groups of anywhere from three to 12 people, but Pipinich says usually six to eight is the magic number. Having an intimate but sufficiently large group allows participants to feel comfortable sharing their experiences and feelings and recognize that they aren’t alone in what they’re going through.

For those who wish to attend, the group is free to attend, and materials are supplied. Meetings are every Tuesday from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Compassus office in Bozeman at 301 Edelweiss Drive, Suite 6, and will continue through November 13.



## Ramshorn Creek Restoration Project taking off

SHERIDAN - It has been an eventful year on Ramshorn Creek.

So far this year the Ruby Valley Conservation District and the Ruby Watershed Council have improved or restored 2,800 feet of stream, where the stream was impacted by past mining activities.

In January volunteers harvested over 2,400 willow stems to re-vegetate the stream’s banks.

Shortly afterwards RVCD/WC restored eroding banks and constructed a new floodplain adjacent to the stream.

In February new stream banks were re-vegetated with willow stems, live sod, and native vegetation harvested on site. The new floodplain area was re-seeded with thickspike wheatgrass, Great Basin wildrye, and bluebunch wheatgrass.

In April, RVCD/WC planted water birch, mountain alder, chokecherry, native willows, cottonwoods, and golden currant in the riparian area to quickly reestablish a native plant community.

RVCD/WC installed cages around plantings to protect them against hungry moose and deer. Great Basin wildrye and sagebrush plugs were planted in upland swales. In June volunteers helped us plant additional willows and cottonwoods along the creek.

In July and August, RVCD/WC has been watering the plantings and monitoring the success of re-vegetation efforts.

RVCD/WC owes a big thanks to Tom and Laurie Bartoletti for working with the group on this restoration project; R.E. Miller for assisting with excavation and bank restoration; Don Lange of PlantScape, LLC for assisting us with re-vegetation and irrigation; Morse Land Company for donating greenhouse space and plants to the project; Dave McAdoo for providing our re-vegetation design, and all the volunteers who helped make this project happen.

This project was funded in part by MT Department of Environmental Quality’s Non-Point Source Program.

To view projects like this across Montana visit: <http://deq.mt.gov/Water/SurfaceWater/Non-point-Source-Program>



January



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### UM study: Hardrock Mining Contributes \$2.7B to Montana’s Economy

MISSOULA — Montana’s hardrock mining industry supports more than 12,000 permanent, year-round jobs with average annual earnings of \$86,030, according to a new study released by the University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research.

The BBER study, sponsored by the Montana Mining Association, found that the eight largest

metal and other mines across the state helped produce \$2.7 billion in economic output and almost \$200 million in state government revenue annually.

The BBER report also considered the economic impacts of three new mine developments under consideration. It found that the full development of the Rock Creek, Montanore and Black Butte mines as

proposed would add an additional 3,200 jobs and more than \$200 million in personal income to Montana households.

The BBER study was based on operating information gathered from MMA members, including both production and exploration activities. The study is available at <http://www.bber.umt.edu/pubs/econ/HardrockMining2018.pdf>.

## Dept. of Rev.: Check for unclaimed cash, property

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.

Unclaimed property can come from a variety of sources: forgotten bank accounts, uncashed checks and money orders, insurance policy payments and unused gift certificates, as well as stocks, bonds and the contents from safe deposit boxes. By law, the DR holds unclaimed property in trust indefinitely for owners to claim.

Check local newspapers for ads and inserts from the department listing the owners of property that’s been reported as unclaimed during the last year, or check on-line

Visit [tap.dor.mt.gov](http://tap.dor.mt.gov) and click on the “Search for Unclaimed Cash” link to look up names. Follow the on-screen instructions to create and submit a claim.

“This unclaimed property belongs to thousands of individuals across Montana and the country, and the department is committed to returning these assets to their rightful owners,” said Gene Walborn, DR director

The department reminds Montanans that while some businesses may offer to help people find their property - for a fee - those commercial services are not necessary. Montanans and others do not have to pay to reclaim their own property, and can submit their claim on-line in just a few minutes.

For help with a claim or for more information, visit [tap.dor.mt.gov](http://tap.dor.mt.gov), call the department at (406) 444-6900 or email [UnclaimedProperty@mt.gov](mailto:UnclaimedProperty@mt.gov)

# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## That stinks! 1 in 15 Americans smell odors that aren't there

### NIH study shows prevalence of and risk factors for phantom odor perception



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Imagine the foul smell of an ash tray or burning hair. Now imagine if these kinds of smells were present in your life, but without a source.

A new study finds that 1 in 15 Americans (or 6.5 percent) over the age of 40 experiences phantom odors. The study, published in JAMA Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, is the first in the U.S. to use nationally representative data to examine the prevalence of and risk factors for phantom odor perception. The study could inform future research aiming to unlock the mysteries of phantom odors.

The study was led by Kathleen Bainbridge, Ph.D., of the Epidemiology and Biostatistics Program at the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), part of the National Institutes of Health. Bainbridge and her team used data from 7,417 participants over 40 years of age from the 2011-2014 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES). The NHANES data were collected by the National Center for Health Statistics, which is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; data collection was partly funded by the NIDCD.

"Problems with the sense of smell are often overlooked, despite their importance. They can have a big impact on appetite, food preferences, and the ability to smell danger signals such as fire, gas leaks, and spoiled food," said Judith A. Cooper, Ph.D., acting director of the NIDCD.

Donald Leopold, M.D., one of the study's authors and clinical professor in the Department of Surgery at University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, adds that patients who perceive strong phantom odors often have a miserable quality of life, and sometimes cannot maintain a healthy weight.

Researchers used this NHANES survey question to determine whether participants had experienced phantom odor perception: "Do you sometimes smell an unpleasant, bad, or burning odor when nothing is there?" To explore the correlation between phantom odors and participant characteristics, the researchers looked at participants' age, sex, education level, race/ethnicity, socio-economic status, certain health habits, and general health status.

The ability to identify odors tends to decrease with age. Phantom odor perception, on the other hand, seems to improve with age. One previous study, using data from a community in Sweden, showed that 4.9 percent of people over the age of 60 experience phantom odors, with

a higher prevalence in women than men. The present study found a similar prevalence in the over-60 age group, but in examining a broader age range, found an even higher prevalence in ages 40-60. The study also found that about twice as many women as men reported phantom odors, and that the female predominance was particularly striking for those under age 60.

Other risk factors for the onset of phantom odors include head injury, dry mouth, poor overall health, and low socio-economic status. Researchers hypothesized that people with lower socio-economic status may more commonly be exposed to environmental pollutants and toxins, or have health conditions that contribute to phantom odors, either directly or because of medications needed to treat their health conditions.

"The causes of phantom odor perception are not understood. The condition could be related to overactive odor sensing cells in the nasal cavity or perhaps a malfunction in the part of the brain that understands odor signals. A good first step in understanding any medical condition is a clear description of the phenomenon. From there, other researchers may form ideas about where to look further for possible causes and ultimately for ways to prevent or treat the condition," said Bainbridge.

About the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD): NIDCD supports and conducts research and research training on the normal and disordered processes of hearing, balance, taste, smell, voice, speech, and language and provides health information, based upon scientific discovery, to the public.

About the National Institutes of Health (NIH): NIH, the nation's medical research agency, includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NIH is the primary federal agency conducting and supporting basic, clinical, and translational medical research, and is investigating the causes, treatments, and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit [www.nih.gov](http://www.nih.gov).

## Lawsuit against Purdue Pharma Returns to State Court

HELENA - Montana achieved an important victory recently when a federal judge in Ohio remanded the lawsuit against Purdue Pharma from federal court and returned it to state court, where the Attorney General's Office filed it originally.

In December of 2017, Attorney General Tim Fox filed a lawsuit against Purdue Pharma, alleging the company engaged in deceptive promotion of its addictive and dangerous painkiller OxyContin to increase sales.

In February, Fox filed a motion for a preliminary injunction in Montana District Court, asking the court to halt Purdue's product marketing campaign in the state. In March, in an apparent effort to delay the case and avoid answering Montana's motion for a preliminary injunction, Purdue moved the case to federal court.

"I'm pleased the judge has sent this case back to a Montana court, where it belongs," Attorney General Fox said.

Montana's lawsuit alleges Purdue has:

- Misrepresented the likelihood that long-term use of its drug would lead to addiction;
- Falsely claimed that use of OxyContin would improve overall health quality, and failed to disclose the harmful side effects caused by long-term opioid use;
- Falsely claimed long-term opioid use is safe and effective pain treatment, even though Purdue had no evidence to prove it;
- Told prescribers that OxyContin works for 12 hours, even though Purdue knew that it did not for many patients, requiring frequent increases in dosage, thus increasing the likelihood of addiction;

• Claimed that its new generation of abuse-deterrence opioids were safer and would prevent abuse and diversion, when Purdue knew that the drugs were still readily abused;

• And falsely claimed that opioids are safer than alternative, non-narcotic treatment.

The lawsuit seeks: Injunctive relief to stop Purdue's deceptive marketing practices along with damages for, and abatement of, the public health epidemic that Purdue has created, also civil penalties.

The lawsuit filed by Attorney General Fox is a civil enforcement action taken against Purdue for ongoing violation of multiple Montana consumer protection laws. It is not a class action suit on behalf of individual plaintiffs affected by Purdue's product.



### Madison Valley Manor news...

The residents of the Madison Valley Manor love Resident Choice Omelet Day! Made-to-order omelets were created by MVM Omelet Chefs, Melody and Chad (pictured). Lots of smiles, clean plates and requests for seconds make this a special morning for the residents. The Madison Valley Manor staff also enjoyed the omelets as a special treat for breakfast! Our September birthday party, hosted by the MVM Auxiliary, took place with our favorite band, The Tune Tangles providing the entertainment. There was dancing singing and a good time at the party. Celebrating September birthdays are Betty C., Rita, Tammie and Travis.

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# COLUMNS



## COMMODITY INSITE: Should be at hand!

BY JERRY WELCH

Roy W. Longstreet, legendary speculator, in his classic book from 1973, *Viewpoints of a Commodity Trader*, drafted a chapter entitled, "Realizing Bull Markets." "Realizing markets can be either bear or bull markets," Longstreet wrote, "There have been more realizing declining markets than realizing advances." And the number one characteristic of such a trade, according to Longstreet is a, "fundamentally bullish situation."

During the Anticipatory Phase, according to Longstreet, prices advance long before the tightness with ending supplies becomes evident. Investors and traders recognize the situation is long term bullish and with great anticipation plunge into the market, convinced the fundamentals will ultimately provide them with a stiff tailwind. Unfortunately, because they were too early and overly exuberant, the bull move oftentimes ends suddenly, amid disappointment and financial loss.

During the Realizing Phase, the most bullish stage, prices move north quickly as the tightness with supplies unfolds for all to experience and

see first hand. In this dynamic phase, values rise and fall in fits and spurts with higher highs and higher lows, as the true severity of the shortage remains an unknown. An even greater mystery in this phase is whether or not demand has been rationed enough to put an end to the bull run.

However, Longstreet's opinion was formed prior to 1973, before the landscape was littered with the number of bull markets that have taken place since then.

In fact, since 2000, emerging nations such as China and India have developed an insatiable demand for high protein foodstuffs that spawned more bull markets than I can list here. Back in Longstreet's day, China and India were far economic powerhouses with insatiable demand.

The key to any market moving higher according to Longstreet was it had to have a "fundamentally bullish situation." In other words, the market in question has to have historically tight ending supplies amid solid demand that was not going to disappear any time soon. The bullish combination of tight supplies and robust demand would send prices of that commodity to much

higher levels.

Over the years I have discussed in several different weekly newspaper columns Longstreet's belief that all bull markets have two phases; the Anticipatory and the Realizing Phases: Once, in February of 2013, in a column entitled "The Realizing Phase of the Cattle Market Is At Hand," and before that I wrote about his theory in a January 2009 column entitled "Bull Markets Have Two Major Trends." Each of those columns were published in this newspaper.

Here is the final paragraph in my 2013 column about the cattle market: "Those traders wishing for, hoping for and looking for a long term bull market that has yet to get underway should keep a watchful eye on cattle. The upside potential is enormous with the downside having limited risk. But as always with such forecasts, nothing is a given. Nothing is guaranteed. But the upside for prices appears far greater than the downside."

The February 2009 period for cattle prices, futures and cash was around \$85, having come off a top of \$106 in September 2008. That wash-out was the Anticipatory Phase. But suddenly,

the Realizing Phase kicked into gear, and by April of 2018, 10 years later, futures and cash traded well over \$171.

Longstreet's theory about realizing a bull market phase for cattle was right on the money. So was my column.

All the history above can be found at [www.commodityinsite.com](http://www.commodityinsite.com).

It is there you will find two books about the history of the futures markets:

Back To The Futures is about the 1980's.

Haunted By Markets touches on the years 1990 to 2015. I know of no other source to learn the history of markets and how events specifically unfolded.

But enough about history. Let me touch on the future. My work shows one commodity with a, "fundamentally bullish situation" is high protein KC wheat. With global stocks of wheat in the five largest exporters – Russia, Ukraine, Europe, Canada and Australia – at the smallest "stocks-to-usage" ratio in history, the Realizing Phase of the KC wheat market should be at hand.

## Is There A Path To End: The Autism Epidemic?

New published science and the screening of at-risk children before they receive any vaccines may provide a middle ground between the "all or nothing" positions of the two warring sides of the vaccine-autism debate, according to one of the leading critics of the government's current vaccination program.

On one side of the debate are parents who believe that today's high number of mandatory vaccinations (children in the 1960s received three vaccinations, today's children receive 38) can cause autism in vulnerable children. On the other side are government health officials who deny any link.

However, critics claim the government is being influenced by pharmaceutical companies whose revenues from vaccines exploded from \$170 million in the early 1980s to more than \$60 billion today. A study published in 2013 in the *European Journal of Clinical Investigation* concluded that the pharmaceutical

industry "masterfully influences evidence base production" and also "exerts direct influences on professional decisions and health consumers."

"There is a wealth of relevant scientific studies that prove that autism prevalence has skyrocketed in the United States," says J.B. Handley, the father of a child with autism and author of the book *How To End The Autism Epidemic* (<https://www.chelseagreen.com/product/how-to-end-the-autism-epidemic/>)

"And since 2004 there have been 11 groundbreaking discoveries in separate but related scientific fields that, taken together, reveal one of the causes of autism."

Handley says those discoveries, published in peer-reviewed journals, include the work of such respected researchers as Dr. Carlos Pardo-Villamizar, a neurologist at Johns Hopkins; Dr. Christopher Exley, a professor of bioinorganic chemistry at Keele University in England, and the

late Dr. Paul Patterson, a professor of biological sciences at the California Institute of Technology.

"Because of this new, published science," Handley says, "we now know that autism is created by immune activation events in the brain during critical phases of brain development, typically by the time a child is 36-months-old, and that these immune activation events in the brain can be triggered by the aluminum adjuvant in vaccines. While the first of these discoveries occurred in 2004, the critical missing pieces have only fallen into place since 2010."

All the while, the autism rate has exploded. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention noted that the rates for autism in children went from 1 in 150 children in 2000 to 1 in 36 children in 2017.

Handley says returning to the vaccine schedule used in the mid-1980s provides a moderate solution. He also believes that

there should be thorough screening before any vaccines are given to determine which children are at-risk from serious vaccine injury.

"We have the capacity to systematically assess the children who are more vulnerable before they receive a vaccine," Handley says. "These children are at risk and it is the duty of our public health program to protect them."

Handley believes these are some of the steps that should be taken:

- Removing vaccine safety from the Centers for Disease Control. Having the same agency that is in charge of promoting vaccinations also in charge of vaccine safety is an inherent conflict, he says.

- Screening vulnerable children should be implemented immediately. Some vulnerabilities are because of genetics, parental health histories of autoimmunity, and other children have problems that are apparent with a physical exam. Children who may have

adverse reactions to vaccines also frequently have such conditions as ear infections, dark circles under the eyes and eczema.

- Test children before giving booster shots. Booster shots are provided for most vaccines. Handley believes many of these shots are unnecessary, as immunity has already been accomplished through the initial vaccine. A simple blood test would reveal if a booster shot is really necessary, he says.

- Establish clear rules for when a child should not receive vaccinations. A child should not be vaccinated when the child is sick, has eczema, is taking antibiotics, and several other conditions.

"I'm not against all vaccinations all the time," Handley says. "But more screening to spare at-risk infants would be a positive step in the right direction, and it's something that could be achieved today. Based on his health history, my son with autism never should have been vaccinated."

About J.B. Handley

J.B. Handley is the co-founder and chairman of *Generation Rescue*, a non-profit organization focused on helping children recover from autism that was inspired by the journey of his son, Jamison, who was diagnosed with autism in 2004. Author of the book *How To End the Autism Epidemic* (<https://www.chelseagreen.com/product/how-to-end-the-autism-epidemic/>), he is also the co-producer of the documentary film *Autism Yesterday* and the co-founder of the *Age of Autism* blog. Handley co-founded *Swander Pace Capital*, a middle-market private equity firm with more than \$1.5 billion under management where he served as managing director for two decades. He is an honors graduate of Stanford University and lives in Portland, Oregon, with his wife, Lisa, and their three children.

## Land and Water Conservation Fund in jeopardy

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has helped support and secure the United States' wildlife heritage since 1964 by supporting Montana hunters, anglers, and outdoor recreation, according to a new report today from the National Wildlife Federation.

LWCF, however, is at risk of expiring unless Congress acts by the end of September to reauthorize and fully fund this critical conservation program.

According to the new report, two football fields' worth of natural areas in the West have been disappearing every 5 minutes. The Land and Water Conservation Fund helps solve this problem by buying and protecting land for Americans to use for hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, and simply enjoying being in nature. These public spaces are then available for people to hike, camp, hunt, fish and enjoy being

in nature.

"As America's population grows, we need to grow our protected places and parks with it. The Land and Water Conservation Fund has been critical to securing the special places that hunters, anglers, and others count on to recreate and safeguard our wildlife heritage for future generations. This report vividly highlights how this is all at stake unless Congress acts within the next two weeks," said Tracy Stone-Manning, associate vice president for public lands at the National Wildlife Federation.

"The Land and Water Conservation Fund doesn't cost taxpayers a dime — it's paid for by fees that are collected on offshore energy development. It should be a no-brainer for Congress to reauthorize and fully fund this amazing program so that all of their constituents will continue to benefit from it," Stone-Man-

ning continued.

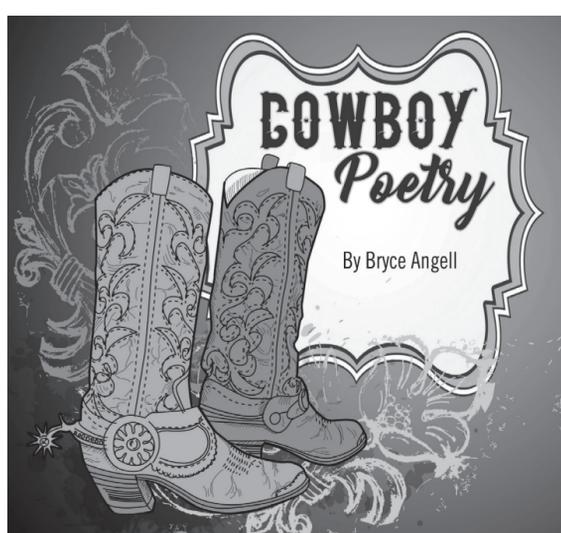
Outdoor writer Hal Herring, who lives in Augusta, imagined the loss Americans would experience as a future without the Land and Water Conservation Fund: "The end of the LWCF will be the end of an era in the U.S., an era in which the common citizens have come to expect a higher quality of life, cleaner waters for swimming, open spaces for running and playing with their children, the ability to hold on to traditions like hunting and fishing, hiking, wandering and camping, experiencing the true freedom of our birthright as Americans."

Senator Jon Tester and Senator Steve Daines are both cosponsors of legislation to reauthorize and fully fund LWCF. Representative Greg Gianforte is on record supporting permanent authorization for the program.

"The bipartisan support for LWCF across

Montana's congressional delegation shows how important this program is to Montana's outdoor way of life," said Montana Wildlife Federation executive Director Dave Chadwick "We hope our leaders can get this program fully funded before it expires. Our outdoor heritage is too important to be left up to partisan politics in Washington, DC."

The new report outlines the projects that The Land and Water Conservation Fund has invested in that benefit sportsmen and wildlife by increasing access to hunting and fishing grounds and connects wildlife migration corridors so there are more continuous wilderness across America. The Land and Water Conservation Fund utilizes fees on oil and gas revenues from the outer continental shelf and has zero cost to taxpayers.



## Squirrel Meadows Cabin

The Teton Mountain, autumn air came early with a bite. So, we made our stop at Squirrel Meadows Cabin for the night.

The ranger's old-time Franklin Stove was ready for a fire. We chopped some kindling, lit a match, and watched the flames grow higher.

We warmed our hands, then held our boots up to the stove for heat. I finally rubbed some circulation back to my cold feet.

The rustic old guard station

was now feeling toasty warm. The cowboys knew they'd weather out the night's oncoming storm.

Our Coleman propane lantern gave the needed light to see. It must have been nostalgia, least a feeling over me.

I gazed around the quarters, not a plug-in on the wall. No internet to check on

and no cell phone use at all. I only could imagine 'bout this cabin long ago. Two rangers eating biscuits, prob'ly made from sourdough.

Were they eating steaks of venison or rations from canned beef? Did the

youngest get a sip of gin that later caused him grief?

They prob'ly talked about their lives. The young man still alone. The older ranger said this was the only life he'd known.

I'm sure he told the young buck, "Just keep thinkin' 'bout your work. Those gals are mighty pretty, but they'll drive you plumb berserk!"

They finished up their sup-

per, dumped the coffee from the pot. Then they turned in for the evening, sleeping bag and army cot.

Now, I know we've come a long, long way. They say it's better now. But tools which made life easier changed innocence somehow.

So, the Squirrel Meadows Cabin is preserved for me and you. But, does this cabin miss the past, the life old rangers knew?

# COMICS & PUZZLES

## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 — up (invigorates)
- 5 Alphabet start
- 8 "Pygmalion" writer
- 12 Spine component
- 14 Unadulterated
- 15 Language of Zagreb
- 16 Rod's partner
- 17 Cudgel
- 18 Wedding-related
- 20 Pirate flag symbol
- 23 Tempo
- 24 Grow weary
- 25 AT&T competitor
- 28 Coatrack piece
- 29 Oyster's gift
- 30 Mediterranean, for one
- 32 Porch
- 34 Blueprint
- 35 "Sad to say ..."
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- 4 Horse's hang-out
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- 6 Lingerie item
- 7 Capital of Australia
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# Montana's Greatest Wonder: The Missouri River

By Rick & Susie Graetz, University of Montana, Department of Geography

On Aug. 12, 1805, Meriwether Lewis penned in his journals, "the road was still plain, I therefore did not dispare of shortly finding a passage over the mountains and of tasting the waters of the great Columbia this evening. At the distance of four miles further the road took us to the most distant fountain of the waters of the mighty Missouri in search of which we have spent so many toilsome days in wristless nights." Lewis was describing today's Distant Fountain Spring, part of Trail Creek, flowing from the east side of the Continental Divide at Lemhi Pass. Climbing above the trickle, Lewis became the first known white man to have stepped onto and across the Continental Divide.

However, in terms of the most distant waters, he was a bit off. That honor is reserved for a spring and Hellroaring Creek, which comes off the Montana side of the Continental Divide just below 9,846-foot Mount Jefferson at the extreme eastern end of the Centennial Range, west of Yellowstone National Park. Hellroaring has a short life. It is hastily consumed by Red Rock Creek, which begins just off the Divide below Red Rock Mountain at Lillian Lake, 9,000 feet above sea level, near Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.

Standing at Three Forks, the headwaters of the Missouri, on July 28, 1805, Lewis wrote, "Both Capt. C. and myself corresponded in opinion, with respect, to the impropriety of calling either of these streams the Missouri and accordingly agreed to name them. we called the S.W. Fork, that which we meant to ascend, Jefferson's river in honor of Thomas Jefferson. the Middle



The Madison River flows past autumn foliage upstream from Ennis. (RICK AND SUSIE GRAETZ)

fork we called Madison's River in honor of James Madison, and the S.E. Fork Gallitian's river in honor of Albert Gallitian." For whatever reason, Albert's name was corrupted to Gallatin.

At this point, the three tributaries make their presence well known. The Madison and Jefferson, each close to 100 feet wide, join and cover a short distance before meeting the equally broad Gallatin. Of all three tributaries, the Jefferson, counting its suppliers, drains the largest area and the Gallatin the smallest.

Hellroaring and Red Rock creeks are the Jefferson's source.

Red Rock River falls out of the mountains and courses through a most beautiful setting, the Centennial Valley and the Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. Slowing to fill Upper and Lower Red Rock lakes, it offers haven and nesting ground for species such as the trumpeter swan. At the western end of the valley, the river enters 13-mile-long Lima Reservoir. Until this point, the river expanded westward. Beyond the man-made lake, it continues northwesterly until it meets Clark Canyon Reservoir and the waters of Horse Prairie Creek, entering from the west.

"The Most Distant Fountain Spring" as labeled by Lewis, and Trail Creek, are at the upper end of Horse Prairie.

In the Corps of Discovery's time, Red Rock River and Horse Prairie Creek coupled in an area the captains christened "Shoshone Cove near their Camp Fortunate (now buried by the waters of Clark Canyon Reservoir). From this point north to the Three Forks, the explorers called the entire stream "Jefferson's river." Today, where the creek and river convene somewhere under the reservoir, the Beaverhead River is born and flows forth, switch-

ing in and out of narrow canyons and wide valleys before partnering with the Ruby River. A short ways beyond the town of Twin Bridges it meets the Big Hole River. It is from this point that the present Jefferson River runs to the Three Forks.

The Madison River gains its foothold where the Gibbon and Firehole rivers meet in western Yellowstone National Park. The Firehole begins on the Madison Plateau and Continental Divide just south of Old Faithful near Shoshone Lake. During its journey to meet the Gibbon River at the Park's Madison Junction, it

runs north through three geyser basins.

The Grebe Lake area, northwest of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, gives the Gibbon its start. From here it travels west, taking in two geyser basins, several rapids and an 84-foot plunge over Gibbon Falls before joining the Firehole at Yellowstone's Madison Junction.

From this confluence, the newly made Madison, heading west to northwest, passes herds of bison and elk before leaving the park. It takes a brief rest in Hebgen and Quake lakes (site of a major earthquake in 1959) before rushing full of life into the spacious Madison Valley, where it holds court as one of Montana's premiere fly-fishing destinations. Moving north, between the Madison and Gravelly mountain ranges, it spreads out in Ennis Lake, then squeezes into Bear Trap Canyon on its way to the Gallatin Valley and its destiny to begin the Missouri.

In the northwest corner of Yellowstone National Park, Three Rivers Peak and Gallatin Lake send off the Gallatin River. It tumbles through a beautiful valley, then eases into Gallatin River Meadows – a favorite for backcountry skiers – before leaving the park and wedging itself into the constricted and magnificent Gallatin River Canyon, formed by steep rises of the Gallatin Range looking down from the east and the Madison Range across the way. The abrupt demise of the canyon southwest of Bozeman allows the river to spill into the ample and fertile Gallatin Valley and on to Three Forks.

A hallmark of southwest Montana is its grand valleys – sage-filled bottomlands surrounded by distant high peaks. The Madison, Gallatin and Jefferson rivers traverse such country.

## Survey finds trails most popular feature among Montanans visiting state parks

MISSOULA – Nearly nine in 10 surveyed Montanans said they have visited a Montana state park and the majority are in search of public trails, according to a new report from the Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research at the University of Montana.

The study was undertaken to assist the Montana Parks in Focus Commission to better understand the extent residents use state parks and which outdoor amenities they seek.

The new report finds Montana residents who visit state parks visited 2.81 different state parks on average in the past year. Sixty-seven percent of all surveyed visitors say they use parks primarily for day use. Meanwhile, 22 percent of surveyed residents prefer to use state parks for overnight use, and 11 percent indicated they don't use state parks. The top amenities desired by resident state park users are picnic shelters, swimming areas, education/interpretive programs and visitor centers, with trails being the most frequently cited.

"Understanding what the resident state park user desires in their parks is paramount to a successful park system," said Dr. Norma Nickerson, director of ITRR. "The most frequently cited amenity was public trails. However, age plays a role in the intensity that Montanans desire trails."

The study split the Montana

population into three adult-age categories: 18-35, 36-55, and 56 and older.

"What we found is that the middle age group could be called the 'average,' but the other two age categories basically want and require some very different amenities," Nickerson said.

Everyone wants trails, but when looking at overnight visitors to Montana State Parks, 95 percent of the 18-35 year olds want trails, 88 percent of the 36-55 age group want trails, while 77 percent of Montanans 56 and older want trails. That is an 18 percent "desire" range for trails from the younger age group compared to the older age group.

When it comes to spending the night in a state park, 85 percent of the younger group said they wanted tent sites but only 42 percent of the older age group wanted tent sites. Meanwhile, only 40 percent of the younger age group said they wanted RV sites while 76 percent of the older group would like RV sites. While WiFi was generally the least desired amenity in state parks, 36 percent of older overnight visitors said they wanted WiFi, 26 percent of the middle age group wanted it, but only 19 percent of the younger overnight visitors said WiFi was a desired amenity.

Age group differences did occur among day users, but those differences were not as stark. The only significant differences were

that younger Montanans were 20 percent more likely to want swimming areas and 15 percent more likely to want playgrounds over the older age category. The data also show little to no difference between residents who live in the more mountainous (western) part of the state with those who live in the less mountainous (eastern) part of the state.

Ben Alexander staffs the Montana Parks in Focus Commission and says the information will be extremely valuable as the commission works to develop enduring recommendations to strengthen Montana's overall state park system.

"We wanted to find out what Montanans across the state are looking for when they visit state parks so we can build the park system that delivers the best park experience to most residents," Alexander said. "It is not surprising trails are in high demand, as they offer a way to experience our natural, historical and recreational parks, while also connecting our parks to nearby towns and surrounding public lands. There is something magic in the way parks connect us all, and trails appear to do that for most state park visitors."

Nickerson, who also serves on

the Parks in Focus Commission, says that although trails are the most popular, state parks need to ensure a variety of recreational experiences are offered for all visitor age groups.

"The message this study sends is that there are common types of outdoor infrastructure that most Montanans are looking for and that we should be providing, but that we also should be cognizant of differences in age and activity type when making decisions on funding or policy decisions," Nickerson said. "It is so easy to get the average and call it good. In the case of this study, the average could be the 36-55 age group. We also need to consider the needs of younger and older Montanans."

The ITRR study surveyed 6,193 Montanans ages 18 and older who were intercepted at gas stations and rest areas throughout the state from April through mid-June 2018. The data were weighted to represent Montana's population and gender.

More information on the study is available at [https://scholarworks.umt.edu/itr\\_pubs/372/](https://scholarworks.umt.edu/itr_pubs/372/). All information and reports published by ITRR are available online at <http://www.itrr.umt.edu>.

## Safe archery hunting in bear country

DILLON —With archery season for deer and elk approach, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest has some tips for archers for safe hunting this fall:

Archery hunters are, by design, good at sneaking up on bears unobserved. They also provide bears with an attractive food source in the form of gut piles and carcasses. Follow a few precautions to minimize bear interactions to increase safety while hunting this season.

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Watch for bear sign in the form of scat, tracks, or scratch trees. Be on alert in areas of low visibility and by streams which mask noises.

- Bear spray works! Bear spray produces a large cloud that targets a bear's nose and eyes - its most sensitive areas. "In a study of bear spray incidents in Alaska, spray effectively deterred undesirable behavior more than 90% of the time. In 72 incidents involving 175 people, only three people were harmed, none seriously."

- Calling for elk and deer/elk scents are attractive to bears. Bears have approached hunters while calling, and in some areas have become attracted to gunshots after learning to associate the noise with a carcass or gut pile. Consider leaving scents at home when traveling in grizzly country. You can expect to find grizzly bears in Southwest Montana, even in areas outside their current known range.

- Keep a clean camp. Bears are very smart, have a great memory and if they receive a food reward in one camp, they may become aggressive as they continue to raid camps. Make sure all attractants are placed in a hard-sided vehicle, locked in a bear-resistant container, or hung 10 feet up and four feet out from any supporting branches. Anything that has a smell or has once had a smell needs to be put away. This includes food, garbage, toothpaste, deodorant, blood-covered clothing, and any stock feed (except hay without additives).

- Regular coolers are not bear-resistant and must be appropriately stored, even when empty. Check with a local ranger station about obtaining bear-resistant containers through the loaner program, free of charge.

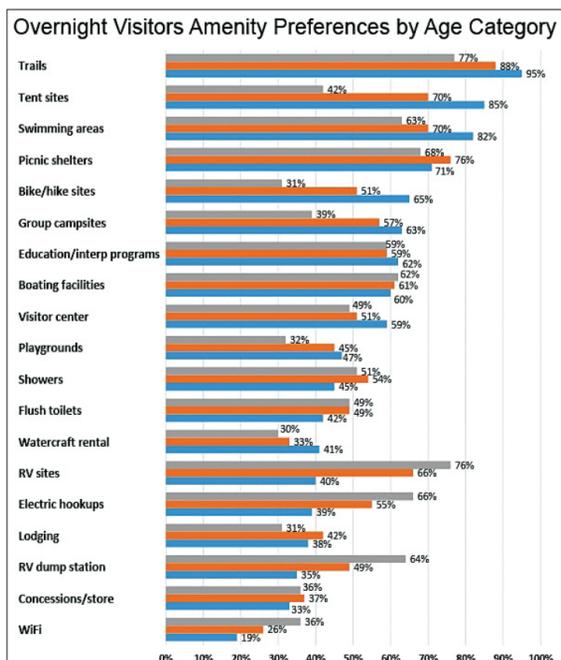
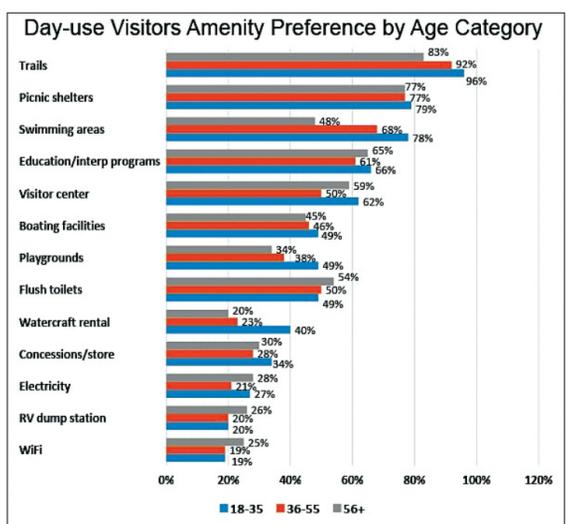
- If you are fortunate enough to harvest an animal this year, gut it immediately and move the gut pile at least 200 yards away from any trail. This may help keep the bear away from you and your carcass and may also prevent other hunters from stumbling on a bear. Remove your kill as soon as possible. If you need to leave a carcass on the forest, hang it (10' up, 4' out) 100 yards or farther from a sleeping area or trail. If you must leave it on the ground make sure it is at least a half mile from any sleeping area and 200 yards from a trail. Leave your kill in a place where you can view it from 200 yards away as you return.

- Pack tarps for moving gut piles, ropes and a pulley for hanging game.

- Be alert, make noise, hike in groups of three or more, do not run if you encounter a bear and stand your ground if charged by a bear.

Remember to be fire safe – which means to completely put out your campfires before leaving as fire conditions are still dry on the forest. Keep informed of current fire restrictions by going online to <https://firerestrictions.us/mt/> for more information.

Also, use motorized vehicles only on designated routes, and bring certified weed-free hay and straw. For information about local regulations or bears, go to the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov/bdnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/bdnf), or stop by a local Forest Service office.



# PUBLIC NOTICES SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

**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 )  
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  
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**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  
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**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  
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**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 meeting on September 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Town Office, 316 E Wallace St, Virginia City.  
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**NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGULAR VOTER REGISTRATION AND OPTION FOR LATE REGISTRATION**  
Notice is hereby given that regular registration for the General Election to be held on November 6, 2018 will close at 5:00 p.m., October 9, 2018. All active and inactive electors of Madison County, are entitled to vote at said election. Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered, may do so by requesting a form for registration by mail or by appearing at the county election office prior to the date above. If you have moved, please update your registration information by filling out a new voter registration card and submitting it to the county election office.

NOTE: Late registration is available, but voters must appear IN PERSON at the Madison County Election Office (103 West Wallace Street, Virginia City) in order to register and have their ballots issued to them. LATE REGISTRATION IS NOT AVAILABLE AT POLLING PLACES! Hours for late registration are:  
Monday through Friday between 8 am and 5pm until the Friday before the election (October 10-November 2nd)  
From 8 am until NOON on the day before the Election (November 5th)  
From 7 am until 8 pm on Election Day. Inactive electors may reactivate by:  
\*\*appearing at the polling place to vote  
\*\*by requesting an absentee ballot in any election  
\*\*or by notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of the elec-

tor's current address in the county. DATED this 13th day of September, 2018. Madison County/Kathleen D. Mumme/Election Administrator  
(Pub. September 19, 26, & Oct 3, 2018) mccr  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE**  
Probate No. DP-29-2018-21 OF JAN LAURIE WALLACE, also known as JAN L. WALLACE, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to John Warren, Attorney at Law, P. O. Box 28, Dillon, MT 59725 or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.  
I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. DATED September 12, 2018.  
/s/ James Collins Wallace/Personal Representative/Personal Representative's Attorney/John Warren  
P. O. Box 28  
Dillon, Montana 59725  
(Published September 20, 27, October 4, 2018) jw  
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**PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking comments on the draft "Madison Nutrient, E. coli, and Metal TMDLs and Water Quality Improvement Plan," and will hold a public meeting on September 26, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. to provide information about the plan, answer questions, and accept written comments. The meeting will be at the Madison Valley Public Library in the Community Room, located at 210 E Main Street in Ennis. The document provides total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) to help address water quality problems related to nitrogen, phosphorus, E. coli, copper, iron, lead, and selenium concentrations in Elk, Hot Springs, Moore, O'Dell Spring, and South Meadow creeks, tributaries of the Madison River. The document also includes strategies for reducing concentrations to meet Montana's surface water quality standards, and is available on the DEQ web site at <http://deq.mt.gov/Public/publiccomment>. An electronic copy is also available at the Madison Valley Public Library in Ennis. Comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., October 19, 2018, and may be mailed to DEQ, Water Protection Bureau, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620, or submitted electronically at <http://comment.cwaic.mt.gov/>. For more information, please contact Christina Staten at (406) 444-2836 or [CStaten@mt.gov](mailto:CStaten@mt.gov).  
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SPORTS

# Sheridan's Panthers win big at home

SHERIDAN – According to Coach Mike Wetherbee, the had a big win at home against the Heart Butte Warriors.

The Panthers opened the first quarter with a 26 to 13 lead and never looked back as they rolled to a 64-25 win over the visiting Heart Butte Warriors in their first home game of the year.

Moxon Lee was impressive with 85 yards on the ground and two touchdowns and another 338 yards in the air and 7 touchdown passes. Three of those were to Jason Chisholm who had three catches for 120 yards and three



touchdowns.

The standout stat for the coaching staff behind the offense was the defense holding the Warriors scoreless in the second half of the game. This was an impressive win for the Panthers

who host the Noxon Red Devils for their homecoming game this Friday at 7:00 Pm on the Sheridan Field.

Quarter Scoring: Sheridan/Heart Butte - 26/13, 18/0, 20/0, 0/25

Stats Leaders for Sheridan  
 • Moxon Lee - 8 rushes for 85 yards 2 touchdowns  
 • Jack Gilman - 12 rushes for 85 yards

Receiving  
 • Jason Chisholm- 3 catches for 120 yards 3 touchdowns  
 • Hartson VanHouten - 6 Catches for 120 yards 1 touch-

down  
 • Jack Gilman- 4 catches for 75 yards 1 touchdown  
 • Kaiden Batzler - 2 catches for 13 yards 2 touchdowns  
 Defensive Leaders  
 • Jack Gilman - 5 tackles 4 assists  
 • Moxon Lee - 4 tackles 7 assists  
 • Hartson VanHouten - 7 tackles 1 assists 1 Interception, 1 Fumble recovery  
 • Cade McParland - 3 tackles 6 assists.

# Mustang volleyball continues hot streak

ENNIS—The lady Mustangs volleyball team continued a successful September on Thursday, September 13, defeating the Twin Bridges Falcons in three sets of 25-16, 25-9 and 25-20.

Senior Jourdain Klein led Ennis in aces (three), kills (14) and blocks (five), while fellow senior Whitney McKittrick added five kills, 14 assists, two blocks and seven digs. Alyssa West added two aces and Riley Robinson had 10 assists.

Riah Edsall with four kills and two blocks, while Anna Kaiser added three assists, three aces and two more blocks. Clancy Phillips had seven digs, which helped Twin to close hard in the third set, only falling by five points.

Both Twin Bridges and Ennis will play again on September 22: Twin Bridges in their homecoming-week match against White Sulphur Springs and Ennis with an away match at Drummond.

Twin Bridges was led by



Volleyball action...

The photos above show the Harrison High School Lady Wildcats volleyball team in action.

Above - Harrison playing Sheridan. No. 5 is Rosie Chater, No. 3 is Maddison Christiansen and No. 9 is Dana Lerum.

Right - Harrison playing West Yellowstone, No. 10 is Aleena Bacon and No. 13 is Kayley Christensen.

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 Location: West Yellowstone High School  
 Time: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

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 Fax (406) 442-2745

Kathy Aranado  
 Town of West Yellowstone Social Services  
 440 Yellowstone Avenue  
 West Yellowstone, MT 59758  
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 Fax (406) 646-7311

In Loving Memory of  
 THEO Y. WALKER  
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It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of our beloved friend, daughter, sister, mother and wife;  
 A true humanitarian if ever there was one.

Theo enlightened a lot of lives in her time with us whether she was hosting guests at the T Lazy B Ranch or drawing blood at the Sheridan Hospital she was always living in the present moment. In recent years she formally practiced Qi Gong/Tai Chi. With great attention, her whole life became a meditation. She left a legacy of loving-kindness, as we have all been honored by her compassionate actions. Let us gather together to celebrate her life in the same manner.

A ceremony will be held at the T Lazy B Ranch on Sunday, October 14 at 12:30 pm  
 All are Welcome.  
 Please BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair)

In lieu of flowers please send a swatch of fabric\* for a memory quilt to:  
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# Women owned business trends

Trend in Growth of Women-Owned Firms by State, 2002-2018							
	Women-Owned Firms					% Change 2007-2018	% Change 2017-2018
	2002	2007	2012	2016 (est.)	2017 (est.)		
<b>Total US</b>							
Number of Firms	6,469,483	7,793,139	9,878,397	11,313,900	11,615,800	12,280,200	57.6%
Employment	7,146,229	7,579,876	8,431,614	8,976,100	8,985,200	9,184,500	21.2%
Sales (\$000)	\$940,774,986	\$1,202,115,758	\$1,419,834,295	\$1,622,763,800	\$1,663,991,700	\$1,757,210,100	46.2%
<b>Montana</b>							
Number of Firms	24,519	28,129	35,449	37,300	37,400	36,500	29.8%
Employment	21,238	28,532	33,077	35,100	35,000	34,400	20.6%
Sales (\$000)	\$2,138,505	\$3,397,707	\$4,395,426	\$4,780,000	\$4,771,100	\$4,654,100	37.0%

HELENA - Montana has an estimated 36,500 women-owned businesses, employing 34,400 and attributing to roughly \$4.65 billion according to the eighth annual State of Women-Owned Businesses Report, commissioned by American Express, a comprehensive report released today, analyzing data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Survey of Business Owners and factoring in relative changes in Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

looks back to 1972, the first time the U.S. Census Bureau provided data on minority- and women-owned businesses.

Nationally, the number of women-owned businesses increased a dramatic 31 times since 1972 --from 402,000 to 12.3 million in 2018. Employment during that time grew 40-fold from 230,000 to 9.2 million, and revenues rose from \$8.1 billion to \$1.8 trillion, 217 times greater.

Montana is ranked 35th

in growth of number of women-owned firms since 2007 with a 29.9 percent increase, 22nd in growth of jobs created with a 20.5 percent increase and 24th in growth of firm revenues with a 37percent increase.

That being said, Montana ranks 29th in economic clout - a ranking of all 50 states (plus Washington, DC) by the combined growth rates of women-owned businesses for number of firms, employment and revenues.

# State Assessment Results: Little variation from 2017

## ACT slight decline, SBAC little change

HELENA— The Office of Public Instruction has released Montana's 2017-2018 statewide assessment results which show little variation over last year.

Montana's statewide assessments are the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC) for grades 3 through 8 and the ACT for high school students.

The most recent data shows a 5-year trend of slight declines in ACT composite scores while more high school students are taking the ACT each year.

SBAC has been administered for 3 years and has shown little variation with increasing numbers of students taking the assessment each year.

The 2018 average ACT composite score in Montana was 19.6 compared to 19.7 in 2017 and 20.0 in 2016.

The ACT is taken by high school juniors and is also considered a measure of college readiness. The required composite score to enter Montana's University System is 22.0, which only 33 percent of students achieved.

For elementary and middle school students, the 2018 SBAC scores showed that 41.5 percent were at or above proficiency in math which is a slight increase from 2017 scores which were 41.2 percent but slightly lower than 2016's level of 41.8 percent.

In the English Language Arts portion, 50.5percent of students were at or above proficiency which is a slight increase from the previous two years' levels of 50.3percent and 50.1percent.

"Federally mandated test results do not represent the academic potential of each individual student, but they do show where we can work as a state to better prepare all Montana students to be college and career ready," State Superintendent Elsie Arntzen said Thursday.

"We must ensure that ALL Montana students succeed." At-risk student groups such as English Language Learners (ELLs), special education students, economically disadvantaged students, and American Indian students continue to underperform compared to the all-student average. The OPI is working to provide comprehensive and targeted supports to schools through the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to ensure that all Montana students are served and have the opportunity to succeed.

Work is already underway with new school improvement plans developed at the local level for consistently underperforming schools as well as targeted professional development for educators to serve specific student populations. As required under ESSA, the OPI will be releasing "school report cards" in December which will be very viewer-friendly for parents and community members.

The complete 2018 assessment results as well as previous year's data and local data can be found on OPI's GEMS website: <https://gems.opi.mt.gov/StudentAchievement/Pages/Overview.aspx>

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12:10 p.m.  
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**MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Services:**  
4:00 P.M. AT ST. JOSEPH'S IN SHERIDAN

**Sunday Services:**  
11:00 A.M. AT NOTRE DAME IN TWIN BRIDGES  
9:30 A.M. AT ST. MARY'S IN LAURIN  
8:00 A.M. AT ST. PATRICK'S IN ENNIS

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**Sunday School**  
11:20 a.m.  
**R S & Priesthood**  
12:10 p.m.

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# AREA SENIOR MEALS

**Ennis Senior Center**  
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- Friday, September 21 - Sheppard's pie, salad & roll, dessert pinochle at 12:45 p.m.
- Thursday, September 20 - breakfast burrito, fruit, "happy birthday" cake
- Friday, September 21 - Sheppard's pie, salad & roll, dessert pinochle at 12:45 p.m.
- Monday, September 24 - taco salad, dessert, mahjong at 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 25 - turkey ala king over biscuit, dessert, play pan at 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 26 - meatloaf & mashers, veggies, dessert, mahjong at 1 p.m.
- Thursday, September 27 - potato corn chowder, salad & cornbread, dessert.
- Friday, September 28 - shrimp tacos, corn & bean salad, fruit, dessert, pinochle at 12:45 p.m.

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

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

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

- Tuesday, Sept. 25 – Cheeseburger, fries, dessert
- Thursday, Aug. 16 – Pot roast with potatoes, carrots, roll and 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.

- Friday, September 21 - Swiss Steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, dessert
- Monday, September 24 - Stuffed Pork Roast, roasted root veggies, 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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MON. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking

WED. - 7:30 p.m., Trinity Church in Jeffers

FRI. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking

682-3490, 682-7023 Ennis  
843-5352 Virginia City



# OUTPOSTEVENTS.NET

Go to **outpostevents.net** for a complete listing of events

**Thursday September 20**  
Eat, Drink and be Merry, Butte The Butte-Silver Bow Archives is hosting two presentations on a selection of photographs from the C.O. Smithers Collection. "Eat, Drink and be Merry" will run at noon and 7 p.m. in the large auditorium at 17 W. Quartz St. Guests are invited to bring a bag lunch.

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.

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.

**Friday September 21**  
Evening of Art, Ennis Cattleman Gallery, Artists on Main, Black Jack Ranch Gallery and Gallery 287 will be hosting an evening of art from 5-8 p.m. along Ennis's Main Street.

**Saturday September 22**  
Flea Market, Ennis Come on down to the Buckboard, the Ennis Antique Mall, for an outdoor flea market. Sell your stuff or search for a treasure! \$25

for a space to sell. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 406-570-6462 for information.

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.

**Wednesday September 26**  
Banned Books Week Brown Bag Lunch, Butte The Butte Archives and Butte

Public Library will celebrate Banned Books Week in a presentation from Shari Curtis and David Abrams, with readings from banned books by two interns from The Root and The Bloom. Presentation at noon at the Butte Archives; guests encouraged to bring a sack lunch.

**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."

**Friday September 28**  
Managing Type 2 Diabetes, Ennis Registered Nurse Janet How-

ard-Ducsay will speak at the Madison Valley Public Library about treating Type 2 Diabetes. Lecture will be about 45 minutes with time for questions, sponsored by Friends of the Library. 11 a.m. at Madison Valley Public Library.

**Saturday September 29**  
Paul Boruff Concert, Virginia City The Elling House Arts & Humanities Center is proud to present Paul Boruff! Paul has traveled and performed all over the world from London to Dover, Zurich to Gdansk and Amsterdam to Paris. His expansive repertoire transcends the barriers of age and culture. Paul sings from the heart and plays from the soul. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the door; 7 p.m. at 404 E. Idaho 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**  
Willie's Distillery hosts live music in the tasting room, 5:30 p.m.. See the weekly ad on this page for performers.

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

**Live Music - Norris**  
7 p.m.

**Farmers' Market, Twin Bridges**  
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