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Coexisting with carnivores

Livestock losses fluctuate as grizzly, wolf populations recover

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MADISON COUNTY—Over the past decade, Montana has become the home of a conflict few places in the United States see: protecting and fostering agricultural interests while at the same time protecting threatened carnivore species, most centrally wolves and grizzly bears.

The issue has only become more contentious with time, as bear and wolf populations recover from their near-extinction. For grizzly bears, this came in the 1970s, for wolves even earlier than that. As both species begin to expand back into territories they once inhabited, a central question has emerged: how can we all coexist?

Wolves and grizzlies, the bears, oh my!

Back when Lewis and Clark explored the West, biologists believe there were nearly 50,000 grizzly bears roaming the Missouri River drainage and its tributaries. The bears were—and still are—plentiful in Alaska, and they adapted well to the western United States.

About 170 years later, in 1975, when grizzly bears were initially placed on the endangered species list, less than 2 percent of the bear's original numbers remained in the lower 48 states. Westward expansion and extreme levels of hunting led to the localized extinction of 31 of 37 known bands of grizzlies—established areas with a significant population of the bears. By the time they were listed as endangered, only 1,400 grizzlies were left in the entire Lower 48.

Today, grizzlies are present in five areas: the Yellowstone Ecosystem (YEC); Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem, near Glacier National Park; the Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem, in the Koo-

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About 700 grizzly bears live in the Yellowstone ecosystem. Bears have been known to prey on livestock. (NPS PHOTO)

Sheridan school board discusses sports, student travel

Track project begins at High School

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SHERIDAN—The Sheridan School Board had a light agenda at its meeting on Tuesday, September 11, with the main topics being a potential co-op between Sheridan and Twin Bridges for middle school sports and adjustments to a planned trip for the high school Spanish club.

Board chairman Bill Wood noted that there has been "a lot of chatter going on between Twin Bridges and Sheridan," surrounding the potential co-op, and that it's been mostly positive. It was the board's goal to clarify what the possibility of such a partnership meant.

The board discussed in depth the fact that a co-op with Twin Bridges would not be an option at the high school level for at least a few years, if at all.

The reason for that is that combining the two schools on athletic teams would far outstrip the student body limit of 120 that classifies a school as a C school under the Montana High School Association's rules. The MHSA prefers not to combine the teams of two schools to create a team that qualifies for a larger classification, so it's unlikely that the Sheridan and Twin Bridges districts would pursue that option.

However, those limitations aren't a concern at the middle school level. A co-op would be used if either Sheridan or Twin Bridges didn't have enough students turn out to constitute a full team in a given sport.

The board considered creating a committee for facilitating the partnership between the two schools, which would include administrators, board members and community members from both Sheridan and Twin Bridges. That idea will remain on the agenda of future board meetings.

Another important agenda item for the board was changes to Sheridan High School's Spanish club trip. The club takes a trip to a Spanish-speaking country every two years, and the next trip is planned for two weeks in June 2019.

The 2019 trip was slated to

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Twin Bridges approves 2018-19 budget

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TWINBRIDGES—In addition to seating a new council member, James Klyap – he replaced David Banks, Jr., who stepped down due to a job relocation – Twin Bridges town council approved the 2018-19 budget at their Tuesday, September 11 meeting.

The budget, according to figures provided by Clerk/Treasurer Kristi Millhouse, calls for nearly \$380,000 – \$336,000 going into the general fund, another nearly \$42,000 going into capital improvements and \$1,800 going towards fire disability.

The new budget calls for 143.2 mills – 137 for the general fund and three each for capital improvements and fire disability.

Among non-levied funds, the library fund will receive nearly \$62,000, the water fund almost \$615,000 and the sewer fund nearly \$259,000. Altogether, these total \$1.4 million.

These figures roughly parallel a more detailed preliminary budget prepared by Millhouse back in June.

On the water fund side of the June preliminary budget, the town council would receive \$1,155 in salaries travel expenses, insurance and other items; Mayor Tom Hyndman, would receive \$1,630 in similar expenses; and \$2,300 would be set aside for legal fees.

Water administration in that June budget was nearly \$37,000

in salaries, \$6,900 in auditing, \$2,900 in software maintenance, \$76,000 in machinery and equipment, \$22,650 in facilities, \$35,000 in supply and pumping, and \$1,800 for purification, treatment and testing. Also, accounting and collections on the water side of the June budget was \$17,850 in salaries and \$3,000 in insurance.

On the sewer fund side of the budget, the figures were essentially the same.

Total budgeted monies in the two accounts rose from \$663,000 in 2017-18 to \$844,000 for 2018-19.

The was precipitated by a jump from \$147,000 to \$333,000 on the water side, a 226 percent bump; and from \$179,000 to \$185,000 on the sewer side of the budget.

In other business, the council:

- Approved three building compliance applications, one each for Lewis Wendt, Sean Garner and Luke banks.

- Hyndman also told council that the town had been approved for a Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) grant, to run a water line under the Beaverhead River at the fairgrounds instead of the \$30,000 the town had requested.

- The council considered a memorandum of agreement with the Madison County Sheriff's department but took no action on this.

- Talked about a fence ordinance that would be discussed at the next council meeting.

Homeward Bound

Sheepdog gets miracle rescue from Monument Fire

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MADISON VALLEY—The 2018 fire season led to an eight-family evacuation in the Haypress Lakes subdivision while the Monument and Wigwam fires consumed tinder-dry brush in the Gravelly Range.

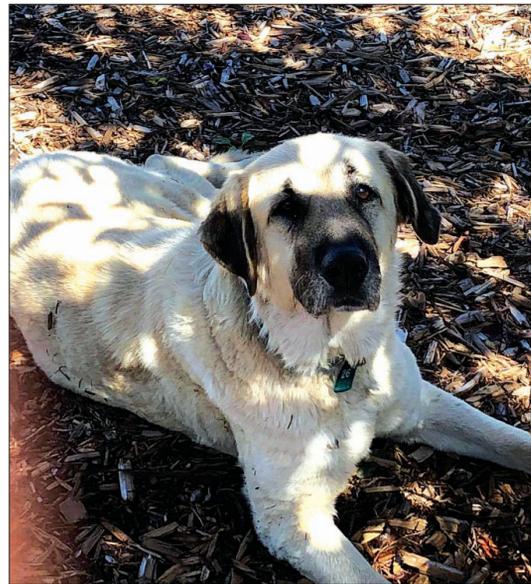
Even now, nearly eight weeks after the fires first began, the Monument fire remains 56 percent contained and has burned over 6,500 acres. It saw one of its most rapid expansions the weekend of August 13.

That was when Duchess, a six-year-old sheepdog, became a voluntary evacuee.

Duchess is owned by Cathy Konen and her family, who live in Dillon. She's an Anatolian Shepherd-Great Pyrenees mix who works as one of three herding dogs on the Konens' band of sheep that grazes on an allotment in the Gravelly Range.

The Konens run their sheep on that allotment for 60 days every year. Cathy says it's a "nomadic kind of thing," tending the sheep camps every few days and winding their way from the Blacktail area, south of Dillon, down to the Gravellys.

Duchess had only been part



Duchess, a six-year-old Anatolian Shepherd-Great Pyrenees mix, traveled nearly 20 miles when the Monument fire blew up in early August. Nearly three weeks later, she was reunited with her family. (DEBI REYNOLDS)

of the Konens' herd-tending crew for about four months when the Monument and Wigwam fires first started in early August.

When the Monument fire exploded, Duchess spooked and made a run for it. Her owners never even saw her run off.

"Somebody said they saw her, but we couldn't find her anywhere," remembers Konen. "I think she got scared with all the activity."

Konen says they've lost sheepdogs before, and she wasn't optimistic about seeing Duchess again. They called and searched for her to no avail.

But that was because Duchess had run nearly 20 miles, turning up near the Madison River Lodge in Cameron.

She wound down the east face of the Gravelly Range, which tops out near 9000 feet

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Exploring the carnivore and livestock conflict

tenai National Forest and Canada; the Selkirk Ecosystem, in Idaho and northeastern Washington; and the North Cascades Ecosystem, in northwestern Washington.

Bear numbers are recovering – albeit slowly, but enough so the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service removed the Yellowstone population's endangered, then threatened status. The YEC now has about 700 bears according to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP), a population growing by as much as 4 percent annually.

Grizzlies still face a major challenge: the five ecosystems are essentially islands, remote from one another, limiting the bears to only a small fraction of their original habitat, and confining genetic biodiversity.

Wolves have followed a similar path.

Before the 1800s, wolves occupied the entirety of the United States, numbering somewhere in the hundreds of thousands in population. With the population of the west, their habitat diminished along with their access to prey, and ranchers and farmers targeted them to protect their livestock. By 1975, they were effectively extinguished from the Yellowstone Ecosystem, which had previously been one of their primary habitat areas. All of the area's established wolf packs were eliminated, leaving only a very occasional sighting of a literal "lone wolf."

Once wolves were also listed as endangered, the Endangered Species Act mandated that a recovery effort be pursued.

After much debate and more public comments than any proposal until that time had received, the road to wolf reintroduction into Yellowstone began in the late 1970s.

Since that time, wolves have been unlisted and relisted several times due to some localized recovery and legal challenges surrounding the listing. Most recently, they were delisted in Montana and Idaho in 2011, but remain classified as endangered in Wyoming.

The latest reports for Montana estimate that 750 - 850 wolves reside in the state, where wolf hunting was recommended as a management tool in 2004. That management tactic was approved, and limited wolf hunting is now allowed on a licensed basis at certain times of the year.

Carnivore vs. livestock?

As the populations of both grizzly bears and wolves began to recover, both species are wandering back into their former habitat. And this causes a conflict between people, their livestock and these two predators.

"Grizzlies are expanding over time into livestock-producing areas," says FWP biologist Cecily Costello. "Their range is expanding every year." This means that while expanding back into territories they used to inhabit, bears are unintentionally wandering into closer proximity with livestock and ranchers.

"There are what we call core habitat areas," says Lisa Upson, director of the NGO People and Carnivores, which focuses on the conservation of carnivore populations while working closely with stakeholders like ranchers, hunters and Montana's tribal governments.

"In western Montana the core habitat areas we're trying to create connectivity between are the NCDE, central Idaho and the Yellowstone Ecosystem. But we need to do that keeping people in mind, making that work for people."

When large carnivores like bears and wolves reach a certain population density, Upson says, they will automatically shift toward less-populated areas, constantly on the lookout for food sources, security and mates.

As that shift has increased, so has the number of livestock kills by carnivores. This reached a peak in 2009, where over 300 livestock animals were killed statewide.

After that peak year, FWP instituted more aggressive wolf management practices, which has resulted in a significant decrease in wolf-related livestock predations.

In Madison County, though, wolves are by far the lesser

concern compared to grizzlies. Population distribution of wolves shows that they reside most heavily within close proximity of Yellowstone National Park and across Montana's western border toward the Idaho panhandle.

In terms of livestock kills, the county has seen 19 confirmed wolf kills in the past five years, compared to 44 confirmed losses due to grizzly bears.

"Right now, wolves aren't the big issue," says Rick Sandru, a rancher near Twin Bridges and board member of the Ruby Valley Conservation District. "It's the grizzly bears. The state is trying to figure out how they're going to manage them in the process of them being delisted."

Sandru has lost dozens of livestock animals to carnivores in his lifetime and knows there are resources for ranchers to be reimbursed for animals they lose.

The Livestock Loss Board (LLB), created by the state legislature in 2007, will refund the market value of any animal confirmed killed by a carnivore. But there are other losses the LLB can't reimburse.

"As ranchers, we're caretakers of our livestock," says Sandru. "When you find one that's maimed, even if it's not a good financial investment, you'll try to save it. You just feel so bad for them."

"Those are costs that we don't recover: doctoring time, lost weight, those are other prices we pay to have grizzly bears on the landscape."

When a carnivore kills a rancher's animal, the first recourse is to call the LLB or Wildlife Services, who will come out to identify what killed the animal. But the LLB has an annual allotment of \$200,000 that comes out of the state's general fund, and during the 2018 fiscal year they paid \$240,000, says executive director George Edwards.

"The money we get is a statutory appropriation...it goes in six-year cycles," says Edwards. "Any of the unused money rolls over into a savings account for future claims in case we have a catastrophic loss. We had some buildup on that until grizzly bears were added."

Initially, the board only covered livestock losses by wolves. In 2013, the legislature added grizzlies to that list, and in

2017 mountain lions joined the list. Edwards says those additions really "eat into savings" for the LLB.

Plus, Wildlife Services (a program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture) has received so many calls so far in 2018 that it's struggling to keep up with the volume. There can be as much as a week's wait time before they can come out to a ranch and view a livestock kill to ascertain what killed the animal.

That means a rancher has to preserve the carcass of one of their animals, taking photos and often placing a tarp over the animal. Keeping a carcass that long can then provide an attractant for even more wildlife.

Coexisting

It seems like a rock and a hard place. But there are ways that healthy carnivore populations and ranching livelihoods can coexist, and both People and Carnivores and the LLB are facilitating them.

People and Carnivores offers fencing services designed to keep carnivores out of livestock-populated areas. Flagged fencing and both temporary and permanent options have been used on what Upson calls a "context-specific basis," and the group also works with landowners to purchase guard dogs to keep their herds safe.

Another option is range riders. Once a widely-used tactic, use of range riders has waned in recent years. But when they act as herders, range riders can more effectively protect livestock, keeping them safer in carnivore country.

Range riders also help to determine where livestock graze. By doing so, grasslands and forested habitats remain healthier, meaning bears and wolves wander less frequently down into pasturelands.

LLB also provides loss prevention grants that allow ranchers to pursue options like these.

"Ranchers or organizations can apply for grants for things like range riders, who observe for losses and can lead to early detection of potential predator losses," says Edwards.

LLB also helps to fund the purchase of guard dogs, food and supplies to help support those dogs and electric fencing, particularly around calving areas, to keep livestock safe.

The application period for

those grants is still open for local farmers and ranchers. Those who are interested can find grant applications online at www.llb.mt.gov. The LLB is accepting grant applications until October 10.

But the option that has drawn the most proactive action in recent years around Madison County has been the prospect of what Upson calls "carcass management programs." They've also been called simply "compost facilities."

People and Carnivores helped to establish such a facility in Wisdom, which has proven successful.

Sandru says the Ruby Valley was close to having just such a facility in the recent past at the Twin Bridges dump.

"The Conservation District launched an effort to open a carcass composting facility with an enormous amount of local support," he says. But there was one problem.

"The airport was worried that having a composting facility would attract more birds and be a problem for the airport," says Sandru. "We wanted to get ahead of this grizzly bear activity, and it's been very successful in other places where they've started composting."

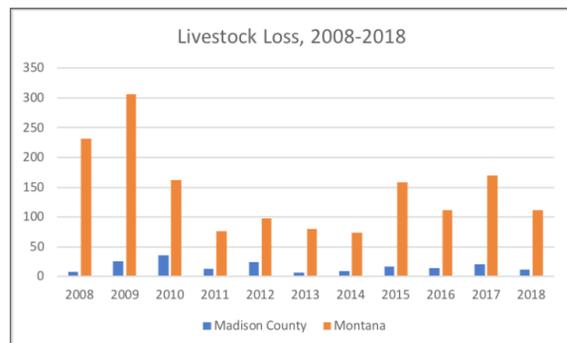
"We're kind of stymied right now."

Public support for a composting facility remains high around the valley, and Sandru says the only thing standing in the way is finding an alternative location. Creating such a site would remove excess attractants for the area's carnivores, and lead to fewer livestock-carnivore conflicts and less loss for local ranchers.

Until that happens, the dialogue continues.

In recent years Madison County has lost an average of around 17 animals per year to carnivores, down from a high of 35 in 2010. The hope is that with enough interagency communication and some local action, that number could draw closer and closer to zero.

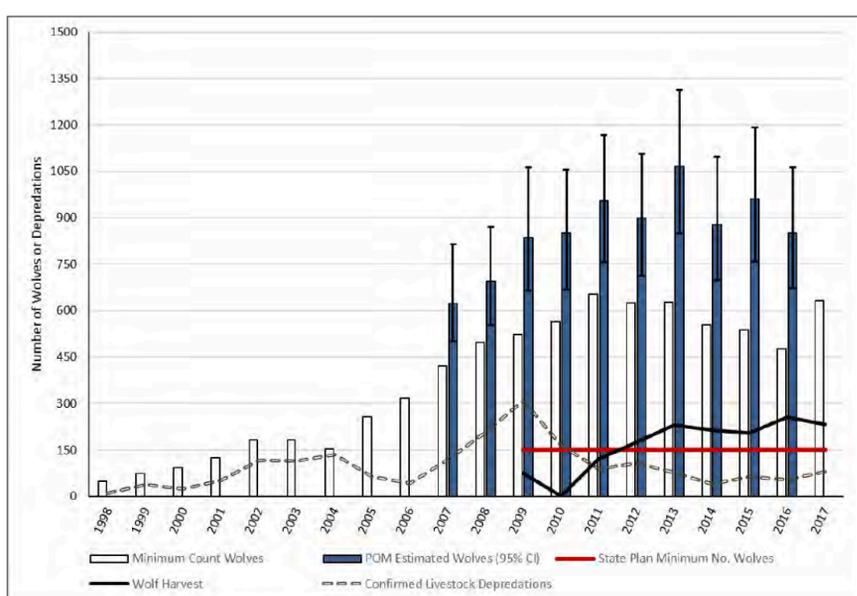
For more information on the work of People and Carnivores, contact Kim Johnston at kjohnston@peopleandcarnivores.org. For information on the Livestock Loss Board or to apply for one of their grants, contact George Edwards at (406) 444-5609.



Left - Numbers of livestock killed by carnivores, statewide and in Madison County, in the past 10 years. (LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD)



Below left - Grizzly bear population trends since their initial listing on the Endangered Species Act. The bear population has been slowly but steadily recovering since the 1980s, but grizzly bears in particular are still only occupying a small percentage of their historical habitat range. Numbers do not show total bear population, only observed bear numbers. (FWP)



Below - Wolf data graph: Observed wolf populations juxtaposed with the number of wolf depredations in Montana. The white dashed line shows confirmed depredations, while the dark bars show wolf populations. (FWP)

Ennis school board discusses memorial for Joan Schilling lifelong coach, teacher

Softball committee prepares for new athletic team

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ENNIS—With homecoming festivities complete, the Ennis School Board turned its attention to the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year at its monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 12.

Elementary principal Brian Hilton gave an update early in the meeting, noting that the elementary population of Ennis Schools is currently 198 students in grades K-6, split exactly between boys and girls. Average class size is 28.

Hilton also said that Whitney Marsh had begun as school nurse at the beginning of that week, an addition to Ennis Schools that the board approved earlier this summer.

"Seeing how it's working, it's hard to believe how we functioned without it," said Hilton. "She's a great addition."

High school principal Melissa Newman also provided an update, noting that Ennis High School currently comprises 118 students, while the middle school of 7th and 8th grades totals 66 students.

Newman also touched on the success of former Olympic basketball star Chamique Holdscraw's presentation on mental health earlier that day. Ennis students were joined by students from Harrison Schools to engage in a dialogue about depression, suicide and mental health resources.

"They were so in tuned listening to her," said Newman.

"She was very open, very relatable. They got a lot out of it." Holdscraw offered two discussions Wednesday; the other was attended by students from Sheridan and Twin Bridges earlier in the day.

A particularly emotional item on the board's agenda was a proposal to rename the Ennis Schools technology building the Joan Schilling Memorial Complex.

The proposal was brought by Cindy Peterson and Betty Klein, in memory of Schilling who taught in Ennis for over four decades. That time included 27 years as girls' basketball coach—during which time the team won its only state title in program history—21 years as golf coach and 14 years coaching track.

"She was amazing. It was always about the kids," said Klein. "She was my mentor when I was a student."

Schilling passed away from breast cancer earlier this year. Staff and board members alike shed a few tears remembering Schilling's legacy at Ennis Schools and her constant devotion to each and every student, who she welcomed with open arms.

The proposal was unanimously and enthusiastically approved by the board, and a commemoration ceremony of the renamed complex will take place later this fall.

Chairwoman Kris Inman noted that a committee has been created to facilitate the preparations for Ennis's inaugural softball team. Inman and board member Karen Ketchu both sit on the committee, as well as superintendent Casey Klasna and athletic director Chris Hess.

There are some fencing alterations that need to take place before the season gets under-

way next spring, and it would be ideal to have those completed before the ground freezes for the winter. The softball committee will be responsible for facilitating that construction and will spearhead a fundraising effort to finance those changes.

Other business on the Ennis school board's September agenda included:

- A final update on the school's weight room and storage construction project: last adjustments to flooring and doors are in the works, and otherwise the project is about finished, Klasna reported.

- The Montana School Board Association (MTSBA) will give a presentation on its bargaining process to the board at its October 10 meeting. That presentation will be followed by a training for the board members on utilizing MTSBA's bargaining resources.

- The development of a strategic plan: Klasna brought this item to the board's attention, noting that such a plan would facilitate visits by board members to the school, observe in classrooms and foster staff-board relationships.

- Hiring Kelly Leo as the new drivers' education instructor for Ennis Schools.

- Discussion of buying a new bus. There are currently 82 students on the school bus route between Ennis and Virginia City, but normally between 65 and 70 ride the bus regularly. If that number increases by much, the current bus will not be large enough to accommodate all of the students it needs to transport. That item was tabled until October's meeting so a survey of how many students are consistently riding the bus can be completed.



Twin Bridges school board members Patty Nelson, Gary Konen, Steve Janzen and Superintendent Thad Kaiser review the new school website. (J. TAYLOR)

Twin Bridges schools looks at infrastructure, apprenticeships

Weight room revamp, sports co-op with Sheridan discussed

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TWIN BRIDGES – With school opening and plenty of activities kicking off, Twin Bridges School's board of trustees had a busy night, meeting on Tuesday, September 18. The school's infrastructure and what the school can offer students and the community was the focus of most of the meeting.

Trades apprentice program

Superintendent Thad Kaiser told the board about two programs, backed by the state's Department of Labor, a pre-apprentice and apprentice effort, where students learn to work in the trades.

Kaiser said that two students were involved in the programs. One, a senior, was working for an area electrician and intended to go for full employment upon graduation. Another senior, Kaiser said, was working with the school's custodial staff, training in maintenance areas, like working with the school's boilers and electrical systems.

Kaiser said the state noted 80 occupations that could fall under the apprentice/pre-apprentice programs, while the federal government records 1,200 occupations in the same way.

Gearing students toward a trade profession is a new program, and Twin Bridges got involved in this last year, Kaiser said. The state wants to work with school districts to create more trades workers, he continued.

Trustee Patty Nelson wondered what sort of effort was required from the school to participate in these programs. Kaiser said basically none, everything is worked out between the state, the student's family and the business.

Kaiser also said the school was offering two elective credits in the case of the electrician towards graduation for his work. He noted that this student would graduate with honors and high academic score.

In the past, Kaiser said, Twin Bridges had a work release program, but this is not geared toward that sort of an effort. The federal government, the state, colleges, school districts are all working together, so kids learn and can get paid.

"There are no negatives to this," he said, "It's win-win."

Infrastructure issues

The board discussed four infrastructure issues:

- Doorbell - The board okayed installing a doorbell outside school's main entrance as a means of better securing the building.

- Boilers - The school's heating system and boilers were also discussed. Kaiser told the board the building is not secure now, but a simple doorbell would allow the office to see who is coming and going, with a direct line of sight to the entrance. This was also a cost savings – a \$200 expense, compared to the \$2,000 - \$3,000 involved for an intercom and television camera type entrance system.

- There will be complaints about this," said Kaiser, "but people will get used to it."

The door is currently unlocked when the students are around, lunchtime is an open campus, but when the students are gone the door closed – except during the Pride Festival, volleyball games, and some other activities.

- Boilers - The school's heating system and boilers were also discussed.

Kaiser said Trane installed the school's boiler building control unit in 2003. This control panel has had three outages since, a technician told Kaiser, and another outage could be all it would take to knock out the entire boiler system because the control unit is no longer being made. The technician recommended upgrading to a 2007 control model, and this was installed.

However, Trustee Gary Konen wondered what happens if the 2007 system fails. He recommended contacting a control unit salesman to find out how to move forward on this.

Kaiser said there are "Band-Aids left and right" on school infrastructure, including the boilers. However, he noted the schools does have heat, that the three-boiler system is up and running. The three boilers alternate their work load, one runs a couple of hours, then shuts down, another kicks in. The only time two boilers are running at the same time is when it gets really cold, he said.

- Cameras, fire alarm, cabling, phones - A third infrastructure issue was coordinating the school's cameras, doors, fire alarm panel, cabling and phone systems. Kaiser said that in the past, each of these electrical systems had a different contractor installing them, and it was a "scram-

ble" to find contractor or subcontractor who could work on them and make repairs.

Kaiser recommended that Northwest Systems – a company he'd worked with before – coordinate all of these items and repair them when needed. This would result in no additional cost to the school, he said, and a more immediate response when things broke down. District Clerk JoyAnn Breakall noted that some of the same people who installed these systems in Twin Bridges in the past under different companies, were now working for Northwest Systems.

- Weight room revamp - The fourth infrastructure item was a weight room revamp. The board was in favor of this, but postponed a decision to gather more information.

Kaiser had acquired quotes from Bigger, Faster, Stronger for new weight room equipment: \$15,000 for two elliptical units and two upright blocks, and another \$15,000 for four racks and other equipment.

Another part of the weight room remodel would be new mirrors, paint and a clean-up of the weight room, something that could be done "in house" by school maintenance personnel, he said.

Kaiser said half the cost for revamp could come from the adult education budget, the other half from the building reserve fund. Also, the old weight room equipment could be sold as surplus, although no one expected to get much for it because of its age.

Kaiser also suggested using a fob-style key to gain access to weight room. Previously, anyone could use the weight room, the fob would create limited access.

The board discussed the cost of fobs and how much the school should charge for access. Kaiser suggested \$7 per year, to cover the cost of the fob, just so the school could know how many community members were using the weight room. (The weight room is not available to the community when students are in school.) Konen suggested \$20-25 to cover the cost of the fob and use of room. Kaiser noted that Roundup's school district charged \$25 for annual weight room access, with similar fobs.

The board decided to hold off approval of this until more information on the cost of the fobs could be gathered.

In other business, the board:

- Noted declining enrollment numbers: Kindergarten -17 students, 1st grade - 14, 2nd grade-18, 4th grade - 15, 5th grade - 16, 8th grade - 11, 9th grade - 20 10th grade - 17, 11th grade - 18, 12th grade - 18.

- Discussed a co-op sports program with Sheridan school district. Konen said the school can't offer some athletic programs due to declining enrollments. He suggested looking into entering into a cooperative agreement with Sheridan.

"I've visited with people in the district and they are interested in doing this," he told the board.

Nelson said a co-op agreement could be an option that would save us money and provide opportunities for the kids. Konen said other co-op schools have many miles between them, while Sheridan and Twin Bridges are only nine miles apart.

"That's what we're here for," Konen said, "to provide opportunity."

Konen and Board President Steve Janzen volunteered to form a committee to look into this.

- Approved the purchase of a new 71 passenger bus, for \$87,000, minus \$11,000 trade-in for 2008 bus with 120,000 miles on it, a mileage for a bus that could result in mechanical issues when traveling over rural backcountry roads.

- Approved Kaiser as Special Education director. There was some discussion about this, since Kaiser doesn't have special ed experience, but Kaiser said he is obligated to make sure the services required by state and federal laws are provided to students, and there were other members of the district and related staff he could call on for the expertise.

- Personnel - Approved retirement of Principal Tammy Demien, following 2018 - 19 school year. "She's been a great addition to our school, Konen said. Also, the board approved hiring a business manager in training, part-time at first, full time later, when she can be trained by Breakall, who is retiring, during the next year.

- Noted the creation of a new school website – Kaiser said this should be up and running by end of September, and lauded teacher Jody Sandru for her work on it, "She did a heck of a job." Students looking at a trial version told Kaiser calendar is what they find most useful, because it includes menus, sports schedules and school activities.

- Special meeting – The board will be holding a special meeting about the school's five-year plan on Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. The public is invited to this meeting, especially anyone who wishes to have input into the future of the school district.

Changes come to human service agency in Dillon

DILLON – According to Brian Wheeler, Executive Assistant of the Women's Resource Center / Community Support Center in Dillon, some big changes that have occurred over the last few months down in Dillon.

Due to significant cuts and losses to human service agencies across the state, the Women's Resource Center sought out and secured a much larger space. The new facility is located at 236 E. Reeder St. in Dillon and offers many new opportunities for serving the folks of southwest Montana.

This new location offers and additional 6,000 square feet, offices have been renovated to be handicap accessible, and the many donations received from

the great people in this community will be displayed in the basement for our clients to easily access.

In the future, we hope to offer classes such as resume building and financial literacy as a continuation of the services that we provide.

The staff officially moved in and opened the doors on August

Along with our move to the new facility, comes another big change, Wheeler noted: a re-branding of our organization.

"A week doesn't go by that we don't have someone ask if we only help women," Wheeler said. "Upon the opening of the Women's Resource Center 40 years ago, our name was representative of those who we were

founded to serve, women. Today, although gender-based inequality does still exist, we have come to understand that interpersonal violence is not a women-specific issue. It is something that anyone can be a victim of and it's important to our organization that all victims of violence know that we are a safe place to turn. We serve all. Therefore, we officially changed our name to the Community Support Center."

Along with the name change and move comes a brand new logo

"Despite these changes, our aim is the same," said Wheeler. "We will continue to strive to offer quality, compassionate direct services to our clientele."

SHERIDAN continued from A1: School looks at Spanish trip

include stops in Costa Rica and Nicaragua, and Spanish teacher Kord Anderson told the board that due to political unrest in Nicaragua, the travel company Sheridan was working with advised that they make some changes to their itinerary.

Sheridan's students who are scheduled to take the trip enthusiastically approved an alternative itinerary that dropped the Nicaragua visit in favor of a trip to Panama. The students will still visit Costa Rica but will add exploration of Panama's capital, Panama City, as well as a visit to the Panama Canal. The board unanimously approved the itinerary change.

Also of note at the board's meeting was an update on construction on Sheridan's new million-dollar track facility. Construction has just begun, which involved lowering one end of the field by about 6 inches to bring the entire space to a level grade.

The area is being monitored to watch for water collection, which was one of the main concerns about the field as the new construction goes in. Superintendent Mike Wetherbee expressed optimism as no standing water has emerged yet, a good sign. Construction will continue through the 2018-2019 school year.

DUCHESS continued from A1: Sheepdog finds her way home after fire

above sea level, crossed the Madison Valley from Virginia City to the west toward Cameron to the east, finally getting spotted near the banks of the Madison River, having traversed the entire valley.

Anatolian Shepherds are a distinctly herding breed, genetically geared toward long-distance travel when herding animals like sheep and cattle.

Even so, Duchess was dehydrated, dirty and exhausted when she was found by Debi Randolph, who quickly made a Facebook post trying to discover who owned the dog.

"This sweet dog showed up at the lodge today," she wrote. "Does anyone know where she belongs?"

Within days, the post had been shared more than 90 times. The network widened so much that after a couple days, Konen's nephew saw it and recognized Duchess.

On September 3, nearly three weeks after she'd

initially been spooked by the Monument Fire, she was picked up by her very relieved family.

"I'm just glad to get her back," said Konen after the ordeal. "We would have never found her otherwise."

Randolph then posted an update to her original Facebook post to let the community know that Duchess's story had a happy ending. A trip to the vet found no injuries from her long trip, just a need for some food and water and a good, long nap.

"The vet said she is tired but healthy and just needs to rest, and she will be back with the sheep soon," she wrote. "I'm am happy to be part of the dog lovers who helped get her home. Duchess, be safe and happy!"

And with a few good meals, some rest and a reprieve from fire season for another year, Duchess should be just that.

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OPINION

Editor

Last March, when I was asked to help with Jay Frederick's campaign to be our next District 71 Representative in the Montana House, I said, "You're Nuts, not politics, too divisive, I've better things to do."

Then I thought, "Well let's look at what's happening here."

Our access to public lands is under attack (think: Indian Creek Trail trial). Our education system is being starved for resources (think: bills for early education being turned down by the legislature). Our lands and streams are being polluted (think: chem lab in Norris). Our legislature wastes time and money on silly bills (think: spear hunting bill, birther bill).

I asked myself, "Would Jay do any better as our Representative?"

I quickly realized the answer is a big YES. So, I joined his campaign as treasurer realizing that I would be supporting a candidate that has a broad view of issues and will represent all of the people and issues in our district.

His work history gives him insight into the many sides of issues. He is a facilitator and reconciler. He brings a strong background having spent over thirty years working in wildlife biology and public land stewardship including experience advising and leading programs relating to grizzlies, soil, water and fisheries restoration and conservation. He had a strong role in evaluating future outcomes for wildlife resulting from USFS actions.

One thing I was really impressed with was Jay's integrity. During the very first meeting of his campaign volunteers he made the decision that he would not accept campaign donations from Political Action Committees (PACS), a position rarely taken by politicians these days. In fact, he did get a donation from Governor Bullock's PAC which was promptly returned.

As treasurer, I track and report all campaign donations to the Commissioner of Political Practices. Incredibly, over 75% of the donations to Jay's campaign are from individuals that have never donated to a political campaign in Montana before. People in the district are energized, the campaign is truly a "grass roots" campaign.

On November 6 or before if you mail your ballot, please consider voting for Jay Frederick who will represent all of the people in District 71.

John White, McAllister

Editor:

On the 10-year anniversary of the collapse of the banking and housing industries that led to our depression, it is noteworthy that the 2008 depression did not resemble the 1930's. There are reasons for that.

After the 1930's depression the Democrats in Congress instituted Social Security as a basic safety net for seniors and the disabled. In the 1960's the Democrats passed Medicare and Medicaid which provided health care for seniors and some low income people.

Without those programs there would have been bread lines in 2008.

In 2010, the Democrats passed the Affordable Care Act which helped millions of people gain health insurance and stopped the insurance companies from denying coverage for pre-existing conditions. Almost everyone has one of those.

This foresight on the part of Democrats is why I support Jon Tester, Kathleen Williams and Jay Frederick for election on November 6. They will protect all the programs that middle class and low income people depend. They will never close public lands to the public as Ryan Zinke has done and that the Republican nominees have threatened. Democrats support more funding for public education. Democrats support women controlling their own bodies. Democrats support affordable housing and a living wage for workers.

Please consider these positions when you vote on November 6.

Ian Root, Ennis

Editor:

Jon Tester has our vote on November 6th and respect as a Senator from Montana. Tester works for Montanans unlike his opponent that supports an East Coast agenda that recently passed a resolution to permit dumping mining waste into waterways.

Tester has campaigned through the 56 counties listening and speaking to voters face to face.

Tester will continue to work for keeping our borders safe, holding government accountable, government transparency, a fair education for all, affordable and available health care, veteran's affairs, Indian affairs, access to public lands, women's rights, fair product prices for businesses, farmers and ranchers (tariffs) and reducing restrictions on truck drivers that haul livestock.

Tester's campaign has been unlike his opponent's who depends on negative ads paid for by the NRA and bringing to Montana East Coast politicians to speak for him at tax payers expense.

Thank you Senator Jon Tester and Kathleen Williams for supporting the members of Local 239 that have been shut out of their jobs by A French owned company in Three Forks. Three Forks residents and employees appreciate their presence at the Imery's Talc Plant during this difficult time.

Paul and Ellen Gayle Clifford, Three Forks

Editor:

I-186 Will Hurt Montana's Economy

Out-of-state environmental groups are using litigation as a tool to stop future mining in our state and I-186 does nothing but make it easier for them to do just that.

What these misleading, out-of-state activists ignore, is the fact that Mon-

tana has some of the strictest environmental protections in the world when it comes to permitting new mines. Permits approved in Montana have made it through years of review and scrutiny, but environmental activists don't want to acknowledge that Montana's existing regulatory structure is successful. Instead they continue to look for new ways to prevent natural resource development—and Montana taxpayers are the ones who end up footing the bill.

According to the University of Montana's Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER), mining in Montana generates \$199.4 million in state and local revenues each year. These funds are essential to Montana's economy, schools, and emergency services. I-186 would significantly impact the future of Montana's tax base by preventing future mines and the tax revenue they would generate.

Proposed mining projects in Montana could generate \$35 million in new, additional state tax revenue by 2025, according to the BBER's recent mining study. If I-186 is passed, Montana would lose a valuable source of tax revenue and economic activity in our state.

With growing budget concerns, Montana cannot afford I-186. Vote No on I-186 to protect Montana's economic future.

By Commissioner Duane Mitchell, Sidney

Editor:

The recent efforts to change the status of WSA's has little to do with 4-wheeling, mountain bikes, hiking, fishing, logging etc. This is all about privatizing public land. This is all about getting those WSA's out where the wealthy can start carving them up. Rest assured that once public land becomes private there will be no free 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, biking, hiking, hunting, logging etc. Us peons will have to pay to use those lands just like in other states where there is no public land.

Public land is said to bring more than \$7 billion into the Montana economy annually. The greedy in our country want those dollars for themselves but they also want the really big money that will come with the development of Montana, the last best place.

A recent article in *The Guardian*, by Elliot D. Woods, discussed the possible effect public land transfer would have on agriculture. Jim Hagenbarth, a long time Dillon rancher, and Vicki Olsen, a member of a ranching family in Phillips County, both expressed concern about what might happen to ranchers who lease public land.

Land leased from the Forest Service, BLM, and Montana State has long been very important to the ranching industry. If Forest Service, BLM, and State Land were sold, few Montanans could compete financially with big money from out of state and wealthy purchasers would not lease grass at current rates paid by lessees.

So who is driving the effort to privatize public land?

Due to the increasing tribalization of political parties, many politicians won't do anything unless they have received their orders from Washington. To be safe they will ultimately follow the party platform. Regrettably party platforms often are special interest driven and do not benefit us peons. Such is the situation with transfer of public lands.

The Republican National Committee platform and the Montana Republican platform have similar statements concerning transfer of public land. The Montana Republican platform states: "The Montana Republican Party supports the U.S. Congress and U.S. President, other public officials and citizens of Montana and the United States to fully exert their efforts and powers to support returning federally managed public lands to the states in order to secure statehood equality and provide for better management of public lands."

What that statement means is, we want to get our hands on public land so we can develop it.

A friend told me recently: "I am not from Montana. I came here from California. Where there used to be orange groves, there are now nothing but houses. I got out of that s...hole." Do we want Montana to be degraded by development as has numerous other states? Matt Rosendale has repeatedly called for sale of our public lands.

The transfer of public lands issue is just more RP&RP. (Rape the Public and Reap the Profits) If voters elect politicians who have a history of land development you can be assured that they will continue to try to become even richer at our expense.

Harold Johns, Butte

Editor:

I get a real chuckle out of Kathleen Williams in the political ad in which she will protect us Medicare recipients from those heartless republicans who are trying to change it.

Of course she fails to mention that it was her party that actually diverted millions if not billions of dollars from Medicare to fund Obama care so that Obama care would pass.

We must also remember that a sizable amount of money was diverted from VA Medical care for the same reason. The money was actually diverted over a period of years.

Can you really expect the Democrats to fix a problem they caused themselves.

They will propose that we tax the rich to take care of this problem. Of course when they say rich they are really referring to all of us who are presently paying taxes. If you have a job or a productive business you are the rich!

Dr. W. David Herbert ESQ, Billings

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Ellen Susanne Whitney Hill
September 6, 2018

Ellen Susanne Whitney Hill, cherished wife, mother, sister and aunt, joined her husband, Dale, in heaven on September 6, 2018, just over a week after what would have been their 50th wedding anniversary and just in time for his birthday on September 9th.

Ellen was born December 3, 1948 to Charles Edward and Mary Gerlean Whitney and raised in Twin Bridges, Montana with her four siblings.

She graduated from Twin Bridges High School in 1967 and married Dale in 1968. She went back to school to get her Bachelor's degree from Western Oregon State College, graduating in 1989.

Long-time residents of Independence, Oregon, they raised their four children there and after Dale passed away in 2000, she went to work for



Partnership in Community Living so she could continue sharing her beautiful, sweet spirit with others. She leaves their four children and six grandchildren behind.

Betty Jane Lyon
September 2, 2018

Betty Jane Lyon, age 94 and a resident of Sheridan, Montana, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 2.

Betty was born March 5th, 1924 in Seattle, Washington to Father Robert Fitch and Mother Stella (Benson) Fitch.

Betty grew up in West Seattle above Alki beach and loved to swim in the beautiful Puget Sound having many fond memories of her childhood there.

Betty attended and graduated from West Seattle High School.

Betty married Al Lyon and gave birth to her daughter Cathy Lyon. She was a devoted mother who enjoyed her family life along with working as a nurse's assistant in Seattle.

Betty enjoyed dancing as well as gardening and had an affinity for animals. Among many beloved pets throughout the years was her dog Mimi, who was her joy and companion.

Betty was preceded in death by



Al Lyon and daughter Cathy Lyon and is survived by her grandson David Ketola in Shoreline, Washington, and her great grandchildren, Anna Aaron, Rachel Ketola, Micah Ketola and Elizabeth Ketola.

There will be a remembrance September 30 at Ruby Valley Baptist Church in Sheridan. Friends are invited to gather for a time of remembering at 12 noon with lunch to follow afterwards.

Cowboy boots meet big data: New app revolutionizes rangeland monitoring

MISSOULA — Rangeland managers and landowners continuously battle conservation challenges from invasive weeds to wildfires to ensure both healthy land and livelihoods, but it can be tricky to track how vegetation changes over time across these large swaths of wide-open spaces.

Now, researchers at the University of Montana, in collaboration with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), have developed a new app to make that task a little simpler.

Blending old-school data collection with cutting-edge technology, the Rangeland Analysis Platform — known as RAP — is an interactive web app designed to assist in monitoring and managing rangeland. RAP is powered by Google Earth Engine and merges machine learning, cloud-based computing, remote sensing and field data to provide the first-ever annual vegetation cover maps to help improve America's rangeland. The app can be accessed at <https://rangelands.app/>.

This free tool empowers landowners and managers to track vegetation changes over time across the U.S. at any scale from whole regions to individual ranches by instantly producing an interactive map that estimates and shows groundcover, including annual and perennial grasses and forbs, shrubs, trees and bare ground.

Pair it with site-specific local knowledge, and the app can help

people easily access information to guide land management decisions — from visualizing the impacts of drought to designing conifer-encroachment treatments in sage grouse country.

RAP combines the best traits of traditional monitoring methods while using advances in technology to overcome limitations. The user-friendly app lets people explore rangelands at an unprecedented combination of space, time and scale to plan management actions that improve agricultural operations, enhance rangelands and boost wildlife habitat.

The technology, pioneered by scientists in the W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation, took two years to develop. Primary UM researchers include Matthew Jones, an ecologist and remote sensing scientist and the project's lead research scientist; Brady Allred, associate professor of rangeland ecology and the app's creator; and Dave Naugle, professor of wildlife biology.

RAP marries over 30,000 field plots from the Natural Resources Conservation Service's National Resources Inventory and the Bureau of Land Management Assessment, Inventory and Monitoring datasets with the historical Landsat satellite record and data about meteorology, elevation and soils. The team used machine learning — the concept that systems can learn from data, identify patterns and make decisions without being explicitly programmed to do so — to produce the vegetation maps.

"In the case of the RAP, we invoke a machine learning algorithm to learn the relationships and patterns between data collected in the field and a massive suite of satellite and land surface data," Jones said. "Using those relationships and patterns the algorithm can then make predictions of vegetation cover over areas where we don't have field data."

The tool also utilizes the computational power of Google Earth Engine to produce charts and maps across the western half of the country.

"By working with Google, we harnessed decades of satellite imagery, trained it with on-the-ground field data and put it at the fingertips of practitioners," Allred said in the USDA blog post.

"With the creation of RAP, rangeland monitoring is now only limited by the frequency with which satellites orbit the Earth," Jones said.

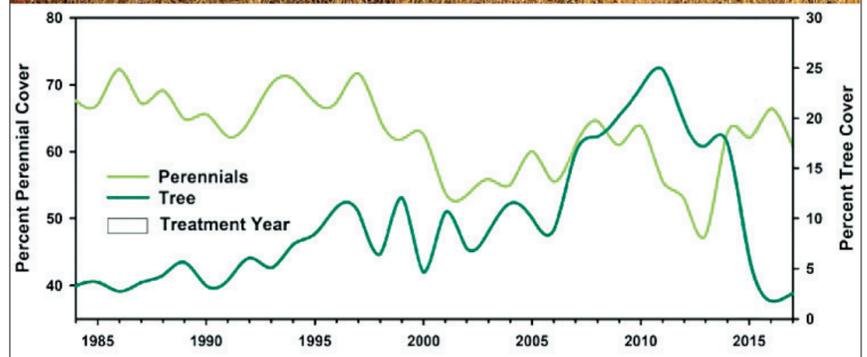
Managers across the West are already putting the app to good use. John Carlson, a BLM conservation biologist based in Billings, is training his staff in Montana and the Dakotas to capitalize on this new technology. He earned a zoology degree from UM in 1988.

"This is where cowboy boots meet big data," he said. "RAP empowers us to look backward in time and across public lands to assess management effectiveness."



Above - John Carlson, a Bureau of Land Management conservation biologist, is training his staff in Montana and the Dakotas to capitalize on the new Rangeland Analysis Program. (JOHN CARLSON/BLM).

Below - The Rangeland Analysis Program was built to help land managers evaluate outcomes. For this 2015 prescribed fire in Nebraska, the RAP shows a decade-long increase in tree cover followed by a successful decrease in trees after the burn. (BRADY ALLRED).



Harrison school board continues bus discussion

Vehicle purchase and future route changes possible

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HARRISON—The Harrison School Board continued an ongoing discussion of transportation options within the district at its monthly meeting on Monday, September 10.

The board has discussed possible avenues at previous meetings and is in the process of upgrading one of its current vehicles, a suburban used as an "e-bus" for small groups of students.

Harrison's two main bus routes go from Harrison to Norris and Pony. They pick up 21 and six students, respectively. The contractor the district has worked with in the past, Harlow's, has become increasingly costly, leading to the desire to explore other options.

The Norris route costs just under \$537 per day to operate, reported superintendent Fred Hofman. About 40 percent of that is financed by local taxpayer dollars. The remainder comes from the district and state and county mileage reimbursements.

Hofman calculated that for the district to not renew the Harlow's contract, it would save nearly \$17,000 by the end of the 2018-2019 school year. To purchase a new e-bus would cost between \$22,000 and \$27,000.

"This would set our vehicle fleet up in such

a way that we would have far more flexibility and maneuverability if we opt to take over all of our transportation needs in 2019-2020," said Hofman. "A new e-bus would pay for itself by December of 2019."

A problematic element would be finding a driver for that new vehicle, which would be an added expense for the district and which has proven difficult to do at a reasonable cost in the past. As it currently stands, Harlow's provides drivers for the routes it services.

Adjusting the number, type and drivers of its buses may prompt the district to alter the layout of its school bus routes as well, but that would not happen anytime soon, if at all.

The board will continue to weigh its transportation options at its October meeting. The district's contract with Harlow's is still in effect through the 2019-2020 school year.

Other business at Harrison's monthly meeting included:

- A commendation for the high school's cross country team: all of the Wildcats' cross country athletes have already qualified for the state championship meet, which will take place on October 20 at the University of Montana golf course in Missoula.
- The acknowledgement of a \$12,000 Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) grant the school received. The grant can be used for technology and other needs, which saves the district money in both its general and technology funds.
- The hiring of Emma Christensen as a new part-time para-educator for Harrison Schools, as well as Doreen Young as secretary and Deb Jacobsen as a substitute teacher.

Madison River rule-making committee forming

ENNIS - The Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission is accepting comment on and applications for the proposed independent Madison River Negotiated Rulemaking Committee.

Once final, the committee will help develop administrative rule language that could affect commercial and recreational use of the Madison River.

The public can comment on the Fish & Wildlife Commission's decision to form the committee and use negotiated rule making for this effort. Comments on the process and applications for the committee must be received by Oct. 22.

The commission is seeking applications from people willing to serve on a diverse committee. Committee members will represent various recreation interests on the Madison River or those who are affected by recreation management decisions. The commission identified the following interests to be represented on the committee:

- float angler
 - wade angler
 - Madison River Special Recreation Permit holder
 - fishing outfitter licensed in Montana
 - fishing guide licensed in Montana
 - visitor to Fishing Access Site not used for floating or fishing
 - owner of land adjacent to Madison River
 - non-angling boater
 - person employed in recreation or tourism business
 - person with personal or financial interest in commercial angling
 - non-angling business owner
 - organized interest group
 - any other interest deemed appropriate that may be identified through the application process
- The commission is particularly interested in people who can represent more than one interest category and will appoint eight to 10 people to the committee.

Application materials will be posted to the FWP website on Sept. 21 — click on the "Recreation" tab and look under "Recreation Management." Applications must be completed and received by FWP Oct. 22.

The committee will have three to five two-day meetings in January and February of 2019. FWP expects the process to be completed by March. Location of meetings will depend on availability of meeting rooms and travel distance for committee members.

Interested parties can submit their application to: Madison River Negotiated Rulemaking Committee, Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks, 1400 S. 19th Ave., Bozeman, MT 59718; or email madisonrivercom@mt.gov. People may submit their views and comments concerning the proposed negotiated rulemaking process to the same address and email. Applications and comments must be received no later than Oct. 22. Selection of committee members will be completed by Dec. 7.

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Understanding Risk Tolerance Is Essential For Investment Success

To succeed as an investor, you might think you need to know about the economy, interest rates and the fundamentals of companies in which you'd like to invest. And all these things are indeed important. But it's most essential to know yourself. Specifically, you need to know how much risk you are willing to tolerate to achieve your goals.

Of course, you've lived with yourself your entire life, so you probably have a pretty good idea of your likes and dislikes and what makes you comfortable or uncomfortable. But investing can be a different story.

Initially, you may believe you have a high tolerance for risk, but if the financial markets drop sharply, and you see that you've sustained some sizable losses (at least on paper — you haven't really "lost" anything until you sell investments for less than what you paid for them), how will you feel? If you find yourself constantly fretting over these losses, perhaps even losing sleep over them, you might realize your risk tolerance is not as high as you thought. In this case, you may need to scale back the part of your portfolio devoted to growth in favor of a more balanced approach.

On the other hand, if you believe yourself to have a low risk tolerance, and you start off investing in a conservative manner, you may indeed minimize short-term losses — but you also might find yourself frustrated over the slow growth of your portfolio. So you may decide that being highly risk-averse carries its own risk — the risk of not making enough progress to achieve your long-term financial goals. To reduce this risk, you may need to tilt your portfolio somewhat toward more growth opportunities.

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In short, you may have to invest for a while before you truly understand your response to risk. But even then, don't get too locked in to one approach — because your risk tolerance may evolve over time. When you are first starting out in your career, and for many years after, you are probably investing primarily to accumulate assets for retirement. Consequently, you may need to include a relatively high proportion of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks, in your portfolio. While stock prices will always fluctuate, you will have many years, perhaps decades, to overcome short-term losses, so you can possibly afford to take on a greater risk level in exchange for the potentially higher returns offered by stocks and stock-based investments.

However, things can change once you reach retirement. At this stage of your life, your overall investment focus may shift from accumulation to income. This means you will need to start selling some investments to boost your cash flow — and you won't want to sell when prices are down. (Remember the first rule of investing: "Buy low and sell high.") To help avoid these "fire sales," you may want to adjust your investment mix by adding more income-producing vehicles and reducing your holdings in growth-oriented ones. By doing so, you will be lowering your overall risk level. Keep in mind, though, that even in retirement, you will need some exposure to growth investments to help you stay ahead of inflation.

Become familiar with your own risk tolerance — it can play a big role in your investment decisions.

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Unemployment Rate Falls to 3.6 percent

New census data shows middle class growth fastest in US

MONTANA – Governor Steve Bullock today announced that Montana's unemployment rate dropped for the fifth straight month, down to 3.6 percent for the month of August. The U.S. unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.9 percent.

"It's a great time to be a worker in Montana. Household income is growing faster than any state in the country, and we lead the nation in middle-class growth," said Governor Bullock. "Over the last six years we've made significant progress in creating opportunities for businesses, employees, and communities to grow and thrive. Our strong economy reflects that work."

Payroll employment posted a gain of 700 jobs in August, with 600 of those jobs in the private sector. Total employment, which includes agricultural and self-employed workers in addition to payroll employment, added 400 jobs.

In addition, Governor Bullock shared yesterday that Montana had the fastest growing median household income among states from 2016 to 2017, driven by higher wages and more entrepreneurial activity.

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased by 0.2 percent in August with price increases in shelter and energy. Gasoline prices increased 3 percent over the last month. Over the last year, the energy index has increased by 10.2 percent. The index for all items less food and energy, also called core inflation, increased 0.1 percent in August, with a change of 2.2 percent over-the-year.

Rank	County	Unemployment Rate		Employment	
		Current Unemployment Rate	Change over Year	Current Employment	Job Change from Last Year
1	Daniels County	1.6	-0.8	888	-7
1	Fallon County	1.6	-0.7	1,660	-118
3	Carter County	1.7	-0.7	697	-3
4	McCone County	1.8	-0.4	949	-40
5	Gallatin County	1.9	-0.3	67,093	1,810
5	Sheridan County	1.9	-0.2	1,783	-100
7	Sweet Grass County	2.0	-1.0	1,779	7
8	Toole County	2.1	-1.0	2,027	-113
9	Judith Basin County	2.3	-1.3	833	-12
9	Valley County	2.3	-0.5	4,064	-87
11	Treasure County	2.4	-2.2	321	-10
12	Chouteau County	2.5	-0.6	2,417	-59
12	Custer County	2.5	-0.4	5,839	-151
12	Liberty County	2.5	-0.1	921	-27
15	Beaverhead County	2.6	0.1	5,030	-47
15	Dawson County	2.6	-0.3	4,363	-155
15	Garfield County	2.6	-0.2	759	-3
15	Park County	2.6	-0.3	9,115	208
15	Powder River County	2.6	0.4	985	-9
20	Fergus County	2.7	-0.3	5,576	-122
20	Madison County	2.7	-0.6	4,169	66
22	Missoula County	2.8	-0.5	59,816	-11
22	Teton County	2.8	-0.6	2,592	-85
24	Carbon County	2.9	-0.4	5,214	-56
24	Richland County	2.9	-0.4	5,468	-381
24	Stillwater County	2.9	-0.6	4,651	-56
27	Meagher County	3.0	-1.0	853	-20
27	Phillips County	3.0	-0.6	1,781	-24

Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame 2018 inductions

HELENA - Today the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame & Western Heritage Center (MCHF & WHC) announced the eleventh class of inductions into the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame. The inductees were chosen from a field of candidates nominated by the general public. Inductees are honored for their notable contributions to the history and culture of Montana.

The 2018 inductees into the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame are:

•District 12 (Deer Lodge, Beaverhead, Silver Bow, Granite, Madison, & Powell Counties): Living Award – Earl Ben Stucky, Avon. Legacy Award – John Raphael Quigley, Sr., Ellistown.

•District 1 (Daniels, Phillips, Roosevelt, Sheridan, & Valley Counties): Living Award – Raymond & Echo Garberg, Whitetail. Legacy Award – Scobey Saddle Club, Scobey.

•District 2 (Dawson, Garfield, McCone, Prairie, Richland, & Wibaux Counties): Living Award – Michael Earl "Mike" Pierson,

Brusett. Legacy Award – Harvey L. Rattey, Glendive.

•District 3 (Carter, Custer, Fallon, Powder River, Rosebud, & Treasure Counties): Living Award – Wade Wayne Berry, Miles City. Legacy Award – Paul T. Ringling, Miles City.

•District 4 (Blaine, Chouteau, Hill, & Liberty Counties): Living Award – Joseph Louis "Joey" Malsam, Chinook. Legacy Award – Marion Lauren (Kearful) Ver-crussen, Chinook.

•District 5 (Cascade, Glacier, Pondera, Teton, & Toole Counties): Living Award – Clarence Allan & Mary Ann Pursley, Great Falls. Legacy Award – Francis X. Guardipee (Ah koo in slak mi) Big Lodge Pole, Browning.

•District 6 (Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Petroleum, & Wheatland Counties): Living Award – Jordan Family of Missouri River Breaks Country, Roy. Legacy Award – Ann (McNally) "Annie" Fergus, Geysers.

•District 7 (Big Horn, Carbon, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, & Yel-

lowstone Counties): Living Award – Walter Lee "Walt" Secret, Hardin. Legacy Award – Ignatius Daniel "I.D." O'Donnell, Billings.

•District 8 (Broadwater, Jefferson, & Lewis and Clark Counties): Living Award – Rodger & Sheila (Johnson) Nordahl, Helena. Legacy Award – John R. Quigley - Frontier Town, Helena.

•District 9 (Gallatin, Meagher, & Park Counties): Living Award – Lester "Bud" Griffith, Gallatin Gateway. Legacy Award – Jack & Louise Galt, Martinsdale.

•District 10 (Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, & Sanders Counties): Living Award – Carl V. Moss, Polson. Legacy Award – Asa Clayton "A.C." Brooks, Saint Ignatius.

•District 11 (Mineral, Missoula, & Ravalli Counties): Living Award – Louis Woodrow "Louie" Vero, Greenough. Legacy Award – Major John Owen, Stevensville.

The MCHF & WHC will honor these inductees during the annual Circle the Wagons gathering February 8-9, 2019, in Great Falls at the Best Western Heritage Inn.

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Madison County DISPATCH

September 16 - 22, 2018.

September 16 - Wildlife Complaint in 100 Blk N. Main St., Sheridan; Accident in 200 Blk Charles Ave., Ennis; Welfare Check in 100 Blk Moores Creek Rd., Ennis.

September 17 - Welfare Check in 3600 Blk MT Hwy 287, Sheridan; Medical Aid on Madison Dr., Ennis; Fire Call in 100 Blk Bayers Ln., Twin Bridges; Animal Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 58, McAllister; Welfare Check in Gravelly Mountains, Cameron; Fire Call in 600 Blk Waterloo Rd., Whitehall; Missing Person on Tobacco Root Rd., Silver Star; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 48, Ennis; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 5, Cameron; Accident in 400 Blk MT Hwy 359, Cardwell.

September 18 - Citizen Assist in Grant Mine/Alder Gulch area, Virginia City; Abandoned Vehicle on MT Hwy 287, Ennis; Medical Aid in 100 Blk Indian Creek Rd., Sheridan; Assault in 1200 Blk MT Hwy 359, Harrison; Theft on Madison Ave., Ennis; Dog Complaint in 200 Blk S. Main St., Twin Bridges; Accident in 4900 Blk US Hwy 287, Ennis; Suspicious Circumstances on US Hwy 287, MM 15, Cameron.

September 19 - Accident on MT Hwy 287, MM 27, Laurin; Accident in Axolotl Lakes Area, Ennis; Accident at US Hwy 359 & S. Boulder Rd., Cardwell; Trespass Complaint at Grant Mine/Alder Gulch, Virginia City; Animal Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 79, Harrison; Vandalism/Criminal Mischief in 100 Blk, W. Main St., Ennis.

September 20 - Animal Complaint in 300 Blk E. Crittenden St., Virginia City; Fire Call in Axolotl Lakes Area, Ennis; Animal Complaint on US Hwy 287 N, MM 53, McAllister; Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 41, MM 14, Twin Bridges; Accident on US Hwy 287, MM 57, McAllister.

September 21 - Wildlife Complaint in 200 Blk Mill Creek Rd., Sheridan; Citizen Assist in 100 Blk E. Grizzly St., Ennis; Wildlife Complaint Out of County; Animal Complaint at West Fork & Madison River Rd., Cameron; Dog Complaint in 100 Blk N Meadow Creek Rd., McAllister; Medical Aid in 300 Blk E. Madison St., Virginia City; Suspicious Circumstances on Cemetery Rd., Silver Star.

September 22 - Traffic Complaint in 800 Blk N. Meadow Creek Rd., McAllister; Wildlife Complaint on N. Park St., Virginia City; Missing Person on Baker Ln., Twin Bridges; Accident on Pony Rd., MM 3, Pony; Suspicious Circumstances on Nevada St., Virginia City; Accident on US Hwy 287, MM 51, Ennis; Suspicious Circumstances in 500 Blk N. Main St., Twin Bridges

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Norris's October music

NORRIS – Norris Hot Springs has the following line-up of music for the month of October:

- Friday, October 5 - Wolf & The Moons is an Americana/Bluegrass band based out of Missoula, MT. Their rich harmonies and extensive mix of originals and covers make them a unique and entertaining experience.
- Saturday, Oct. 6 - Dan Henry's a one man band playing guitar, harmonica, and vocals. He's driven with a blues influence but covers a wide range of music from folk to rock and reggae and so much more, including original songs. He's a born and raised Montanan from the capital city of Helena.
- Sunday, Oct. 7 - Lang Termes selection of covers ranges from early country blues to the full gambit of contemporary classics.
- Friday, Oct. 12 - Aran Buzzas performs songs that are easy to relate to, often amusing, and frequently with a regional backdrop. Welcome him back to the Poolside Stage!
- Saturday, Oct. 13 - Christy Hays' music has folk and country tinges, thoughtfully penned stories and a full band sound that is both driving alt country and moody folk rock.
- Sunday, Oct. 14 - Nathan North, Looper Extraordinaire
- Friday, Oct. 19 - Todd Green from Three Forks plays acoustic guitar and sings 60's, 70's and 80's rock classics. You'll hear favorites from America, The Eagles to David Bowie and Pink Floyd and everything in between. Please welcome Todd to the Poolside Stage!
- Saturday, Oct. 20 - Aaron Williams from rock/reggae band In Walks Bud will be playing a variety of tunes including rock, folk, reggae, and instrumentals.
- Sunday, Oct. 21 - The Lucky Valentines are Montana native songwriters Shaun and Jamie Carrier. Their music has been described by fans as



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• Friday, Oct. 26 - The Road Agents are a Southwest Montana acoustic rock and roll band. They play upbeat original tunes on guitar and mandolin and on the best nights they are joined by friends on fiddle, harmonica, and stand-up bass.

• Saturday, Oct. 27 - Mandie Castro has a very unique vocal style, comparable to Jewel, Tori Amos, Fiona Apple and Alanis Morissette.

• Sunday, Oct. 28 - JW Teller/Britt Arnesen, "Missoula-by-way-of-Jackson-Miss." singer-songwriter JW Teller has a low, breathy-sweet vocal quality that wraps around your consciousness like a warm woolly blanket, his guitar strumming through acoustic melodies that, on record, he pairs with the lightest of instrumental trimmings; the tube-pitched hum of harmonica, twangy dropping notes of slide guitar, occasional swells of keys, the found-sound creak of a porch door opening." He is joined by longtime Norris friend Britt Arnesen.

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Clarification
 Two errors in the Sept. 20 edition need clarification:
 • The Virginia City town council meeting solar panel installation against code has not yet been resolved. This issue will be voted on by the council at its October meeting, when the variance process continues.
 • The Madison County Rodeo's reception of the gold award from the Northern Rodeo Association took place in Twin Bridges, not Ennis.

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Montana NRCS announces conservation initiatives for 2019

BOZEMAN – NRCS is offering additional funding through EQIP to target specific resource concerns in Montana in 2019: on-farm energy, honey bee pollinators, high tunnel systems, Sage Grouse Initiative invasive conifer removal and cropland seeding, Capital 360 Forestry Project, and the National Water Quality Initiative.

While NRCS accepts EQIP applications on a continuous basis, NRCS has set a deadline of Oct. 19, 2018, to apply for 2019 initiatives funding. Below is an overview of each initiative:

- **National On-Farm Energy Initiative:** This initiative has two components. In the first component, agricultural producers work with an NRCS-approved Technical Service Provider to develop Agricultural Energy Management Plans or farm energy audits that assess energy consumption on an operation. In the second component, NRCS may also provide assistance to implement various recommended measures identified in the energy audit through the use of conservation practice standards offered through this initiative.

- **Honey Bee Pollinators:** NRCS will work with agricultural producers to combat future declines by helping them to implement conservation practices that provide forage for honey bees while enhancing habitat for other pollinators and wildlife.

- **High Tunnel Systems:** NRCS helps producers implement high tunnels that extend growing seasons for high value crops in an environmentally safe manner. High tunnel benefits include better plant and soil quality and fewer nutrients and pesticides in the environment.

- **Sage Grouse Initiative Invasive Conifer Removal:** Conifer encroachment into sagebrush rangelands affects the productivity of grazing lands and can be detrimental for sage-grouse and other species that depend on sagebrush-steppe habitat. The most cost-effective approach for conifer treatment is to target early encroach-

ment stands, where small trees can be completely removed and the existing sagebrush community sustained. By targeting early stages of encroachment in intact sagebrush landscapes, habitat for wildlife can be improved.

- **Sage Grouse Initiative Cropland Seeding:** Loss and fragmentation of sage-grouse habitat is the primary threat to sage-grouse. Through this initiative, landowners can work with NRCS to seed cropland in sage-grouse habitat back to perennial species to improve the connectivity for not only sage-grouse, but the many other species that depend on large, intact landscapes.

- **Capital 360 Forestry Project:** The goal of the Capital 360 partnership project is to improve forest health by integrating resource management across all administrative boundaries. Through this localized initiative, fuels reduction treatment projects will be strategically placed across Broadwater, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, and Powell counties.

- **National Water Quality Initiative:** This initiative helps producers implement conservation systems to reduce nitrogen, phosphorous, sediment and pathogen contributions from agricultural land in the Camp and Godfrey Creeks (Lower Gallatin) Watershed.

EQIP offers financial and technical assistance to eligible participants to install or implement structural and management practices on eligible agricultural land. Conservation practices must be implemented to NRCS standards and specifications. In Montana, socially disadvantaged, limited resource, and beginning farmers and ranchers will receive a higher payment rate for eligible conservation practices applied.

For more information about EQIP, or other programs offered by NRCS, please contact your local USDA Service Center or visit www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov.

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DISTRICT COURT ROUNDUP

The Madison County District Court had five criminal hearings scheduled for the week of September 24:

- Clayton Clark Coulter was charged in August with four felonies and one misdemeanor for events that occurred in July of this year. Coulter is charged with strangulation of a partner, felony kidnapping of that same partner, felony assault with a weapon for cocking and pointing a rifle at the woman, aggravated assault and misdemeanor partner assault. After a change of representation, proceedings in Coulter's case are in their early stages.

- Dalton Furie Dapoli faces several charges of probation violation stemming from a conviction of aggravated assault back in 2014. Dapoli was earlier sentenced to five years in prison, all of which were suspended, before failing to return a probationary pre-sentencing questionnaire. The court has seen multiple petitions to revoke Dapoli's deferred sentence since his initial conviction.

- In January of this year, Jaritt Lunn Dewaard was charged with a fourth count of driving under the influence, a felony; he had been found guilty of three previous charges in Oregon. He was also charged with driving with a suspended license and driving without liability insurance, both

misdemeanors. Pre-trial proceedings are in progress for a jury trial currently scheduled for mid-October.

- Kymberlie Alyssa Saunders is charged with felony distribution of marijuana, as well as misdemeanor possession of dangerous drugs, attempting to obstruct a peace officer by telling him that she possessed a medical marijuana card and four counts of criminal possession of drug paraphernalia. Charges were first brought in May of this year and Saunders pled not guilty before an extra felony charge was added: solicitation to tamper with physical evidence. The extra charge was added when phone records indicated Saunders had attempted to have a third party destroy potentially incriminating messages on her cell phone. A jury trial for Saunders' case is scheduled for January.

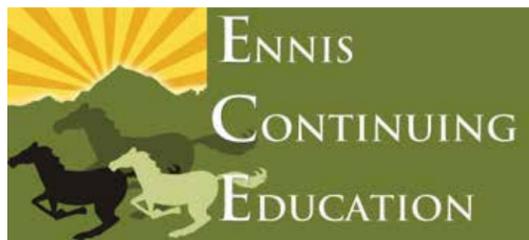
- A jury hearing for the case of Bonnie Rae Klose was vacated earlier this month pending a settlement that would dismiss the need for a jury trial. Klose is charged with felony criminal possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of dangerous drug paraphernalia. The purpose of Monday's hearing was to collect further information from a witness in Klose's case.



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Karen Frey-Suplee Commons Room \$30 | 6 Weeks of Christmas Wednesdays
5-8pm Kay Gogerty HS Rm#6 \$TBA |
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Wednesday, October 31st
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Swanson HS Rm#3 & In
the Field \$20 |
| Prospecting Geology
Field Trip Saturday,
October 13th 9am-All Day
Russell Scruggs Meet in the
Ennis High School Parking
Lot \$20 | Needle Felt Animal
Workshop Saturday,
October 20th 9am-5pm
Gail Barndt & Jenn Doney
HS Art Room \$52 | Jelly Roll Rug Saturday,
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Saturday
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Sunday
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PANORAMA



Remembering Joan Schilling

By Karen Rice

ENNIS – When a person passes from this world, it is those who are left behind who feel the impact of that loss. Often, the person who has lost their struggle requests no services or recognition because they are a very private person and have totally underestimated their influence on those whose lives they touched. Such was the case when Joan Schilling died on June 13 of this year, just a few days past her 66th birthday.

Joannie didn't realize how much she was loved and the need of those people to recognize this remarkable lady.

After graduating from Northern Montana College in Havre and beginning her teaching career in Circle, she came to Ennis in 1977 as a high school art and PE teacher, and girls basketball coach. She would never leave, since this soon became her forever home. Even though she retired in January of 2016 after 41 years of teaching – 39 years in Ennis – she told folks that it didn't make sense to seek out somewhere warmer because all of her friends were here. And friends she had; you could safely say that she had thousands! All of the students, and their families, she came in touch with considered her so much more than a teacher. Joan inspired the kids in art and challenged them in PE. She was a track coach for 14 years, served as the golf coach for 21 years and led the Ennis girls basketball program for an amazing 27 years.

In 1990, during her tenure as the Lady Mustang's basketball coach, she led a scrappy bunch of ladies to the school's only state basketball title.

It was a tough battle that didn't come easy, the team had to go through challenge games to get to the state level and there were more than 100 Class C schools at that time.

Coach Schilling was an intense lady, as her former players can attest, but her fighting spirit and knowledge of the game made those girls dig down and come out with the win. One of her players recalled that during their challenge game, they came out dead and were losing 10 to 0. Joanie called a time out and in motivating fashion she bopped her clipboard over that girl's head! She relates that they went right back out and caught

up, winning that game in a double overtime and earning their berth to the state tournament.

Coach Schilling didn't believe in belittling anyone and motivated her players with love and concern, but was stern when they needed it, according to her girls. Winning the state girls basketball title was a big deal for their families and Ennis and we can confirm that it was an inspiration for many young players from all over the valley to see what was possible with a lot of hard work. Representing EHS in a positive way was important to Joanie and you can imagine what her reaction was when a player mooned the world from a hotel room in Butte. Not pretty!

It wasn't all business though, her superstitions played a role too. The team swears they ate every meal at Perkins that season because of course they had won an important game after the first meal consumed.

Joan also took her teams to state as the golf coach.

She devoted many hours to helping the kids perfect their game and had state finishes for many. As anyone who follows Class C golf in Montana knows, the spring is not the most conducive time to have competition in our northern climate. Players and coaches alike endure some pretty awful weather to compete in the game. But Joan had a love for golf, and a greater love for the kids, so she willingly coached the high school team as well as volunteered for the Junior Program at Madison Meadows Golf Course. She also worked at the golf course for many summers and was the smiling face behind the counter that knew what was going on.

A sign still remains that reserves a spot for Joan Schilling Parking, although you never knew if it would be her trusty Toyota, or her moped.

She was a member of the Ladies League from its inception and loved the competition and the camaraderie.

At the 19th hole, she loved her cocktail but lamented when it was her turn to cook—however, she became a master of chips and salsa. Although she never gave birth, she counted hundreds of kids as “hers”. Because state golf competition often falls on Mother's Day weekend, she lovingly told one player's Mom that her daughter was “hers” on Mother's Day, “You can have her the rest of

the year.”

This was a feeling that she had for so many. She loved them and it was mutual. In fact, there was a time when she was asked how she would describe herself. She replied, “I bleed green.” Boy did she!

Although some of her greatest influence was connected to athletics, her goal as a teacher was to see anyone excel in anything that interested them. Many non-athletes went on to explore new adventures in life because she encouraged them. She often lamented that kids today needed time to “just play” and learn what they loved most. Encouragement and compassion were not just words, they were vowels in her world. Students responded to this by sharing their lives with her.

One former student made a Christmas ornament for her every year, all of which were found in a special place after her passing. Some families were lucky enough to have both parents and students taught by her. She was a caregiver for her mother and disabled sister and loved having her nephew with her.

Joan's struggles with health began 14 years ago with a diagnosis of cancer.

It was something that would never leave her and eventually took her from us. Friends and family rallied around her and were encouraged when she showed signs of remission several times. Madison Meadows had fundraisers during tournaments to help her struggle, and she humbly said, “Someone else should have it.”

The Ennis school dedicated fundraisers, including Pack It In Pink Nights. The showing of support was overwhelming for the lady loved by all.

The player that got the motivational bop during that challenge game eventually became one of Joan's fellow teachers and coaches and arranged for the track kids to clean Joan's yard each spring after she became ill. She evoked that kind of loyalty and love from virtually everyone who was blessed enough to call her friend or teacher. People gave back for all she had given them.

Not honoring Joan after she was gone was not an option for those whose lives she touched.

The Madison Meadows Ladies Association gives a scholastic scholarship every year and voted unanimously to re-



Joan Schilling

name that scholarship The Joan Schilling Memorial Scholarship.

Joan also loved softball and members of the Co-Ed softball teams will hold a softball tournament next spring that will have proceeds given to the scholarship fund. Joan's fellow teachers in The Madison Valley Education Association also hope to hold a golf tournament next year that will donate funds to the scholarship. The Madison Valley Women's Association, through the Nearly New, will donate proceeds from Joan's belongings to that fund also. What better way to honor a true educator!

The community will have a permanent reminder of this awesome lady. The Madison Valley Education Association requested that a group of buildings that house the art, building trades, and shop classes be named The Joan Schilling Memorial Complex, and donated funds to purchase a metal cut-out from Fury Metalworks that was designed by Mariah Oliver of Signs West.

They are very appreciative that the Ennis School Board voted unanimously to honor Joan in this way. The school will hold a dedication of the buildings at the conclusion of the C Squad volleyball game in the high school, during the Senior Night volleyball on Thursday, October 11.

The game will be their annual “Pack It In Pink” night, something that was dedicated to Joan in the past. Members of the Volleyball Squad will hold a bake sale that evening, with all proceeds going to the purchase of the metal lettering that will honor Joan. Please join them, to “Pack it In Pink” one more time for this woman who made a difference in so many lives.

Joan is so missed, but will never be forgotten.

Madison County Fair Results

- Junior Goat Showmanship: Grand- Madelyn Seccomb, Reserve Grand- Gunnar Decker, Blue- Chloe Shipman and Blue-Koy McDougal.
- Senior Goat Showmanship: Grand- Desaray Tipton.
- Dairy Goat Doeling under 1 year old: Grand- Gunnar Decker, Reserve Grand- Koy McDougal and Blue- Desaray Tipton.
- Dairy Goat Doe, Dry 1 to 2 Years old: Grand- Desaray Tipton, Reserve- Madelyn Seccomb, Blue- Madelyn Seccomb and Blue- Madelyn Seccomb.
- Dairy Goat Doe, Milking 1 to 2 years old: Grand- Chloe Shipman.
- Dairy Goat Doe, Milking 2 years and older: Grand- Chloe Shipman, Reserve Grand- Gunnar Decker and Blue- Desaray Tipton.
- Dairy Goat Get of Sire, 3 kids same buck: Grand- Chloe Shipman.
- Dairy Goat Product of Dam- Doe and Offspring: Grand- Chloe Shipman, Reserve- Gunnar Decker, Blue Desaray Tipton and Blue- Chloe Shipman.
- Goat Educational Display: Blue- Gunnar Decker.
- Sr. Class Shotgun: Michael (Riley) Green – Grand, Kurt Funston – Reserve, Chance Story – Blue and Fred Livezey – Blue.
- Jr. Class Shotgun: Lane Chase – Grand, Tommy Sturtz – Reserve, and Sammy Livezey – Red.
- Dog Educational Display: McKenzi Kountz- Purple.
- Dog Agility: Keira Rice- Purple and Addison Oliver- Purple.
- Jr. Dog Showmanship: Charles Larsen- Purple and Grand Champion Jr A, Ean Miller- Blue and Reserve Champion Jr A, Addison Oliver- Purple, Grand Champion Jr B, Grand Champion Overall Jr Dog Showman, Keira Rice- Blue and Natalie Schrank- Purple, Reserve Champion Jr B and Reserve Champion Overall Jr Dog Showman,
- Sr. Dog Showmanship: Zeb Antonioli- Purple and Champion Sr Showman.
- Dog Obedience: Zeb Antonioli- Blue, Ean Miller- Red, Charles Larsen-Red, Keira Rice- Red, Natalie Schrank- Red, Addison Oliver- Purple and McKenzi Kountz- Purple.
- Overall Jr Photo/Display: Dalton Camblin- Grand and Hannah Todd- Reserve.
- Overall Jr Photographer: Dalton Camblin- Grand and Hannah Todd- Reserve.
- Overall Sr Photo/Display: Kaya Fiedor- Grand and Jourdain Klein- Reserve.
- Overall Sr Photographer: Jourdain Klein- Grand and Avery Oliver- Reserve.
- Overall Judge's Choice Photo: Dalton Camblin.
- Photo Interviews: Simah Anson- B, Zoe Green- B, Dalton Camblin- B, Cassidy Carruthers- B, Jourdain Klein- P, Kaya Fiedor- B, Miles McLean- P, Avery Oliver- B, Lexi Stratton- B, Hannah Todd- B, Cooper Montgomery- B, Rebekah Cook- P and Kenna Millhouse- B.
- Photos: Cooper Montgomery- 5 B and 3 P, Simah Anson- 2 B, Miles Mclean-4 B, Kaya Fiedor- 3 B and 1 P, Zoe Green- 3 B, Hannah Todd- 4 P and 4 B, Dalton Camblin- 2 P, Rebekah Cook- 4 B and 2 P, Lexi Stratton- B, Kenna Millhouse- 3 B and 2 P, Avery Oliver- 3 P and 1 B, Jourdain Klein- 3P and 1 B.



Packed with Pink

Ennis V-ball preps for breast cancer awareness game Oct. 11



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ENNIS—The lady mustangs of the Ennis High School volleyball team will host their annual “Pack the Gym in Pink” game on Thursday, October 11, when they will host Three Forks.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and this October will be a particularly poignant one for Ennis High School. That same volleyball game will also feature the dedication and re-christening of the school's technology building as the Joan Schilling Memorial Complex.

The dedication was approved on September 12 by the Ennis school board, and will honor longtime dedicated teacher, coach and mentor Joan Schilling. Schilling passed away earlier this year after battling breast cancer, having taught in Ennis for over 40 years. During that time, she coached basketball, golf and track, leading the lady mustangs to their first and only state basketball title in program history.

Schilling is fondly remembered throughout the Ennis community for her dedication to every student she met, regardless of whether she personally taught or coached them.

“It was all about the kids,” said high school principal Melissa Newman at the board meeting where the dedication was proposed. “She'd just take them in.”

Proceeds from the “Pack the Gym in Pink” volleyball game will go toward the purchase of a sign to designate the memorial complex, as well as a scholarship in Schilling's name. There will be a bake sale during the high school games, and the dedication will follow the 4 p.m. C squad game.

Community members are welcome to attend and encouraged to wear pink in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

70 years strong...

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ENNIS - Eight members of Ennis High School's class of 1948 gathered with family and friends on Tuesday, September 18 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of their high school graduation. Guests swapped stories, enjoyed photographs from their time at EHS and soaked up some of summer's last sun.

The event was organized by alum Jack Kirby and his wife Barbara and drew nearly half of 1948's 20-student graduating class, along with alumni of other classes. Altogether nearly 40 people attended the gathering. Alumni came from as far away as Billings and Columbia Falls to join in the celebration.

“We tried to do something five years ago for the 65th anniversary, but it didn't turn out as well as we'd hoped,” said Kirby. This year's event turned out much more successfully.

“Maybe in five years we'll do it all again,” said Kirby with a smile.



Above - Ladies of Ennis High School's class of 1948 reminisce over photos from their time at Ennis High School, along with friends and community members. Eight of EHS's 20 1948 graduates attended a reunion gathering on September 18.

Right - Jack Kirby (far right) hosted a 70-year class reunion for members of Ennis High School's class of 1948 on Tuesday, September 18. The gathering drew nearly 40 people. (R. COLYER PHOTOS)



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Daily low-dose aspirin found to have no effect on healthy lifespan

Large National Institute of Health funded study examined US, Aussie outcomes

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In a large clinical trial to determine the risks and benefits of daily low-dose aspirin in healthy older adults without previous cardiovascular events, aspirin did not prolong healthy, independent living (life free of dementia or persistent physical disability). Risk of dying from a range of causes, including cancer and heart disease, varied and will require further analysis and additional follow-up of study participants. These initial findings from the ASPREE in Reducing Events in the Elderly (ASPREE) trial, partially supported by the National Institutes of Health, were published online on September 16, 2018 in three papers in The New England Journal of Medicine.

ASPREE is an international, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial that enrolled 19,114 older people (16,703 in Australia and 2,411 in the United States). The study began in 2010 and enrolled participants aged 70 and older; 65 was the minimum age of entry for African-American and Hispanic individuals in the United States because of their higher risk for dementia and cardiovascular disease. At study enrollment, ASPREE participants could not have dementia or a physical disability and had to be free of medical conditions requiring aspirin use. They were followed for an average of 4.7 years to determine outcomes.

"Clinical guidelines note the benefits of aspirin for preventing heart attacks and strokes in persons with vascular conditions such as coronary artery disease," said NIA Director Richard J. Hodes, M.D. "The concern has been uncertainty about whether aspirin is beneficial for otherwise healthy older people without those conditions. This study shows why it is so important to conduct this type of research, so that we can gain a fuller picture of aspirin's benefits and risks among healthy older persons."

The team of scientists was led by John J. McNeil, M.B.B.S.,

Ph.D., head of the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Health at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, and Anne M. Murray, M.D., director of the Berman Center for Outcomes and Clinical Research at Hennepin Healthcare in Minneapolis. The research was supported in part by the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the National Cancer Institute (NCI), both parts of the NIH. The Australian component of the study also received funding from the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council and Monash University. Aspirin and placebo were supplied by Bayer, which had no other involvement with the study.

In the total study population, treatment with 100 mg of low-dose aspirin per day did not affect survival free of dementia or disability. Among the people randomly assigned to take aspirin, 90.3 percent remained alive at the end of the treatment without persistent physical disability or dementia, compared with 90.5 percent of those taking a placebo. Rates of physical disability were similar, and rates of dementia were almost identical in both groups.

The group taking aspirin had an increased risk of death compared to the placebo group: 5.9 percent of participants taking aspirin and 5.2 percent taking placebo died during the study. This effect of aspirin has not been noted in previous studies; and caution is needed in interpreting this finding. The higher death rate in the aspirin-treated group was due primarily to a higher rate of cancer deaths. A small increase in new cancer cases was reported in the group taking aspirin but the difference could have been due to chance.

The researchers also analyzed the ASPREE results to determine whether cardiovascular events took place. They found that the rates for major cardiovascular events—including coronary heart disease, nonfatal heart attacks, and fatal and nonfatal ischemic stroke—were similar in the aspirin and the placebo groups. In the aspirin group, 448 people experienced cardiovascular events, compared with 474 people in the placebo group.

Significant bleeding—a known risk of regular aspirin use—was also measured. The investigators noted that aspirin was associated with a significantly increased risk of bleeding, primarily

in the gastrointestinal tract and brain. Clinically significant bleeding—hemorrhagic stroke, bleeding in the brain, gastrointestinal hemorrhages or hemorrhages at other sites that required transfusion or hospitalization—occurred in 361 people (3.8 percent) on aspirin and in 265 (2.7 percent) taking the placebo.

As would be expected in an older adult population, cancer was a common cause of death, and 50 percent of the people who died in the trial had some type of cancer. Heart disease and stroke accounted for 19 percent of the deaths and major bleeding for 5 percent.

"The increase in cancer deaths in study participants in the aspirin group was surprising, given prior studies suggesting aspirin use improved cancer outcomes," said Leslie Ford, M.D., associate director for clinical research, NCI Division of Cancer Prevention. "Analysis of all the cancer-related data from the trial is under way and until we have additional data, these findings should be interpreted with caution."

"Continuing follow-up of the ASPREE participants is crucial, particularly since longer term effects on risks for outcomes such as cancer and dementia may differ from those during the study to date," said Evan Hadley, M.D., director of NIA's Division of Geriatrics and Clinical Gerontology. "These initial findings will help to clarify the role of aspirin in disease prevention for older adults, but much more needs to be learned. The ASPREE team is continuing to analyze the results of this study and has implemented plans for monitoring participants."

As these efforts continue, Hadley emphasized that older adults should follow the advice from their own physicians about daily aspirin use. It is important to note that the new findings do not apply to people with a proven indication for aspirin such as stroke, heart attack or other cardiovascular disease. In addition, the study did not address aspirin's effects in people younger than age 65. Also, since only 11 percent of participants had regularly taken low-dose aspirin prior to entering the study, the implications of ASPREE's findings need further investigation to determine whether healthy older people who have been regularly using aspirin for disease prevention should continue or discontinue use.

Madison Valley Manor News



The Madison Valley Manor residents received 1st Place Blue Ribbons and Best in Class Purple Ribbons for their group projects and many additional 1st and 2nd place individual entry ribbons. Maxine (pictured) won the most individual awards for her beautiful embroidery. Toby and Cleo (pictured), the manor's Arts & Crafts leaders, brought home several ribbons as well. Sandy was also awarded several ribbons for her painting, artwork and creative arts and crafts. Attending the Madison County Fair brought many smiles to the residents attending. They loved seeing the ponies, rabbits, chickens and livestock and enjoyed a picnic lunch of ribbon fries, sweet potato fries, funnel cakes, lemonade and more. (SUBMITTED)

MVM residents participated in Ribbon Award Ceremony

ENNIS - Madison Valley Manor residents participated in a Ribbon Award Ceremony to recognize the manor's Madison County Fair & Rodeo Silver Division winners.

Thanks to the efforts by the Madison Valley Manor Auxiliary, Madison Valley Manor, and Fair Manager, Dana Escott, the residents were able to submit a variety of entries in the Silver Division with an expanded list of entry categories.

The Silver Division is limited to entries from residents of Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities. Madison Valley Manor residents entered 46 entries including 2 Group Projects.

Category entries of Holiday Decorations, Sewing Embroidery and Floriculture took home the most awards! The Group Projects were a team effort and everyone enjoyed seeing the First Place and Best of Show Ribbons.

The residents look forward to deciding how to spend their winnings and are proudly displaying and talking about their ribbons. They are also working on next year's entries and anticipate another successful year at the fair.

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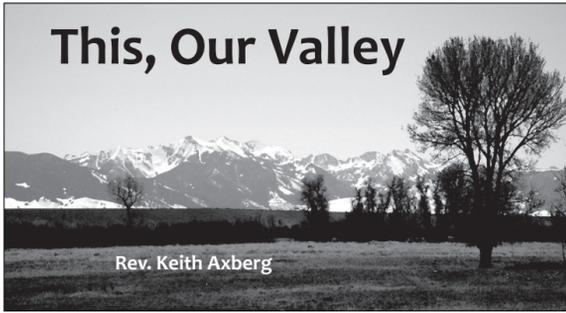
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“It always seems impossible until it’s done” – Nelson Mandela

Life does not come with instructions.

I am often amazed how, at my age, I am still confused by situations that arise from out of the blue. It would seem that, by now, one would intuitively know how to handle situations that used to baffle them, but I’m still waiting for that gene or knack to kick in.

Over the years I have put many things together, and over those same years I have seen instructions actually improve, and the mechanisms for connecting pieces of a construction puzzle have likewise gotten better.

I bought a pantry from a local big box store a few months back and all the parts were well packaged and labeled so that I always knew what was what, what went where, and which side was up, in, out, or optional. With the help of my son-in-law, we assembled it in about an hour and everything was square, plumb, and true.

That was a vast improvement over past experiences where sim-

ilar units never had doors that hung right, and box corners were approximately square (give or take five degrees in any direction). I have learned that if a piece has a finished edge and an unfinished edge I will always – absolutely without fail – install the unfinished edge so it is what is seen.

I don’t know if that would be considered a knack (for reversing things), a gift (not everyone can be wrong 100% of the time), or a curse (I am leaning toward the latter).

In any case, things have improved remarkably well in the world of knock-yourself-out-while-you-do-it-all projects and I, for one, am elated. I love how screws, bolts, and washers come packaged and labeled on a bubble board rather than loose in a plastic bag. I love how various pieces have stickers clearly identifying them (A, B, C, or 1, 2, 3, etc.) so they are easy to match with the step-by-step instructions. It’s almost like my prayers over the years have been answered. It has also resulted in less procrastination on my part – a miracle, indeed, if there ever was one.

Well, I see ol’ Murphy of Murphy’s Law fame has been at it again, though.

My wife and I are expecting a grandchild in a few months, and so we bought our daughter and her family a new crib (with drawers and changing table). Andrew (my aforementioned son-in-law) and I opened the package and removed the contents and discovered to our horror and chagrin that virtually none of the parts were labeled, the instructions were in ancient Sanskrit, and the instructions had been drawn by a drunken otter during a long weekend bender.

I presume this was payback in the war on tariffs, but let’s not go there and stick to the story.

Andrew and I slowly, but surely, began to identify the myriad pieces to the puzzle and hardware and, piece-by-piece, began to

assemble the Crib-Mahol (as I deem it). Little by little it came together and began to resemble the picture on the box. After only an hour or so, the major portion of the project was finished and it was exactly what we had hoped for – sturdy, square, straight, functional, and beautiful – with one exception. Two pieces had been reversed (by yours, truly). It doesn’t affect the functionality of the crib in any way, and only those knowing what to look for would see the error.

The baby isn’t due for several more months, so there is plenty of time to disassemble a few parts and fix the error; I may yet do that.

It could also be evidence that I had helped put it together – the backwards pieces being my signature – so archeologists in the future may identify the crib as an Axberg-original. It also serves as a reminder that only God is perfect. There are some crafts-folks who intentionally add a blemish to their work to keep their humility in check. Alas, I need no such reminders, for I am all too human.

Life comes with no instructions, but that’s OK. Even with instructions, I manage to goof things up, but nothing catastrophic (that I know of). My dream is to assemble an ultralight airplane, but with my track record, that may not be wise.

At least I’ve learned that much in this, our valley.

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The Montana Night Sky

BY RICHARD STOUFFER

The highlights of the Montana night sky in October are Venus moving from the evening sky to the morning sky and Mars, Jupiter and Saturn continuing to shine brightly in the evening sky.

As the month begins, look for Venus low in the western sky as darkness falls when Venus sets a mere half hour after sunset. By the end of the first week in October, Venus is lost from view in the western sky only to reappear in the morning sky by the end of the month. That ends the current cycle of Venus being the evening “star”, which began in late February, and the start of Venus being the morning “star”, which lasts until August

of next year.

Higher up in the southwestern sky is the giant planet Jupiter. Jupiter is rapidly approaching the solar glare as the month progresses with the time when Jupiter sets shrinking from almost two hours after sunset as the month begins to less than one hour after sunset by the end of October.

Further east from Jupiter, look for the ringed planet Saturn in the southern sky above the teapot shape formed by the constellation Sagittarius. Saturn doesn’t set until 11:20 p.m. as the month begins and 9:30 p.m. as the month ends.

Turning further east from Saturn,

shining brightly in the south-southeast is the Red Planet, Mars. Mars continues to fade in brightness as the month progresses as Mars speeds rapidly away from Earth after its close approach to Earth in late July. Mars sets at 1:50 a.m. as October begins and at about 1:15 a.m. by the end of month.

As for the moon, the moon passes to the upper right of Jupiter on October 11 and to the upper right of Saturn on October 14. The moon is located to the right of Mars on October 17 and to the left of Mars the next evening. The full moon occurs on October 24. On the morning of October 27, the moon passes near Al-

debaran, the brightest star in the constellation Taurus.

For meteor shower watchers, the annual Orionid meteor shower peaks on the morning of October 21.

This shower normally produces up to 20 meteors per hour at its peak. A bright moon will cut the optimal observing time significantly this year with the best time to observe this shower being after the moon sets at about 4:25 a.m. up to the time when the sky brightens toward dawn. The meteors from this shower are dust ejected from Halley’s Comet.



COMMODITY INSITE: Redux: A bubble of historic proportions

BY JERRY WELCH

The big news this week can be summed up with this headline from CNBC: “Weekly mortgage applications rise 1.6% as interest rates hit a 7-year high.” One of the most, if not the most important market anywhere is bonds, or interest rates. And this week, US Treasury bonds fell to a four-year low while interest rates jumped to a seven-year high.

And because bonds are leaking badly and rates on the rise, I thought it timely to revisit the first column I wrote for this newspaper on January 3, entitled, “A Bubble of Historic Proportions.”

“In 2017, commodities per se as measured by the CRB Index posted a 11/2 year low on June 21, bottomed out and quickly headed north. On the final day of 2017, the CRB hit a 10-month high and back to the levels of mid-January. With the benefit of hindsight, it is clear the CRB was roller coaster like last year offering something for the bulls and something for the bears. But a New Year lies ahead and hopes are high that commodities will do better and be less roller coaster-like.

I am on record as forecasting that commodities in 2018 will either go up or down. I am convinced of that. But here are a few more of my thoughts ideas about the opportunities for invest-

tors and traders in the New Year.

In the first half of 2017, the only commodity markets to do well on the long side of the ledger were cattle, hogs, wheat, lead, aluminum, gold, cotton, corn and silver. Values for each of those markets improved right into June which also happened to be the month the CRB Index bottomed and began to march higher into the end of the year.

The weak markets in the first half of 2017, were, soybeans, nickel, natural gas, crude oil and products coffee, cocoa and sugar. Each of those markets were defensive into June. And in the case of soybeans, cocoa and sugar, prices moved even lower into the final weeks of the year.

The impressive rally with the CRB Index from June into the end of 2017, was due in large part to the fact that crude oil and copper did exceptionally well in 2017. As a result, the general consensus is hard assets will do much better in 2018 than 2017 – or the previous six years, for that matter. Yes, a growing consensus is that a whiff of inflation will be seen in the New Year, something not seen since the recession ended in 2009.

Several major Wall Street firms are now predicting that due to global economic growth and in particular from the United States and Asia,

commodity inflation will up-tick by 10 percent in 2018. However, the rise in inflation they are calling for is mostly with industrial metals and the energy markets. Few, if any, major firms are looking for much of a rebound with the ag-markets, grains, livestock or tropical markets such as cocoa, sugar and so forth.

But down thru history, two leading indicators for commodities per se are copper and crude oil. Copper prices ended 2017 at its best level in four years and crude at its best level in two and a half years. Plus, gold prices enjoyed their best rally in 10 years because the dollar endured its most bearish year in a decade.

If there is indeed is a meaningful rise with inflation the U.S debt markets and Treasury bonds in particular are headed a great deal lower. I have stated time and again the bond market is a huge bubble waiting to be popped and that remains my conviction. The debt markets will pop for certain if inflation is greater than expectations.

In late July, Bloomberg News published a piece entitled, “Greenspan Sees No Stock Excess, Warns of Bond Market Bubble.” Mr. Greenspan said, “By any measure, real long-term interest rates are much too low and therefore unsustainable,” the former Federal Reserve chairman, 91, said in an interview. “When they move higher

they are likely to move reasonably fast. We are experiencing a bubble, not in stock prices but in bond prices. This is not discounted in the marketplace.”

Mr. Greenspan went on to say in the same article. “The real problem is that when the bond-market bubble collapses, long-term interest rates will rise,” Greenspan went on to say, “We are moving into a different phase of the economy -- to a stagflation not seen since the 1970s. That is not good for asset prices.”

In the New Year, I suggest probing the short side of the US debt markets, T-bonds and T-notes. As inflation rises, the debt markets should work lower while at the same time commodities either go up down. The big story in 2018 will be the loud and I mean loud popping of bond market that is a bubble of historic proportions.”

With Treasury bonds now leaking badly, interest rates are ratcheting higher. Thus, the long and short term implication for all markets is profound. My advice is to buckle up and prepare for volatility in the extreme because bond prices are tumbling.

A buck’s lucky day

With my father riding shotgun, we had hunted most the day. The weather wasn’t good. Might be a blizzard on the way.

We used to do our hunting all on foot, as most men do. Now we sit here in a nice warm truck. The windshield frames our view.

My father’s legs just aren’t the same since he turned ninety-four. From waist up, though, he’s still as strong as he ever was before.

We chopped some wood the other day. Not once did he

complain. He kept up with the younger guys. Still thinks that he’s John Wayne.

We drove a little down the road and stopped to have a snack. The sun was getting low then, so I thought we’d head on back.

Then all at once a nice-sized buck came running up the road. He was sliding in some places where the day before had snowed.

We could see he was a hunter’s dream. Those antlers! Proof, for sure. I threw one in

the chamber, then I opened up my door.

He stopped and took a look at us from fifty yards or so. My father checked him out, then said, “Why don’t we let him go.”

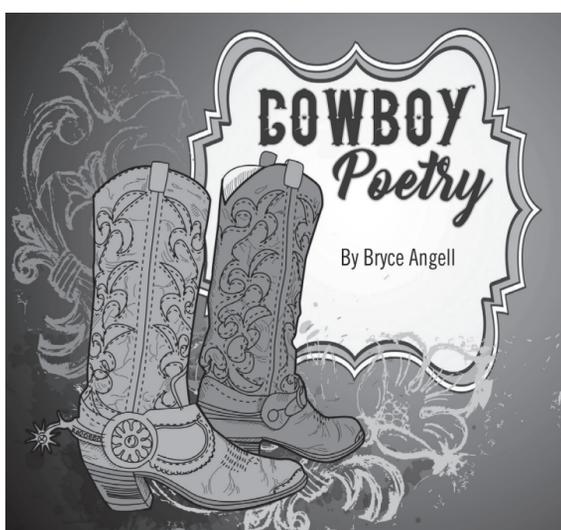
A few years back I’d heard that once Dad passed up on a buck. I wonder if the deer today knows that he had some luck.

Did my father have a reason to let that big buck go? I doubt I’ll ever ask him, so I guess I’ll never know.

The ride back home was quiet. As usual, I’d say. I’d seen my father’s softer side. Also my lucky day.

From now on when I’m hunting and I get a trophy shot. Will there be a chance I’ll let him go? At this point, prob’ly not.

But today I learned a lesson from a man who knows his stuff. It’s the spirit of the hunt, and for some that is enough.



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King Crossword

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- 1 Eastern big-wig (Var.)
- 5 One-on-one battle
- 9 Scoundrel
- 12 Rice-A- —
- 13 Paquin or Faris
- 14 Raw rock
- 15 Over
- 17 Pen point
- 18 Vagrant
- 19 Ticket
- 21 Aspect
- 24 Idea that spreads on the Web
- 25 48-Across' counterparts
- 26 Room-to-room access-
- 30 Convent dweller
- 31 Great praise
- 32 Old card game
- 33 Wine pourer
- 35 Existed, Biblically
- 36 Do as you're told
- 37 Exposes
- 38 Cease-fire
- 40 Noble title
- 42 Melody
- 43 Ecclesiastical compact
- 48 See 25-Across

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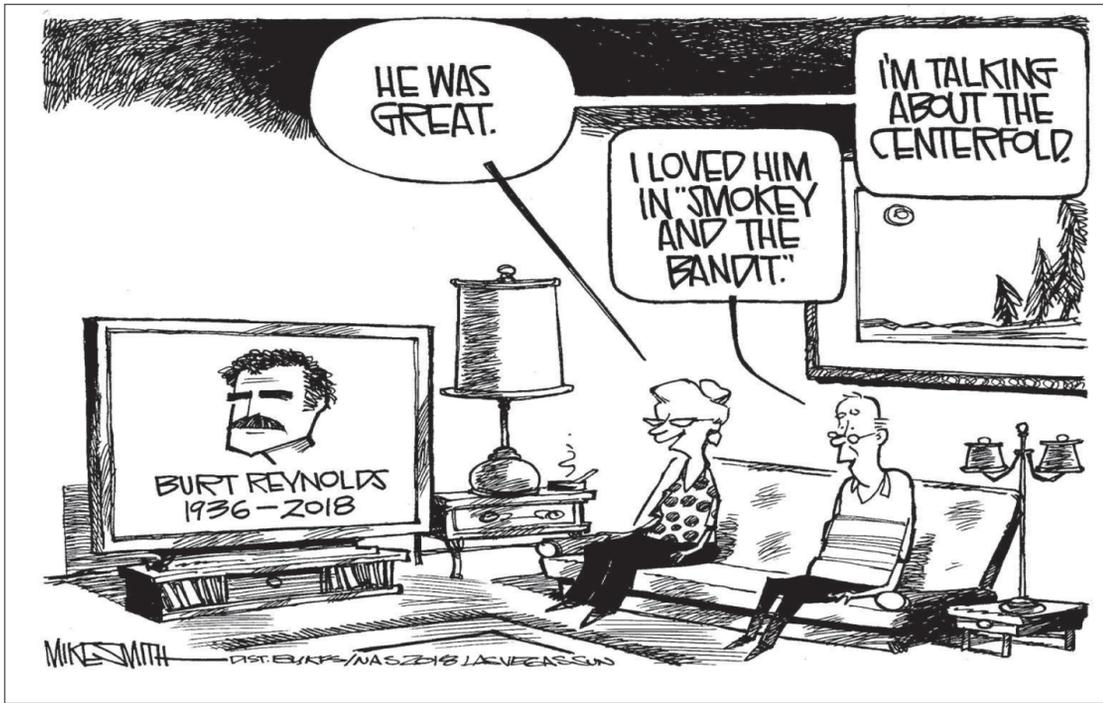
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- 51 Shelter
- 52 Sit for a photo
- 53 Unaltered
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- 11 Credit card user's problem
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- 20 Coal diggers' org.
- 21 Ward (off)
- 22 Chills and fever
- 23 Open area at a terminal
- 24 Othello, for one
- 26 Responsibility
- 27 Praise in verse
- 28 Days gone by
- 29 Drunkards
- 31 Patella
- 34 Jimmy Kimmel's network
- 35 Tusked mammal
- 37 Buddy
- 38 Party-game pin-on
- 39 Go by train
- 40 Son of Seth
- 41 Pimples
- 44 Yoko of music
- 45 "CSI" evidence
- 46 \$ dispenser
- 47 Pirouette pivot

DOWN

- 1 Joan of —
- 2 Cattle call?
- 3 Hostel
- 4 Wealth
- 5 Paint ama-teurishly
- 6 Ruin
- 7 Compass pt.
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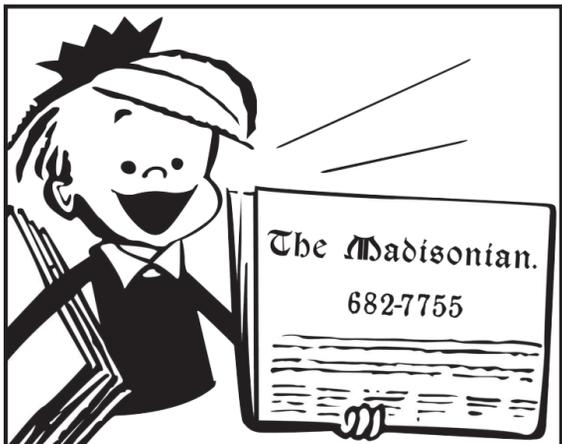
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West Yellowstone, MT 59758
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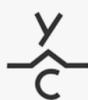


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PUBLIC NOTICES SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

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
Pub. Sep. 13, 20, 27, 2018) km
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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
Pub. Sep. 13, 20, 27, 2018) gs
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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 elector'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 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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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT BYRON WHITE, a/k/a ROBERT B. WHITE, deceased. NO. DP-29-2018-23
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 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 months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to David James White, Personal Representative, return receipt requested, c/o Cusick, Matlick & Refing, P.C., P.O. Box 1288, Bozeman, Montana 59711-1288, or filed with the Clerk of the above-

entitled Court. I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct. DATED this 24th day of September, 2018. /s/ David James White
David James White,
Personal Representative
(Published September, 27, October 4, 12, 2018) cmr
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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT MADISON COUNTY
MORGAN MANLEY AND DAVID SANDERS, Plaintiffs
v.
THE ESTATE OF KARLA LAWHEAD and all other persons, known or unknown, claiming or who might claim any right, title, estate, or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in the Complaint below which is adverse to the Plaintiff's ownership or a cloud upon Plaintiff's title thereto, whether such claim or possible claim be present or contingent.
CAUSE NO. DV-29-2018-46
THE STATE OF MONTANA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT AND TO ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN, GREETING:

You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action which is filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, a copy of which is included in said file, and to serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiffs' att orn eys within twenty-one (21) days after completion of service of Summons by Publication; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This action is brought for the purpose of quieting title to lands situated in Madison County, Montana, more particularly described as follows:
A Tract of land located in the South 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 2, Township 6 South, Range 1 West, P.M.M. as described in Book 7 or Survey Page 826, records of Madison County, Montana ("Property").
Witness my hand and the seal of said Court this 17th day of September, 2018.
/s/ Karen J. Miller
Clerk of Court
by: /s/ Carmin Hill
Pub. Sep. 27, Oct. 4, 12, 2018) dml
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF A RESORT AREA
On September 5, 2018, YC Holdings, LLC, filed an application with the Department for the determination of a resort area at The Yellowstone Club. The legal description of the proposed resort area plat is as follows: Sections 6, 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, Township 7 South, Range 3 East, P.M.M. Madison County Montana; SE1/4 and SE1/4NE1/4 of Section 34, Township 6 South, Range 2 East, P.M.M., Madison County Montana; SE1/4 of Section 10, Township 7 South Range 2 East, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana; That portion of Yellowstone Mountain Club Subdivision, Phase 3A, in Madison County, Montana, according to the official plat thereof on file of record in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Madison County, Montana (Plat reference in Book 4 of Plats, Page 517, records of Madison County, Montana) located within Sections 35 and 36, Township 6 South, Range 2 East, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana; That portion of Yellowstone Mountain Club Subdivision, Phase 3A, in Madison County, Montana, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the county Clerk and Recorder, Madison County, Montana (Plat reference in Book 4 of Plats, Page 517, records of Madison County, Montana) located within Sections 31 and 32, Township 6 South, Range 3 East, P.M.M., Madison County Montana; That portion of Yellowstone Mountain Club Subdivision, Phases 1 and 2, in Madison County, Montana, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Madison County, Montana (Plat reference in Book 4 of Plats, Page 408, records of Madison County, Montana) located in Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 3 East, P.M.M., Madison County Montana; and Sections 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23 and 24 Township 7 South, Range 2 East, Madison County, Montana. A public hearing is scheduled to commence at 9:00 am. Mountain Time, on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at Buck's T-4 Lodge, 46625 Gallatin Road, Big Sky, Montana. Any person wishing to submit facts or evidence must notify the Hearing Examiner on or before October 22, 2018. Any person may present written or oral statements at the hearing in opposition to or support of the plat. However, the Hearings Examiner is not required to recognize any facts or evidence in those statements, unless notice was given. Michele R. Crepeau has been appointed Hearings Examiner. All correspondence and motions in the above-referenced matter should be directed to the Office of Dispute Resolution, P.O. Box 5805, Helena, MT, 59604-5805. Dated: September 27, 2018 By: Jamie Williams Licensing and Compliance Specialist
(Pub. September 27, Oct 4, 11, 2018) dor
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MADISON COUNTY PLANNING NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REQUEST FOR FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT
The Madison County Floodplain Administrator has received a Floodplain Development Permit application request from Aaron Zosel (ARZ Engineering) on behalf of Frank and Mary Walsh for the purpose of retrofitting measures that are required to bring the existing structure into compliance with floodplain development standards on Parcel A, COS 7/1465 BA, in Section 14, T2S, R6W PMM. The project is located between Silver Star and Twin Bridges in close proximity to the Jefferson River. A description of the proposed project is available for review at the Madison County Planning Office, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City, MT 59755. Comments concerning the above request should be directed to the Madison County Floodplain Administrator via mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59675; by phone to (406) 843-5250; by fax to (406) 843-5229; or email to cfechter@madison.mt.gov. Comments will be received through 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2018. In the event of substantial comment or protest to the issuance of the permit, the Madison County Floodplain Administrator may hold a public hearing to determine whether the permit shall be issued. Charity Fechter, Floodplain Administrator
Madison County
(Pub. September 27, 2018) mcgb
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Trustees' Financial Summary and school budgets for the school year 2017-2018 of each district in the Madison County are available for inspection in the office of the County Superintendent of Schools at the Courthouse

in Virginia City by appointment. To view the beginning and ending cash balances, total revenue, and total expenditures for all funds for each district (MCA 20-3-205) please visit <http://madisoncountymt.gov> under departments choose Treasurer or Superintendent

of Schools. (see Image A below) Madison County Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year 2017-2018 If you have any questions please feel free to contact Pam Birkeland, County Superintendent of Schools at 843-4280 or pbirkeland@madisoncountymt.gov

or the following district clerks: Alder: Kathleen Wuelfing, Ennis: Ginger Martello, Harrison: Judi Ward, Sheridan: Becky Larsen, and Twin Bridges: Joyann Breakall. (Pub. September 27, 2018) mcsc MNAXLP

IMAGE A

General Fund Balances for each District in Madison County

District	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Alder	\$17,760.51	\$194,433.24	\$174,043.47	\$38,150.28
Ennis	\$601,068.99	\$3,093,170.79	\$3,087,593.55	\$486,825.93
Harrison	\$147,995.81	\$979,168.42	\$962,057.03	\$165,107.20
Sheridan Elem.	\$122,406.56	\$1,038,257.80	\$1,010,553.05	\$148,325.49
Sheridan High	\$94,726.48	\$932,478.51	\$910,134.88	\$181,241.87
Twin Bridges	\$225,558.90	\$2,182,538.56	\$2,182,317.45	\$225,878.03

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SPORTS

Panthers Lose Homecoming

SHERIDAN – The Panthers came out on the short end this weekend with a loss to Noxon during their homecoming game, said Coach Mike Wetherbee.

The Red Devils rolled up 51 first half points to Sheridan's 14 and rolled on to a 55-14 win over the Panthers.

There were no real standouts this week. However, offensively Cade McParland had two catches for 80 yards and a 60-yard touchdown reception, and Hartson Van Houten had three catches for 37 yards and a touchdown reception.

Defensively for the the Panthers, Hartson Van Houten had six tackles two assists and a sack. Jack Gilman had three tackles, four assists and caused a fumble.

The offensive player of the week is Cade McParland and the defensive player of the week is Hartson Van Houten.

Quarter Scoring: Sheridan/Noxon 1st – 7/30, 2nd – 7/21, 3rd – 20/0, 4th – 14/0.

Stats Leaders for Sheridan



- Jack Gilman - 12 rushes for 45 yards
- Receiving
- Hartson VanHouten - three catches for 37 yards, one touchdown
- Cade McParland – two catches for 80 yards, one touchdown
- Lane Poirier - one catch for 60 yards
- Defensive Leaders
- Jack Gilman - three tackles, four assists, one fumble caused
- Hartson VanHouten – six tackles, one assist, one sack
- Cade McParland - three tackles, two assists, one interception.

Harriers continue season with races in Twin Bridges, Butte

Cross-country season getting into full swing

REAGAN COLYER
news@madisoniannews.com

TWIN BRIDGES—Cross country athletes from all over Madison County races on Saturday, September 15 and Sunday, September 23 in Twin Bridges and Butte, respectively.

With now less than a month until the state championships at the University of Montana golf course in Missoula on October 20, athletes are be-

ginning to round into championship season readiness, with visible improvements from their early-season marks. Many runners have been posting season-best times in recent races by as much as a full minute or more over the standard five-kilometer distance.

Area results for the September 15 meet in Twin Bridges included:

Varsity girls:
10—Madison Loomis, Whitehall: 22:26
16—Maida Knapton, Ennis: 22:49
26—Simmah Ansn, Sheridan: 25:53
30—Karlie Wagner, Whitehall: 27:41

Varsity Boys

8—Luke Dvorak, Sheridan: 18:27
34—Will Morris, Twin Bridges: 20:22
35—Rob Dale, Twin Bridges: 20:25
36—Adam Williams, Whitehall: 20:26
38—Morgan Hendrickson, Twin Bridges: 20:37
43—Ryan O'Connell, Ennis: 21:38
44—Matt Kaiser, Twin Bridges: 21:44
49—CJ Wayland, Twin Bridges: 23:15
50—Tommy Emerson, Whitehall: 23:23
51—Kenzie Hugulet, Whitehall: 23:37
52—Lane Wagner, Whitehall: 25:05
54—Ethan Flood, White-

hall: 26:34
JV Girls
7—Nora Humbert, Twin Bridges: 29:29
8—Bailey Stockett, Twin Bridges: 30:44
9—Blu Keim, Twin Bridges: 31:25

JV Boys
6—Dune Hoover, Whitehall: 22:04
10—Wyatt Fredson, Ennis: 22:29
12—Kyle LaClair, Ennis: 22:48
15—Lucas Belding, Ennis: 23:12
19—Bo Kelley, Ennis: 24:27

Mustangs' stellar season continues

ENNIS - The Ennis High School volleyball team continued an impressive winning streak this weekend, defeating the Drummond Trojans 25-18, 25-5, 25-20 in Drummond on Saturday, September 22.

Joree Hokanson and Riley Robinson contributed three aces each, while senior Jourdain Klein had a stellar match with 16 of Ennis' 31 kills, two of the team's four blocks

and seven of the Mustangs' 10 digs. Senior Whitney McKittrick also had an impressive day Saturday, adding seven more kills and leading the Mustangs in assists with 15. Robinson added 11 more assists.

The Mustangs' next match will be Thursday, September 27 at Lima. Their next home match will be Tuesday, October 2, when they will host Sheridan.

Sheridan girls volleyball clinches another

SHERIDAN – Sheridan's Lady Panther volleyball team hosted Lima, on Thursday, Sept. 20, for homecoming and pulled off a win in a close game that went to five sets, according to April Wuelfing.

Sheridan/Lima scores were: 25-19; 28-26; 17-25; 16-25; 26-24

Team stats and leaders for

- Sheridan include:
- 20 Aces - Zoe Lee with 10
 - 26 Kills - Amanda Grow with six
 - 10 Digs - Grace Hill with three.
 - 15 Assists: Micara Deveaux and Dreonna Clark had six each.
- Lima did not submit their stats.

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Park's fall big game hunting preview

HELENA – On Friday, August 24, the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Department issued their annual hunting season preview. Here's a brief look at their comments regarding our area:

Montana has some of the longest hunting seasons in the West, healthy herds of game and access to millions of acres of public land. Southwest Montana is defined by high mountain rugged country and an abundance of public land. Big game thrives here.

• Elk - In general, hunter success last year was average or above. Typically, elk hunter success during the general season improves dramatically with snow, which gets elk moving and makes them easier to track.

South of Butte - from Mount Haggin to the Big Hole Valley elk numbers are robust and consistent with last year's numbers, according to FWP Region 3 wildlife biologists.

South of Bozeman and in the Bridgers, elk numbers are strong although elk distribution can be challenging to hunters. Hunter numbers have increased, including

during archery seasons, so hunter crowding can be an issue, according to Region 3 biologist Julie Cunningham.

Surveys showed slight growth in elk population across the Gravelly Elk Management Unit relative to 2017, returning the population to just above management objective. As usual, hunters should expect to encounter a lot of other hunters in this area during the initial two weeks of the general rifle season, and snow accumulation will most influence elk distribution and hunter success.

Hunters should be aware that grizzly bear conflicts continue to increase across the Gravelly, Centennial, Snowcreek and Greenhorn mountains. This year has been particularly bad in regard to livestock depredations. Hunters hunting in the Gravelly Elk Management Unit are encouraged to take proper bear-safety precautions while hunting and camping in this area. Although no conflicts have been documented to date, public reports of grizzly bears in the Tobacco Root Mountains are increasing, as well.

Hunters are encouraged to be bear

aware in this area.

Area closures of Forest Service land in the Gravelly Mountains, resulting from ongoing wildfires, are expected to last into the archery season. Hunters should inquire with the Madison Ranger District regarding closures prior to traveling to the Gravelly Mountains.

Some hunting districts in southwest Montana have elk shoulder seasons. These antlerless-only seasons are focused on private land and are typically outside of the general big game season. Hunters interested in shoulder seasons should make sure they read and understand the regulations because each hunting district is different. And, as always, hunters must get permission to hunt private land.

• Deer - Population surveys indicate varied trends across Region 3. Across much of south-central Region 3, mule deer populations showed increase for the fifth consecutive year and are approximately three times higher than the recent low point observed in 2013.

Population surveys indicate higher white-tailed deer populations across the southern portion of

Region 3 than the past three years. However, the majority of white-tailed deer are distributed within valley bottoms that are mostly privately owned. Hunters will need to obtain landowner permission for most white-tailed deer hunting. FWP recommends seeking permission well in advance of the hunting season and prior to livestock producers returning stock from summer pasture. Public land white-tailed deer harvest opportunity does exist but is less abundant and may require hunter-research to identify.

• Antelope - Surveys of hunting districts 320 and 321 showed increased populations. As a result, license quotas for Hunting District 320 were increased. This will likely result in a few more hunters afield in this district. License quotas remained the same for hunting districts 321 and 330. Antelope hunter participation will be greatest during the initial weekend of the season. Hunters seeking less competition in the field are encouraged to hunt after the opening weekend.



In Loving Memory of

THEO Y. WALKER
FEB 4, 1948 - AUG 28, 2018

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:
T Lazy B Ranch
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Ennis MT 59729

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October 17, in Virginia City, from 7- 9 p.m
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CANDIDATE FORUM

The primary purpose of this forum is for each candidate who attends to elaborate on their platform and help voters make a decision based on your answers.

- Personal pitch - Each candidate who participates will be offered a 1.5 minute opportunity to state why you are running for office, elaborate on your platform, to make your pitch, etc. prior to taking questions submitted from the audience.

- Question & Answer session - Following this, questions submitted in writing from the audience will be asked of a specific candidates or candidates for office by the moderator. The candidate/s will have a 2 minute window to respond to this question.



Light refreshments will be served.

For more information:
Call 406-682-7755

John Taylor, Editor will moderate.

Facing Addiction in America: Surgeon General releases spotlight on opioids

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Surgeon General's Spotlight on Opioids calls for a cultural shift in the way Americans talk about the opioid crisis and recommends actions that can prevent and treat opioid misuse and promote recovery.

The Spotlight - the Surgeon General's newest update on opioid addiction - also provides the latest data on prevalence of substance misuse, opioid misuse, opioid use disorder and overdoses.

The Surgeon General today also released a digital postcard, highlighting tangible actions that all Americans can take to raise awareness, prevent opioid misuse and reduce overdose deaths.

"Addiction is a brain disease that touches families across America - even my own," said Surgeon General Jerome Adams. "We need to work together to put an end to stigma."

According to preliminary data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overdose deaths in 2017 increased by almost 10 percent - claiming the lives of more than

70,000 Americans. Nearly 48,000 of those were opioid overdose deaths, with the sharpest increase occurring among deaths related to illicitly made fentanyl and fentanyl analogs (synthetic opioids).

Despite the fact that effective treatment for opioid use disorder exists, only about one in four people with this disorder receive any type of specialty treatment. Yet for a variety of reasons, including stigma, inability to access or afford care, or refusal to stop misusing opioids, a treatment gap remains.

In addition, the existing health-care workforce is understaffed, often lacks the necessary training, and has been slow to implement Medication-Assisted Treatment, as well as prevention, early identification, and other evidenced-based recommendations.

The federal government has been working with key stakeholders to address this problem and is seeing real progress.

Earlier, HHS disbursed more than \$1 billion in opioid-specific

funding for states, which includes State Opioid Response grant programs administered by SAMHSA to support a comprehensive array of prevention, treatment, and recovery services. Additional funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) went to community health centers to increase access to substance abuse disorder and mental health services, to increase the number of professionals and paraprofessionals who are trained to deliver integrated behavioral health and primary care services as part of health care teams in HRSA-supported health centers as well as to rural grantees to increase services and develop plans to implement evidence-based opioid use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery interventions.

There are signs that efforts to stem the opioid crisis are having success, with the use of medication-assisted treatment growing significantly and the number of Americans initiating heroin use dropping significantly from 2016 to 2017.

"Addressing the opioid crisis with all the resources possible and the best science we have is a top priority for President Trump and for everyone at HHS," said HHS Secretary Alex Azar.

"Today's announcement is another step forward in our efforts to educate the American public about steps they can take to prevent addiction," said Assistant Secretary for Health Brett P. Giroir, M.D., who also serves as the HHS Senior Advisor for Opioid Policy. "We are making progress. Just last week we released the 2017 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) data, which showed significantly more people received treatment for their substance use disorder in 2017 than in 2016. This was especially true for those with heroin-related opioid use disorders."

The science shows us that no area of the US is exempt from the opioid crisis. Yet, only 53 percent of the public consider opioid addiction a major concern.

As a result, the Surgeon General

is calling on all individuals to do the following:

- Talk about opioid misuse. Have a conversation about preventing drug misuse and overdose.
- Be safe. Only take opioid medications as prescribed, make sure to store medication in a secure place, and dispose of unused medication properly.
- Understand pain and talk with your healthcare provider. Treatments other than opioids can be effective in managing pain.

- Understand that addiction is a chronic disease. With the right treatment and supports, people do recover.

- Be prepared. Get and learn how to use naloxone, an opioid overdose reversing drug.

For the full document and to view the digital postcard, visit <http://addiction.surgeongeneral.gov>.

If you or someone you know is struggling with a substance use disorder, call 1-800-662-HELP or visit <http://www.samhsa.gov/find-help>

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AREA SENIOR MEALS

Ennis Senior Center

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

- Thursday, October 27 - Potato corn chowder, salad & cornbread, dessert
- Friday, October 28 - Shrimp tacos, corn & bean salad, fruit, dessert, pinochle at 12:45 p.m.
- Monday, October 1 - Hamburger biscuits & gravy, veggies, dessert, mahjong at 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 2 - Beef tacos & black beans, fruit, dessert, play pan at 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 3 - Tuna noodle casserole, salad & roll, dessert mahjong at 1p.m.
- Thursday, October 4 -Steak fingers, onion rings & veggie sticks, dessert
- Friday, October 5 - BBQ chicken & cornbread, three-bean salad, 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, Oct. 2 - Chili with cornbread, dessert.
- Thursday, Oct. 4 - Hamburger casserole, roll, dessert.

Twin Bridges Senior Center

The Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center provides meals for seniors every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon at the Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center. Meals are for seniors 60 years and up (spouses and caregivers are invited). Donations for meals are appreciated.

Find Fellowship With Us



Dayspring Church

Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday School/Nursery 9 a.m.
Non-Denominational Christ Centered, Spirit Led Worship
Check website for ministries: dayspringsheridan.com
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Between Sheridan & Twin Bridges

Rocky Mountain Baptist Church

Will Stevens, Pastor
682-4949
Sunday School 9:45am
Morning Service 11am
Afternoon Service 1:30pm
Tuesday Womens Bible Study 6pm
Wednesday Night Prayer Group 6pm
6 Blocks South of City Complex
Located in the heart of Madison Valley for the Hearts of Madison Valley

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Sheridan Ward - Visitors Welcome
Sacrament Meeting
Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School
11:20 a.m.
R S & Priesthood
12:10 p.m.
Mutual (Youth Group)
Wed. 7:00p.m.
3560 | MT State Hwy 287
Sheridan 842-5860
Bishop Shaw 684-5255

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
Please call the Rectory for the daily Mass schedule at 842-5588
Father John Crutchfield, Pastor

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Sunday School & Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Joe Miller
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May - August - 9 a.m.
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Pastor
Nathan Nutter, Minister of Music and Youth
Sunday School ~ 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ~ 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Nights:
(dinner provided)
Kids Club (K-6): 5:30-7:30pm
Youth Group (7-12): 6-8pm
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Pastor Duane B. Dasher
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Wednesday Valley Kids - after school to 6:45 p.m.
Ruby Valley Food Pantry - Saturdays 10 a.m.-Noon

Our mission is to Love Jesus, Love People, and Reach the Valley.

Ruby Valley United Methodist Parish

Invites You To Worship With Us
Reverend Susan DeBree
Office: (406) 842-5934
Home: (406) 842-7732
Church of the Valley
Twin Bridges
Worship & Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Bethel UMC
Sheridan
Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Ready Set Grow Preschool
Contact Julie Russell 842-5876

Ruby Valley Baptist Church

Tony Shaw, Pastor
842-5602
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Eve 7 p.m.
One block behind IGA, Sheridan

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
The Church of Word and Sacrament
Visitors Welcome
Pastor Ken Stensrud
• Sunday Service 9:00 am
• Bible Study 10:15 am
• Sunday School 10:15 am
Corner of Madison and Armitage St.
Ennis, Montana 406-682-4910

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Ennis Branch
Sacrament Meeting
10:00 a.m.
Sunday School
11:20 a.m.
R S & Priesthood
12:10 p.m.
Family History Center
682-4911, 682-7415, 682-3614
President Chandler
682-3020

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Wednesday Ministries
Kids Club Submerge (K-6) 3:15 PM
Family Dinner 5:30 PM
Youth and Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM
Pastor Greg Ledgerwood
402 Madison Ave - Ennis, MT 682-4197

Madison County Episcopal Churches

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Trinity Jeffers/Ennis 10 a.m. adult forum 11:00 a.m.
St. Paul's Virginia City 9:00 a.m.
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Pastor Tom Luksha

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Answers
Solution time: 25 mins.
ENNIS FAMILY and FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP
100 Prairie Way, Ennis (599-3659)
For those who have a loved one struggling with any type of addiction
Tuesdays ~ 5 p.m.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meeting Every Thurs. at 8 p.m., Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges
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Vennis Over The Hill Unity Group

Faced with a drinking problem? Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help.
SUN. - 10 a.m., No Smoking, Virginia City Library
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

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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 9 a.m.
Meetings at 9:30 a.m.
MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299

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

Baby Bistro, Ennis
First and third Wednesday of the month at the Madison Valley Public Library and 11 a.m.

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

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
9 a.m. every.

Thursday Sept. 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."

Saturday Sept. 29
Managing Type 2 Diabetes, Ennis - Registered Nurse Janet Howard-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.

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.

Wednesday October 3
Rotary Club Candidate Form, Twin Bridges
Voters are invited to attend a candidate forum to meet and greet House District 71 candidates Michael White, Ray Shaw and Jay Frederick and District 2 County Commissioner candidates Ron Nye and Randy Lowder. Sponsored by the Twin Bridges Rotary Club. 7 p.m. at 501 N. Madison Street.

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

Saturday October 6
Cider Pressing Party, Sheridan
Jackson's Garden is hosting a

community cider pressing from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Bring your apples and clean containers and take home the cider you press, or just come watch and enjoy warm cider and fresh donuts! 125 Mill Creek Rd.

Diabetes Prevention, Ennis
Janet Howard-Ducsay, RN, certified diabetes educator, will talk about diabetes prevention and answer questions: a free presentation sponsored by the Friends of the Library. 11 a.m. at the Madison Valley Public Library.

Monday, October 8
American Legion Meeting, Ennis - The Ennis American Legion will host its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the Legion Post on the corner of 1st and Steffens.

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

Saturday October 13
Madison County Democrats Meeting, Virginia City - The monthly meeting of the Madison County Democratic Central Committee will be held at the Thompson-Hickman Library at 10 a.m. For more information call Ian Root at 682-3151.

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

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