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## Planning board approves new Yellowstone Club subdivisions

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VIRGINIA CITY—At its monthly meeting on Monday, September 24, the Madison County Planning Board held a public hearing to decide the fate of a 4.3-acre tract in the Yellowstone Club area of Big Sky.

Just last month the county commissioners approved the new Overall Development Plan (ODP) for the Moonlight Basin area, as suggested by the planning board. On Monday, focus shifted to the Yellowstone Club and a request to split those 4.3 acres from a larger tract into one single-family residential lot.

Representatives from the Yellowstone Club and the Vista Minor Subdivision presented the proposal, which would require few adjustments. The planning board's standard examinations were all either approved or did not apply to the parcel in question.

The lot sits in what used to be the location of Big Sky Ski Resort's beginner chairlift, which was recently removed when the resort's beginner programs were moved to a different part of the ski area.

The lot is located west of Miller Lane and south and east of Cabin Road, which has been newly repaved. County planners found no violations, and the proposal was unanimously approved.

The parcel will be sold, and whoever purchases it will have to go through the Yellowstone Club's and Madison County's standard building requirements, including those in place for the protection of Big Sky's wildlife populations and ecosystems.

County planner Charity Fechter also gave a recap of her time at this year's Montana Association of Planners (MAP) conference, which was held September 12-14 at the Lodge and Whitefish Lake.

The MAP conference included speakers on everything from Montana Law to the expansion of grizzly bear range, and attendees reviewed a number of relevant planning-oriented lawsuits from around the country in order to improve the application of laws back in their respective Montana counties.

Fechter presented information on several of these suits to the planning board on Monday, and also drew the board's attention to a document put out by the Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC) concerning affordable rent across the state.

The MBPC collated research on statewide availability of affordable rentals, the percentage of renters living below the poverty line and rental households for all of Montana's 56 counties, but the benchmark that caught the planning board's eye most was the number of hours a minimum wage worker would need to put in to afford the market rent of a two-bedroom house in each county.

"We've got some serious problems," said board member Pat Bradley on looking at the statewide numbers.

In Madison County, a worker making minimum wage would have to work 71 hours per week to afford that two-bedroom rental.

The MBPC also reported that 23 percent of Madison County residents are renters, compared to around a third statewide. Fair market rent in Madison County is \$750, and the average a minimum-wage employee could pay with-

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## New DEQ document looks at water quality

DEQ measures metals, nutrients, pollutants in Madison watershed

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ENNIS—Representatives from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) presented a new document to the public on Wednesday, September 27 that gives information on the health of several streams in the Madison River watershed.

The document, which reports the total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) of various pollutants, was written by the DEQ after certain streams presented high enough levels of certain elements to be labeled "impaired."

The DEQ identified five particular streams in the Madison watershed that showed impaired levels of certain nutrients: Elk Creek, Hot Springs Creek, Moore Creek, O'Dell Spring Creek and South Meadow Creek. The Department writes individual TMDLs for each nutrient found to be in excess.

Impaired levels are those that exceed the state's mandated water quality parameters. DEQ representative Christina Staten said Montana's has five categories of "beneficial uses:" aquatic life, primary contact recre-

ation like fishing and swimming, drinking water, industrial uses and agricultural uses. A given water body must meet the standards of whatever of those uses it is designated for.

Over the past six years, the DEQ as well as volunteers from the Madison Conservation District have collected data on a variety of pollutants in the watershed's streams. Those pollutants are divided into three general categories: nutrients, metals and pathogens.

### Contaminants

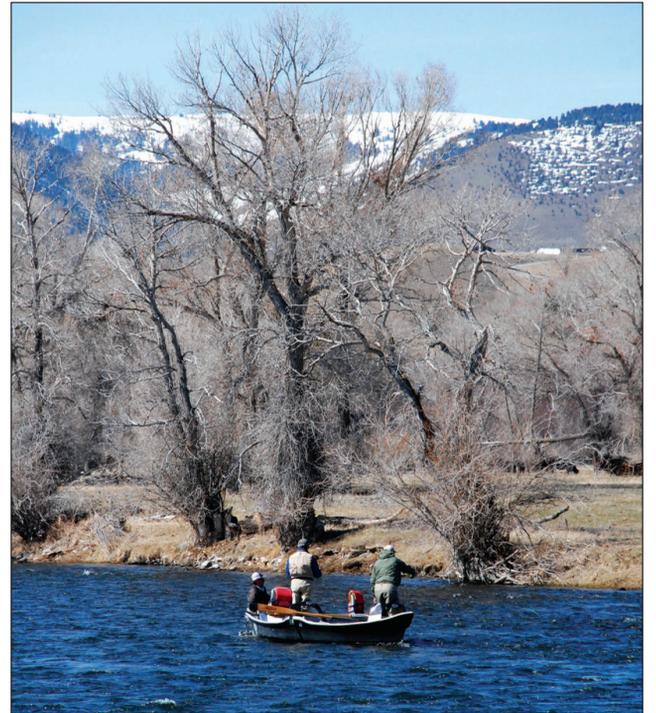
The nutrients in question included nitrogen and phosphorus. Staten noted that those two nutrients are beneficial at the right levels, but when present in excess can cause accelerated algae growth and algal blooms, which can kill fish and in certain cases, make humans and other animals sick.

The most common sources of both nitrogen and phosphorus in local waterways are ranching and agriculture, mining and septic drain field runoff. Natural sources of those nutrients also include local geology and wildlife excrement.

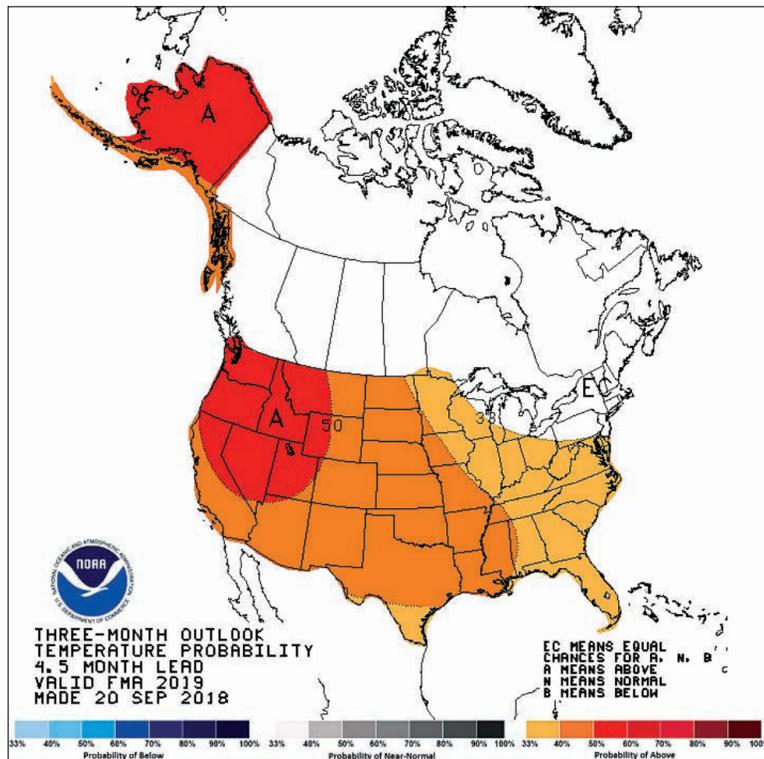
The document presented on Wednesday included TMDLs on nitrogen levels in all five of the creeks observed, as well as phosphorus reports for Elk, Hot Springs, South Meadow and Moore Creeks.

The total maximum daily load for a given nutrient is defined by the DEQ as the

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Montana has five categories of "beneficial uses:" aquatic life, primary contact recreation like fishing and swimming, drinking water, industrial uses and agricultural uses. A given water body must meet the standards of whatever of those uses it is designated for. (FILE PHOTO)



## Winter weather: what's coming?

Prognosticators are still guessing

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MADISON COUNTY – Care to take a guess on what the weather will be like this winter?

Cast a rheumy eye to the sky, then consult your local spider, caterpillar, tree bark, furbearer, or maybe those two Pennsylvania groundhogs that everyone wants to shoot when they say there will be six more weeks of winter.

Weather prognosticating is kinda fun and people have been doing it for ages.

Here's a roundup of some assorted weather forecasts for this winter. Pick and choose which one you like most, and it will probably be right, at least one day this winter.

### Old Farmers Almanac

The Old Farmer uses a secret mathematical formula and some other stuff to predict winter weather, and he says that for the Intermountain Region winter temperatures and precipitation will be "above normal, on average," with the coldest periods in "late December, early January, and early February."

"Snowfall will be above normal in the north and below normal in the south, with the snowiest periods in late November, late December, early and late January, mid- to late February, and early March."

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## Sheridan hosts Ruby Valley FFA Invitational

Students from across Montana competed in Tuesday's event

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SHERIDAN—It's not common to encounter nearly 500 middle and high school students and have them all be completely silent, but that was the scene for much of Tuesday morning, September 25, at the 47th annual Ruby Valley Invitational, which drew students from Ronan to Colstrip and everywhere in between.

Each September, the Ruby Valley FFA and its alumni host the invitational—one of the largest and oldest in the state. This year's event included competitions in livestock evaluation, soils and range evaluation and forestry.

"This is what we call a district level competition, but it doubles as our invitational," says Sheridan agriculture education and FFA instructor Rodney Braaten. "There's a state convention in the springtime and then winners from state-level contests go on to nationals."

Braaten has been the FFA instructor at Sheridan Schools for 12 years, and identifies FFA as a great way for his students to use in a practical, real-life setting the concepts they learn in the classroom.

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FFA students examine four lambs during the Ruby Valley Invitational on Tuesday, September 25. Competitors had to rank the animals from 1-4 and give oral presentations before judges of the reasons why (R. COLYER PHOTOS).

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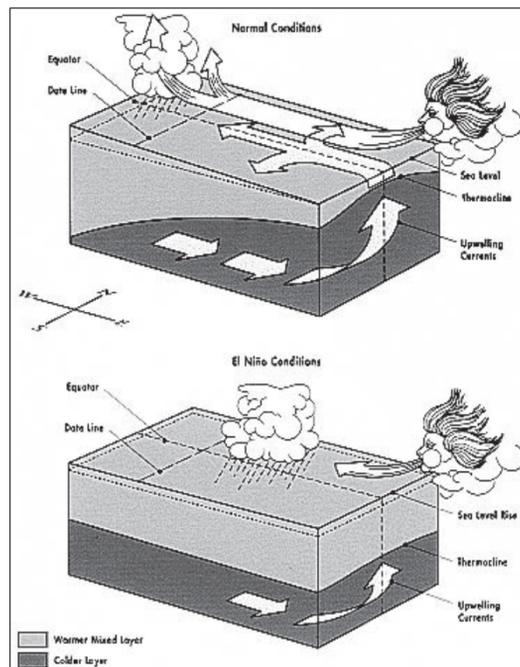
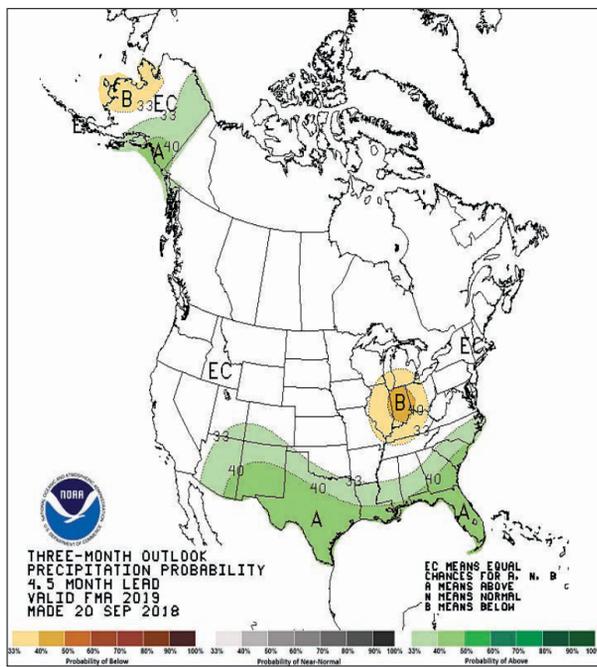
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WINTER continued from A1: What kind of winter weather can we expect?



Sounds like a pretty sure bet for just about any winter location.

**Farmer's Almanac**  
The Farmer's Almanac – and this farmer isn't saying if he's younger than the old farmer or not, or what he uses to prognosticate – says this of the northern Rockies: "The north country should also brace for a cold and wet winter," with "teeth-chattering cold, plentiful snow." Another pretty safe bet.

**Folk ways**  
There are a bunch of old saws you've no doubt heard: Red sky at night, sailor's delight; red sky in the morning, sailor's take warning. Ring around the moon, rain before noon. And they work, sometimes.

Some others that work, are:  
Scent – if you can smell the earth, moisture might be on its way.

Animals - When cattle in a pasture are lying down, a storm might be on its way. Also, high-flying birds mean clear skies, sunny weather. (But this works better in summer, because in autumn, they might be migrating. When dogs eat grass, rain is on the way. One that really does work is getting the temperature by converting cricket chirps to degrees Fahrenheit: Count the degrees heard in 14 seconds, then add 40 and you'll get the approximate temperature. But only works when it's above 55 degrees, because in winter, crickets become dormant.)  
Smoke – If smoke rises straight up from your woodstove

chimney, good weather is at hand, curling smoke can indicate a storm on the way.

**National Weather Service**  
Meteorologist Jane Fogleman, of the National Weather Service (NWS) in Great Falls, the office that serves our area, gets far more scientific than any of this. She studies weather patterns, winds, ocean currents, temperatures, clouds and a bunch of other stuff to try to figure out what the weather is going to do.

NWS is a federal bureau under the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

NWS and NOAA are responsible for preserving, monitoring, assessing, and providing public access to the Nation's treasure of climate and historical weather data and information.

Fogleman says we can expect a weak El Niño to impact our weather during the October, November and December period.

"This is typically warmer and dryer weather," Fogleman said, and it this forecast is based on probabilities.

Fogleman consulted NOAA's Climatic Prediction Center (CPC) and says there is a 40 percent probability that October, November and December will have above normal temperatures. The average high during these three months ranges from 59 degrees in October, to 43 degrees in November, to 33 degrees in December. The average lows are 31, 23 and 15 degrees across the same months.

The CPC is also predicting

a 33 percent chance of below normal precipitation during this time, Fogleman said. Normal in precipitation amounts to an inch of precipitation (rain, sleet, snow) in October, .67 inches in November, and .49 inches in December. Translated into snow, that means about two inches in October, six inches in November and 6.5 inches in December.

The weather phenomenon behind this portending dry and warm weather is El Niño.

El Niño and the Southern Oscillation – also known as ENSO – is a periodic fluctuation in surface water temperatures and air pressure in the atmosphere of Pacific Ocean around the equator, specifically western South America. This is known as the Southern Oscillation.

This warm water current phenomenon is called El Niño because it generally reaches full strength toward the end of the year – think Christmas – which is when the Spanish in South America who first noted the phenomenon, named it for the Christ child, "the baby."

And El Niño affects not just the U.S., but world weather patterns. When a strong El Niño hits, parts of the western Pacific, like Australia get severe drought, while across the ocean, heavy precipitation can flood the west coast of equatorial South America.

El Niño's counterpart, La Niña, brings cold water, cold weather and colder temperatures to North America. These two water currents vacillate, some years El Niño, some years La Niña.

According to NOAA, "Al-

though the exact initiating causes of an ENSO warm or cool event are not fully understood, the two components of ENSO – sea surface temperature and atmospheric pressure are strongly related."

The strength of the El Niño determines how much influence it exerts on weather.

Currently, according to NOAA, seawater temperatures have been average to slightly above average for the last three months, and the area of warming ocean waters is in the Central Pacific, a bit west of where it typically occurs. This is why they're calling for a relatively weak El Niño.

This could all change, impacting the predicted El Niño, if what meteorologists call a Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO) – a disturbance in tropical water currents, precipitation, wind and pressure – takes place. MJOs can move west to east around the globe at the tropics in 30-60 days.

Still, NOAA says the probability for an El Niño to develop remains at 65-70 percent through February of 2019.

**Real weather**  
The bottom line here is that all of these prognostications are guesses.

The most certain way to tell what the weather is doing to use the old Indian rock model: If the rock is wet, it's raining. If it's snow covered, it snowed. And if it has blown the whole way across your front yard, there's a 57 percent chance you live near Cameron, maybe over by the Ennis airport.

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PLANNING continued from A1: Board looks at affordable housing issues

out spending over 30 percent of their income would be just under \$470.

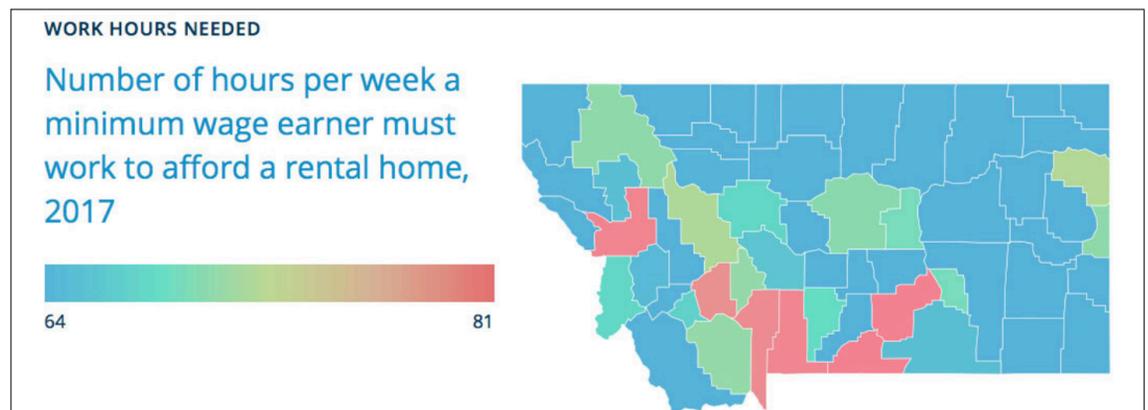
County planner Leona Stredwick mentioned that the problems are statewide, which is true: the fewest minimum-wage hours required to afford a market-priced rental was 64, and over half of Montana's counties shared that number, including

Beaverhead, Powell, Mineral, Glacier and Deer Lodge counties.

The highest in the state was Billings' Yellowstone County, at 81, a metric it shares with Park, Carbon and Missoula counties. Jefferson and Gallatin counties were just behind those, requiring 80 minimum-wage hours per week to afford market rent.

The availability of affordable housing in Madison County has been a perennial issue for both Madison County's commissioners and the planning board. The commissioners heard a proposal for constructing more low-income and temporary housing earlier this summer, but an action plan has not yet been decided upon as to how to create more

affordable housing. More information on the MBPC's affordable housing report can be found at [www.mbpc.netlify.com](http://www.mbpc.netlify.com). The Madison County planning board will hold its last meeting of 2018 on Monday, October 29 at 6 p.m. in the county administrative building.



This map shows the number of minimum-wage hours per week required to afford market-price rent of a two-bedroom house in each of Montana's 56 counties. Counties in blue and teal require 60-70 hours of minimum wage labor, while green counties require 70-80 hours and red counties require over 80 hours per week. Madison County market rent requires 71 hours per week. (MONTANA BUDGET & POLICY CENTER)

Lewis & Clark Caverns Park has off-season hours

WHITEHALL – Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park is now in off-season hours of operation.

The park visitor center will be open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed Monday and Tuesday.

Walk in access to the park is available year-round.

Through March 31, 2019, the campground will be open seven

days a week with self-registration. Electric sites are still offered but water is not available. For cabin reservations go to stateparks.mt.gov or call 1-855-922-6768 at least two days in advance of the date desired.

Holiday candlelight tours will not be offered this winter as new handrails and LED lights are being installed throughout the cave.

**Clarification**

Construction on Sheridan Schools' new track facility has not yet begun, but a test hole has been dug on the field to monitor drainage in the area. Before the project can begin, Sheridan will hold a bond election in May 2019 in order to finance the project. The school district has been working to evaluate how much the new facility will cost and create a financial plan, but construction cannot begin until that bond has passed.

FFA continued from A1:

"A lot of these guys have been going over livestock or range or forestry as part of their classes," says Braaten. "Then they can come here and test what they've learned."

The event is pulled together almost entirely by volunteers, down to the ranchers who supply their animals to be evaluated and judged by students preparing for careers in farming, ranching and veterinary medicine, among other disciplines.

Kristen Swenson is the president of the Montana FFA Alumni Association. A Dillon native who now lives in Manhattan, she grew up coming to this event.

"It wasn't nearly this big when I was competing," Swenson remembers. "It's grown so much over the years. It's a complete judging experience for the students."

What Swenson means by that is that the competitors at Tuesday's event were asked not only to rank the animals they were seeing, but also to go one step further: writing down their rationale of why they ranked them the way they did, then defending that reasoning orally before a judge.

Students were divided into groups of around 15 for the Ruby Valley Invitational, then placed at a variety of stages around the arena.

At one, they took a written exam. At another they judged the four market lambs in the pen before them. At another, heifers, or pigs, or goats. One station even had a wide variety of veterinarians' tools, which the students had to identify based on multiple choice options given for each foreign-looking contraption.

Each station had a time limit of around 10 minutes, and competitors couldn't talk to one another as they worked. But the atmosphere was tense and focused as they examined animals, filled out their exam sheets or prepared for their turn in front of the judges.

The Ruby Valley Invitational offered individual and team awards in both the junior and senior categories for livestock evaluation, soil and range evaluation and forestry classes.

Area results, Ruby Valley FFA Invitational

Students from across Montana compete at event held in Sheridan

- Individual Range Results (Junior)
- Luke D'Vorak, Ruby Valley, 2
  - Ruby Rossiter, Ruby Valley, 3
  - Ayla Janzen, Twin Bridges, 4
  - Cash Atkinson, Beaverhead, 5
  - Ellianna Meekna, Twin Bridges, 6
  - Jessica Masshardt, Ruby Valley, 9
  - Amanda Millhouse, Twin Bridges, 12

- Team Range Results (Junior)
- Ruby Valley, 1
  - Twin Bridges, 3
  - Beaverhead, 6

- Individual Range Results (Senior)
- Isaac Bendon, Ruby Valley, 10
  - Brooke Mehlhoff, Twin Bridges, 16
  - Kenna Millhouse, Twin Bridges, 17
  - Amanda Grow, Ruby Valley, 22
  - Harleigh Johnson, Beaverhead, 24
  - Hunter Bockting, Beaverhead, 25
  - Logan Miller, Beaverhead, 26
  - Sydney Hopkins, Three Forks, 30
  - Brayden Hankinson, Beaverhead, 32

- Team Range Results (Senior)
- Ruby Valley, 2
  - Twin Bridges, 9
  - Beaverhead, 10
  - Three Forks, 11

- Individual Forestry Results
- Tyler Haag, Ruby Valley, 13
  - Cade McParland, Ruby Valley, 21
  - Trent Wahl, Beaverhead, 26
  - Dylan Johnson, Beaverhead, 32
  - Dustin Hopkins, Three Forks, 36
  - Jack Gilman, Ruby Valley, 39
  - Noah Caldwell, Ruby Valley, 42
  - Henry Sutton, Ruby Valley, 46
  - Taylor Westfall, Beaverhead, 47
  - Taylor Lenegar, Beaverhead, 52

- Forrest Wagoner, Beaverhead, 54
  - Chase Lutgen, Ruby Valley, 55
  - Jesse Eide, Three Forks, 56
  - Kalyton Kotter, Three Forks, 67
- Team Forestry Results
- Ruby Valley, 4
  - Beaverhead, 7
  - Three Forks, 14

- Individual Livestock Results (Junior)
- Kaiden Batzler, Ruby Valley, 1
  - Zane Carter, Twin Bridges, 4
  - Samuel Konen, Twin Bridges, 9
  - Tyler Pancost, Twin Bridges, 11
  - Pablo Babcock, Twin Bridges, 12
  - Glynn Strauser, Ruby Valley, 13
  - Faith Larsen, Ruby Valley, 14
  - Bradyn Martin, Ruby Valley, 21
  - Jorien Verhow, Ruby Valley, 22
  - Asher Voss, Beaverhead, 26
  - Katie Vanslyke, Beaverhead, 29
  - Lane Poirier, Ruby Valley, 30
  - Colby Caldwell, Ruby Valley, 34
  - Caitlyn Geiger, Ruby Valley, 43
  - Kyle Pancost, Twin Bridges, 45
  - Hayleigh Frazier, Beaverhead, 50
  - Allie Dale, Twin Bridges, 52
  - Chris Fraser, Twin Bridges, 53
  - Jeff Klompfen, Three Forks, 54
  - Dmitri Abbott, Ruby Valley, 57
  - Brooke Grow, Ruby Valley, 59
  - Emma Konen, Twin Bridges, 61
  - Taylor Smith, Twin Bridges, 62
  - Kox McDougal, Ruby Valley, 68
  - Dakota Abbey, Beaverhead, 77
  - Daisy Rhodes, Beaverhead, 78
  - Cheyenne Caan, Three Forks, 91

- Calla Donnelly, Three Forks, 94
- Trevor Davis, Three Forks, 96
- Michael Galiger, Ruby Valley, 100
- Tate Hanson, Beaverhead, 107
- Kaleigh Caldwell, Ruby Valley, 108
- Jake Dvorak, Ruby Valley, 117
- Abi Tersen, Three Forks, 127
- Tiffany McWilliams, Beaverhead, 134
- EJ Puckett, Twin Bridges, 136
- Austin Schuett, Beaverhead, 138
- Cade Cathey, Ruby Valley, 143
- Mutien Paglinawan, Beaverhead, 148

- Team Livestock Results (Junior)
- Twin Bridges, 1
  - Ruby Valley, 2
  - Beaverhead, 7
  - Three Forks, 14

- Individual Livestock Results (Senior)
- Trenton Braaten, Broadwater, 1
  - Kadyn Braaten, Broadwater, 3
  - Taylor Noyes, Broadwater, 8
  - Jyler Thompson, Broadwater, 9
  - Maggie Whitehurst, Madison Co., 13
  - Coleman Gilman, Ruby Valley, 24
  - Ayden Anderson, Twin Bridges, 27
  - Grace Larsen, Ruby Valley, 30
  - Alfred Peterson, 34
  - Raelynn Hagan, Three Forks, 35
  - Malcolm Peterson, Beaverhead, 38
  - Kenzee Fabel, Ruby Valley, 40
  - Kole Chatriand, Broadwater, 41
  - Desaray Tipton, Ruby Valley, 44
  - JH Sigman, Beaverhead, 49
  - Madison Fabel, Ruby Valley, 50
  - Hunter Probst, Beaverhead, 59
  - Colton Noyes, Broadwater, 62
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  - Cody Scot, Ruby Valley, 73
  - Sofy DuPond, Ruby Valley, 79
  - Tate Raymond, Beaverhead, 81
  - Molly Woodward, Broadwater, 82
  - Dylan Kamps, Three Forks, 87

- Team Livestock Results (Senior)
- Broadwater, 1
  - Ruby Valley, 7
  - Beaverhead, 9
  - Three Forks, 15
  - Twin Bridges, 21
  - Madison Co., 26
  - Three Forks, 30



FFA competitors from Belgrade and Cascade evaluate cattle during the Ruby Valley Invitational in Sheridan on Tuesday, September 25. Students had to rank the animals from 1-4 and also give the reasons behind their rankings.

WATER continued from A1: DEQ looks at water quality

maximum amount of that nutrient that a stream can hold and still meet statewide water quality standards. The levels reported in the TMDL documents included all the cumulative levels of nitrogen and phosphorus, including both natural and human-caused sources.

The metals the DEQ tested for covered a full spectrum, including aluminum, arsenic, cadmium, copper, iron, lead, selenium, silver and zinc. Elk Creek, South Meadow Creek and Hot Springs Creek all exceeded their recommended standards for at least one of those metals.

The dangers posed by excess metal content in waterways are well known, but Staten pointed specifically to the fact that those dangers include harm to both human and wildlife health, especially in instances where fish from those streams are caught and eaten by humans.

Metals bio-concentrate within the bodies of fish, so their levels can increase exponentially by the time they are eaten by something—or someone—else. There are no fish consumption concerns on the Madison watershed, says Staten, and one goal of the TMDL is to make sure it stays that way.

The most frequent culprit of elevated metal levels is mining, particularly abandoned mines, which can leach chemicals, tailings or runoff into nearby streams. Staten noted that there are more than 185 abandoned mines in the Madison Watershed.

There is only one item in the "pathogens" category that the DEQ tests for, and that is E. coli, which acts as an indicator for the presence of other pathogens. Only one of the streams included in the TMDL document included elevated E. coli readings, and that was Moore Creek. E. coli usually enters waterways via wildlife and livestock excrement.

Solutions

The DEQ's document also provides suggestions for how to mitigate the elevated levels of nutrients, metals and pathogens present in various streams.

For nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen, ranchers can change their grazing management practices to prevent overgrazing and soil erosion and can limit the points at which their livestock can reach a given stream. This helps to protect banks and keep pollutants from leaching out of eroding land into

waterways.

The public can also help out with erosion control projects on particular streams and limiting high-concentration runoff, which comes from agriculture and septic systems.

For metals, Staten noted that the primary solution is addressing the primary problem of those abandoned mines. Mine reclamation projects that help to clean up old sites help to eliminate contamination at the source, and often projects like those can be funded through a variety of entities.

In the pathogen category, the primary source of contamination is excrement of any kind: residential septic tanks, livestock, pets and wildlife. Ensuring septic tanks are properly maintained and sealed, properly disposing of pet waste and effective ranch management all may seem trivial on an individual basis but can make a huge difference to stream health when communities take a collective effort.

Passing the baton

The TMDL document is a required step for the DEQ under the federal Clean Water Act of 1972. The problem is, its power largely ends in the information-gathering stage.

"The TMDL gives the specific parameters for a given watershed," said DEQ representative Lou Volpe at Wednesday's meeting. "It informs and gives incentives but can't enforce. It doesn't have any regulatory teeth."

That is largely true: the state DEQ is tasked with protecting the air, water and land resources of Montana, but the TMDL process is voluntary and non-regulatory, so if landowners and residents of the watershed didn't want to address the problems present, DEQ would not be able to compel them.

The only entities compelled to cooperate with TMDL regulations are parties with designated discharge permits, which are limited to certain amounts and concentrations of discharge and can't have an excessive negative impact on a waterway.

Staten noted, however, that the Madison Valley is unique in that it already has active and engaged community members who care about their local waterways.

Groups like the Madison Conservation District and the Stream Team volunteers who have conducted water quality testing since 2010;

tourism and fishing agencies who want to keep the Madison the world-wide fishing draw it is; and agricultural landowners who want to do their part to minimize their impact on local ecosystems can all play important roles in improving the health of impaired streams.

And there are avenues to bring all those stakeholders together now that the TMDL document is complete.

Once its public comment period has ended on October 19 and relevant edits have been made, it will be submitted for approval by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Once that happens, the impaired streams can become eligible for EPA funding to pursue remediation efforts.

The information from the TMDLs will also go toward another document that has been in the works for the better part of a decade.

Ethan Kunard, water projects manager for the Madison Conservation District (MCD), said the Madison Watershed Plan will incorporate the conclusions from the TMDL. From there, local projects that cooperate with landowners, community members, sustainability organizations and water quality standards can begin.

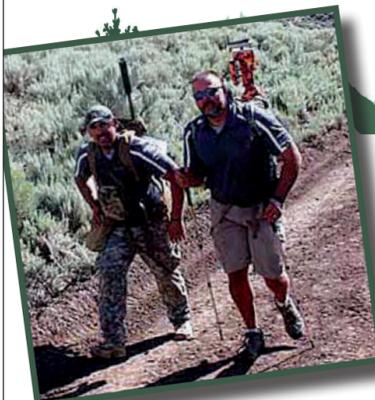
"This TMDL is important because we're in what's called an enclosed basin," Kunard said Wednesday. "We don't have any more water to work with besides what's here."

Over the past several years, the MCD has conducted meetings and surveys with community members to identify what they viewed as priority issues when it came to conservation. The TMDL data can be incorporated into local efforts to solve the problems the community cares about the most like wells, grazing, population growth, climate change and fisheries.

"We have the opportunity to look at these TMDLs and launch our conservation efforts, tying all those community values and concerns together," said Kunard.

The TMDL can be found in its entirety online at <http://deq.mt.gov/Public/publiccomment> or in disc format at the Madison Valley Public Library. Public comment will be accepted online or by mail through 5 p.m. on October 19. Staten is the public contact for the Madison watershed TMDL project; she can be reached at [cstaten@mt.gov](mailto:cstaten@mt.gov).

# FIND YOUR *wild*



**Jason George  
406 Precision**

By John Taylor

Jason George of 406 Precision, located in Twin Bridges, is in the business of helping hunters and shooters get on target. 406 Precision came about when George and his shooting partner, Jordan Harmon, who'd both had been involved in precision shooting sports for 20 years, began having other shooters and hunters began coming to them, asking for advice how to shoot better, get more accurate, extend their effective shooting range. To meet this need, George and Harmon created a curriculum to take a shooter or a hunter through a process to properly and effectively determine his or her maximum effective range, and enhance their shooting accuracy.

"It's not as easy as they make it look on television," George said. The thing that gives George the most joy about 406 Precision is two-fold: First, he's happy when anyone leaves their course, because they've learned a whole lot about shooting accurately, he said. More than that, it's when kids and their families go through the course. "Promoting hunter and shooter education is what we're all about," he said. Whether it's father and son, mothers and daughters, grandparents or any mix of these, to see how they've forged bonds made stronger by sharing the experience during the course – that's what makes George really happy, he said.

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# OPINION

Editor:

Representative Ray Shaw, HD 71, has earned my respect and support. As a life-long resident of Madison County, rancher, and business owner, Ray understands what drives our economy and why we enjoy living here. A strong advocate for natural resource-based industries—ranching, mining, logging, outfitting, or recreation, Ray has your back.

One piece of legislation that Ray spent years working on with Representative Kelly Flynn of Townsend created the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program. This legislation secured two million dollars per year from Pitman-Robertson Funds to be administered through the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks for habitat improvement projects. With Ray's help, through the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program grant process, the Upper Ruby Weed Cooperative secured \$564,000 to treat invasive species in a 350,000 acre project area.

Recently the construction of the Southwest Montana Veteran's Home in Butte was in jeopardy. With Ray's leadership this project is back on track and finally the veterans of Southwest Montana will have the Veteran's Home they deserve.

These are just a couple of examples of Ray's sold accomplishments for his constituents. I feel Ray's ability to reach across the aisle and build consensus is the mark of a true statesman.

Please join me and vote for Ray Shaw on November 6th.

Rick R. Sandru, Twin Bridges

Editor:

Maybe you know, or knew, someone like him.

My dad was a patriot, a man of integrity, a man of honor.

After serving in the Coast Guard on D-Day delivering British troops and tanks to Normandy, he then went on to serve 21 years in the Army.

Master Sgt. Robert Harris is no longer with us, however, once in a while I meet someone who carries a familiar spirit.

Having moved from Great Falls and settling into Madison County, I arrived with little knowledge of the people or the politics. Since then, I've met a host of folks who confirmed a good decision to relocate here; one being Jay Frederick.

As I get acquainted with Jay, it's easy to notice his openness, honesty and warmth. I hear stories of his friendly conversations with those of various persuasions and can easily imagine him working as an ambas-



Master Sgt. Robert Harris

sador of good will in a group of diverse folks in Helena.

I don't know how you feel about it, but I believe that someone who has passionately served the USA in the Army, worked tirelessly for the US Forest Service for the interests of Montanans, and treats all people with respect deserves a second look for House Seat 71.

Join me in seriously considering each candidate and choosing the one you feel good about sending to Helena to speak to the issues that lay on your heart.

Elaine Hundley, Ennis

Editor:

Fellow Montanans, it is with an aching heart that I watch the results of our votes nationally, state-wide and district result in turning our country back negatively from where we were moving positively.

But I find hope not only for our nation, the planet, and all families involved in this pain at the turn of events Friday with the nomination asking the FBI to investigate the nominee.

My Serenity Prayer is that we all turn to AA where countless non-social drinkers have found miracles, to AA-Anon where countless spouses, families and friends have found hope and live the prayer: "God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and WISDOM to know the difference."

You will find meetings in thousands of church basements, community centers and our own Madisonian where people gather to support each other to live Bill W's 12-step program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I will pray daily that someone in the Nominee's orbit leads him there so he can change his life and continue his career in a sober fashion.

I also pray that you will vote for the candidates I see most living this way of life in their decision making: John Tester for Senate, Kathleen

Williams for House, Jay Frederick for Montana HD 71.

Elena Korsmo, Ennis

Editor:

We will vote for Jay Frederick in the upcoming Montana House District 71 election. Jay is a veteran and served for four (4) years in the U.S. Army (Parachute Infantry) where he developed the self-discipline and organizational skills needed to be a successful, productive public servant. During his 30 year career with the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Forest Service, he developed the essential skill of bringing divergent groups together and was able to keep them working together until a workable resolution was reached. This skill is extremely important in our State Legislature. Jay is a good listener and always looks for common ground to resolve whatever issue comes before him. He thinks strategically and keeps the big picture in focus. This enables him to plan for long-term solutions to the many concerns and issues facing HD 71's constituents. These traits are essential to be a successful legislator.

Jay is very personable, and is genuinely concerned and interested in what his constituents have to say. He has knocked on hundreds of doors in HD 71, and met many other folks personally at numerous "Meet and Greet" gatherings held throughout the district. He has listened to his future constituents' concerns and is

developing a game plan on how to address them in the State Legislature.

Jay made the decision at the beginning of his campaign that he would NOT ACCEPT ANY PAC MONEY. He has lived up to this pledge and he has returned donation checks he received from Democratic PACs. His is a true grass-roots effort!

The current State Legislature built its last budget on false revenue projections over the strong objections of the Governor and the minority party. The budget manipulations resulted in deep, unnecessary cuts to DPHHS critical health care facilities and related health care services, mental health, and vital elderly services, school and higher education budgets, public libraries, essential infrastructure needs, and the Veterans home in Butte.

Jay Frederick wants and deserves to represent the people of HD 71 in the State Legislature. His honesty, integrity and strong sense of what is right and wrong is sorely needed in the Montana State Legislature. Jay has solid ethics, as well as the ability to work within his own party and across the aisle to find common-sense solutions to the problems facing not only HD 71, but all of Montana. Remember, before you mail in your ballot, or visit the polls on November 6th, vote for Jay Frederick!

Roberta and Walt Coppinger, Whitehall

## Another perspective on I 186

By Tom Reed

Just west of our little ranch on North Willow Creek lies a town that once burst at the seams with mines and miners. Pony, Montana, boasted 5,000 people, banks, bars, schools, churches and a rail-line. Mines with romantic names like Boss Tweed and Clipper dotted the hills above town. Between the 1870s and the 1920s, millions of dollars of gold came out of the hills. After the 1920s, when the gold played out, so did the people. Today, our little town upstream of the ranch has one heck of a fun bar and fewer than 200 really good people and a post office.

Mining in Pony's early days was anything but clean and the old timers left behind tailings from the diggings. The headwaters of our creek are still polluted and do not support fish. Miles downstream here on the ranch, a healthy population of brown trout has rebounded from the decades of pollution, in part thanks to today's modern mining industry itself. A few years ago, our county and organizations like Trout Unlimited got together with folks at the Golden-Sunlight Mine in Whitehall and for a few years, tailings from those old mines were hauled out and processed once again for gold at the modern plant.

This land we live on feeds us. Here we are growing crops and two great little kids. We eat the whitetail deer we shoot on the place in the fall and dig into one heck of a kitchen garden that we manage to eek out during the short Montana summers. This is a place, with booming Bozeman an hour to the east, that increases in property value every year. We dream of passing this ranch on to our kids and maybe even their kids and we hope that generations from now, this land, and our little stream, will still be raising healthy food and healthy kids.

Maybe someday mining will make a comeback in the Tobacco Roots. When it does, maybe our family members will find work there. I hope the mining will be done right, with real care and consideration for those of us downstream and for our property values. That's why I'm supporting I-186, an initiative that is pro-mining but anti-pollution.

Too often, even in recent years, some fly-by-night, often foreign-owned hard rock mining companies have come into Montana headwaters, provided good, but temporary jobs, and left us with a mess of toxic pollution to clean up while they retreat to their overseas mansions.

There are good mines in this state, and those mines will keep on providing good jobs when I-186 passes. But to those companies that would pollute our clean water, gut our property values, destroy our fisheries and leave us holding the bag, I-186 says no thanks.

I-186 is simple. It ensures that the state's mining experts, the Department of Environmental Quality, would have the ability to deny a mine permit to any new hard rock mine that would leave our streams polluted forever. Right now, the state's experts have no way to say no. A company can come in from, say, Australia, build a mine, run out of money, declare bankruptcy, forfeit the bond, leave behind toxic water, and scoot. Back home Down Under, they can thumb their noses at Montana authority.

I-186 will require that all new hard rock mines show proof that they will not leave behind perpetual water pollution after they cease operations. It can be done. It's being done right now in Montana at mines like Stillwater. It's being done in states like Michigan and New Mexico that have passed similar laws. Mining can consistently be done responsibly--without permanent water pollution--and I-186 will ensure this.

What's more, the initiative would only apply to new hard rock mining permits. Any mine that was permitted before we vote Yes on I-186 in November is not held to that standard, even if they choose to expand their operations after the law goes into effect. It's right there in the ballot language for everyone to read.

What I like about I-186 is that it says "prove it" to newly proposed mines. Prove that you won't pollute our water forever and leave everyone downstream, from ranchers to municipalities, to deal with it. That seems like a pretty good thing.

But consider this: At the headwaters of Montana's famous Smith River a foreign mining company, Sandfire Resources, wants to build a copper mine. They spend tens—maybe hundreds—of thousands of dollars on a PR campaign to tell Montanans that they will "do it right from the start," that they are a "modern mine" that they are environmentally responsible and will not leave perpetual pollution. Yet when push comes to shove, they want us to trust them. They don't support I-186, which would provide the very parameters they claim to want to adhere to, to "do it right." They, and a handful of other foreign-controlled mining companies, are spending millions of dollars to fight a law that fights pollution and promotes responsible mining. If you claim to be doing it "right" why would you fight a law that requires you to it right?

They want us to trust them. Here's who I trust: Montana voters who care about clean rivers and our Montana way of life. I trust they'll vote for clean water, for property rights and for our future in November.

Tom Reed is a director for Trout Unlimited and is co-director of Yes For Responsible Mining.

# OBITUARIES

Phyllis Baril Peterson  
September 28, 2018

Phyllis Baril Peterson went home to her Savior on September 28th, 2018. She was born August 6th, 1940 to Wilfred and Thelma Baril. Phyllis was raised on her parent's ranch in Sheridan Montana attending Sheridan schools and graduating from Beaverhead County High School. She married Kenneth Walton Peterson on August 15, 1958 in Helena, Montana. Phyllis and Walton lived and worked on the Baril family ranch near Sheridan, Montana; later buying and moving to a ranch near Twin Bridges.

Despite her many physical challenges, she was a busy ranch wife and active in church and Bible studies. She was an accomplished watercolor artist, participating in many art shows around Montana as well as teaching watercolor classes in the Ruby Valley. Her creativity extended to writing, crafts, and gardening. Phyllis was a lover of nature and raised many an orphaned critter.

She was preceded in death by her parents Wilfred and Thelma Baril; her mother-in-law, Louise Johnson; her brother-in-law Gary Dedman; daughter-in-law Patsy Peterson; niece, Donna VerHow; and nephews Dan Dedman and Billy Backus.

She is survived by her husband of sixty years, Walton Peterson; her four children, Ben Peterson (Bonnie Rate), Laura (Jim) Brunzell, Jay (Lea) Peterson, and Andy Peterson (Amber Mason); her grandchildren, Joshua Peterson, Jared Peterson,



Ryan Backus, Meaghan Peterson, Paul Peterson, Zachary Peterson, Jamie Wren, and Kelly Wait; and four great-granddaughters. She is also survived by her siblings Barbara Dedman, Bud (Lyn) Baril; Sandra Baril, and Barry (Bev) Baril; sister-in-law, Beverly (Jim) Backus; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Judi Janelli, Lela Wendt, Madison Valley Manor, and Hospice of Bozeman for their loving care of Phyllis.

Viewing at K&L Mortuaries Twin Bridges; Wednesday and Thursday, October 3rd and 4th from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Services will be Friday, October 5th 2:00 PM at Dayspring Church 3648 Hwy 287 Sheridan, Montana.

For those wishing to give a memorial in lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to a charity of your choice.

## Ruby Valley tour showcases rancher, nonprofit collaboration

TWIN BRIDGES - On a smoky August 24, more than 40 people met at the Madison County fairgrounds to tour Ruby Valley ranches and learn how ranchers are taking care of their land for future generations, according to Emmy Reed, Communications Associate for the Greater Yellowstone Coalition.

The focus was on the important connection between private and public lands to meet our shared conservation goals.

The Ruby Valley Strategic Alliance (RVSA) hosted a tour and brought together people interested in learning about the excellent work private landowners are doing on their own land.

Several organizations were present: Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP), also the state Department of Natural Resources; Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Property and Environment Research Center (PERC), Prairie Populist, Western Land Owners Alliance, Nordlund Communications LLC, Opportunity Bank of Montana. Representatives from Senator Daines' office, Congressman Gianforte's office, and State Representative Ray Shaw were in attendance.

The group visited three local ranches owned by RVSA members Rick Sandru, Gary Giem and Neil Barnosky.

"We work to make it better not just for ourselves, but for everyone that enjoys the land and water," said Rick Sandru.



Rancher and RVSA member Rick Sandru speaks overlooking the Jefferson River. (GYC)

Highlights from the tour included talks about the importance of private land and grazing allotments for open space and conservation, the benefits of irrigation, Farm Bill programs that support some of our work, local agriculture in the Ruby Valley, handling noxious weeds, wetland restoration, and a fantastic BBQ lunch at Gary Giem's homestead with meat provided by Rick Sandru.

The day wrapped up with new connections forged among attendees and a better understanding of ranching practices in the Ruby Valley.

"Taking cattle to graze elsewhere gives the land a rest" said rancher Neil Barnosky on why ranchers lease public land.

## Fair board discusses security cameras, plans for 2019 fair

### Board lays plans to keep the fair rolling in 2019

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TWIN BRIDGES—The Madison County Fair Board held its monthly meeting on Thursday, September 27, where plans are already well underway for running with the 2018 fair's success and continuing that into 2019.

The Madison County Fair and Rodeo was voted the 2018 Gold Rodeo of the year by the Northern Rodeo Association (NRA). The honor is voted on by rodeo contestants and the NRA Board of Directors.

The fair board had a large stack of "thank you's" to read on Thursday evening, both from contestants in fair and rodeo events and attendees of the fair. Several included handmade cards from young 4-H competitors.

Getting into the agenda, the board discussed in depth its earlier idea of installing security cameras at a variety of locations around the fairgrounds. Security has been an agenda item for a few months now, after a private event at the fairgrounds got out of hand and resulted in some vandalism.

Chris Hunt, who handles information technology for the county, noted that the last quote he received to put in three cameras through Fox Alarm would be around \$6,000, which is a significant decrease from previous bids.

"Commercial systems aren't cheap, you guys know that," Hunt told the board. Another thing to consider is the capability of the fairgrounds internet server to handle the constant video streams that would be transmitted from the cameras.

If more cameras were added after the initial three—and if the board elected to have those cameras stream directly to the county's dispatch office—the internet system would have to be expanded for both the fairgrounds and the courthouse in Virginia City, which would significantly increase the expense of the project.

In addition, the system would require a sonic firewall, said Hunt, a security measure that would help in keeping the cameras' data safe. That would cost about another \$1,000.

If the feed went directly to the sheriff's department, everyone involved with that system at the fairgrounds end of it would need to be compliant with the requirements of the criminal justice information network (CJIN), a body responsible for protecting the safety and security

of information within law enforcement agencies. That would require full background checks and even more security measures.

Board member Heather Puckett asked Hunt if the feeds could be monitored only at the fairgrounds, creating one less video feed for dispatchers to be watching and eliminating the extra costs involved with feeding directly to the sheriff's department. Hunt said that would be an option, and a less costly one, but that it would lengthen the chain of custody in case of a problem.

He defined the chain of custody as the number of people who have to come in contact with a video, via a thumb drive or disk, to transport it to the sheriff's department. The longer that chain gets, the more opportunity there is for that video evidence to be tampered with, or for a vandal to allege that it was tampered with between its recording and its delivery to law enforcement.

Chairman Chad Armstrong asked the board whether they felt the need to spend these funds immediately out of a budget they already knew would be tight. Fairgrounds Manager Dana Escott noted that in her 11 years working at the fairgrounds, she has only called the police three or four times.

The board concluded that the security cameras would remain on future agendas, and that they would begin by creating a firmer plan of how many and where the cameras might be placed before proceeding with any purchases.

Other items the Madison County Fair Board discussed included:

- The transfer of a Twin Bridges FFA greenhouse to a new location in the FFA's garden near Riverside Park. FFA advisor Colton Hillwinkel noted that the greenhouse's current location makes it susceptible to damage from standing water. Moving the greenhouse will cost around \$2,500, Hillwinkel said, and will likely occur in early October.

- Offering congratulations to the Twin Bridges FFA junior livestock team, which won their category of the annual Ruby Valley Invitational in Sheridan on Tuesday, September 25. The FFA program in Twin Bridges has also been participating in a "honey-share program" which led to nearly 16 gallons of raw local honey for the program.

- Puckett noted the success of the new parking system implemented for this year's fair. Parking spots were assigned in the fairgrounds parking area, and Puckett said it streamlined the process and lessened traffic to the fair office.

- The hiring of Jimilea Gross as fair secretary. The board interviewed four candidates and approved Gross's hiring on Thursday evening.



First Interstate Bank again demonstrated it is living up to founder Homer Scott Sr.'s vision of serving the local community. Donna Crumley, Operations Manager Ennis Branch, presented a check to the Ennis Senior Center – received by Lynn Foreman, Kim Montag and Briana Nelson – at July's Open House. This isn't the first time the Senior Center has benefited from First Interstate's generosity, Foreman notes. Earlier this year First Interstate donated funds for furnishings in the new Senior Services room; and the bank made two other donations since establishing their presence in Ennis. Crumley and three of her colleagues will be volunteering at the Senior Center on October 8 when the bank is closed for Columbus Day.

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## Hunter kills bear, wounds another

BYNUM, MT - An archery hunter on the Blackleaf Wildlife Management Area killed a sow grizzly and wounded what is presumed to be her cub on Sept. 26. The cub was later found and euthanized due to the severity of its injuries.

The hunter was in thick brush along a creek bottom when he encountered the sow, which he shot and killed with a pistol. He also shot and wounded the 2-year-old cub. A second cub was in the area but not shot.

The circumstances surrounding the incident are under investigation by officials from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

This area is used by many grizzly and black bears during this time of year as they forage for food to gain weight for winter hibernation. FWP says hunters should always use caution in grizzly country, the western half of the state. Hunt with a partner, let people know where they are going, have bear spray with them and be ready to use it, and be on the look out for bear sign

## DISTRICT COURT ROUNDUP

The Madison County District Court had three criminal hearings scheduled for the week of October 1:

- Tony Nathan Troglia was scheduled for an initial appearance in connection with two felony charges brought after events in Sheridan in March of this year. Troglia is charged with felony theft for multiple chainsaws, power tools and binoculars, as well as felony burglary for entry into an occupied property with intent to commit a criminal act.

- Brenton Daniel Brown is charged with felony sexual abuse of children for texts sent to a 15-year-old girl earlier this year, intended to persuade her to engage in sexual conduct. It is alleged that Brown also attempted to persuade her to travel away from home and meet him somewhere. Brown is also charged with tampering with witnesses or informants for trying to persuade another person, who also had possession of those text messages, not to disclose or describe them. The third charge against Brown is a misdemeanor, endangering the welfare of a child, for encouraging the minor to leave her home and not to tell her mother.

- Zane J. Pasma faces charges of felony attempted theft and two misdemeanor counts of criminal trespassing for entering a property in November 2017 and attempting to steal a CAT excavator, of which he claimed ownership. Pasma was found guilty of the two misdemeanor charges and not guilty of the felony attempted theft charge. He awaits sentencing.



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**Madison County DISPATCH**  
September 23 - 29, 2018.

Sept. 23 - Medical Aid in 100 Blk E. Main St., Ennis; Wildlife complaint in 600 Blk S. Third St., Ennis; OP Violation in 100 Blk Broadway Ave., Pony; Abandoned Vehicle in 200 Blk Main St., Ennis; Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk Sheep Creek Rd., Cameron; Disturbance at Golf Course Drive/Madison Dr., Ennis; Medical Aid in 100 Blk S. Third St., Ennis.

Sept. 24 - Dog Complaint in 100 Blk Tobe Rd., Ennis; Wildlife Complaint in 100 Blk Armstrong Rd., Ennis; Issuing Bad Check in 100 Blk S. Main St., Sheridan; Theft in 100 Blk W Wallace St., Virginia City; Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 27, Alder; Welfare Check in 300 Blk Wisconsin Creek Rd., Sheridan.

Sept. 25 - Suspicious Circumstances in 5200 Blk MT HWY 41 N, Silver Star; Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 41, MM 45, Twin Bridges; Medical Aid in 100 Blk Tobe Rd., Ennis; Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk S. Main St., Sheridan; Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 41, MM 27; Medical Aid in 300 Blk E. Madison St., Sheridan; Medical Aid in 100 Blk Dry Creek Trl., Ennis; Welfare Check in 400 Blk MT Hwy 287, Ennis.

Sept. 26 - Dog Complaint in 600 Blk Nicole Way, Ennis; Disturbance in 100 Blk Main St., Sheridan; Accident in 200 S Main St., Sheridan; Theft on Grant Mine Rd., Virginia City; Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 41, MM 27, Twin Bridges; Disturbance on Flyfisher Ln., Alder; Vandalism/Criminal Mischief on Flyfisher Ln., Alder.

Sept. 27 - Alarm Call in 200 Blk W Wallace St., Virginia City; Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 5, Ennis; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 17, Cameron; Accident on MT Hwy 287, MM 41, Twin Bridges; Suspicious Circumstances on MT Hwy 287, MM 1, Ennis.

Sept. 28 - Fire Call on Upper Ruby Rd., Alder; Alarm Call on 1000 Blk Jack Creek Rd., Ennis; Citizen Assist on 300 Blk Wisconsin Creek Rd., Sheridan; Welfare Check on W. Baker Ln., Twin Bridges; Accident on 200 Blk S. Main St., Sheridan; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 10, Cameron; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 58, McAllister; Accident on US Hwy 287, MM 70, Harrison.

Sept. 29 - Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 15, Virginia City; Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 23, Alder; Wildlife Complaint in Ennis Lake Area, McAllister; Accident in 100 Blk E. Main St., Ennis; Suspicious Circumstances on MT Hwy 84, Norris; Trespass Complaint on Pony St., Pony; Suspicious Circumstances on Jeffers Rd., Ennis; Animal Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 60, McAllister; Traffic Complaint, Out of County; Medical Aid on Wisconsin Creek Rd., Sheridan.

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 <p><b>379 S MEADOW CREEK RD, MCALLISTER</b> \$1,975,000   #319321</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjacent to BLM- USFS</li> <li>• 78± acre mountain ranch</li> <li>• Custom 3bd, 6ba home</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Rikki Driskiller</b> BROKER 406.581.5155</p>	 <p><b>233 ALDER GULCH, VIRGINIA CITY</b> \$205,000   #319110</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BLM on 2 sides</li> <li>• Rare/Unique Patented Mining Claim</li> <li>• 14.58± acres w/trees and creek</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Holly Driskill</b> SALES ASSOCIATE 406.451.3527</p>
 <p><b>5 BAR LAZY B RANCH   LIMA</b> \$1,550,000   #307969</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• True sportsman's ranch on 270± acres</li> <li>• 7-tower pivot &amp; h2o rights</li> <li>• Surrounded by unspoiled vistas</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Michelle Van Dyke</b> BROKER 406.596.0805</p>	 <p><b>TRACT T1 RUBY RESERVOIR, ALDER</b> \$199,900   #326206</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water front</li> <li>• 1.5± acres</li> <li>• DEQ approved for septic/well</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Melinda Merrill</b> BROKER 406.596.4288</p>
 <p><b>TRACT 11 PEARSON, CAMERON</b> \$170,000   #308191</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20± acres</li> <li>• Access to USFS at Wolf Creek</li> <li>• Prime Recreational area</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Tim Beardsley</b> SALES ASSOCIATE 406.581.7056</p>	 <p><b>LOT 6 JORDAN LANE, ENNIS</b> \$145,000   #214898</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ennis Lake front</li> <li>• 0.69± acre lot, DEQ approved</li> <li>• Underground power &amp; broadband to lot</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Josh Vujovich</b> SALES ASSOCIATE 406.570.9536</p>

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The Rotary Club of Twin Bridges presented a check to the Kids Country Day Care in Twin Bridges in the amount of \$2,500 for the purchase of a Smart Board to be used for their pre school students. This is a matching Grant that Rotary is using to promote literacy in our community. Pictured are Rotary President Lois Smith-Lehwalder and Treasurer Ellen Marshall; and Kids County Day Care Board Director Janice Hanson and Molly Hyndman. (SUBMITTED)

## Student of the Week

Iyla Edwards is the Ennis Schools Student of the Week! Iyla, whose parents are Nicole and Rory Edwards, is a 3rd grade student at Ennis Elementary. Iyla was nominated for this week's award for her many excellent qualities. The teaching staff at Ennis Schools report Iyla as being a hardworking individual who always puts her

best foot forward. She doesn't let a challenge get in her way and she never quits. In addition, Iyla is kind and courteous to her classmates and always willing to lend a helping hand. Thanks for being a part of Ennis Schools, Iyla, and congratulations on earning this week's Student of the Week!

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**E. Madison - Virginia City - \$285,000**  
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**Redtail Hawk – McAllister - \$399,000**  
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**Montana Way – Ennis - \$549,000**  
3bd 3ba, 3168+/-sq ft 1.94+/- acres • river rock fireplace, open floor plan • massive mountain views, newer log home • equestrian and community center • wildlife corridors

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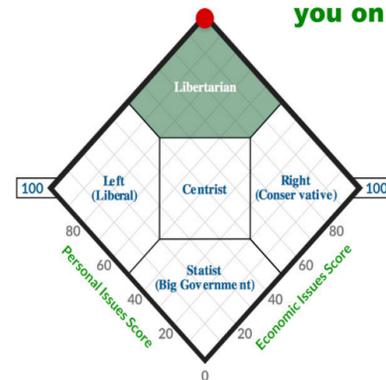
**Palisades Riverfront Log Home – Cameron - \$1,399,000**  
5.85 +/- acres, 3 bd, 4 ba, 3740 +/- sf • borders BLM 3 master suites, beautifully appointed • gorgeous log home, 3 fireplaces • wrap around decks, breathtaking views • overlooks Elk Habitat, 3 car garage +guest qtr.

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**Horse Creek Rd – Cameron - \$1,900,000**  
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## Ever wonder where you sift out on the political spectrum?

If you're interested, here is a link to "The World's Smallest Political Quiz" from Advocates for Self-Government. Here you will find the questions that will place you on the chart:



<https://theadvocates.org/quiz>

As for receiving PAC campaign money, I do not have a clue how one would go about getting in line for those, and I can state that no PAC money will be used in my campaign. Likewise, there will be no Go Fund Me socials. I'm not asking for your money, I'm asking for your vote. As you probably deduce, there is minimal Libertarian Party assistance, as the Montana party is still just too small. However, there have been numerous unsolicited individual contributions which have supplemented financial resources for the campaign.

"LIBERTY" (the Libertarian porcupine mascot) was spotted at Norris in less than an hour, in Harrison in less than a day, and between Laurin and Sheridan in about 36 hours! Keep an eye out for her and be the first to report her new location and win a prize. Report the sighting to either (406) 682-4901, or on the Facebook page @Michael White: Libertarian Candidate for HD71.



Thank you for your consideration in casting your vote for me.



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The Madison Valley Womens Club at the Fall RoundUp meeting celebrated their Golden Girls. Honorary Members include: Front Row: Anita Ames, Joan Clark, Elaine Forsberg, Eileen Walters and Bobby Klatt; Second Row: Pat Hale, Phyllis Wasick, Beverly Claassen, Virginia Black and Shirley Storey (ANTOINETTE SCULLY)

## MSU to host annual 'Celebrate Agriculture' event, Nov. 9-10

BOZEMAN --The Montana State University College of Agriculture and Montana Agricultural Experiment Station will host its 19th annual Celebrate Agriculture event, set for Nov. 9-10 in the MSU Strand Union Building ballrooms. The event includes an annual agricultural economics conference, a 1968-themed harvest dance, and a public brunch.

Celebrate Agriculture is held each year in honor of the state and university's joint agricultural legacy and in celebration of current students, agriculture alumni, and MSU's extended agricultural community across Montana. During the month of November, the college will celebrate its agricultural heritage, part of MSU's yearlong 125th anniversary celebration.

MSU Vice President of Agriculture Charles Boyer said the event is a longstanding tradition. Boyer said he's particularly pleased to be honoring agriculture at MSU in November, as he'll be retiring from a lifelong career in agriculture and higher education in December.

The two-day event will fea-

ture the MSU Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics' annual Outlook Seminar, "Agriculture and Political Uncertainty" scheduled from 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9, in the MSU Procrastinator Theater. Several MSU agricultural economics faculty will present short talks on farm and ranch insurance, grain markets, labor issues, the new farm bill and colony collapse disorder.

Randy Fortenbery, professor at Washington State University in the School of Economics Sciences, will deliver the keynote M.L. Wilson Lecture, "Trade in an Uncertain Political Environment." Registration for the outlook conference is \$25 and can be found online at <http://www.ampc.montana.edu/fallconference/>.

Following the conference, the MSU Collegiate Stockgrowers will host a reception beginning at 4 p.m. in the atrium of the Animal Biosciences Building. From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., the Agricultural Education Club will host an ice cream social in Room 231 in Linfield Hall for alumni of the

Division of Agricultural Education.

From 8 to 10 p.m., the event includes a public Harvest Ball in the MSU Strand Union Ballrooms. The dance is a throwback to 1968, with a vintage costume contest, live music by Rocky Mountain Pearls, a cash bar, photo booth and light refreshments. Costume prizes will be awarded.

On Saturday, Nov. 10, a free Harvest Brunch will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the MSU Strand Union Ballrooms, where the college's annual Outstanding Agricultural Leader and 2018 honorary and alumni achievement awardees will be recognized. MSU President Waded Cruzado and Boyer will deliver remarks. At 1p.m., Bobcat Football will play Northern Colorado for the Ag Appreciation game at Bobcat Stadium. During the first half of the game, the Outstanding Agricultural Leader will be recognized.

A full schedule of events for the Celebrate Agriculture weekend can be found at <http://agriculture.montana.edu/celebrateag/>.

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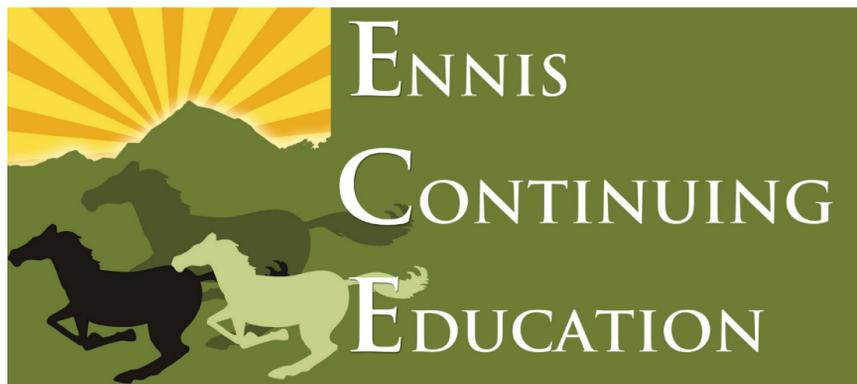
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Ennis — 9/21/2018 — What is a Sing-a-long? It is when precious people, Larry Love, Jan Smith, and Sandy Pfau come to the Madison Valley Manor and bring joy to the residents. They sing old time favorites that the residents are excited about. This empowers our residents to engage and sing out loud and strong. Larry and Jan are busy moving and shaking carrying a tune along the way while Sandy keeps the piano bringing sweet pleasant sounds. They are faithfully at the manor every first Tuesday and then also on the third Sunday Jan and Sandy provide a blessed church service for all residents. It is very common to see these folks holding a hand, just listening, helping in any way, caring, and most importantly bringing a smile to our residents.



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### Upcoming ECE Fall Workshops

**Pegmatite Geology Field Trip | Saturday, October 6th | 9am-All Day | Russell Scruggs | Meet in the Ennis High School Parking Lot | \$20**

Pack your layers, water, lunches, good shoes, cameras, and rock picks and meet at the High School Parking lot at 9 am on Saturday! Ringing rocks and pegmatite collecting Ennis to Whitehall, Ringing Rocks, Delmoe Lake, Harding Way, Whiskey Gulch pegmatites, Alder, Virginia city, Back to Ennis. During this mineral collecting field trip be on the look-out to collect rock forming minerals, types of rocks, as well as possible lapidary type materials for use in class.

**Prospecting Geology Field Trip | Saturday, October 13th | 9am-All Day | Russell Scruggs | Meet in the Ennis High School Parking Lot | \$20**

Pack your layers, water, lunches, good shoes, cameras, and rock picks and meet at the High School Parking lot at 9 am on Saturday! Prospecting Mining Trip Ennis to Sappington, gold placers in Canyon to LaHood, mining claims Whitehall, Twin Bridges to Ennis. During this prospecting field trip you will look to find ores, locate crystals, and samples of rocks, minerals, and rock formations.

**"Capital Fights" The Struggles of Selecting Montana's Capital | Thursday, October 18th | 6-7:30pm | Gary Forney | Virginia City Meeting Hall | \$20**

Many of Montana's cities were hungry for the honor—and the economic benefits—of being selected as the capital site. And the stories of the battles to obtain, or retain, this honor is one of the most colorful chapters in Montana history. Join us as we travel back to explore how cases of rampant ballot irregularities,

wholesale vote buying, a mysterious fire, and a hearing before the United States Supreme Court influenced the location of our state's capital. The focus of this class will be upon the four elections—and the factors and people which influenced those elections—that determined the location of the capital of Montana. Questions and discussion will be encouraged.

The address for the Meeting Hall is: 316 West Idaho, Virginia City

**Needle Felt Animal Workshop | Saturday, October 20th | 9am-5pm | Gail Barndt & Jenn Doney | HS Art Room | \$52**

The felting duo of Jenn Doney and Gail Barndt are at it again. They have teamed up creatively for several years experimenting with wet felting and needle felting and then sharing their knowledge. Join them for a fun one day workshop needle felting a woolly animal of your choice. You will start with a wire armature to use as a poseable skeleton then cover it with wool batting to form the shape of the animal, and finish it off with wool roving as fur. Discover a new indoor winter hobby just in time for Christmas to give as one of a kind gifts. \*\*\*As this is an all day workshop, please pack a lunch!

**Jelly Roll Rug | Saturday, November 3rd | 9am-4pm | Kathy Oikowski & Lexie Brundin | HS Rm#6 | \$20**

Join us for the jelly roll rug class that is sweeping the nation. Make a 30" by 44" rug. Grab the pattern by Roma Quilts ([https://www.etsy.com/listing/563692743/jelly-roll-rug-pattern-pdf?ref=pr\\_shop](https://www.etsy.com/listing/563692743/jelly-roll-rug-pattern-pdf?ref=pr_shop)), a jelly roll and some batting strips and come make a custom rug. As this is an all day workshop, please pack a lunch!

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## Cattlemen like KORUS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In September, President Trump and South Korean President Moon Jae-in signed a revised U.S.-South Korea Free Trade Agreement (KORUS), reducing the duty rate on U.S. beef from 40 percent to 21.3 percent. This will continue to decline each year until it is eliminated by 2026.

“U.S. cattle producers sent \$7.27 billion of beef to South Korea in 2017, making the United States the largest supplier of beef for the country. The revised KORUS trade agreement represents the Administration’s dedication to securing fair trade agreements that put domestic producers first,” said U.S. Cattlemen’s Association (USCA) President Kenny Graner.

Expanding market opportunities for U.S. beef exports to large consuming countries like Japan and Korea is an important objective for U.S. producers.

“With the U.S. withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) last year, there has been concern that U.S. beef would lose market share to one of our most important export markets — Japan,” he continued. “The joint statement indicating an intent of the U.S. and Japan to enter into negotiations holds the hope that U.S. producers will quickly be back on par with other major beef exporting countries who remained in the TPP. We are greatly encouraged by these recent actions and look forward to addressing our trade agreements with other countries with the same vigor.”

Rank	County	Property Tax Rate	School Rating	Crimes Per 100k People	Overall Value Index
1	Carbon, MT	0.61%	7.00	78	98.57
2	Blaine, MT	1.56%	3.00	227	89.63
3	Madison, MT	0.56%	10.00	837	86.69
4	Jefferson, MT	0.67%	9.00	913	81.26
5	Beaverhead, MT	0.80%	6.00	807	78.09
6	Teton, MT	0.92%	6.00	1054	75.11
7	Park, MT	0.80%	7.00	904	68.48
8	Stillwater, MT	0.65%	7.00	1400	67.84
9	Fergus, MT	0.97%	8.00	1761	66.18
10	Broadwater, MT	0.71%	8.00	1564	64.74

**Some counties deliver a greater return on residents’ property taxes than others. A study by financial technology company SmartAsset compares counties across the U.S., measuring local crime rates and school quality relative to effective property tax rates. Madison County ranked among the best in Montana for value compared to taxes paid.**



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- Walk-in Clinic



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## Community journalism matters because communities matter

By Matt Geiger, Executive Editor, News Publishing Co., Black Earth, WI

“Everything in this newspaper is important to someone.”

It’s become something of a mantra for me, in recent years.

Weekly community newspapers are eclectic, to say the least. We publish photos of ribbons being cut at bakeries, and donations being dropped off at local food pantries. We print the school honor roll, the court report, and in-depth stories on decisions made by planning commissions and town boards. Sometimes we cover murders, abuse, and horrific car crashes, and when we do our community journalists often experience these tragedies as both reporters and neighbors — as both professionals and human beings. We cover the referendum that will determine whether a new school is built and our readers’ taxes will rise. We publish birth announcements, obituaries, and the various things that, when wedged between those two book ends, make up the lives that make up our communities.

I’ve learned more than I ever wanted to know about sewage, in

order to cover the approval and construction of a new treatment plant. I interviewed a survivor of the Iran hostage crisis about what it’s like to be held prisoner in a foreign land while the world looks on. I’ve interviewed grandmothers about their favorite holiday recipes. Perhaps most importantly, I’ve interviewed little kids about what they want to be when they grow up, and what type of world they hope to inhabit.

I’ve even eaten lutefisk — a type of gelatinous Scandinavian fish that is usually only consumed as part of a dare — in the warm hum of a local church’s kitchen. (I even liked it, which I think qualifies as a kind of small-town gonzo journalism.)

People sometimes ask me why community newspapers are important. My reply is always the same. It’s because everything in those pages is important to someone. Maybe the ribbon cutting isn’t flashy enough to go viral, and the Thanksgiving turkey recipe is not going to change culinary trends across the nation. But these things, these small things in communities across the county and across the world, are what give meaning and purpose to all of our lives.

The ribbon cutting is the culmi-

nation of a childhood dream. The donations at the food pantry will allow a family to gather around their table without worrying if there is enough to fill each plate. The honor roll goes on the fridge, of course, because it’s a reminder to a young student that she can flourish when she applies herself. The birth announcement marks the proudest, greatest moment of a mother and father’s life together. The face looking out from the obituary is one that a wife, and children, and grandchildren, will never kiss again. The new school being paid for with the referendum is where a young student might develop an interest in science, growing up and developing a treatment for cancer or Alzheimer’s, allowing millions of people to live a little longer, and have their faces kissed by those who love them a few more times.

Journalism matters, now more than ever, because people matter. Community journalism matters, now more than ever, because roughly half the world’s population lives in small communities, and in the pages of their newspapers, they see themselves and the ones they love.

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## COMMUNITY FLU CLINICS

### HARRISON:

Harrison School: Wednesday, October 10th, 8:00am - 10:30am

### ENNIS:

Ennis High School: Monday October 15th, 3:00pm - 6:00pm

### ALDER:

Alder School: Tuesday October 16th 9:30am - 11:00am

### SHERIDAN:

Sheridan Elementary: Monday, November 5th, 3:00pm - 6:00pm

### TWIN BRIDGES:

Twin Bridges School: Wednesday, November 7th, 3:00pm - 6:00pm

# State Auditor Rosendale drops fines against top campaign donor

By John S. Adams, Montana Free Press

HELENA — Family members and employees of a Billings-based bail bond company facing fines and sanctions by the Montana Commissioner of Securities and Insurance gave nearly \$13,000 to Republican State Auditor Matt Rosendale's political campaigns in 2016.

One day after a 2017 face-to-face meeting with company representatives, Rosendale dropped the fines and dismissed two of the three allegations against Friedel LLC. The company paid no penalty under the terms of the agreement.

Kris Hansen, chief legal counsel for the commissioner's office and a Rosendale political appointee, said in an interview Monday, Sept. 24, that it was her decision to end the longstanding legal action against the company.

"It was an extremely old and extremely contentious case that needed to end," Hansen said.

Citing court backlogs, staff attorney time, and legal costs, coupled with the fact that the company was no longer in the bail bonding business, it made sense to reach an agreement with Friedel LLC, Hansen said.

Hansen said she was not aware that employees and family members associated with the company had given nearly \$13,000 to Rosendale's state auditor and U.S. House campaigns in the months leading up to his November 2016 election.

Rosendale, who is currently running to unseat two-term incumbent Democratic U.S. Sen. Jon Tester, has thus far declined to comment, despite repeated Montana Free Press inquiries.

### "The appearance is terrible"

A Montana Free Press review of campaign finance data found that family members and employees of Friedel LLC gave \$2,970 to Rosendale's 2016 campaign for state auditor between Sept. 28 and Aug. 27,

2016. On Oct. 6, 2016, those same individuals contributed \$10,000 to Rosendale's failed 2014 U.S. House primary campaign for the purpose of "debt retirement." Rosendale finished third in the five-way Republican primary that year, garnering 29 percent of the vote.

All of the contributions were made in the summer and fall of 2016 while the State Auditor's Office was engaged in a longstanding legal action against the bail bond company.

In Montana, the state auditor regulates companies that deal in insurance and securities, which is why the auditor is also known as the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance. A bail bond is an insurance product, so companies that provide bail bonds are regulated by the commissioner's office.

Eight days after taking office in 2017 as the newly elected Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Rosendale and Hansen met with Richard Friedel and his attorney, Bill O'Connor, in Rosendale's office.

"Matt asked me to go to the meeting with him. I think he was concerned about what Friedel was going to ask," Hansen said of the Jan. 10, 2017 meeting.

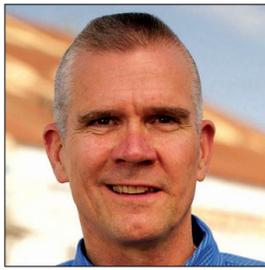
Hansen said Friedel and O'Connor had "piles of briefings and filings" with them at the meeting. "He wanted to tell us that the agency had been heavy-handed with him," Hansen said. "I was very glad I was at the meeting. I wouldn't let Matt speak, and I ended the meeting quickly when I realized what we were there for."

Hansen said Friedel wanted a "re-review of his case outside of the standard procedures."

"I wasn't going to let that happen," Hansen said. "We needed to work the case through the standard channels."

Hansen said she was unaware of Friedel family contributions to Rosendale, and Rosendale did not mention the contributions to her.

"I didn't know anything about



MT Auditor Matt Rosendale

the campaign contributions until recently," Hansen said.

Hansen said someone told her "at some point" that Richard Friedel "donated to Republicans."

"I don't think it was at that initial meeting," Hansen said.

Whether Hansen knew or didn't know about the contributions is less important than the fact that Rosendale set up the meeting with a major campaign contributor just days after taking office, said Bob Stern, a long-time government ethics watchdog.

Stern is the former president of the California-based Center for Governmental Studies, which researched and advocated for ethics, campaign finance, and lobbying reforms in local and state government until its closure in 2011.

Stern said it's not uncommon for large campaign donors to seek access to elected officials and regulators in an attempt to get something they want. And, Stern said, it's usually not illegal.

"This, unfortunately, is very typical," Stern said. "People who want something from government give campaign contributions hoping they'll get a favorable decision."

Stern said it is less common for elected officials—particularly those in regulatory or quasi-judicial positions such as the state auditor—to take such actions immediately after a face-to-face meeting with a campaign donor, especially when the action involves an individual or organization directly in conflict with the agency.

"The problem is, it looks like he

is making the decision in exchange for the campaign contributions. He will deny that he did, but the appearance is terrible," Stern said. "The appearance is that he made the decision to drop the lawsuit because these people gave his campaign a bunch of money."

Hansen, who insisted that she didn't know about the Friedel contributions, said Richard Friedel didn't actually get the result he hoped for.

"At the end of the day, they didn't get what they wanted out of this case," Hansen said.

### Longstanding Litigation

The case against Friedel LLC stems from a 2012 complaint, but the commissioner's office didn't initiate legal action against the company until February 2014.

That's when staff attorney Michael Kakuk filed a "Notice of Proposed Agency Action and Opportunity for Hearing," which launched what would become a more than three-and-a-half-year administrative and legal battle.

Kakuk's filing alleges that the company violated Montana state law by charging an 18 percent interest rate on bonds, which is 3 percent higher than the 15 percent cap allowed by Montana law. Kakuk also accused the company of charging unfairly high "recovery fees" without disclosing those fees to clients. The company charged clients \$100 per person per hour to track them down if they skipped their bond or failed to appear in court, or if the company had to seize collateral, such as a vehicle. In a third charge, Kakuk alleged the company was illegally issuing insurance without being properly registered with state regulators.

A hearing examiner appointed by the state auditor heard testimony in October 2014. After some additional back-and-forth pleadings, hearing examiner Michael Rieley issued a "Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order." That order recommended \$4,500 in

fines for charging illegally high interest rates and \$4,500 for charging the undisclosed recovery fees. Rieley added an additional penalty of \$1,000 for selling insurance without a properly filed appointment to do so.

In April 2015, then-State Auditor Monica Lindeen heard arguments from both sides on the proposed order. On July 13 she issued a "Final Agency Decision" adopting the recommendations of the hearing examiner but lowering the \$10,000 in fines to \$3,500.

Friedel LLC appealed Lindeen's decision in Helena District Court.

In a separate district court action, this one filed in Billings, Friedel's attorney sued the state auditor's office for legal fees, arguing that the office was slow to comply with a right-to-know request, and thus Friedel's attorney should be entitled to collect fees associated with that request. A Billings district court judge dismissed the case, and by a 5-0 ruling the Montana Supreme Court upheld the lower court's decision in March 2017.

The appeal of Lindeen's order was pending in Helena District Court until Rosendale effectively settled the case following a second meeting between Rosendale and Friedel on Dec. 12, 2017.

Hansen said that meeting came after months of being hounded by Friedel's attorney.

In a Nov. 8, 2017 email to Hansen, Friedel's attorney proposed an agreement that eliminated all allegations against his client and determined that Lindeen's decision against the company was made "in error."

"That's not what we did," Hansen said of the final agreement.

Hansen said that after a lengthy review of the Friedel case, she determined that continuing to litigate the matter wasn't worth the agency's effort or expense. Hansen said she didn't think the commissioner's office had a strong enough case to win in court on two of the three allega-

tions, and since the company was no longer in the business of issuing bail bonds, it wasn't worth taking the remaining charge to court.

The final agreement, signed by Rosendale the day after the Dec. 12 meeting, eliminated the fine and dismissed two of the allegations, but included the finding that the company had charged illegal interest rates. A result, Hansen said, that was not what the company hoped for.

### First-time contributors

According to documents from the case, Christopher, Douglas, Neil, and Richard Friedel are "affiliated" with the company.

According to campaign finance records, Mykel, Leslie, and Douglas Friedel contributed \$2,970 to Rosendale's state auditor campaign in the summer of 2016. None had contributed to Rosendale before, nor had they contributed to any other Montana candidate for statewide office. Each gave the maximum amount allowed by law.

A month before Rosendale won the state auditor race, Christopher, Leslie, Mykel, and Neil Friedel—all owners or employees of Friedel LLC—each gave \$2,500 to Rosendale's 2014 congressional campaign for the purpose of "debt retirement." None had ever contributed to a federal candidate prior to these contributions.

Richard Friedel did not contribute to Rosendale's campaigns.

Edwin Bender, executive director of the Helena-based National Institute on Money in State Politics, said the problem with Rosendale's handling of the Friedel case is the appearance of impropriety.

Bender said political candidates, especially candidates seeking positions with regulatory oversight, have an extra burden of responsibility to separate their campaign and donor activities from their policy decisions.

"The appearance of impropriety can be damaging to the public trust," Bender said.

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**UM Researcher lands \$1.5 million grant to study small-farmer land use**

MISSOULA – Rising global demand for food has led to conversion of forests and other natural habitats to farmland, with serious consequences for climate and water.

University of Montana Associate Professor Katrina Mullan recently was awarded a \$1.45 million grant from the National Science Foundation to study interactions between climate, water availability and the land-use decisions made by small farmers.

“Finding ways to increase agricultural output while limiting negative environmental impacts requires understanding the dynamic feedbacks between the production choices of individual farmers, regional climate and water variability, and farmers’ vulnerability to water stress,” Mullan said.

An environmental economist, Mullan will work with climate scientists, hydrologists, other social scientists and veterinary scientists from six universities in the U.S. and Brazil. The team will study how clearing forests for agriculture affects the regional hydroclimate and how that affects “green” water, in the form of soil moisture, and “blue” water, in the form of surface or groundwater.

They will then collect survey data to understand how farmers’ responses to water scarcity impact their production and land use, and they will develop



Left - A water pasture.

Below - Katrina Mullan



a model of how these individual decisions combine to determine the regional landscape – as well as the extent to which land-use decisions generate feedbacks to regional water cycles.

“Research with people from other academic disciplines is hard because you tend to see the world from very different perspectives, so you have to understand each other’s perspective before you can actually get to the science,” said Mullan, who regularly works with researchers from other fields. “At the same time, this type of collaboration is often the only way to answer important questions about how human behavior affects the environment in situations where environmental conditions are

simultaneously affecting human behavior.”

The research will be based on a case study of private properties in the state of Rondônia, Brazil, where deforestation of the Amazon rainforest to create cropland and pasture has led to increased agricultural production and rising incomes for farmers, but also has raised significant environmental concerns.

“This work will help us understand the tradeoffs between the environmental costs associated with converting wildland to crop fields and pasture and the benefits of increased agricultural production and higher farm incomes,” Mullan said. “It also will demonstrate new

ways of modeling the feedbacks between human decisions and water availability and of linking data and models at the household and landscape scales. These approaches can then be applied by researchers in many different settings.”

Montana Gov. Steve Bullock congratulated Mullan on earning the grant.

“I appreciate your commitment, and it is because of Montanans like you that my administration has the research to make informed decisions about agriculture policy in the state,” Bullock wrote. “I wish you all the best on your project, and I am eager to see the results of your work.”

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**Montana sells first timber on national forest lands**

MISSOULA – Montana’s Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), opened bids on the Boulder Lowlands II Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) Timber Sale on Sept. 27 as part of a growing state-federal partnership to increase management activities and restoration outcomes on Montana’s federal lands.

Sun Mountain Lumber submitted the winning bid to purchase the sale located north of Butte in Jefferson County. Approximately 2.25 million board feet of dead and dying lodgepole pine from 375 acres will be removed within the in this project.

Benefits of this forest restoration project include: decrease in wildfire intensity and severity; increase in safety to adjacent landowners and firefighters; and a forest with more age diversity and resilience to future insect and disease outbreaks.

The Boulder Lowlands project will result in about \$395,000 for investments into other restorations activities such as hazardous fuels reduction, aspen restoration, weed spraying, and stream improvements.

This is the first time DNRC has used federal authority to oversee the harvest of federal timber. The DNRC and U.S. Forest Service

Northern Region have more GNA projects scheduled and are working to establish a robust program to fully utilize GNA in Montana.

“GNA allows the state, Forest Service, and outside partners to align objectives to improve forest health, reduce wildfire threats to communities, create jobs, and produce economic benefits from Montana’s National Forests. The Boulder Lowlands project is an outstanding first step in utilizing GNA to reach these goals,” states Sonya Germann, DNRC Forestry Division Administrator.

“We recognize the need and benefits of resource and vegetation management on all lands,” states Melany Glossa, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Supervisor. “I am very proud of the foresight and collaboration of employees on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest and the MT Department

of Natural Resources and Conservation as they forged the way for this and future collaborative efforts to advance restoration work on the ground across the state. GNA added the needed capacity to get this project done ahead of schedule.”

Boulder Lowlands II is part of the larger Boulder Lowlands Forest Service project that was collaboratively developed by the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Working Group, a diverse stakeholders who seek consensus about forest management.

Under Farm Bill Insect and Disease Authorities, the working group identified the Boulder watershed to be included in GNA. The first Boulder Lowlands timber sale treated 800 acres of mountain pine beetle impacted and wildland urban interface areas for a combined treatment of over 1,100 acres in this Priority Landscape.

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**Saturday**  
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**Sunday**  
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**Monday**  
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# PANORAMA



## Small town, big-time looks

Angela Post brings experience, passion to Ennis's newest salon

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ENNIS—When Angela Post opened Halo Studio Hair, she intended it to simply be a hobby endeavor. Styling and cutting hair had been her career for nearly three decades, and she and her husband wanted a quieter atmosphere than the busy Lake Tahoe scene they'd lived in.

"I started with a few friends and family, just keeping it to people I knew," Post says of her initial clientele in Ennis. "It just snowballed from there, and pretty soon I decided to open up my own space."

Post and her husband moved from Nevada to be in a milder climate, as well as to begin their retirement in a place where they could enjoy time with their horses. They have a cabin near Reynolds Pass and are longtime lovers of Montana. Post felt immediately welcomed by the Madison Valley community, and wasted no time getting established.

Halo Studio is run out of Post's own backyard, in what she calls her "she shack." She's overhauled their property's outbuilding just as her husband David overhauled their First Street home in the downtown area.

During their years in Lake Tahoe, David had worked training exotic animals for the MGM hotels in Las Vegas. The pair decided to blend their two specialties, and Post's salon took on an African theme, something that has hung onto her new space in Ennis. The unique atmosphere won her business



Angela Post opened Halo Studio Hair as a hobby, but the salon has snowballed since.

in Tahoe "most exotic salon" in Vision Salon Magazine, as well as plenty of local fame.

Post received her training from Aveda International, one of the world's largest salon, spa and cosmetics companies, earning advanced degrees from the Aveda Institute. Her specialties are hair cutting and coloring, but her trademark is makeover-style

hair transformations.

"I love that 'before and after' feeling," she says. "Taking someone's hair that she might think does nothing and turning into something completely new. It's so fun."

Post also offers help with cosmetics, helping her clients find the makeup that works best for them and hosting makeover parties that fea-

ture full makeovers and pedicures. But in her retirement, she still treats it as a hobby.

"The power of word of mouth has just been amazing," she says. "In a community like this, it's incredible how quickly things have snowballed."

## Yellowstone grizzlies: Court reinstates protections, blocks ID, WY hunts

Endangered Species Act safeguards restored to still-recovering bears

MISSOULA—Last week, a U.S. District Court judge ruled against the Trump administration, reversing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) 2017 decision to strip grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem of vital Endangered Species Act protections.

The court ruled that the delisting was premature, did not rely on the best available science, and improperly failed to analyze the impact killing grizzlies just outside the safety of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks would have on other imperiled populations in the lower 48 states.

"The importance of today's ruling cannot be overstated: the very bears essential to achieve connectivity between still-struggling isolated grizzly populations would have died at the hands of trophy hunters. Now, not only do the Yellowstone region's bears have a fighting chance, so too do grizzlies across the lower 48," said Bethany Cotton, wildlife program director for WildEarth Guardians. "We are gratified the court saw the numerous flaws in the Service's decision, and stepped in to stop a cascade of events that would have put this already struggling icon of the West closer to extinction."

According to the Western Environmental Law Center, FWS illegally carved out the Yellowstone population without adequately considering the impact of removing the bear's protections on the survival of other imperiled populations of grizzly bears. The recovery of those populations depends heavily on inter-population connectivity and genetic exchange. Under the Trump administration's plan, dispersing grizzlies essential to species recovery would have to pass through a killing zone outside of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks where Wyoming and Idaho rushed to approve trophy hunts.

"So many people poured their hearts and souls into sav-

ing these grizzly bears and in the end justice prevailed," said Matthew Bishop, an attorney with the Western Environmental Law Center. "Politics has no place in removing species from protective status – decisions must be driven by the best available science and here, the science says grizzly bears remain threatened in the lower 48 and in the Yellowstone region. Today's decision is a firm reminder to the Fish and Wildlife Service of its duty."

Grizzlies in the Yellowstone region remain threatened by dwindling food sources, climate change, small population size, isolation, habitat loss and fragmentation, and high levels of human-caused mortality. The Yellowstone population is isolated and has yet to connect to bears elsewhere in the U.S., including to bears in and around Glacier National Park. Grizzlies also have yet to reclaim key historic habitats, including the Bitterroot Range along the Montana-Idaho border.

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

In response to the decline, FWS designated the species as threatened under the Endangered Species Act in 1975, a move that likely saved them from extinction. The species has since struggled to hang on, with only roughly 1,800 currently surviving in the lower 48 states. Grizzlies remain absent from nearly 98 percent of their historic range. Last year (2017) marked the highest mortality for the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem's grizzlies since their ESA listing.

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

## Montana Law Enforcement Academy Hosts Silent Witness Exhibit

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

HELENA – In observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Montana Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA) is host to the Montana Silent Witness exhibit October 1 – 5. The public is invited to MLEA, located at 2260 Sierra Road East in Helena, to see the exhibit.

The Silent Witness display is comprised of more than 100 red wooden silhouettes of female victims. Attached to each silhouette is a gold shield memorializing a woman killed during a domestic violence incident in Montana. Children who died with their mothers are also represented on the shields.

"We should never forget the lives represented by these silhouettes, and their tragic, preventable endings," Attorney General Tim Fox said. "We will continue to encourage Montanans to report suspected intimate partner violence to law enforcement, and to hold perpetrators accountable through tougher laws."

During the last legislative session, SB 153 was drafted by the Montana Department of Justice in concert with the Yellowstone County Attorney's Office and carried by Senator Margie MacDonald-D, Billings. The new law gives law enforcement and prosecutors the tools they need to address serial domestic violence in the state, establishing a felony offense of strangulation. Montana's old law did not distinguish strangulation from other crimes of assault.

"One in four women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime," said Natale Adorni, MLEA's Domestic Violence Program Manager. "As you walk by these figures and read their individual stories, you can't help but be deeply moved. We invite everyone to visit our campus this week and experience this unforgettable exhibit personally."

According to the most recent Montana Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission's report, there have been 169 intimate partner homicides in the state due to intimate partner violence since 2000.

The Montana Silent Witness Initiative, established in 1999, aims to promote successful community-based domestic violence reduction efforts in order to reach zero domestic murders by 2020.

## Free dental, vision & medical services for uninsured

BOZEMAN – On October 19 and 21, at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds, a free two-day dental, medical and vision clinic is coming to Bozeman.

The location for this is the Gallatin Valley Fairgrounds Buildings 1-4. Clinic hours will be: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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## MT No. 2 in deer-car crashes

HELENA – According to State Farm Insurance, Montana is No. 2 in deer collisions.

According to State Farm statistics:

- Estimated Claim Count 2017-18: 14,098
- Estimated Claim Count 2016-17: 13,640
- 1.3% Increase in Claims
- Licensed Drivers in MT: 797,145
- Likelihood of Deer Collision: 1 in 57

To avoid a deer-car collision, State Farm offers these tips:

- Stay alert and keep your eyes up.
- Pay attention to "deer crossing" signs. Scan down the road and off to each side. Be especially watchful in areas near woods and water. If you see one deer, there are probably others nearby.
- Be especially vigilant during peak season. Collisions can happen any time of year, but fall is peak time for crashes because it's both hunting and mating seasons, forcing deer to roam outside their normal territory.
- Watch out at mealtime. Between dusk and dawn animals usually venture out to eat.
- If you hit a deer move your vehicle to a safe location, if possible, then position yourself and any other people involved in the crash in a safe location until help arrives.

# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## NIH releases strategic plan to address tuberculosis research

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Tuberculosis (TB) is the leading infectious cause of death worldwide, killing roughly 1.6 million people in 2017. In the past 200 years, TB claimed the lives of more than 1 billion people — more deaths than from malaria, influenza, smallpox, HIV/AIDS, cholera and plague combined.

Recently, the global health community has strengthened its efforts and resolve to tackle this ancient disease.

Writing in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health, details the institute's new strategic plan for building on these current efforts by furthering the understanding of TB and developing and applying cutting-edge tools to fight the disease.

The NIAID Strategic Plan for Tuberculosis Research prioritizes expanding fundamental knowledge of TB by using modern tools, such as state-of-the-art imaging and systems biology methods, to better understand how TB infection remains latent in some individuals and then progresses to active disease, as well as the host and microbial factors that affect TB disease, transmission, and epidemiology.



Scanning electron micrograph of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the bacteria that cause tuberculosis. (NIAID)

The plan is being released to coincide with the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Ending TB on September 26.

In 2017, an estimated 3.6 million of 10 million new TB cases went undiagnosed or unreported, according to the World Health Organization.

To address this gap, NIAID is calling for improved TB diagnostics, specifically, the development of tests that can be performed rapidly, accurately, inexpensively, and at the point-of-care for different forms of TB as well as for all populations, including children and people living with HIV.

NIAID will support research on emerging technologies, such as nanotechnology, and identify host and microbial biomarkers that can be integrated into platforms that diagnose infection, indicate the risk of disease progression, or predict disease recurrence, Fauci

writes.

Safe, broadly effective vaccines and short-course drug regimens to prevent TB infection, latent disease or the progression to active TB disease are also badly needed, according to Fauci. To that end, NIAID will support advanced technologies, assays, and animal models to facilitate the design of novel TB vaccines and to identify markers of protective immunity. Additionally, the institute will assess preventive drug regimens that interrupt transmission.

People living with TB currently must take lengthy and sometimes toxic treatment regimens for multidrug resistant and extensively drug-resistant TB. For people co-infected with TB and HIV, drug-drug interactions are particularly problematic. To address these challenges, NIAID will focus efforts on developing effective, shorter-duration therapeutics for latent and active drug-sensitive and drug-resistant TB, including host-directed therapies. Existing drugs approved for other indications will be assessed for repurposing to identify the most effective treatments with the shortest duration, according to Fauci. Further, research to understand the mechanisms of action and adverse effects of therapeutics will be conducted to prevent or reduce drug toxicity.

NIAID also will expand research resources and infrastructure, so that scientists can gain access to appropriate facilities and databases for sharing large, diverse data sets. Additionally, the institute will foster opportunities for early-stage investigators, support improved animal models, and facilitate development of assays, reagents and other tools.

Ending the TB epidemic will require an accelerated, collaborative global effort from diverse scientific disciplines, Fauci writes. NIAID will implement and lead a reinvigorated research program to build the tools for transformative improvements in TB diagnosis, prevention and treatment that are needed to end TB.

## New bipartisan work group tasked with saving Montanans money on health insurance

MONTANA - Gov. Steve Bullock and Dept. of Administration Director John Lewis have tasked a bipartisan work group with saving Montanans money on individual health insurance premiums, following a new report commissioned by the Montana Healthcare Foundation that shows a state reinsurance program could save Montanans 10-20 percent on health insurance premiums.

"With the uncertainty and instability coming out of Washington D.C., we must do what we can in Montana to drive down costs and stabilize the marketplace — and the time to act is now," said Governor Bullock. "Stability and affordability is particularly important to a state like Montana. I believe we can find common ground from both sides of the aisle to make healthcare affordable for Montanans, while preserving consumer protections and market competition unique to Montana."

"Access to health coverage is key to strengthening the health and livelihood of Montanans, yet recent

federal action has destabilized the individual market, leaving Montanans who buy individual health coverage with increasing health insurance premiums," said Director John Lewis. "Reinsurance for Montana could be a game-changer in the battle against rising healthcare costs."

Recent federal actions by Congress and the federal government, like expanding short-term junk plans, refusing to make cost-sharing reduction payments, and eliminating enrollment funds for three states including Montana, are driving health insurance premiums higher for Montanans in the individual market. A report released earlier this year found that an average Montanan enrolled will pay about \$1,300 more for health insurance next year due to federal actions.

The work group is tasked with developing bipartisan legislation to leverage federal funds for a public reinsurance program that will increase certainty and stability in Montana's individual health insur-

ance market. In addition to state legislation, the group is tasked with exploring how Montana can access federal savings the stability fund will generate to fund the program.

A state-based reinsurance program provides reinsurance to the issuers in the individual Affordable Care Act (ACA) market with the primary goal of lowering premiums. According to the new report by the Montana Healthcare Foundation, a reinsurance program in Montana is projected to achieve a 10-20 percent reduction in premium rates for the 2020 plan year and would lower premium amounts for the entire market. Read the Montana Healthcare Foundation's full report at this link: <https://mthcf.org/resources/individual-market-stabilization-reinsurance-analysis/>

The work group is designed to provide the technical expertise needed to develop legislation to set up the stability fund and outline how the program can best be administered and funded, as well as establishing possible operational parameters and making sure con-

sumer protections and a healthy competitive market remain intact.

The work group will consist of 13 public and private members, including health plan representatives, members of the legislature, consumer advocates, and representatives from the state. The group will also rely on the expertise of health

care providers, and non-profit, philanthropic and community-based organizations.

Bullock has consistently fought to increase access and lower costs of healthcare. Last year, he worked with a bipartisan group of governors to pursue bipartisan solutions on healthcare reform.

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## When rural communities thrive, Montana thrives

LT. GOV. MIKE COONEY

Montana's rural communities have always been the backbone of our economy, driving economic growth through a foundation of hard work and a strong tradition of agriculture. In Montana, when our rural communities are thriving, our entire state thrives.

Governor Bullock and I recently visited our rural communities to hear from rural Montanans as we tackle the issues facing our state.

Farmers and ranchers described what is a "perfect storm" threatening Montana's most important industry. When we look at what is happening with trade or with the Farm Bill, it's hard not to be concerned. Our agriculture industry is already dealing with uncertain weather, changing markets and razor thin margins, and now they are forced to grapple with trade policies that jeopardize the foreign market access we so heavily rely on.

We also heard from county, city and community leaders who know that we must make investments in infrastructure. Our rural communities cannot survive without quality pub-

lic schools or reliable water systems, sewers, roads and telecommunications, nor can our rural communities be sustained without rural hospitals that provide good jobs and access to critical care.

During these visits, Montanans weren't quick to point fingers or pass blame – instead they want to focus on working together and putting the greatest ideas forward that will result in solutions, made in Montana by Montanans.

Governor Bullock and I will be continuing our discussions in rural Montana communities over the coming months with the recent launch of the Main Street Montana – Rural Partners initiative.

Five years ago, Governor Bullock created the Main Street Montana Project as a long-term strategy to grow Montana's economy with diverse industries all across the state. We engaged more than 4,000 Montanans, and as a result, we successfully repealed and streamlined hundreds of rules to make government

more efficient and expanded work-based learning opportunities like apprenticeships and business mentoring programs.

This new vision will go beyond Main Street business development and focus on what each individual rural community needs to thrive and grow their economy. We know that by many metrics, economic growth is happening in more populated areas of our state. More Montanans are working than ever before with the fastest growing middle-class in the nation and we have the highest median household income growth in the nation. We must ensure that economic growth is shared all throughout Montana.

It's our hope Montanans will join us on this new path forward for our rural areas – to look at how we can better address some of the unique challenges and opportunities that exist in these areas of Montana.

We will learn from the communities, like Choteau where we launched this initiative, that have come together to make real progress

towards a more prosperous future. We will look at public and private resources that can be used to further economic and community development. And we will connect communities across the state, because we know that often our rural communities aren't alone in the problems they face and that there ought to be a roadmap to address these common challenges.

Let's not let our rural communities just become places on a map, let's empower them to get ahead and stay ahead. Let's build the capacity of rural communities so that they can attract new jobs and new residents. Let's strengthen opportunities, especially for young adults so that they can run the family farm or start a business. And let's diversify rural economies to improve community resilience.

If we do this, our rural communities will prosper, and our entire state will continue to prosper.

## Don't let Land and Water Conservation Fund fall victim to political games

By Chris Marchion

In 1900, Montana had an estimated 5,000 elk statewide. It was a bleak time in wildlife conservation, one in which hunters had scant opportunity following decades of market hunting, habitat degradation and little enforcement of the game laws on the books.

Today, Montana has an estimated 176,000 elk throughout the state. Hunters can take two per year. And deer, antelope and numerous other game species have been brought back to abundance, with good hunting opportunity and enough game for hunters to fill freezers down the block.

It didn't just happen. It was hunters, landowners, wildlife biologists and public land managers who worked together to restore our wildlife. It took regulations and financial investments in scientific wildlife management. Most of all it took habitat protection.

Montana began the great experiment in

wildlife restoration by recognizing that some key places were best suited as wildlife habitat. The first effort to protect what is today the Sun River Wildlife Management Area (WMA) began in 1913, and was a watershed that set the course for decades. The area abuts what would become the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area, and provides important winter forage when elk need it most.

Other WMAs followed through the years. The Wall Creek, Dome Mountain and Beartooth WMAs came years later, all of which were strategic land purchases aimed at areas that were vital winter range for deer, elk and other big game, as well as habitat for numerous other non-game wildlife species.

These efforts on the state level occurred at the same time that protection of federal lands for wildlife was gaining steam. Montana has abundant National Forests, Bureau of Land Management and other lands that are excellent wildlife habitat and provide world-class

hunting, fishing and wildlife watching.

All of these efforts have benefited from a host of federal and state programs that protect public land and public access.

At the state level, the Habitat Montana program has been crucial for decades. In addition to acquiring new public land, this program has also funded easements to keep working farms and ranches in operation. While some politicians oppose Habitat Montana, the overwhelming majority of Montanans want to see more, not less, spending on public land, conservation easements, and access.

The most important program at the federal level is the Land and Water Conservation Fund. This program, now more than five decades old, uses offshore oil and gas royalties to fund land conservation and recreation facilities. It's used to purchase new public land, helping protect habitat, improve management and improve public access. It also pays for parks and playgrounds and numerous other

recreation areas. Every county in Montana has benefited from LWCF.

Montanans have a much better quality of life because of the LWCF. Unfortunately, the program is going to expire on September 30. We need Senator Tester, Senator Daines and Rep. Gianforte to step up and take action to get this program reauthorized and fully funded before it is too late.

Montana's wildlife, habitat, and hunting heritage depend on protection of public land. Our future depends on our leaders listening to Montanans, and not letting programs like the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Habitat Montana get sabotaged by political games.

*Chris Marchion Member of the Anaconda Sportsmen's Club, Past president of the Montana Wildlife Federation, Member of the Montana Outdoor Hall of Fame*

## COMMODITY INSITE: It's about time!

BY JERRY WELCH

There are times when the news is slow and markets relatively lethargic as a result. There are also times when there is so much inflammatory news floating around the markets can go from manic to depressive within the blink of an eye.

During the past six trading sessions, there has been a wave of news items for a wide variety of markets that sparked intense trading. My column this week is to touch on some of those news items, as they were quite interesting.

At the end of last week, the USDA released a monthly Cattle on Feed report that was a bearish surprise. The inventory of US cattle was pegged at 6 percent above September 1, 2017, the largest since the data began in 1996. Following the release of the report, cattle futures dropped for a few days but suddenly the market headed north and new contract highs were posted for the 2019 contract months. So much for a bearish report!

At the start of this week, the Conference Board announced that US consumer confidence surged to an 18-year high in September, as households grew more upbeat about the labor market. History shows that when consum-

ers are confident they tend to spend more. And one of the first items bought by consumers brimming with confidence is beef. Is that the reason the bearish Cattle on Feed report was shrugged off and prices rallied sharply?

The day after it was announced that consumer confidence hit an 18 year high, CBS news published an article with this headline: "Executives are selling off their company's stock at a record pace." CBS news stated, "Corporate insiders are dumping stock in their companies at a rate not seen in 10 years. With September not yet over, stock sales by company executives reached \$5.7 billion, according to data from TrimTabs Investment Research – the highest September in a decade. August's \$10.3 billion in insider sales also reached a 10-year record."

History shows that when, "insiders," a.k.a. "smart money," are selling stocks it is a sign that those in the know want out of the market. They fear that stock values are as high as they will go for the time being and want to cash out while the getting is good.

The next day more news surfaced when the Federal Reserve announced they hiked rates by a quarter percent to 2.25 percent. It was the

third hike this year with a fourth on tap for December.

Because the economy is so strong, the Fed argues three more rate hikes are planned for 2019 and at least one more in 2020. As a result, mortgage rates hit a seven and a half year high as the era of cheap money is coming to an end.

Based on history, there are three fundamental forces that can turn a bull market for stocks into a bear: One is war, another is a recession and the final one is higher interest rates.

With the Fed on path to hike rates higher into 2020 and mortgage rates already at a seven and a half year, it now comes down to this simple question to which there is no answer: When are rates too high and become a problem for stocks?

There was another shot of news after the Fed's hiked rates, and this came in the form of a Pig Crop Report. The data showed the U.S. hog herd to be pegged the largest in history coupled with the second largest hog herd in history. In addition, the data showed hog producers moving steadily forward with herd expansion, which hints loudly that even more pork will be produced in the months ahead. Following this report comes this headline from Porkbusiness.

com, "Where Will All The Pork Go?"

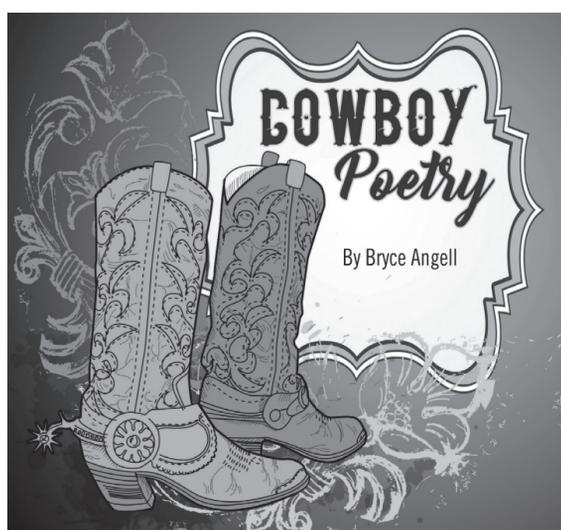
Hog prices closed sharply higher in face of news that was at best neutral to bearish. The cattle market rose on negative news and now the oinker market is doing the same. Markets that go up on bad news are markets that want to go up.

But the big story this week was the sharp rise with crude oil to a new, four-year high while precious metals shot sharply higher as well.

The day and week was so bullish in fact, the CRB Index that is to the commodity markets as the Dow Jones is to stock markets ended at a two-month high. Regardless of the news of the week, commodities per se are suggesting loudly that a bout of much needed inflation for hard assets is finally at hand. And all I can say about that is, "It's about time!"

October, the jinx month for stocks and some commodities has arrived.

Check out [www.commodityinsite.com](http://www.commodityinsite.com) to learn what has unfolded in October down thru history.



We gobbled down our bread and gravy, readied for the game. One cowboy'd hit the covers. 'Twas a doggone dirty shame.

We sat around the table. Every eye was glued on me. The table top was dimly lit, too dark for me to see.

So, I cranked up my old lantern. I saw hope in every eye. I dealt each player from the deck. One scowled, "The stakes are high!"

A cowboy said, "Before we start, bartender pour a round."

## Cowboys playing cards

The bar-tend gave a nasty look but didn't make a sound.

But then she walked on over and she poured the drinks with ease. She thumped the cowboy on the hat. Said, "Next time make it please."

The cowboy kinda grinned cuz he was barely nine years old. His mother weren't no bartender, just caring for her fold.

She'd poured em drinks of chocolate milk, then gave a look at me. "Make sure they get to bed on time and see that

they go pee."

She gave each one a kiss goodbye, then slipped on out the door. I knew she'd rather be at home. I'd seen that look before.

Then one of them spoke up. Said, "Grandpa teach us how to win." His hat was sitting down so low I could barely see his chin.

So, we started out with Crazy 8, then Slap Jack and Go Fish. Not one time did I win a hand. My losing was their wish.

Playing cards with my grandkids is where I want to be. Especially when we're acting like we're cowboys living free.

And one thing is for doggone sure. They'd be my favorite crowd. No matter if they're hard at cards or even when they're loud.

For now, we'll think we're cowboys and for sure the best of pards. And I pray they'll always cherish time with Grandpa playing cards.

# COMICS & PUZZLES

## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Request
- 4 Blunder
- 8 Weapon handle
- 12 Island neckwear
- 13 Sandwich cookie
- 14 Exile isle
- 15 Spelling contest
- 16 "West Side Story" composer
- 18 Tiny ear bone
- 20 Ball prop
- 21 Office part-timer
- 24 Stuffs tightly
- 28 "E = mc<sup>2</sup>" man
- 32 Not procrastinating
- 33 Chowd down
- 34 Precipitous
- 36 Historic time
- 37 Wound cover
- 39 Piano name
- 41 Pitched
- 43 2012 Ben Affleck movie
- 44 Vast expanse
- 46 Celery unit
- 50 "The Grapes of Wrath" author
- 55 Heavy weight
- 56 Frogs' hangout

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- 57 Needle case
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- 61 Witticism
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- 11 Bronze
- 17 Moment
- 19 Part of TGIF
- 22 Citi Field team
- 23 Michelangelo masterpiece
- 25 Freshly
- 26 Actress Sorvino
- 27 Remain
- 28 Right on the map?
- 29 Pruritus
- 30 In the vicinity
- 31 --do-well
- 35 Football
- 38 Adjoining
- 40 "To be or -- ..."
- 42 Cyst
- 45 Sleeping
- 47 Small particle
- 48 Timber wolf
- 49 Make a sweater
- 50 Hot tub
- 51 Upper surface
- 52 Type measures
- 53 Greek vowel
- 54 Mangy mutt

**DOWN**

- 1 Actress Jessica
- 2 Witnessed
- 3 Chicken --
- 4 Drinking vessels
- 5 Tramcar contents
- 6 "-- the fields we go"

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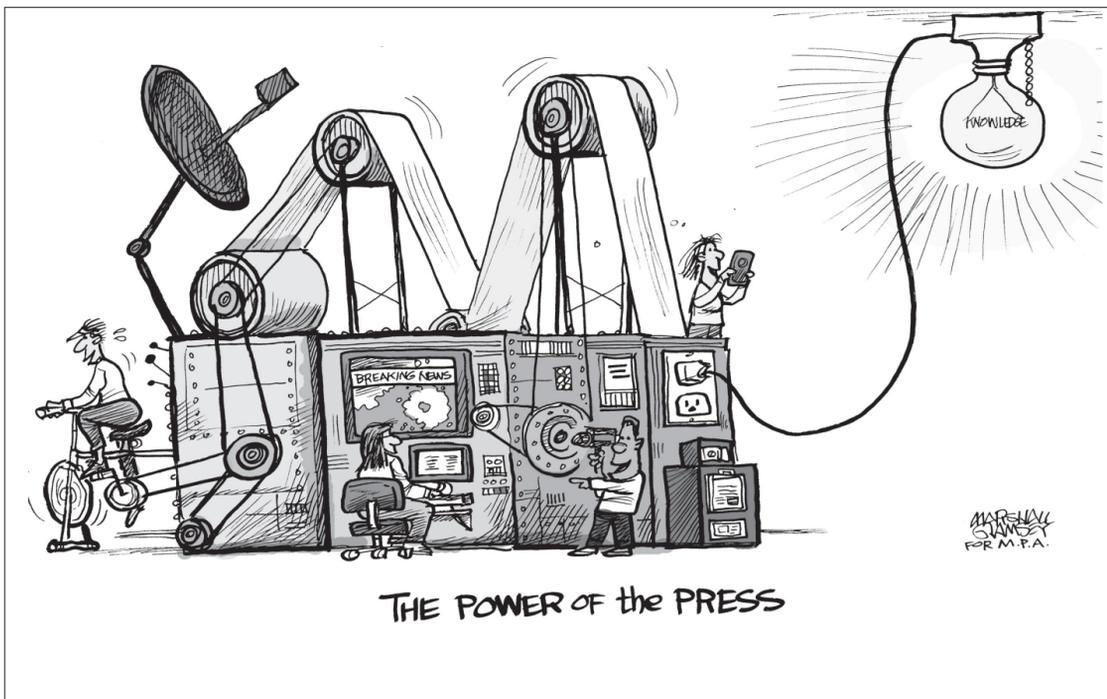
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The Montana Newspaper Association (MNA), a non-profit organization representing 85 member newspapers and 44 associate members, seeks an Executive Director. This position will work closely with a board of directors and will direct operations of the 133-year-old MNA, its for-profit advertising sales subsidiary and the Montana Newspaper Foundation. Responsibilities include financial planning and operations, legislative work, marketing/advertising, seminars and conventions, contests, office and personnel management, publications. Successful candidate will understand community newspapers, web-based news and advertising, use of social media and exhibit strong communications and interpersonal skills.

Send letter of application, resume, salary history and salary expectations to Montana Newspaper Association, 825 Great Northern Blvd., Ste. 202, Helena, MT 59601 or email to [jim@mtnewspapers.com](mailto:jim@mtnewspapers.com)

Deadline for applications is November 1, 2018.

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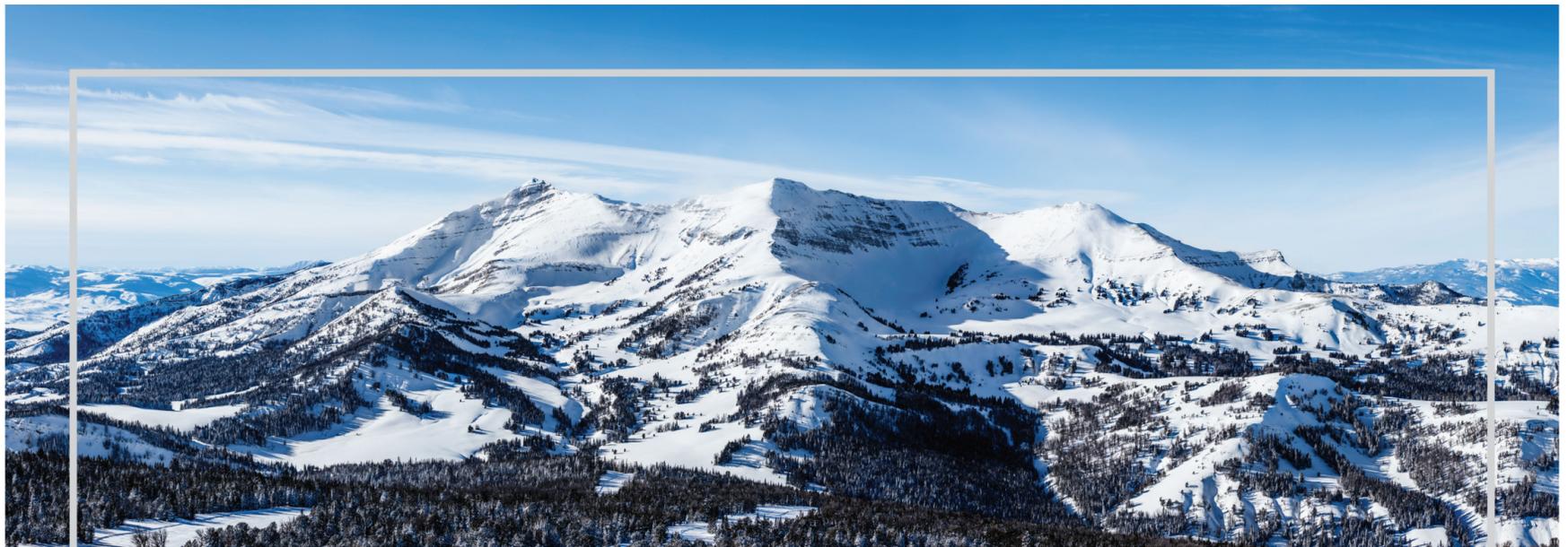
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# PUBLIC NOTICES OCTOBER 4, 2018

**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 MNAXLP

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE**

Probate No. DP-29-2018-21 OF JAN LAURIE WALLACE, also known as JAN L. WALLACE, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to John Warren, Attorney at Law, P. O. Box 28, Dillon, 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 MNAXLP

**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, Mattick & Refling, 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 MNAXLP

**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 or nys 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 1/2 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 MNAXLP

**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 MNAXLP

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

ENNIS BIG SKY AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS ENNIS, MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA A.I.P. 3-30-0090-020-2018 - REBID Separate sealed bids will be received by Madison County, Montana until 1:30 p.m., local time, October 23, 2018. All bids will be received, publicly opened, and read aloud at the Madison County Commissioners Public Meeting Room, Madison County Administrative Offices Building, 103 West Wallace, Virginia City, Montana 59755-0278, for the Ennis Big Sky Airport Improvements Project to include the following: - Base Bid: Construct 80' x 50' wood framed, steel sided, heated, and insulated garage (3-bays) - Additive Alternate #1: Expand building by 20' width to total of 100' x 50' wood framed, steel sided, heated, and insulated garage (4-bays) This work is to include all tools, equipment, materials, and labor to complete this project. Madison County, Montana, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. The requirements of 49 CFR part 26 apply to this contract. It is the policy of Madison County, Montana to practice non-discrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin in the award or performance of this contract. The Owner encourages participation by all firms qualifying under this solicitation regardless of business size or ownership. All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the provisions of 29 CFR part 201, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), with the same force and effect as if given in full text. The FLSA sets minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child labor standards for full and part-time workers. The Contractor has full responsibility to monitor compliance to the referenced statute or regulation. The Contractor must address any claims or disputes that arise from this requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor - Wage and Hour Division. This project is subject to the Federal provisions for Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action, Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, Certification of Offeror/ Bidder Regarding Debarment, and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace, which are incorporated by reference. Failure to comply with the terms of these contract provisions may be sufficient grounds to: 1.) Withhold progress payments or final payment, 2.) Terminate the contract, 3.) Seek suspension/debarment, or 4.) Any other action determined to be appropriate by the Sponsor or the FAA. Bids will be received on a price basis as described in the Contract Documents. Bid security in the amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid, which shall be: (1) lawful money of the United States; or (2) a Cashier's Check, Certified Check, Bank Money Order or Bank Draft, in any case drawn and issued by a federally chartered or state chartered bank insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation; or (3) a bid bond, guaranty bond, or surety bond executed by a surety corporation authorized to do business in the State of Montana. The bid security shall be made payable to the Owner and failure to enter into a formal contract will result in the Owner retaining the bid security. The successful bidder will be required to enter into a formal contract within ten (10) calendar days from the date the Notice of Award is received, to complete an insurance certification, to furnish a Performance Bond, and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond. The bonds will each be equal to 100 percent of the contract amount. The successful Bidder is required to comply with Montana's Contractor Registration Law in accordance with Title 39, Chapter 9, MCA. Contract Documents may be inspected at many plan exchanges, and at the office of the consulting engineer, Robert Peccia & Associates, (3147 Saddle Dr. / P.O. Box 5653, Helena, MT 59604). They may be reviewed, downloaded, and printed at no cost under the "CURRENT PROJECTS BIDDING" tab at www.rpa-hln.com. All bids must be submitted in a Bidding Documents booklet, provided by the Engineer upon receipt of \$25.00 (non-refundable). Alternate forms or copies of the Bidding Documents booklet will not be acceptable. The Planholders List will include only the purchasers of Bidding Documents booklets. Hard copies of the Contract Documents (including a Bidding Documents booklet) printed by the Engineer are available upon receipt of \$250.00 (non-refundable) for each complete set. No pre-bid conference

will be held for this project; however, potential bidders are encouraged to visit the site and to contact the Engineer (lbw@rpa-hln.com or 406-447-5000) with questions. Faxed bids will not be accepted or considered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to reject nonconforming, irregular, non-responsive, or conditional bids. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 45 days from the date of the opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of the bidder prior to award of the contract. October 3, 2018 MADISON COUNTY By /s/ Ronald E. Nye, Chairman (Pub. October 4, 11, 18, 2018) mcc MNAXLP

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

\* VS \*

HOSAIN RAHMAN, an individual; and ALICIA ENGSTROM, an individual, \* Defendants. \* TO BE SOLD AT Sheriff's Sale on the 24th day of October, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. on the front steps of the Madison County Courthouse, 100 W. Wallace Street, Virginia City, Madison County, Montana, the following described property: Ranch 6 of Certificate of Survey No. 2184, recorded in Book 7 of Surveys, page 2184, records of Madison County, Montana, located in Section 20,

Township 7 South, Range 3 East, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana, according to the official survey thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Madison County, Montana. Parcel ID Number: 28003904 The property is located in Madison County at Ranch 6 at Yellowstone Club, Big Sky, Montana, 59716. Together with all rights, easements, appurtenances, royalties, mineral rights, oil and gas rights, all water and riparian rights, ditches, and water stock and all existing and future improvements, structures, fixtures, and replacements that may now, or at any time in the future, be part of the real estate described above. Dated this 1st day of October, 2018. /S/ PHIL FORTNER, UNDERSHERIFF OF MADISON COUNTY (Pub. October 4, 11, 18, 2018) mcs MNAXLP

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SPORTS



Twin Bridges volleyball - The Lady Falcons competed in the Manhattan Christian Invitational volleyball tournament Saturday, Sept. 29, in Churchill, Mont. Pictured above are Ashleigh Guinnane (15) Anna Kaiser (12) and Jovi Rosselott (3). Across the net are Lone Peak High players(D. MARTIN)

Lady Panthers top Harrison in V-ball tourney

SHERIDAN - On Saturday, Sept. 29, the Sheridan Lady Panthers volleyball team hosted the Harrison/Willow Creek Lady Wildcats. Sheridan proved victorious in three sets: 25-15; 25-18; 25-

13  
Sheridan's stats:  
• 29 Aces - Zoe Lee, 10; Micara Devereaux, 7.  
• 6 Digs - Zoe Lee, 3  
• 11 Kills - Mackenzie Fabel, 5

• 11 Assists - Micara Devereaux, 7; Madison Van Houten, 4  
• 1 Block - Ruby Rossiter and Micara Devereaux, half each  
Harrison's stats were unavailable.

High school football: Panthers lose Hot Springs' Savage Heat

SHERIDAN - The Panthers lost this weekend in Hot Springs to a very salty Savage Heat football team. The Savage Heat rolled up 51 first half points to Sheridan's 6 and rolled on to a 76-6 win over the Panthers.

The Panthers could not get anything rolling on either side of the ball consistently.

It was a long night for the boys, but they kept their heads up in defeat and will roll out to face West Yellowstone this weekend at home.

Defensively for the Panthers, Cade McParland had 8 tackles and 3 assists and Moxon Lee had 2 tackles and 6 assists.

Offensively Jack Gilman had 10 rushes for 28 yards and Cade McParland had 2 catches for 13 yards and a touchdown.

Jack Gilman will be the offensive player of the week this week for his hardnosed rushing attack in the second quarter that led to a score.

Cade McParland will be the defensive player of the week.

- Quarter Scoring - Sheridan/ Hot Springs: 0/37, 6/14, 0/12, 0/13

- Stats Leaders for Sheridan  
• Jack Gilman - 10 rushes for 28 yards

- Receiving  
• Hartson Van Houten - 5 Catches for 32

• Cade McParland - 2 Catches for 13 yards 1 touchdown

- Defensive Leaders  
• Cade McParland - 8 tackles, 3 assists  
• Moxon Lee - 2 tackles, 6 assists

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It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of our beloved friend, daughter, sister, mother and wife;  
A true humanitarian if ever there was one.  
Theo enlightened a lot of lives in her time with us whether she was hosting guests at the T Lazy B Ranch or drawing blood at the Sheridan Hospital she was always living in the present moment.  
In recent years she formally practiced Qi Gong/Tai Chi. With great attention, her whole life became a meditation.  
She left a legacy of loving-kindness, as we have all been honored by her compassionate actions. Let us gather together to celebrate her life in the same manner.

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

In lieu of flowers please send a swatch of fabric\* for a memory quilt to:  
T Lazy B Ranch  
540 Jack Creek Road  
Ennis MT 59729

\*fabrics of any size or color, just something that reminds you of her

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.

SPORTS

Local athletes preview state championship course

REAGAN COLYER  
news@madisoniannews.com

MISSOULA - Cross country athletes from Ennis, Twin Bridges, Harrison and Whitehall traveled to Missoula on Saturday, September 29 for the annual Mountain West Classic, one of Montana's largest high school cross country meets.

The 2019 Mountain West Classic drew over 2,000 runners from Montana, Idaho and Washington. The 5-kilometer course allowed in-state athletes to get a preview of what their state-championship course will look like in just a few weeks, when the University of Montana golf course hosts the championship on Saturday, October 20.

In the boys' junior varsity race, Calvin Whybrew of Central Valley in Washington won in a

time of 17:07, leading his team to the overall title with 37 points.

The girls' junior varsity race was won by Missoula Hellgate's Sage Brooks in 20:08, and her team also took the title with just 18 points, sweeping the top four spots in the process.

On the varsity side, Flathead's standout Ben Perrin took the victory in a blistering 15:38, while Lewis and Clark took the overall team title with 85 points. The varsity girls' race was won by Billings Senior's Tiahna Vladic in 17:48, but Hellgate took the varsity victory as well with 50 points.

Local athletes who competed at the Mountain West Classic:

- JV boys:**
- Morgan Hendrickson, Twin Bridges: 19:48
  - Rob Dale, Twin Bridges: 20:17

- Will Morris, Twin Bridges: 20:22
- CJ Wayland, Twin Bridges: 20:53
- Matthew Kaiser, Twin Bridges: 21:11
- Ryan O'Connell, Ennis: 21:41
- Wyatt Fredson, Ennis: 22:38
- Lucas Belding, Ennis: 23:25
- Kyle LaClair, Ennis: 23:27
- Bowen Kelley, Ennis: 24:31

- Varsity boys:**
- Dawson Powers, Whitehall: 19:27
  - Adam Williams, Whitehall: 20:35
  - Dillon Christiansen, Harrison: 21:38
  - Kenzie Hugulet, Whitehall: 22:57
  - Lane Wagner, Whitehall: 23:02
  - Zane Christiansen: 23:23

- Tommy Emerson, Whitehall: 23:40
- Ethan Flood, Whitehall: 26:21

- JV girls:**
- Maida Knapton: 24:20
  - Kate Fisher, Twin Bridges: 24:23
  - Makenna Christiansen, Harrison: 25:18
  - Maddison Christiansen, Harrison: 26:36
  - Nora Humbert, Twin Bridges: 27:46
  - Blu Keim, Twin Bridges: 31:37

- Varsity girls:**
- Madison Loomis, Whitehall: 22:36
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Belgrade snaps V-ball win streak

Mustangs fall in three sets, bounces back

BELGRADE - The Belgrade Panthers defeated the Ennis girls' volleyball team in their Tuesday, September 25 match at Belgrade, breaking the Mustangs' several-game winning streak.

Belgrade dominated the court in sets of 25-11, 25-9 and 25-14, but the Mustangs' usual standouts, seniors Jourdain Klein and Whitney McKittrick made their presence felt. Klein contributed 12 kills and 11 digs for the Mustangs. McKittrick supplied 8 assists, 9 digs and 1.5 blocks.

Alyssa West added two kills, while Riley Robinson brought six assists and Shelby Klein added two kills.

The Mustangs' then played a double away match in Lima on Thursday, September 27, where they redeemed themselves twice over. They won the first match in sets of 25-7, 25-17 and 25-17, with Jourdain and Shelby Klein contributing half of the Mustangs' 28

kills. Shelby Klein also added a block while Whitney McKittrick had another.

McKittrick had a particularly excellent match, racking up five aces and 14 assists as well. Sophomore Landri Paladichuck had three of the team's six digs, Riley Robinson had five aces and nine assists, and Avery Oliver had five kills.

The second match was similarly lopsided in favor of the Mustangs, ending in a three-set sweep of 25-9, 25-9 and 25-13. The elder Klein had another stellar match with eight aces and nine kills, while Shelby added six more kills. Paladichuck had six aces and Riley Robinson had 13 assist, while McKittrick continued her phenomenal night with six kills, seven assists, two blocks and two digs.

The Mustangs' upcoming matches include an away match at Manhattan on Friday, October 5 for the junior varsity team, an October 6 match at Granite for the varsity and a home match against Three Forks on October 11, which will be the team's annual Pack the Gym in Pink match in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

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**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  
596-0847 • 3648 Hwy 287  
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) Weds. 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

**HARRISON COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Harrison, Montana  
Adult Bible Study ~ 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School & Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Joe Miller  
Come Worship & Sing Praises To Our God. Spread the Word!

**Madison Valley Presbyterian Church**  
WORSHIP  
September - April ~ 11 a.m.  
May - August ~ 9 a.m.  
Everyone Welcome, Fully Accessible  
In communion with ELCA, UCC, RCA  
Rev. Jean M. Johnson  
682-4355 ~ Ennis  
Corner of S. Charles & W. Hugel

**FISHERS OF MEN**  
MADISON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH  
Phil 2:16  
Holding forth the word of life:  
**Dr. Ray Teston**  
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  
5050 Hwy 287, PO Box 668, Ennis, MT  
Phone 682-4244 SBC  
**MADISON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Aides for the hearing impaired

**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

**Christian Science Services**  
Sunday Service & Sunday School 10 a.m.  
ALL WELCOME  
Each week a Bible lesson full of healing Christian concepts is read aloud in our Sunday service.  
4983 US Hwy 287 N. • Ennis, Montana  
www.ChristianScience.com

**Valley Assembly**  
Love Jesus • Love People • Reach the Valley  
114 N. Main, Sheridan  
842-5845  
Pastor Duane B. Dasher  
Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.  
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.

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When our thoughts are filled with the bitterness of this world, let us turn our eyes to the sweetness of God's compassion and He will send us heavenly calm!  
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Bahai's of Madison County

**ENNIS ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Loving God, Loving People  
Sunday School 9:30 AM  
Worship Service 10:30 AM  
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**  
In full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Join Us for Sunday Worship!  
**Trinity** Jeffers/Ennis 10 a.m. adult forum 11:00 a.m.  
**St. Paul's** Virginia City 9:00 a.m.  
**Christ Church** Sheridan 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m.  
www.rvec.org  
Prayer requests: 682-4199 843-5296 842-7713

**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

**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

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 4 - steak fingers, onion rings & veggie sticks, dessert.  
• Friday, October 5 - BBQ chicken & cornbread, three-bean salad, dessert pinochle at 12:45 p.m.  
• Monday, October 8 - BLT & pickle spear, sweet potato fries, dessert mahjong at 1 p.m.  
• Tuesday, October 9 – Spaghetti, salad & garlic bread, dessert, play pan at 1 p.m.  
• Wednesday, October 10 - Pot roast, mashers & gravy, veggies, dessert, mahjong at 1 p.m.  
• Thursday, October 11 - Chicken enchilda, rice & fruit, dessert, Red Hat Ladies.

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

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

**Virginia City Café**  
Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on Tuesday & Thursdays from 11 am to 3 pm for \$4.00.  
• Thursday, Oct. 4 - Hamburger casserole, roll, dessert.  
• Tuesday, Oct. 9 – Fish and chips, dessert  
• Thursday, Oct. 11 – Pork chop with au gratin potato, veggie, dessert.

**Twin Bridges Senior Center**  
The Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center provides meals for seniors every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon at the Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center. Meals are for seniors 60 years and up (spouses and caregivers are invited). Donations for meals are appreciated.  
• Friday, Oct. 5 - Dorito Chicken casserole, veggie, salad, carrot cake  
• Monday, Oct. 8 - Beef pot roast, potatoes, carrots, salad, sour cream raisin pie  
• Wednesday, Oct. - 10 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, veggie, salad, rhubarb dessert  
• Friday, Oct. 12 - Chicken Stir-fry, veggies, Jell-O fruit salad, dessert

**GET RESULTS.**  
advertise in The Madisonian.  
call 682-7755 to make a plan.

**Grace Community Fellowship**  
WEARING AND SHARING  
The Full Armor of God  
**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
10 a.m. at the Alder School  
Alder, Montana  
Sunday School, 9 a.m.  
Christ Centered Bible Based  
Tel. 406-842-5915  
Pastor Tom Luksha

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— **King Crossword** —  
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  
**ALANON MEETING**  
Same Time - Same Place  
**ALANON**  
Twin Bridges • Church of the Valley  
Thursdays, 8 pm  
**ALANON**  
Pony School House • Weds. 7 pm  
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**A.A. MEETING**  
Bethany Hall, Sheridan  
(behind Methodist Church)  
Wednesdays ~ 8 p.m.

**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

# OUTPOSTEVENTS.NET

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**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**  
Pegmatite Geology Field Trip, Ennis  
Meet at the Ennis High School parking lot for a mineral collecting field trip to Whitehall, Ringing Rocks, Delmoe Lake,

Harding Way, Whiskey Gulch, Alder Virginia City and back to Ennis. Cost is \$20, bring layers, lunches, good shoes and cameras. Leaving 9 a.m.

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**  
Brown Bag Lunch, Butte  
The Butte Archives will continue its Brown Bag Lunch with a presentation by Jim Michelotti and Joe Lee about Butte's Mom

and Pop neighborhood grocery stores. Presentation at noon at the archives, 17 W. Quartz St. Guests are encouraged to bring a sack lunch. Call 782-3280 for information.

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

**Saturday, October 13**  
Prospecting Geology Field Trip, Ennis

Meet at the Ennis High School parking lot for a prospecting field trip to Sappington, LaHood, Whitehall, Twin Bridges and back to Ennis. We'll look for ores, crystals, rocks and minerals. Cost is \$20; bring layers, lunches and cameras. Leaving Ennis at 9 a.m.

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.

Fall Bazaar Craft Show, Twin Bridges

Free entry to the 5th annual Fall Bazaar with games and prizes, 24 hand-crafted vendors and home-based consultants. Door prizes and a coffee station. 11 a.m. at the Madison County Fairgrounds.

Bethel Methodist Luncheon and Bazaar, Sheridan

The Bethel Methodist Women will host their annual luncheon and bazaar fundraiser with homemade bread, chili and soups, plus homemade pie! Bazaar items and baked goods will be available for sale, and Grass-

roots Uganda will be there with jewelry and gift items. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 211 S. Main Street.

2018 Time Capsule Burial, Virginia City

Do Not Open Until 2118! The Thompson-Hickman Library will be burying its 2018 time capsule at 2 p.m. Some of the contents of the 1918 time capsule will be included with the contents of the new one, which will be buried directly beneath the 1918 cornerstone on the museum side of the library at 220 Wallace Street. Call the library at (406) 843-5346 for information.

**Thursday October 18**  
Bear Safety Presentation, Ennis

Join us for a free, informative presentation on bear safety with information for hunters and other outdoor recreationists. Attendees will be entered to win one of 15 free cans of bear spray. Training at 5:30 p.m. at Madison Valley Public Library followed by an inert bear spray practice session.

"Capital Fights," Virginia City

A class focusing on the four elections—and the factors and people which influenced those elections—that determined the capital of Montana. Questions and discussion encouraged. Cost is \$20. 6-7:30 p.m. at the Virginia City Meeting hall, 316 W. Idaho Street.

**Friday, October 19**  
33rd Annual Hunters Feed, Ennis

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

## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

### MONDAYS

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

### TUESDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

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

### WEDNESDAYS

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

**TOPS, Ennis**  
Weekly weigh-ins are at 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 Auxilary 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.

EVENINGS: ADULTS \$8 • CHILDREN (12 & UNDER) \$6 SHOW TIME AT 7:15 PM. BOX OFFICE OPENS AT 6:30 PM

**NOW PLAYING:**  
**UNBROKEN: PATH TO REDEMPTION PG-13**

Let's Go to the Movies this Weekend!  
Friday 7:15 • Saturday 7:15 pm • Matinee Sunday 4:00 pm

**COMING SOON:**  
The House With a Clock in the Walls (PG), A Simple Favor (R)

Please call to verify for last minute changes 682-4023 | 115 Main St, Ennis  
EnnisMovies.com | Facebook.com/MadisonTheatreEnnis

## SHERIDAN

School Board Meeting  
**Tuesday, October 9**  
7 p.m.

Media Tech Center  
Charles B. Murray Building



## LIVE MUSIC

Sam Platt on  
October 27  
at 8pm

## HALLOWEEN DANCE



3793 US Hwy 287 N  
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406-586-8225 (TACK)  
bzmsaddleoutlet@gwestoffice.net  
Cid Klebenow, Manager  
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## NORRIS HOT SPRINGS

SPRING/SUMMER HOURS: TH, FRI, MON: 4PM-10PM | SAT & SUN: 10AM-10PM  
CLOSED TUES & WED

**MUSIC THIS WEEK**

Fri 10/5 Wolf and the Moons  
Americana/Bluegrass

Sat 10/6 Dan Henry  
Blues/Reggae/Folk

Sun 10/7 Lang Termes  
Contemporary Classics/Country Blues

**50 MILE GRILL**

hwy 287 & route 84 - 15 miles north of ennis  
norrishotspots.com  
406.685.3303

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**WILLIE'S DISTILLERY UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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[WWW.WILLIESDISTILLERY.COM](http://WWW.WILLIESDISTILLERY.COM)

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FRIDAY, OCT 12TH: LEFT FOR DEAD  
FRIDAY 19TH: 5TH ANNUAL CRITTER CALLING CONTEST & 33RD ANNUAL HUNTERS FEED  
COME SHOW OFF YOUR BEST ANIMAL CALLS AND WIN SOME AMAZING PRIZES FRIDAY NIGHT AT 5:30 PM AT WILLIE'S DISTILLERY  
FRIDAY, OCT 26TH: RUBY VALLEY BOYS & BARB WIRE

ASK ABOUT OUR WEEKLY BOTTLING PARTIES