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Sheridan High School (FILE PHOTO)

## Sheridan school's threat message irks parents

"No credible threat" says law enforcement

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SHERIDAN – Parents of students at Sheridan schools received an email and voice mail message at 3:12 p.m. Sunday, alerting them to a potential threat at the school.

"Sheridan School Parents," the message said, "We have had incidents of a threatening nature over the weekend that have come to our attention at the school. Students have made statements of a nature that would lead others to have concerns about their safety. This has led to calls to the Madison County Sheriff's Office to be investigated by the police. There were 2 separate incidents and to this date the police have deemed the events to be significant, but not eminent dangers to the students or the staff at the school. If you should have questions about these events please call the school at 842-5401 and speak to Mr. Stout or Mr. Wetherbee."

On Monday morning, Madison County Undersheriff Phil Fortner explained the situation, noting that since this was a juvenile investigation, he could not release a lot of details.

Fortner said there was one alleged threat and two separate instances that caused the concern: One was a verbal "thing" about song lyrics. Another was a group Snapchat message. (Snapchat is a social media platform where pictures and messages are available for only a short time before they become inaccessible.)

Fortner said the threat was not specific to any person or the school.

"We took the investigation seriously," Fortner said.

Deputies interviewed the students and parents of students involved and came to the conclusion that it was not a credible threat.

Fortner said no charges will be filed, and that as of Monday morning, everything was "Code 4."

Law enforcement, Fortner said, was at the school Monday morning, and would be back periodically as long as they are needed there.

Parents who received the message were not happy and worried for their children's safety.

One parent, who asked that her name not be used because she's a "vocal mom," and had already antagonized the school administration enough, called the message "cryptic" and said it inspired "chaos" among parents.

"Who is going to answer the phone at the school on Sunday," she asked?

She said her husband called the sheriff's department to try figure out if it was safe to send their kids to school Monday morning, and was told to call the school – a dog chasing its tail scenario.

"We had incidents over the weekend and the rumors were fly-

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## Two local companies win small business development awards

The Old Hotel, Willie's recognized by Headwaters Resource Conservation & Development

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MADISON COUNTY—Butte-based nonprofit Headwaters Resource Conservation and Development hosted its annual Local Tastes dinner and fundraiser on Thursday, October 18, where it recognized businesses from around southwestern Montana in nine different categories.

Two of those Headwaters awards were taken home by local businesses: The Old Hotel restaurant in Twin Bridges was named Best Food Business of the Year, and Willie's Distillery in Ennis was named Veteran-Owned Business of the Year.

Headwaters is dedicated to improving the economic and social well-being of communities in seven counties: Butte-Silver Bow, Jefferson, Granite, Beaverhead, Powell, Deer Lodge and Madison. In all, they serve around 80,000 Montanans over a geographic area of nearly 17,500 square miles.

They work to meet the goals of various economic development and strategic plans around the state, encouraging and supporting community efforts to solve locally-relevant problems by connecting stakeholders in those areas with the resources they need to make measurable and sustainable progress in their communities.

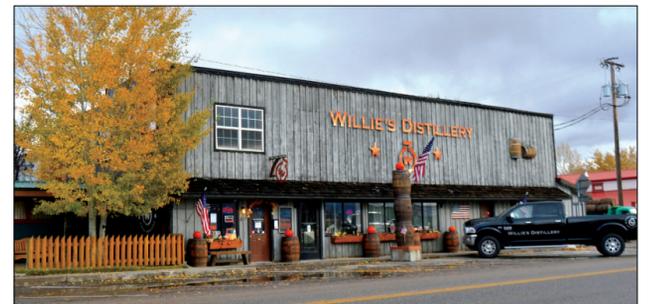
One of Headwaters' big objectives is the development of economies and community engagement

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Right - Bill and Paula Kinoshita own the Old Hotel in Twin Bridges. The restaurant was selected as Best Food Business of the year by Headwaters Resource Conservation and Development, a nonprofit based in Butte. (PAULA KINOSHITA)



Below - Willie's Distillery in Ennis was selected as Veteran-Owned Business of the Year by Headwaters Resource Conservation and Development and received their award at the nonprofit's annual Local Tastes event on October 18. (R. COLYER)



## Medicare changes on tap for 2019

Deductible premium increases, return of Open Enrollment Period

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MADISON VALLEY—Beneficiaries of Medicare may see some slight changes to their benefits beginning in 2019, as the program just announced some adjustments that will take effect after January 1.

The most significant changes are slight increases to the deductibles of both Medicare Parts A and B, as well as an increase to the premium covered in Part B.

Medicare's Open Enrollment Period (OEP), which was done away with several years ago, will return for beneficiaries of the Medicare Advantage plan, and will run from January 1 through March 31, 2019.

Here are the things you need to know going into 2019 if you are a Medicare beneficiary.

### Medicare Part A and Part B Increases

There are two changes to the Medicare Part A plan for 2019, and that is a slight increase in deductibles incurred when a patient is admitted to a hospital. In 2018, that deductible was \$1,340, and will rise slightly to \$1,364 next year. According to Medicare, this deductible is only incurred if traditional Medicare is your only coverage; if you have additional insurance, it may cover part of that amount.

"The Part A inpatient hospital deductible will cover beneficiaries' share of costs for the first 60 days of Medicare-covered inpatient hospital care in a benefit period," writes the agency. After 60 days, beneficiaries will pay \$341 per day for hospitalization, a \$6 jump from \$335 per day this year.

The Part A premium jumped from \$422 to \$437,

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## County commissioners approve \$60,000 loan for affordable housing

Habitat for Humanity to build 10 homes in Ennis's North-40 subdivision

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VIRGINIA CITY—At their weekly meeting on Tuesday, October 23, the Madison County commissioners approved a loan to facilitate a Habitat for Humanity project that will take place in Ennis's North 40 subdivision north of town.

David Magistrelli, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Gallatin Valley, visited the commissioners to explain the project, including how much it would cost. Habitat for Humanity plans to purchase 10 lots in the North 40, which just received its final plat approval from the Ennis town council earlier this month.

"You have a need not only for long-term housing, but also for short-term rentals," said Magistrelli of the affordable housing issue that has been perennial on commission agendas. "In order to help address those needs that have been identified, we made the decision to make those purchases."

The total cost of the lots will be \$150,000, plus \$106,000 to outfit those spaces with water and sewer services for a total of around \$256,000. Habitat for Humanity received a board loan for \$196,000



from NeighborWorks Montana, an organization dedicated both to building affordable housing and helping families in need find housing that will meet both their lifestyle and budget needs.

The land purchased by Habitat for Humanity will be placed in a land trust, said Magistrelli, to keep them affordable for renters or buyers over the long haul. When the homes are purchased the owners will enter into a sort of ground lease with the land trust.

The homes that sit on those lots would be sold close to the builders' costs, or as close as possible to 30 percent of the buyer's income, the metric by which "affordable" housing

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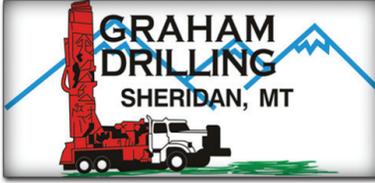
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### AWARDS continued from A1: Two local businesses receive Headwaters RCD awards

in small, rural towns through their small business development center (SBDC). Aside from the SBDC, Headwaters also offers services in everything from grants administration to homebuyer education classes, plus technology assistance and entrepreneurial trainings.

“Headwaters RCD established the Local Tastes Awards for the purpose of recognizing and honoring outstanding businesses and citizens for their contributions to their communities and organizations in the Headwaters region,” the organization wrote of the winners. “Award winners serve as inspirational leaders to Headwaters RCD: they embody the core values of serving their communities, employees, customers and industries.”

#### The Old Hotel

The Old Hotel was once just that: a Twin Bridges hotel, built in the late 1870s. Renovated in 1996, it retains much of its original hardwood flooring and architecture.

It no longer functions as a hotel, serving the community now as a restaurant owned by Bill and Paula Kinoshita, who moved to Dillon from Hawai'i in 2003. Paula began working at the Old Hotel while Bill worked in Dillon, but when the owner decided to sell the busi-

ness, they stepped up and took the plunge.

They partner with local greenhouses, gardens, brewing companies, wineries and other providers from as nearby as right there in Twin Bridges and down the valley in Alder, plus Helena, Billings, Butte and Missoula.

“We’ve been pretty lucky to be able to have direct contact with some of the purveyors around here,” says Paula. “Some of it is seasonal, but it gives us an opportunity to keep things interesting.”

The restaurant’s menu changes weekly, based on what’s in season and influenced by Bill and Paula’s island roots, blending Pacific Rim flavors with classic European techniques. On the menu you may find anything from cornmeal-crusted calamari to French coq au vin or bison short ribs braised in Ruby Valley Brewing Company IPA. Desserts feature homemade ice creams to pair with offerings like plum and cranberry cobbler or chocolate and hazelnut tarts.

“When we’re out traveling we’re always looking for inspiration, looking at what other people are doing,” says Paula. “It’s fun to be able to incorporate those kinds of ideas in our cooking. Some of our guests have even brought cookbooks

from their regions, and we try and change things up.”

#### Willie’s Distillery

Willie’s has quickly become a legendary name around both the Madison Valley and the state of Montana, with its Bighorn Bourbon rising to Montana’s best-selling whiskey and devoted followers all over the nation.

Since its founding in 2012, Willie’s has incorporated local ingredients in most of its range spirits, from berries and honey in Montana Moonshine to barley grown on the Highline and water drawn straight from the Madison River just feet away.

Spent grains from the fermenting process are shared with local farmers and ranchers to feed their pigs, in exchange for the provision of local pigs for the distillery’s annual community Pig Pickin’ that kicks off the summer.

Owner and founder Willie Blazer grew up in North Carolina and served in the U.S. Special Forces before moving to Ennis. He and his wife Robin, a Montana native, found the Madison Valley to be the perfect location to, as they say, “craft world-class spirits for world-class individuals.”

Full list of award winners from the Headwaters RCD Local Tastes dinner on October 18:

- Food Business of the Year— Bill & Paula Kinoshita of The Old Hotel from Twin Bridges
- Veteran-Owned Business of the Year — Robin & Willie Blazer of Willie’s Distillery, Inc. from Ennis
- Lender of the Year— Neil Bolton, Jerry Sullivan, & Corey Dennehy from Granite Mountain Bank from Butte, Philipsburg, & Drummond
- Woman-Owned Business of the Year — Bekah Esquibel & Nancy Cox Gibson of Beautiful Life Clothing Boutique from Anaconda
- Young Professionals of the Year — Tim Antonovich & Ryan Antonovich of Marathon Machine Works LLC from Butte
- Entrepreneur of the Year — Casey Kelly of Kinetic Fitness from Butte
- Outdoor Recreation Business of the Year — Erik Borge, Matt Migel, & Isaac Flemmer of Maverick Mountain Ski Area from Polaris
- Community Pride Award (in memory of Barbie Durham) a— The Community of Deer Lodge, Montana
- Business of the Year — Chris & Corri Barry of Gruber Excavating from Montana City

### COUNTY continued from A1: Affordable housing coming via Habitat for Humanity

ing is defined. There isn’t a plan as of yet as to which of the 10 lots will be sold and which will be up for rental, Magistrelli said.

An interest-free loan from the county would be used to cover the remaining \$60,000 in the cost of the project, though it was noted that the trigger points for how and when that loan would be paid back haven’t yet been set. But, Magistrelli said, the county’s loan would take priority over any others. The most likely payment plan would be an incremental one, happening in installments as the homes were sold or rented.

Commissioner Dan Allhands suggested that the coun-

ty could also act as a sort of consignee on a bank loan, although that would involve the introduction of interest into the agreement. Magistrelli noted that there were also other types of grants that could be applied for, but that those usually carry stipulations for what the homes can be used for and to whom they can be sold.

“I can’t really see a negative response from taxpayers to Madison County assisting with affordable housing assistance to the tune of \$60,000,” said commissioner Jim Hart. He recommended that the commission approve the loan, pending language decided upon by the attorneys for both Madison

County and Habitat for Humanity.

The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the suggestion, and the loan must be repaid incrementally as those homes are sold within the next five years.

Also at their October 23 meeting, the commissioners gave their approval for the Madison County Weed District to draft an agreement assisting the Ruby Valley Conservation District in noxious weed management projects to begin in July of 2019.

The Ruby Valley Conservation District (RVCD) was the recipient of one of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks’

WHIP grants, dedicated to wildlife habitat improvement and restoration of both private and public lands.

The first five years of the program involve the implementation of weed suppression techniques, followed by an FWP-mandated five-year period of monitoring to watch the impacts of habitat restoration efforts. The RVCD will mostly focus its WHIP projects on Forest Service land in various locations around the Ruby Valley, but most of those projects won’t be able to begin until next summer’s warmer weather sets in.

### MEDICARE continued from A1: Changes are coming to the Medicare program

but that’s something most beneficiaries don’t pay if they’ve paid into Medicare for at least 40 quarters, the agency reports.

There are two similar changes to Medicare Part B plans, says Medicare information officer Lindsay Engle: a change in premium and a change in deductible.

The premium jump will be a small one, from \$134 to \$135.50, and the deductible increased from \$183 to \$185. Medicare Part B is designed to cover physicians’ services, medical equipment and some other services not covered in Part A. Another addition to Medicare Part B is the introduction of a new income bracket, which determines a person’s premium based on their income. The new bracket creates a premium of \$460.50 for enrollees who make over \$500,000, or married couple with a combined income over \$750,000.

All of those changes to Medicare Parts A and B will take effect on January 1, 2019. New premiums and deductibles only last one calendar year, and as the U.S. economy continues to grow stronger, premiums could rise further in coming years.

#### Open Enrollment

Medicare’s enrollment period is making a return in 2019, but only for beneficiaries of Medicare Advantage plans, says Engle.

“This enrollment period

is replacing the Medicare Advantage dis-enrollment period, which was January 1 through February 14 each year,” she says. “Many new enrollees were unaware of the network restrictions of these plans, and they were stuck with that plan until the annual enrollment period came back in October.”

With the new enrollment period, which will run January 1 through March 31, 2019, beneficiaries who decide they want to change out of their Medicare Advantage plans can do so without remaining “locked into” their coverage for the entire year. Beneficiaries will be able to drop their Medicare Advantage plan and return to original Medicare Part A or B, or switch from one Advantage plan to another.

In other situations, there are times when enrollees can change their coverage even outside of the normal October-December enrollment period. Those circumstances include moving out of your plan’s service network, receiving both Medicare and Medicaid services, low-income assistance or a move into or out of a long-term care hospital or nursing home.

#### First Dollar Coverage

The last Medicare changes coming up will take effect at the end of 2019, when Medicare Plans C and Plan F—Medicare’s most popular plan—will be eliminated. Beneficiaries of

2019 MEDICARE PART B TOTAL PREMIUMS FOR HIGH INCOME BENEFICIARIES			
Beneficiaries who file individual tax returns with income	Beneficiaries who file joint tax returns with income	Income-related monthly adjustment amount	Total monthly premium amount
Less than or equal to \$85,000	Less than or equal to \$170,000	\$0.00	\$135.50
Greater than \$85,000 and less than or equal to \$107,000	Greater than \$170,000 and less than or equal to \$214,000	\$54.10	\$189.60
Greater than \$107,000 and less than or equal to \$133,500	Greater than \$214,000 and less than or equal to \$267,000	\$135.40	\$270.90
Greater than \$133,500 and less than or equal to \$160,000	Greater than \$267,000 and less than or equal to \$320,000	\$216.70	\$352.20
Greater than \$160,000 and less than \$500,000	Greater than \$320,000 and less than \$750,000	\$297.90	\$433.40
Greater than or equal to \$500,000	Greater than or equal to \$750,000	\$325.00	\$460.50

those two plans will still have their services, but once 2020 begins, they will not accept any new enrollees.

Those two plans are being done away with due to concerns by Congress that healthcare services were being overused, because they do not require any out of pocket cost for beneficiaries, making them what’s referred to as “first dollar plans.” Requiring that beneficiaries pay at least a small deductible will hopefully reduce instances

of unnecessary doctors’ visits.

The closest alternatives to Plans C and F are Medicare’s Plans G and N, which both require payment of the \$185 Part B deductible before their assistance kicks in. Plans G and N still cover many medical and hospitalization costs once that deductible is paid.

For more information on the upcoming changes to Medicare services or to explore their range of coverage, visit medicarefaq.com.

### THREAT continued from A1: Sheridan school district deals with potential threat

ing,” Sheridan Superintendent Mike Wetherbee said about the threat. “Some were credible, others were not credible. I met with my team, and we thought it best to send out the message.”

When you’re doing that you have to stay within the FERPA (Family Educational Rights and

Privacy Act of 1974, an act that protects student education records privacy), with no names.”

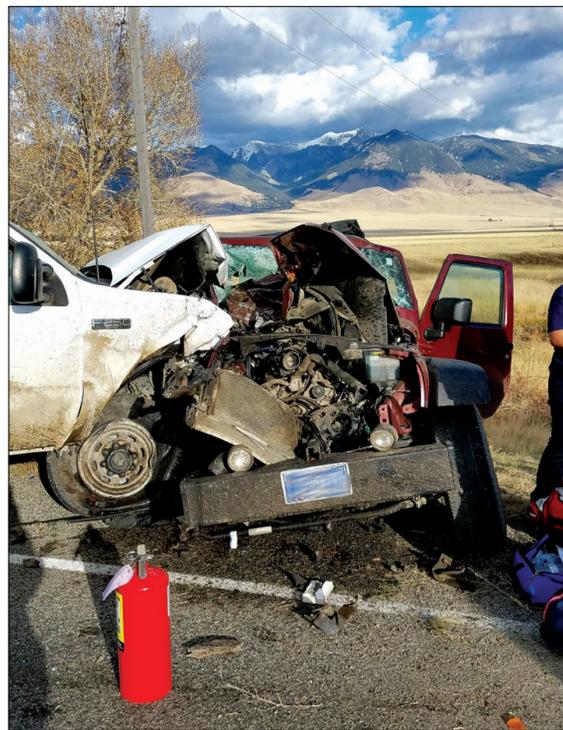
“The major problem with the message was that it was vague,” Wetherbee said. He also noted that there was a problem with the school district phone lines and the message ended up being

sent twice, once to the elementary parents, once to the high school parents.

The bottom line, Wetherbee said, was that the two events were investigated by law enforcement and there was no credible threat. Wetherbee hoped the message would

be “We got this, we still have this,” he said, “but that’s not how it was received.”

“If I wasn’t 100 percent certain – 100 percent – that the school was safe for students, I would have shut it down. I would do this any time,” he said.



David Stokes was killed in a two-car collision between a pickup truck and a Jeep in Cameron on Wednesday afternoon, October 24 (SUBMITTED)

## McAllister man killed in Cameron crash

Cause of fatal crash still under investigation

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CAMERON—A McAllister man, 53-year-old David Stokes, was killed in a two-car collision between a pickup truck and a Jeep in Cameron on Wednesday afternoon, October 24.

Stokes was heading southbound on Highway 287 when he tried to make a left-hand turn onto Bear Creek Road just across from the Blue Moon Saloon, according to Montana Highway Patrol. In making that turn, he collided with a northbound vehicle containing two passengers.

Montana Highway Patrol, Madison County Sheriff's

Department, Ennis Ambulance, Madison Valley Rural Fire Department and a Life-Flight helicopter all responded to the scene.

Stokes passed away at the scene of the crash, and the two passengers in the northbound car were both transported to Madison Valley Medical Center, according to highway patrol. The driver of that car sustained minor injuries, while the passenger sustained serious injuries. None of the three people involved in the crash had been wearing seatbelts at the time.



## Sheriff race makes for complex Election Day outcome

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MADISON COUNTY—As Election Day approaches, few ballot issues have been more widely discussed among Madison County residents as the office of sheriff of Madison County. There are several factors at play that affect the race, each with different potential outcomes. But, say Madison County's commissioners, for the most part things will continue to be business as usual, regardless of who carries the vote on Election Day.

There are two options for voters as to who to select for sheriff. Currently suspended Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson is the only candidate listed on the ballot, while undersheriff Phil Fortner is running a declared write-in campaign.

Write-in candidates are only counted if they have officially registered their campaign with the election office, which means Fortner is the only acceptable write-in candidate for any office in Madison County this election cycle.

While acting as sheriff during Thompson's suspension, Fortner remains the county's undersheriff, and would only truly adopt the post of sheriff if he was elected to do so via that write-in campaign.

If Thompson receives more votes on Election Day, he will remain sheriff of Madison County, but will also remain on suspension, as is in keeping with any

public officer facing criminal charges. Thompson may not resume his duties as sheriff until a verdict is made on the charges against him, which include official misconduct, perjury and tampering with evidence. Thompson pleaded not guilty to all three charges on October 1, and his next court date is not yet set. In the interim, Fortner remains acting sheriff.

If elected and later found innocent, Thompson will go through the county's channels of resuming his duties as sheriff. If elected and found guilty, the outcome is less clear, but one of the penalties for a public servant found guilty of official misconduct is the forfeiture of his office as a public servant. In that case, Madison County would find itself back in the situation it finds itself in now: its undersheriff acting as sheriff in an interim capacity.

Should Undersheriff Fortner win via write-in on Election Day, he will become Madison County's next sheriff regardless of the outcome of Thompson's future hearings. But, until more information comes available, the commissioners say that the county will continue to follow all the set legal and judicial pathways that are laid out for it. As always, it falls to the citizens of Madison County to weigh each issue and make their votes count on November 6.

## First Madison Valley Bank updates name

New branding begins  
October 29

ENNIS - At the start of business on October 29, First Madison Valley Bank in Ennis will update its name to Madison Valley Bank. In addition to the primary location in Ennis, all branch locations including First Boulder Valley Bank, Montana City Bank, and Yellowstone Basin Bank will all change their names to Madison Valley Bank.

In addition to a single, refreshed name for all branch locations, Madison Valley Bank will also update its logo, branding and marketing materials in all locations including Ennis, Montana City, Boulder, and West Yellowstone. Madison Valley Bank's website will also be updated to: [www.madisonvalleybank.com](http://www.madisonvalleybank.com).

"This will not affect our customers one bit," stated bank president Tim Combs. "All current ATM cards, checks, credit cards, account numbers and more will continue to be used. When customers order new checks or when ATM or credit cards expire, all new products will include our updated name

and branding. For our customers, this transition will be seamless."

While customers will see a refreshed logo and updated marketing materials moving forward, the Combs family is eager to continue their long-cultivated personal connection to customers. Operating all bank locations under the same name helps to build unity and cohesion.

"As our family of banks grow and change, we have to grow with them," remarked Bruce Combs, bank general counsel. "Our father - Peter T. Combs - started the first bank in Ennis in 1965 by greeting customers on the front steps with a handshake and cup of coffee. We're eager to solidify our family of banks under the same name, and continue our father's ethos of: bank small, live big."

On October 29th all bank signage in Ennis, West Yellowstone, Boulder, and Montana City will be updated. Bank employees will assist customers with any questions they may have.

The Madison Valley Bank family of banks is eager to assist you in your next financial endeavor. For more information or to locate a branch nearest you, please visit: [www.madisonvalleybank.com](http://www.madisonvalleybank.com).




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# OPINION

Editor:

A vote for Mike (Doc) White is a vote for someone who will stand up and fight for us and for Montana values.

Mike is a man of integrity and honesty. He is not afraid to get his hands dirty for what he believes in or to rock the boat and hold government accountable. Mike will not give to emotional pressure, but instead stands for facts and reason.

We do not need another politician in Helena. We need someone who is going to serve their district and work for us. The problem with politicians is they tell you what you want to hear or what will get them your vote. Mike will hear you out and then tell you where he stands and what he believes. At the candidate forums, Mike answered the questions and if he didn't know or have an answer he stated as such. Mike does not have a personal agenda or any cause driven by self-advancement. When asked what bill he might introduce if elected, he matter of fact said he did not have one. Politicians blow with the wind and dance around the issues. Mike is not a very good dancer.

Mike has a tremendous appreciation and admiration for Montana and particularly Madison County. Mike came to Montana and embraced its values, heritage, and beliefs. He did not come and try to change them. Mike is what Montana is all about: hard work, honesty, integrity, caring, compassionate, family values, morals, and community.

He has the ability to go to Helena and fight in committee and on the floor for what is right. He will not compromise and subsidize to pressure and sacrifice Montana values.

Mike has worked with his wife Eileen and staff to build a successful, community supportive business. He knows how to live within his means and hold to a budget. He can stretch a dollar when needed and give a dollar to someone in need. If anyone can help streamline our government and improve efficiency, he is the one.

Mike may not be a 3rd or 4th Generation Montanan, but surely lives his life like one. He cherishes what the people who settled this great state stood for and the values they lived by, the sacrifices they made. He will honor those values and keep Montana the great Conservative State it has always been. Mike will preserve our Montana way of life. I share in his values and love for Montana.

Being a lifelong Montanan does not exemplify you with good stewardship, but it's how you live your life as a Montanan that does. And besides how could you not trust and put your faith in a man that takes care of your family's most beloved dog Lucky or adorable feline Fluffy.

Please join me in voting for Mike White for HD 71.

Tony Tezak, Ennis

Editor:

One can get a great deal accomplished on projects when you have good working partners and an established mission.

This was the case in Madison County where the Skyline Sportsmen, Butte Trout Unlimited and Public Lands Access Association teamed up with Madison County Commissioner Ron Nye (Buzzy) to complete the SRI Land Exchange, the High Bridge fishing access site and the Pennington Bridge fishing access site.

Commissioner Nye helped our groups work through the maze of county and state regulations to help see these projects completed. He even made the trip to Helena and testified before the State Land Board so that we could finalize the very important SRI Land Exchange which combined thousands of acres of land as well as a permanent easement to this huge area at the head of Richester and Red Mountain areas.

Ron has always been in favor of stream access and is an accomplished fisherman.

Hopefully, this cooperation will continue long into the future.

Tony Schoonen, Director, Public Lands and

Water Access Association

Leroy Mehrgin, Director, Skyline Sportsmen's Association

Editor:

I want to personally thank the Madison County Commissioners for their support with the recently established permanent Public Access sites on the Ruby River. Commissioner Ron Nye was very helpful in ensuring that the public access sites at Lewis Lane and Seyler Lane were implemented. He worked with various stakeholders regarding these sites, including concerned citizens, recreators, landowners, and Montana FWP to make sure they were completed. His opponent in the upcoming Commissioner's election, when he served as Ranch Manager/Supervisor for the Kennedy ranch, discouraged public access on the Ruby River, including being involved with the placement of an electric fence across the river near Seyler Lane Bridge. This is not the type of Commissioner Madison County needs.

Thanks also go to Commissioner Dan Allhands for his positive assistance with the permanent public access site at the new Laurin Bridge. Without his help and his work with the engineering firm that planned the bridge, the access site would not have been put in when the new bridge was built. By putting the access site in at the time the bridge was constructed, the taxpayers of Madison County saved a lot of money.

Commissioner Jim Hart also deserves thanks for his support of these public access projects. Even though they were not located in his district, he still advocated for their completion.

The next permanent public access site we will be asking the Commissioners to consider is at the Coy Brown Bridge on Judy Lane. This is a Designated County Road with a 60 foot right of way. It would be very easy, once the road is surveyed, to put public access sites at this location. We are hopeful that the Commissioners will be supportive of this project as they have been with Lewis and Seyler Lanes and the Laurin Bridge.

## Health Savings Accounts: A bipartisan way to reduce healthcare costs

By Sally C. Pipes

In one fell swoop, incumbent members of Congress could save consumers money, drive down healthcare costs, and burnish their bipartisan credentials before the midterm elections.

How? By scrapping a provision within Obamacare that prohibits 3 million people from opening health savings accounts, which can save patients hundreds or even thousands of dollars a year.

Expanding access to HSAs should be one of Congress's top priorities.

HSAs are "triple tax-advantaged." Savers don't pay tax on money they deposit into the accounts. If they invest that money, they pay no tax on capital gains or dividends. Withdrawals are tax-free, too, as long as they're spent on qualified medical expenses. This year, individuals and families can contribute up to \$3,450 and \$6,900, respectively, to HSAs.

But only certain people can open them. This year, individuals must be enrolled in a health plan with a minimum deductible of \$1,350 and an out-of-pocket maximum of no more than \$6,650. For family plans, those

figures double.

People have an incentive to spend HSA funds wisely. It's their money, after all. This thriftiness forces providers to compete for patients' business. Costs decline as a result. Families who switched to HSA-eligible plans spent 21 percent less in their first year covered by the plans than families who remained in traditional plans with lower deductibles.

A 2015 National Bureau of Economic Research paper found that workers who switched to HSA-eligible plans spent 15 percent less on health care in each of the next three years. They didn't use additional emergency or inpatient care, which suggests they cut spending without endangering their health.

It's no wonder, then, that HSAs have become increasingly popular. In 2017, more than 22 million Americans had HSAs -- an 11 percent increase from the previous year.

This growth may soon slow. Many Obamacare-compliant plans aren't HSA-eligible. The average 2018 individual "bronze"-level plan features an out-of-pocket maximum of nearly \$7,000. That's more than the \$6,650 cut-off for HSAs.

On another subject, a special thank you goes out to Road Supervisor Ray Rowberry and his road crew. They have done an excellent job with the miles and miles of roads they have to maintain in their district. Personally speaking, I can attest to the outstanding job they have done on Mill Gulch Road. They maintain it to the best of their ability, and it is always plowed and kept open in the winter season.

Mark Savinski, Sheridan

Editor:

On your article "Operation Christmas Child" I too believe in helping those in need. After reading your article I was watching the local news and they were doing the same thing for our Native Americans with the exception of gathering food instead of toys.

All in all I believe charity begins at home.

I also don't understand why these African babies are being born when they may starve to death. Why isn't the mother on birth control? Don't you think that would solve their problem?

Susan Mullen, Alder

Editor:

We are hearing a lot of false rhetoric about Initiative 186, misinformation that uses scare tactics to mislead voters and urges them to vote against this important initiative.

Years ago, Montana's citizens passed a law that prohibited new mines from using the cyanide heap leach method, because that method of extracting gold almost inevitably caused both ground water and streams to be polluted by the poisonous cyanide. The scare tactics that the mining industry used back then were very similar to those tactics being used today... claiming that the new law would kill jobs and unreasonably restrict mining to the point that Montana's gold mining industry would end. That cyanide law did pass. Their scare tactics proved false.

Will voters now shy away from Initiative 186 due to these same scare tactics? I hope not!

Initiative 186 has no impact on the current operations of any existing mines, because it only addresses new mining proposals. I-186 would require mining companies to create mining plans that do not include perpetual water treatment. That's certainly not an unreasonable requirement, because how can any mining company guarantee it will stay in business "forever" to keep cleaning up the perpetual water pollution that its mine created? That's ridiculous!

We all know the dismal history of many mining companies who got their ore and then did only as much reclamation as their bond covered, subsequently filing for bankruptcy and forcing taxpayers to clean up their mess... a forever cleanup cost for Butte, regarding the Berkeley Pit. These are cut and run tactics!

We don't need more Berkeley Pits threatening to pollute our blue ribbon trout streams! We need to pass I-186 to prevent irresponsible actions like those of the past. Current mining laws are simply not enough!

Jack Kirkley, Dillon

Editor:

Trump says "the media causes violence". Trump mocked a veteran on national TV.

Trump shouted "lock her up" about Hillary Clinton. Trump applauded crowds shouting "get her a rope" about Nancy Pelosi. He mocked Dr. Blasey about her story of Kavanaugh's attempt to rape her. Trump cheered Greg Gianforte for "attacking" a reporter, saying "Gianforte is my kinda guy".

When is it okay for the President to treat a person this way? If it were your family member would you cheer then?

When is it okay for a family member to be assaulted by a representative, then have the POTUS rally crowds into a frenzy, cheering on the assailant?

Gianforte got an A+ rating from the NRA, his favorite talking point with Kathleen Williams. The reason for the A+ is because he accepted \$344,630.00 from the NRA.

An NRA A+ doesn't mean you are a good candidate.

Williams accepted nothing from the NRA.

So far Gianforte doesn't meet with the public, let alone know or understand what Montanans need. He holds "invitation only" meetings with no press allowed.

During the recent debate with Williams, Gianforte never looked at her. He was so rude that he refused to answer a direct question from Kathleen, just staring at his paper. If he can't handle eye contact, or meet with the public, or speak kindly to a reporter, why would you vote for him?

People who refuse to engage have something to hide, like ignorance.

Kathleen Williams has dedicated this last year traveling thousands of miles all around MT listening to us. She's dedicated to issues and finding out what works in Montana. She looks one in the eye, shakes hands and listens. She stands in front of crowds and explains the problems we face and the policies she's planning, to solve the issues.

Gianforte plans to "line himself up with the President". His job is to legislate, not to be Trump's puppet.

Kathleen Williams votes for women's right to choose their health care and will uphold Roe V Wade.

Gianforte supports restrictions on abortions except when the baby's life is at stake. The life of the mother means nothing. As he lines himself up with the president they are just two peas in a pod.

I voted for Kathleen Williams because all lives matter to her including the life of our planet.

Linda Hollifield, Dillon

## OBITUARIES

A Memorial Service is scheduled for David Stokes Nov 7, at 9:45 a.m. in the Madison Valley Manor Sunroom. Everyone is welcome.

Sally C. Pipes is president, CEO, and Thomas W. Smith Fellow in Health Care Policy at the Pacific Research Institute. Her latest book is *The False Promise of Single-Payer Health Care (Encounter)*. Follow her on Twitter @sallypipes.

## Private inholdings to become public via RMEF

MISSOULA - The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation acquired 1,120 acres of prime elk habitat in western Montana that are now both permanently protected and open to public access. The parcels, previously private inholdings, were conveyed to and now managed by the Lolo National Forest (LNF).

"We are grateful that Stimson Lumber Company recognized the wildlife values of this land and reached out to us to help conserve it," said Kyle Weaver, RMEF president and CEO.

Located about 15 miles west of Missoula, the property lies within

the Ninemile Ranger District in LNF. It's just a few miles from other RMEF projects that conserved more than 1,000 acres of wildlife habitat.

The new Edith Peak project is especially important because the surrounding land is part of a wildlife movement corridor connecting the Ninemile Divide with the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem to the north and the Fish Creek area and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness to the south.

The surrounding area features spring, summer and fall range supporting more than 500 elk. It is also key deer, moose, bear and oth-

er wildlife habitat with springs that provide important riparian habitat.

"The addition of these two inholdings through the Land and Water Conservation Fund will allow the Forest to seamlessly manage the National Forest in this area to improve the condition of the forest while also enhancing recreation opportunities," noted Joe Alexander, Lolo National Forest acting forest supervisor.

Additionally, the project permanently secures public access to the U.S. Forest Service Edith Peak trail that will be uninterrupted as it traverses across the property.



Remax Mountain Property recently donated \$1,000 to the Ennis Food Bank, a donation to be matched by Town Pump. (SUBMITTED)

## DISTRICT COURT ROUNDUP

The Madison County District Court held several hearings the week of October 29:

- Jeb Floyd Smithson was scheduled for a status hearing stemming from several cases against him. In total, Smithson faces eleven charges from three cases. Felony possession of methamphetamine, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle without the owner's consent, possession of drug paraphernalia for pipes and syringes found in Smithson's possession, driving with a suspended or revoked license, driving without liability insurance, failure to secure license plates, a speed infraction on Montana highway 41 and a seatbelt violation were all brought in 2017, and Smithson pleaded not guilty to all eight charges in August 2017.

He also faces charges of failure to register as a violent offender, felony theft and misdemeanor obstruction of a peace officer. Smithson was arrested earlier this year after failing to appear for a court appearance.

- Julie Ann Cox charges stemming from parole violations after being found guilty of driving under the influence in January of 2016, a fourth instance of that type of infraction. Cox was sentenced in October 2016 to 13 months in the state Department of Corrections, as well as admittance to the state's WATCH program. She is now facing charges alleging parole violations and another instance of driving under the influence, both charges to which she has pleaded not guilty.

- Jason Andrew Hafer is charged with felony possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia for a glass pipe, both allegedly found in his possession in September. Hafer is also charged with attempted theft, a felony, for attempting to steal

several Madison County-owned items, and misdemeanor criminal trespassing associated with that attempted theft.

- Jessica Logan Bosch is charged with felony DUI, operation of a motor vehicle by a habitual traffic offender, driving without motor vehicle insurance and driving with an expired vehicle registration. Bosch has pleaded not guilty to all four charges and was scheduled for a change of plea hearing this week which was postponed to a later date.

- Jeremy Michael Juarez is charged with felony assault with a weapon for allegedly intentionally operating a vehicle in such a way that a passenger had reasonable apprehension of bodily injury. Juarez is also charged with driving without insurance, felony attempted theft and misdemeanor criminal trespass for attempting to steal several items owned by Madison County in September.

- Peter William Miller is charged with felony strangulation of a friend or family member for allegedly attempting to strangle his female partner back in April. Miller pleaded not guilty in July.

- Zane J. Pasma awaits sentencing for two charges of misdemeanor criminal trespass. Pasma was found not guilty of attempted theft of a CAT excavator in August but was found guilty of two associated counts of criminal trespass.

- Moxon J. Lee is charged with felony sexual intercourse without consent for allegedly having sex with a 15-year-old girl. Individuals under the age of 16 are considered legally unable to give consent in the state of Montana, making the girl unable to give consent by virtue of her age.

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Left - On the Banks of the Lamar (left to right) Joseph Gilman, Noah Caldwell, Kaiden Batzler, Simah Anson, Faith Larson, Brooke Grow, Caitlyn Galiger, Jorien Verhow, Rachel Zielinski, Zac McCormack, and Lane Poirer.

Above - Fearless Leaders with van, Virginia Miller and Shawn Regnerus.

## Sheridan students get Yellowstone field experience

By Sally Schendel

SHERIDAN - The freshman class of Sheridan High School just returned from a 4 day Field Experience in Yellowstone Park. Hosted by Yellowstone Forever, the nonprofit partner of the national park, the field experience focused on three areas of scientific study: trophic cascades – when a change in one element ripples through an ecosystem; the geology of the northern range; and hot spots.

Our days began at 7 a.m. and ended at 5 p.m. and our leader, Virginia Miller, swept us along with her enthusiasm and depth of knowledge; she even taught us how to cheer for the Steamboat Geysers! We stayed at the Overlook Campus in Gardiner. The students worked with Mr. Regnerus, their science teacher, to plan the meals, and we took turns cooking and cleaning up. Mr. Regnerus has some pretty deep knowledge of the park as well, so be-

tween him and Virginia, we learned a whole lot.

On our last night pastel painter extraordinaire Aaron Schuerr came down to show the students a landscape painting technique using charcoal which was wonderfully reminiscent of artist Thomas Moran's experience sketching the park during the Hayden Expedition in the 1870s. While Moran's work can be seen in the nation's capital at the Department of the Interior, our students' work can be seen on our school's Facebook page. We hope their work persuades everyone to love and protect our first national park!

Sheridan Schools gave its full and big-hearted support to this STEAM initiative. We are deeply appreciative of their faith in STEAM investigations, particularly those out in the field. What we come to know deeply, we love; what we love, we protect.

## Hunters, anglers await action to save the Land and Water Conservation Fund

### Hundreds of Montana sportsmen send letter urging reauthorization of successful program

HELENA - More than 200 Montana sportsmen and women delivered a letter to Senator Jon Tester, Senator Steve Daines, and Representative Greg Gianforte today calling on them to support the full funding and reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

LWCF, which expired over the weekend, supports land acquisition, conservation easements, and other projects that provide public access for hunting and fishing, as well as preserving essential wildlife habitat and migration corridors in Montana and across the nation. The 54-year-old conservation program expired when Congress failed to reauthorize it before September 30.

"Congress made a big mistake allowing this program to expire. Montana hunters, anglers, and other outdoors people care deeply about the access and habitat restoration provided by the Land and Water Conservation Fund," said Dave Chadwick Executive Director of Montana Wildlife Federation. He continued, "The importance of LWCF to hunters and anglers in Montana cannot be understated."

Senator Jon Tester has supported full funding for LWCF for nearly a decade. Last summer, Senator Steve Daines joined Senator Tester in supporting S. 569, a bill that would provide full, permanent funding for the program. On Tuesday, Senator Daines, as a member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resource Committee, will have a chance to vote on the bill.

"Senator Daines has a chance to stand with Montanans and help move the ball forward on full-funding and reauthorization of LWCF when he votes tomorrow," added Chadwick.

The House of Representatives did not pass legislation to reauthorize or fund LWCF before adjourning for a six-week break. Rep. Gianforte supports legislation to reauthorize

LWCF but does not yet support legislation to fully fund the program.

The letter reads as follows:

Dear Senator Tester, Senator Daines, and Representative Gianforte:

We are writing to express our strong support for your urgent efforts to permanently reauthorize and provide full and dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

As you all know, LWCF is one of the most successful conservation programs in America and in Montana. In Montana, LWCF has helped protect habitat for deer, elk, antelope, and our other treasured game species, along with habitat for waterfowl and upland gamebirds. The LWCF has protected key watersheds that support our blue ribbon trout fisheries, along with most of the state's fishing access sites.

LWCF is personal to all of us who hunt, fish, hike, and camp on Montana's public lands. Over the years, LWCF has provided public access to public lands, supporting our hunting and fishing traditions and our outdoor economy. LWCF has also been critical in restoring healthy forests, watersheds and fisheries as well as preserving essential wildlife habitat and connectivity for elk, mule deer, pronghorn, bears, mountain lions, bighorn sheep, and countless other species of mammals, birds and native fish. Over the history of the program, much of the money authorized for conservation and outdoor recreation has been diverted elsewhere, resulting in chronic underfunding of LWCF.

This shouldn't be the case.

As you know, LWCF expired on September 30, 2018. Montanans appreciate your bipartisan efforts to secure reauthorization of this program. We also need you to support passage of legislation to fully fund the program at the appropriate level of \$900 million annually. LWCF is too important to Montana to let it fall by the wayside. Thank you for your leadership on this important Montana priority.

Locals who signed this letter include:

- Fran Gough of West Yellowstone
- Rush Hardin, of Ennis
- Eliza Janney of Three Forks
- Scott Ogeka of Three Forks
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## Town Pump donating \$750,000 for food banks statewide

SHERIDAN - The Town Pump Charitable Foundation is matching \$750,000 in contributions during its 17th annual fundraising campaign for food banks across Montana, including Madison Valley Caring and Sharing and the Ruby Valley Food Pantry in Sheridan.

In all, a record-setting 84 food banks are participating in the statewide "Be A Friend in Deed, Helping Those in Need" campaign this year. The campaign has raised about \$30 million for Montana food banks in 16 years, including about \$5.5 million in matching grants from the Town Pump Charitable Foundation. Organizers of the campaign, which runs through Nov. 30, hope to raise over \$3 million for the food banks this year.

Locally, the foundation is matching up to \$7,500 on behalf of Madison Valley Caring and Sharing in Ennis and \$2,000 on behalf of the Ruby Valley Food Pantry in Sheridan. Funds raised will benefit the local communities exclusively.

The money is frequently used to purchase perishable food items such as milk, bread, fruit and vegetables. Also, the funds are becoming more crucial in helping many food bank organizations simply stay open through

payment of rent, utilities, and space for storage, refrigeration and freezing.

"We have a very giving community and with the incentive of matched funds from Town Pump, we are able to raise the funds needed to help the families in need for the entire year, until Town Pump starts again in September of the next year," said Donna Crumley. "Without this generous campaign, we wouldn't be able to keep the doors open. We want to thank them and the community for all they do for our Ennis food bank."

"As the 'Be A Friend in Deed, Helping Those in Need' campaign continues to grow, so does our admiration for our food bank partners across the state," said Mike Kenneally, of the Town Pump Charitable Foundation. "The efforts of local food banks and the thousands of amazing Montanans who donate to the campaign each year make a real difference in the lives of our hungry neighbors."

Donations for the campaign are being collected at the Ennis Town Pump. Donations also can be sent directly to Madison Valley Caring and Sharing, P.O. Box 171, 59729, in Ennis; and the Ruby Valley Food Pantry, P.O. Box 637, Sheridan, 59749.



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## Dave McAdoo: Feeling humble in the mountains

By Abigail Dennis, (re-run from Fall 2017)

Dave McAdoo may not think his pursuits are "up to snuff" compared with other outdoor recreationists in Madison County, but there is no denying he takes full advantage of what Mother Nature offers.

"In the winter, my favorite outdoor pursuit is skiing," McAdoo said. "In the summer, I try to get out and go backpacking as much as I can."

McAdoo lives in Sheridan, and has for five years. He found the Ruby Valley through a work opportunity - he is a landscape architect specializing in habitat restoration. From Sheridan, McAdoo has views of multiple mountain peaks. He has made it a personal goal to make it to the top of all of them.

"For day trips, I really like to peak bag, or get on top of the high points around," he said. "I like looking at the landscape and seeing where I've been."

However, McAdoo truly lives for overnight backpacking expeditions. The most memorable? Always the ones he has done with his sons.

"They live in Portland, Ore., with their mother," McAdoo said, referring to his two sons, aged 17 and 14. "They have a strong connection to this area and it's always my mission to get out with them when they are here."

Last summer, McAdoo and his eldest son climbed Sphinx Mountain in the Madison Range to start a 50 plus mile traverse down the mountain range, ending near Beaver Creek in the south Madison Valley.

"We started at Bear Creek and climbed the Sphinx the first day, and went south from there," McAdoo said. "When it's hot and dry in the valleys, it's good to get up there and experience the height of the summer."

There is something unique about recreating in Madison County, if you ask McAdoo.

"There is no shortage of country to explore," he said. "The best part about living in Madison County and the Ruby Valley - when you do make the effort to get out, you pretty much have it to yourself. It just makes it that much more special and worth the effort."

McAdoo's list of places to explore is long. Though he maintains a log of where he would like to go, especially with his sons, he is always getting ideas of dozens of other places he wants to see and share.

"The experience of being out in it and feeling small and humble in the face of it allows you to put worldly struggles to the side," he said. "Experiencing time with my sons is important too."

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# Labeling of 'alternative proteins' remains USCA's top priority

WASHINGTON – Meat is meat, and beef is bovine. At this week's USDA/FDA Joint Public Meeting on "The Use of Cell Culture Technology to Develop Products Derived from Livestock and Poultry," the United States Cattlemen's Association (USCA) has reiterated the impor-

ance of maintaining the integrity of beef labels, and continues to oppose any use of the terms "beef" or "meat" on any product not harvested from livestock in the traditional manner. Nearly 600 individuals have registered to attend or testify at the public meeting.

"The United States Cattlemen's Association has always been a strong advocate for truth and transparency in labeling, said past USCA President Danni Beer. "We championed the establishment of a country-of-origin labeling program for U.S. beef products, which the courts upheld, and we continue

to push back against the interests of multinational corporations in favor of consumer and producer rights. It is that core value which brings us here today." "Since 1986, ranchers have been building up beef's brand through a regular investment into a program known as the Beef

Checkoff.... Nearly \$1.1 billion has been invested into the "beef" brand since 1986." "It is wrong for beef producers to pay to promote a cell-cultured product. And it is wrong for any part of our beef checkoff dollars to be used to promote cell-cultured proteins either domestically or in-

ternationally." "The alternative protein industry should not be allowed to villainize the beef cattle industry. U.S. beef is among the most sustainably produced beef in the world and we strive to better our cattle and beef product everyday."



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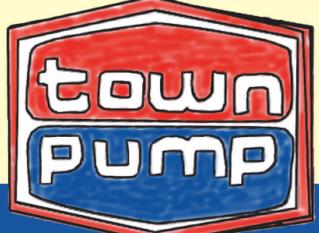
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# Madison County DISPATCH

## October 21 - 27, 2018.

<p>October 21 - Accident on MT Hwy 41, MM 51, Silver Star; Accident East of Ennis Lake, Ennis; Theft Complaint on Sunrise Loop, Ennis; Wildlife Complaint on Bluff View Ln., Ennis; Medical Aid on Clay Dr., McAllister.</p> <p>October 22 - Accident on US Hwy 287, MM 69, Norris; Abandoned Vehicle on Johnson Rd., Pony; Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 38, Twin Bridges; Abandoned Vehicle at US Hwy 287 &amp; MT Hwy 359, Harrison; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 59, McAllister.</p> <p>October 23 - Accident on US Hwy 287, MM 70, Norris; Fire Call in 100 Blk N. Main St., Sheridan; Accident in 100 Blk W. Main St., Ennis.</p> <p>October 24 - Coroner Call in Alder; Accident on MT Hwy 287, MM 21, Alder; Tresspass Complaint on Wisconsin Creek Rd., Sheridan; Accident on US Hwy 287, MM 38, Cameron; Animal Complaint on Upper Ruby Rd., MM 10, Alder; Wildlife Complaint on Upper Ruby Rd., MM 7, Alder; Citizen Assist on Bieler Ln., Sheridan; Citizen Assist</p>	<p>in 300 Blk S. Jefferson St., Sheridan; Suspicious Circumstances on Adkins Ln., Harrison.</p> <p>October 25 - Suspicious Circumstances on Jack Creek Rd., Ennis; Accident on MT Hwy 41 N, MM 50, Silver Star; Animal Complaint at US Hwy 287 &amp; Varney Rd., Cameron; Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk Toledo Mine Rd., Sheridan; Abandoned Vehicle in 100 Blk, N. Main St., Ennis; Tresspass Complaint in Sterling Rd. area, Norris; Accident in 100 Blk N. First St., Ennis; Dog Complaint Out of County.</p> <p>October 26 - Medical Aid in 100 Blk Tobe Rd., Ennis; Threats in 200 Blk N. Madison St., Sheridan; Wildlife Complaint in 100 Blk Lonesome Dove Rd., Cameron; Accident on MT Hwy 41, MM 20, Twin Bridges; Citizen Assist on Loch Leven Ln., Silver Star; Theft Complaint in 500 Blk Centennial Dr., Sheridan; Suspicious Circumstances on MT Hwy 287, MM 23, Alder.</p> <p>October 27 - Wildlife Complaint on Ruby River Dr., Sheridan; Accident on MT Hwy 41, MM 57, Silver Star.</p>
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The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 75 Calls for Service from Oct 21-27.

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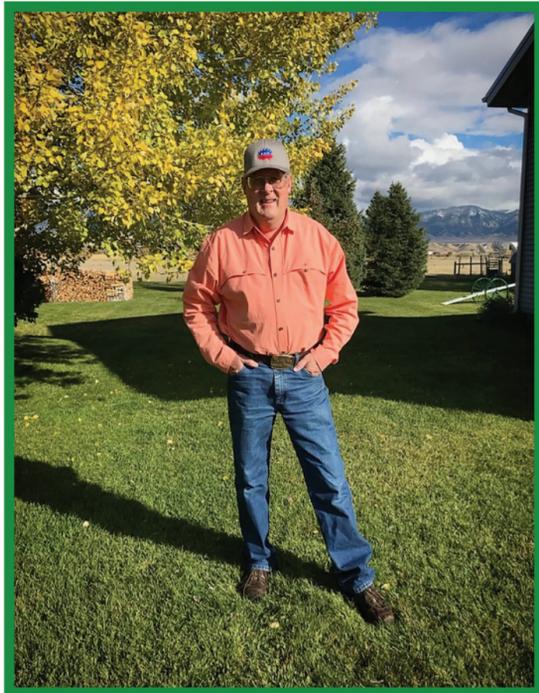
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# Gov. sues to protect conservation easements

**Bullock asks Supreme Court to reverse AG's opinion blocking conservation, access projects**

MONTANA – On the heels of opening weekend of general hunting season, Governor Steve Bullock sued Attorney General Tim Fox in the Montana Supreme Court asking the high court to overturn an attorney general opinion that blocks closure on pending conservation easement projects with Montana landowners.

“Attorney General Tim Fox’s opinion is wrong on the law and wrong for Montana’s tradition of conservation and public access,” said Governor Bullock. “Montanans expect the Attorney General not to utilize the opinion powers for political purposes. I won’t stand by while Attorney General Fox jeopardizes the rights of private property owners to do what they choose with their ranchland, and sportsmen and sportswomen across our state who rely on the Habitat Montana program.”

A decision by the Court will affect procedures for all future conservation easements in the Habitat Montana program. Three Habitat Montana projects face imminent deadlines, or they will expire. “These three projects alone would protect over 18,000 acres of pristine wildlife habitat for future generations and guarantee public access to these private prop-

erties,” Governor Bullock said. “We could close these deals and help these private property owners tomorrow, except for the Attorney General’s opinion. It adds more politics, uncertainty, and bureaucracy that the law just doesn’t require.”

Montana law says that these projects have all the approvals they require after a vote by the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

The opinion, issued last week, says that conservation easement deals between landowners and FWP must be approved by the Land Board. For years, the Land Board endorsed these easements. Beginning in 2017, however, Land Board members began to reject or indefinitely postpone conservation easement projects. Governor Bullock ordered a review of the Land Board’s authority after a March meeting in which the Board indefinitely delayed the Horse Creek Conservation Easement.

A legislator opposed to the Horse Creek project requested the Attorney General opinion. It was issued October 15 and turns past practice before the Land Board into a new legal requirement for conservation easements.

Bullock stressed the effects Land Board politics have had on private property owners. “Montana landowners have spent years working in good faith trying to complete these deals, only to see Land Board members pull the rug out from under them at the last minute,” Bullock said. “For many, this is the most important financial decision they will make.”

– Background –

- The conservation easements are part of the Habitat Montana program, which uses fees from hunting licenses to promote wildlife conservation and public access. It is administered by the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP).
- There are three pending conservation easements that have been approved by the Fish and Wildlife Commission and that must be closed before the end of this year or they will expire. One must be completed by the end of November.
- The three pending deals will protect over 18,000 acres across Montana, opening them up for hunting.
- A decision by the Supreme Court would affect all future FWP conservation easements, which historically have protected hundreds of thousands of acres of habitat for hunting and fishing access.
- The Attorney General’s opinion relies on an incorrect reading of Montana law, conflating land purchases with conservation easements to impose the Land Board requirement on FWP easements.
- Governor Bullock’s suit provides new documents showing that FWP, as far back as the mid-80s, finalized conservation easements without the Land Board. The opinion claims, falsely, that FWP had always gone to the Board.

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



## Evalyn Johnson

The Dick Pace Archives were created at the Thompson-Hickman Library over twenty years ago to keep track of centuries of Virginia City’s and the Madison Valley’s history. Pace was the library’s first archivist, and Evalyn Johnson is the second.

“I do it because I know a little bit about history,” Johnson says. “I’ve been here for a lot of years and I know a lot about the area and Virginia City.”

Johnson says the archives’ materials came in hundreds of boxes when the space first opened. She was largely responsible for organizing all those records and keepsakes, making them available for people who come in to find information on family: marriages, baptisms, even to find out whether or not their ancestors found gold in the hills.

“People come to town who had relatives here, or

who want to know certain history, and I go to the archives and help them find information on their family.”

Johnson spends time nearly every day in the archives and is often on call during the summer so that visitors can find what they’re looking for. She lives just down the street, so the librarians often call her to come down and assist.

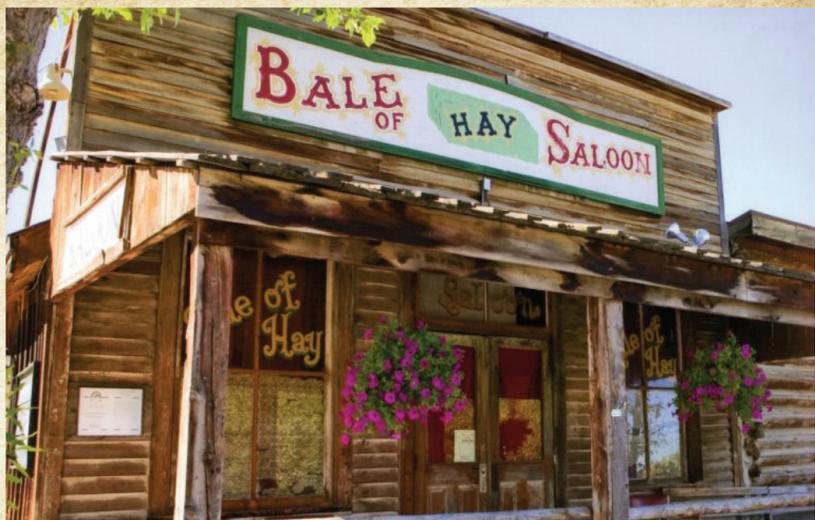
“We’re starting to update the archives with some more recent history as well,” she says. “That way, later generations will also be able to find their own families.”

Johnson acts as a kind of human archive herself, saying it sometimes feels like things have to be reorganized every time she comes in just to keep everything straight. But she might just be Virginia City’s best compass for navigating the past.



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# Requests for absentee ballots grow, despite the concerns behind LR-129

By Emily Schabacker  
Community News Service, UM  
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MISSOULA - By the numbers alone, absentee ballots are a big hit with Montana voters – and getting bigger.

As of Oct. 22, with two weeks of campaigning still to go, officials reported sending out more than 406,000 absentee ballots. That's almost 50,000 more than were sent to voters in Montana's 2016 presidential election.

Not all of those absentee ballots will be cast, but trends show that upwards of 90 percent will be.

That comes despite concerns from sponsors of a measure on this November's ballot, Legislative Referendum 129, who argue that voting by mail is vulnerable to abuse.

If the referendum passes, it would ban "all but certain individuals from collecting an-

other individual's ballot." The idea, supporters have said, is to prevent "ballot harvesting," in which people unknown to voters gather up absentee ballots, promising to turn them into election officials.

To combat that fear, LR-129 would require individuals delivering ballots to sign a registry before collection that identifies them as a caregiver, family member, a household member or an acquaintance of the voter on the ballot. It would exempt elected officials and postal workers.

The issue of voter fraud in Montana arose after Montana Secretary of State Corey Stapleton, said that 360 illegal ballots were cast during a special elections race in May 2017. However, no evidence was found to support voter misconduct. Stapleton declined to comment for this article.

University of Montana political scientist Christopher Mus-

te said academic research has found no evidence of voter fraud by way of absentee voting.

"There's no clear indication in the results that I've seen that there is a widespread problem with people taking in ballots that aren't theirs and either not turning them in or turning them in selectively," Muste said.

Since absentee ballots were sent out in early October, voters in some places have reported people knocking on doors, offering to collect and return ballots to the polling place. These individuals often work for political parties or organizations that are seeking to reach voters who they think are loyal to their views.

Passing a ballot off to a stranger may raise red flags of potential voter fraud, but there are no recorded instances that those groups are collecting ballots and not returning them to election offices.

However, it is difficult to track voter misconduct in the mail-in system. A voter would only know if their ballot was not processed by checking their voting record for an indication that they had not voted in the previous election.

Dayna Causby, Missoula County's election administrator, encourages voters to give their ballots only to people they trust.

"We tell voters your ballot is your opinion, and you treat your opinion with care, as you would treat your grandmother's wedding ring with care," Causby said. "If you do not trust that person you're handing your ballot to with your grandmother's wedding ring, then don't give them your ballot."

Overall, Causby said the potential for voter fraud is minimal. Voters are contacted when problems arise such as mismatched signatures or an

accidental household swap of ballots.

"There's very little fraud from an election administrator standpoint," Causby said. "There is voter fraud with malicious intent across the country, but it's very minimal compared to the broad scope in the voting process."

More significantly, voting by mail has changed how elections and campaigning play out because so many people are casting their votes earlier.

"It creates this bizarre dynamic where some people are voting before all the campaigning is happening and some people who are used to waiting until the end of the campaign are finding that not as many things are happening during that time," Muste said. "As a group, voters are less unified in terms of the information that they have, and we are getting a mixed evaluation of the candidates."

From Muste's perspective, this means voters may be making uninformed decisions, potentially driven by party lines. But the system, he added, does provide voting opportunities for those who may not vote otherwise, such as elderly people who cannot drive or have health problems, busy parents who dread taking three screaming kids to a busy polling place, workers whose hours may leave no time to place a vote and many others.

*The Community News Service is a service of the University of Montana School of Journalism. Questions about this story should be directed to student reporter Emily Schabacker at emily.schabacker@umconnect.umt.edu or editor Dennis Swibold at dennis.swibold.umontana.edu.*

## Study analyzes impacts of log supply, worker productivity on forest industry

MISSOULA - A new study authored by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Montana examines the impacts of changing timber harvest levels, worker productivity and wood product markets on employment and income in Montana's forest industry.

The study authors are Todd Morgan, director of the Forest

Industry Research program at BBER; Paul Polzin, emeritus director of BBER; and retired U.S. Forest Service economist Michael Niccolucci.

Employment and income of workers in Montana's forest industry have declined since the 1990s, with a very pronounced drop during the Great Recession and little recovery since. Likewise,

timber harvest volumes, lumber production and sales from the wood products industry in Montana have gone down. Meanwhile labor productivity – output per worker – has generally increased among Montana's larger sawmills and panel producers.

BBER researchers found that the main driver of forest industry employment and income in Montana since the 1980s has been timber harvest levels or log supply. Labor productivity and wood product market conditions have been less influential.

The authors found that even though labor productivity in the state's sawmill industry had increased since the 1980s, it had several prolonged periods of flat or negative growth.

The study concludes that with additional timber, mills in Montana could not only increase wood product sales, but also increase employment, add workers and increase hours per employee, which would increase labor income.

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# MADISON COUNTY WEATHER

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Saturday	AM showers. High 45, low 32. Winds WSW 7 mph, 40 percent chance of rain.
Sunday	Showers. High 45, low 32. Winds SSW 9 mph, 60 percent chance of rain.
Monday	Rain and snow showers. High 42, low 26. WSW 6 mph, 40 percent chance of rain.

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## Betty McCoy inducted into National 4-H Hall of Fame

BOZEMAN – A longtime leader of Montana 4-H was inducted recently into the National 4-H Hall of Fame for her lifetime achievements and contributions to the youth development organization.

Elizabeth ‘Betty’ McCoy of Bozeman was one of 15 people inducted during the ceremony, which was held Oct. 19 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Montana 4-H is the youth development program of Montana State University Extension. 4-H is the nation’s largest youth development organization, serving more than 6 million young people across America and 20,000 youth in Montana annually, with research-based programs in leadership, citizenship, communication and life skills. The program also offers leadership development for almost 3,000 adult volunteers in Montana.

“With a constant focus on youth, Betty McCoy provided leadership for the Montana 4-H Youth Development program with professionalism and passion. She earned the trust of youth and adults across the state and the admiration of peers across the country through her dedicated service,” said Cody Stone, MSU Extension director. “This honor is a tribute to a lifetime of engagement and visionary leadership within Montana 4-H.”

McCoy served as a state 4-H specialist from 1978 to 1988 with responsibilities in curriculum development, volunteer management and volunteer leadership. She became the 4-H program leader in 1988 and served as a leader of the program from 1988 until her retirement in 2004.

In that role, McCoy provided leadership in the areas of youth development, volunteer management and resources. She also worked to keep the program locally relevant by guiding the Montana Extension Advisory Council – Youth Subcommittee, the Montana 4-H Leaders’



Betty McCoy

Council, the Montanans for 4-H Legislative Group and the Montana 4-H Foundation Board of Directors.

McCoy was also instrumental in guiding the transition from the State 4-H Office to the Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development through the university approval process and the Board of Regents. The center was approved in Nov. 2002.

National 4-H Hall of Fame honorees are nominated by their home states, National 4-H Council; the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents; or 4-H National Headquarters/National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture based upon their exceptional leadership at the local, state, national and international levels.

McCoy was honored by the Montana 4-H youth development program.

McCoy’s nomination materials note that she “is truly an individual who embodies the values celebrated by this award. Her influence and positive impact to the character of the 4-H program nationally has been pervasive and substantial from her early career to her retirement as Montana 4-H program leader in 2004. Since her international 4-H youth exchange experience as a delegate to Venezuela in 1969-1970, McCoy has been a positive and influential force behind all international programs in Montana 4-H.”

Her career awards include the National Outstanding International 4-H Youth Exchange Award in 2000, the MSU Extension 4-H Agents Mid-Career Award in 1989, the NAE4HA “Distinguished Service Award” in 1984 and recognition as one of the “Outstanding Young Women of America” in 1970 and 1978.

McCoy is author of “Past, Present, Possibilities: Exploring 100 Years of Montana 4-H 1912-2012,” a book she wrote in celebration of Montana’s 4-H centennial.

In addition to her work with 4-H, McCoy is a member of the Montana Ghost Town Society. She has also been a member of the Middle Creek Community Club where she worked to financially support the Red Cross, Gallatin Valley Food Bank, the Humane Society and others.

For more information about 4-H in Montana, visit [montana4h.org](http://montana4h.org).

## Bringing 18th century music to life



Carrie Krause and John Lenti will bring their baroque musical talents—played on period-accurate instruments—to the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center in Virginia City on Saturday, November 10. (ELLING HOUSE PHOTO)

### Renowned baroque musicians to perform at Elling House

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VIRGINIA CITY—Two members of nationally-known baroque ensemble I-90 Collective will be bringing their expertise and their instruments to the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center on Saturday, November 10 in a concert the likes of which hasn’t been often heard since the 1700s.

Carrie Krause and John Lenti will feature both well-known tunes like Greensleeves in their performance, as well as a piece called the Brade Chorale variations, which is the earliest known English piece of music written for violin.

Krause brings a long list of accolades with her to Virginia City. She is currently the concertmaster and lead violinist for the Bozeman Symphony, and founded Bozeman-based nonprofit Baroque Music Montana, an endeavor facilitated by a grant from the renowned Juilliard School. The goal of the nonprofit was to bring to life music that is seldom heard performed live, largely using historical instruments and often original manuscripts of sheet music.

John Lenti is an expert musician on the lute, but he will be playing the theorbo at the Elling House, an instrument similar to the lute but with a much longer neck and 15 strings, allowing for a much wider array of tones.

Lenti has performed nationwide with an emphasis on the baroque period, which stretches from 1600 to 1750. In 2009 Lenti and Krause became two of the founding members of the I-90 Collective, a quartet that combines violin, cello and lute in a single performing group. The ensemble is made up of solo artists who perform around the nation and who come together periodically for group performances.

Ann and John White have seen the I-90 Collective perform

at least three times over the past couple of years and have been hoping to see at least part of the group return to the Madison Valley since they first discovered them.

“We’re sort of groupies, and apparently in the baroque world they have those,” says Ann. “They like small venues since their instruments are original from the early to mid-1600s. They have to have a smaller venue for the sound to be heard.”

Ann says that for her, Krause and the other I-90 Collective artists changed the way she viewed music, especially from the baroque period.

“I had never been a real fan of violin until I heard Carrie on her old, old violin,” she says. “For me, that instrument came alive. It’s just subtly different from modern violins.”

White says the Elling House should be a perfect space for the acoustics of baroque music; it will be the first time performing there for both Krause and Lenti. In the past, White has seen I-90 Collective in similar intimate venues, sometimes even hosted in a private residence for fewer than 40 people. She says their repertoire is more varied than attendees often expect, and always with the artists’ take on the classic scores.

“You’re not just listening to Bach all the time,” she says. “It’s their own take on how to make music on these instruments, and it’s just beautiful. They’re captivating.”

Carrie Krause and John Lenti will perform on Saturday, November 10 at 7 p.m. at the Elling House. Admission to the concert is free or by donation.



VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA



### 2018 Pumpkin Painting Contest ..

Madison Valley Medical Center’s 1st Annual Fall Pumpkin Painting Contest was a lot of fun with 15 participants! MVMC employee Teresa Funke organized the event and president Dottie Fossil served as a judge along with RN Kiley Dickerson. All kids received a MVMC water bottle as a gift for the great imagination they portrayed onto their pumpkins. The winners received a \$25.00 Visa gift card. Winners included dindergartner Arlina Daniels with her unicorn pumpkin, first-grader Addy Wood with her Spooky Bat pumpkin and fifth-grader Ashlynn Cross with her Solar System pumpkin. Here’s hoping the word gets out and we have an even bigger turnout next Halloween! Participants in MVMC’s first annual pumpkin painting contest: Bruce Treloar, Colter Cross, Jeremy Seyle, Arlina Daniels, Ellen Thomas, Foryst Tumsuden, Teresa Nicholson, Jackie Treloar, Addy Wood, Celee Klasna, Reid Henning, Leland Miller, Ashlynn Cross, Carlie Langley and Mayloni Miller.

## NIH study broadens understanding of chronic pain

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Researchers have demonstrated that disability is as likely in the chronic pain population as it is in those with kidney failure, emphysema or stroke. This is the reality for 11 million U.S. adults with High Impact Chronic Pain (HICP), a new concept that describes those with pain lasting three months or longer and accompanied by at least one major activity restriction.

Among the study’s top findings was the revelation that pain-related disability identifies a substantial portion of the chronic pain population experiencing progressive deterioration in mental and physical health outcomes along with substantially higher health care usage. Together, the HICP population constitutes some 4.8 percent of the U.S. adult population. About 83 percent of people with HICP were unable to work for a living, and one-third had difficulty with self-care activities such as washing themselves and getting dressed.

The concept of HICP was first proposed by the National Pain Strategy to better identify those with significant levels of life interference. While prior epidemiological surveys have assessed the impact of pain using questions that ask how much pain interferes with life activities, it is likely that individuals with severe pain may have had difficulty distinguishing the increased effort required to carry out important life activities. As such, this study used an alternative

approach to untether the pain experience from its impact. Activity limitations and participation restrictions were assessed using general disability questions without reference to pain experience.

The study employed data from the 2011 National Health Interview Survey to assess the prevalence, psychosocial characteristics, health status and health care usage of the chronic pain population. It also determined the degree of contribution made by other chronic health conditions to limit activity. Statistical analyses were performed on merged datasets that represented a weighted population size of approximately 220.3 million non-institutionalized adults.

This study ultimately highlights the role of pain-related disability as a key indicator of pain impact. Its findings not only serve to refine clinical research and streamline treatment, they also provide much-needed information to policymakers. As such, the results are relevant to researchers, health care professionals and legislators interested in shaping policy around a global health issue.

This study was partially supported by the Intramural Research Programs at the NIH’s NCCIH and NINDS.ning Discovery Into Health®

For more information, visit the websites of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), NIH Pain Consortium

# HEALTH & WELLNESS



**Madison Valley Manor Resident-Choice Outing to Yellowstone...**  
 The Madison Valley Manor Resident Council meets monthly for residents to talk openly about their life at the manor. Staff also asks for input on their preferred outings, resident meals and activities. One of the requests was an outing to Yellowstone. Residents, family and staff enjoyed a fabulous fall day in West Yellowstone. Close-to-perfect weather, a grand display by Old Faithful and a delicious lunch at the Slippery Otter made the trip memorable. (Pictured Back Row L-R Connie, Cassie, Taylor and Shari, Front Row L-R Elaine, Maxine, Melody, Lee and Eileen) Next up is a trip to the Museum of the Rockies to explore the museum and see their extensive collection of dinosaur fossils, including a full-scale T. rex skeleton!

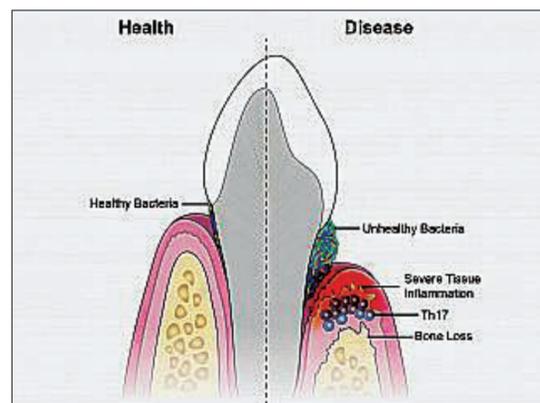
## Researchers identify immune culprits linked to inflammation and bone loss in gum disease

WASHINGTON D.C. - An unhealthy population of microbes in the mouth triggers specialized immune cells that inflame and destroy tissues, leading to the type of bone loss associated with a severe form of gum disease, according to a new study in mice and humans.

The research, led by scientists from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) at the National Institutes of Health and the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, Philadelphia, could have implications for new treatment approaches for the condition.

Periodontal disease is a common disorder that affects nearly half of American adults over age 30, and 70 percent of adults 65 and older. In those affected, bacteria trigger inflammation of the tissues that surround the teeth, which can lead to loss of bone and teeth in an advanced stage of the disease called periodontitis.

"We've known for years that microbes stimulate inflammation. Removing bacteria by tooth-brushing and dental care controls in-



flammation, but not permanently, suggesting there are other factors at play," said study senior author Niki Moutsopoulos, D.D.S., Ph.D., a clinical investigator at NIDCR. "Our results suggest that immune cells known as T helper 17 cells are drivers of this process, providing the link between oral bacteria and inflammation."

Moutsopoulos and colleagues observed that T helper (Th) 17 cells were much more prevalent in the gum tissue of humans with periodontitis than in the gums of their healthy counterparts, and that the amount of Th17 cells correlated with disease severity.

Th17 cells normally live in so-called barrier sites—such as the mouth, skin, and digestive tract—where germs make first contact with the body. Th17 cells are known to protect against oral thrush, a fungal infection of the mouth, but they are also linked to inflammatory diseases such as psoriasis and colitis, suggesting that they play dual roles in health and disease.

To better understand this dynamic, the NIDCR scientists teamed up with an NIDCR-funded research group led by study senior author George Hajishengallis, D.D.S., Ph.D., at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine and colleagues from NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and National Cancer Institute

(NCI).

The scientists found that similar to humans, more Th17 cells accumulated in the gums of mice with periodontitis compared to healthy mice, which served as a control group.

To see if the oral microbiome might be the trigger for Th17 cell accumulation, the researchers placed mice on a broad-spectrum antibiotic cocktail. They found that eliminating oral microbes prevented expansion of Th17 cells in the gums of mice with periodontitis while leaving other immune cells unaffected, suggesting an unhealthy bacterial population triggers Th17 cell accumulation.

Next, the group wanted to know if blocking Th17 cells could lessen periodontal disease. When the scientists genetically engineered mice to lack Th17 cells, or gave the animals a small-molecule drug that prevents Th17 cell development, they saw similar outcomes: reduced bone loss from periodontitis. RNA analysis showed the Th17-blocking drug led to reduced expression of genes involved in inflammation, tissue destruction, and bone loss, suggesting that Th17 cells may mediate these processes in periodontitis.

Finally, the researchers studied a group of 35 patients at the NIH Clinical Center with a gene defect causing them to lack Th17 cells. The scientists reasoned that if Th17 cells are as important to periodontitis as the animal studies suggested, not having Th17 cells should protect against gum disease. This is indeed what the group found—the patients were less susceptible to the condition and had less inflammation and bone loss compared to age- and gender-matched volunteers.

"Our clinical observations point to the relevance of our animal studies to humans and provide further evidence that Th17 cells are drivers of periodontitis," said NIDCR researcher Nicolas Dutzan, Ph.D., first author of the paper.

"These results provide key insights into the mechanisms that underlie development of periodontal disease," said NIDCR Director Martha J. Somerman, D.D.S., Ph.D. "Importantly, they also offer compelling evidence for therapeutic targeting of specific cells, which might eventually help us provide better treatment and more relief to patients with this common disease."

This research was supported by the NIH intramural research programs of NIDCR, NIAID, NCI, and National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. Support also came from La Roche-Posay, CEDEF, Pasteur Mutuality Group Corporate Foundation, French Society of Dermatology, Philippe Foundation, and the Foundation for Medical Research.

NIDCR is the nation's leading funder of research on oral, dental, and craniofacial health. To learn more about NIDCR, visit [www.nidcr.nih.gov](http://www.nidcr.nih.gov).

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# COLUMNS



## COMMODITY INSITE: A lost decade?

BY JERRY WELCH

On October 3, stocks as measured by the Dow Jones peaked out, rolled over and dropped sharply. On the same day, so did crude oil prices, a leading indicator for commodities per se and so did the CRB Index that is to the commodity markets as the Dow is to the stock market. Obviously, October 3, was more than important.

However, stock markets across the globe also dropped sharply, trying to keep pace with the Dow, crude and the CRB Index. Global stock markets posted their longest weekly losing streak since 2013. And earlier this week, the U.S. NASDAQ endured its worst one day decline since 2011, seven long years ago.

Historically, October is notorious for being unusually weak for the stock market. Not all Octobers, of course, but when the trick or treat month rolls around and the bears are able get control of things, those long much of anything get hammered. But this October, was so historically weak my work now suggests it will be at least 10 years or longer before the Dow can regain the ground lost this month.

When the Japanese stock market peaked out in late 1991 and early 1992, the economic stagnation

that followed was dubbed, The Lost Decade. But more recently, the years 2001 to 2010 are included and the weakness associated with the Japanese stock market is called, according to Wikipedia, "Lost Score. Or, Lost 20 Years."

Some argue the bull market for US stocks is nine to 10 years old. However, stocks put in the last major and long term low in August 1982 which means the current bull market is woefully long in the tooth and far older than the bulls will admit to. Of course, the boys and girls on Wall Street will dispute how old the current bull market actually is and will argue I am 100 percent wrong with my analysis. They may be right. Or, they may be wrong.

Nonetheless, it is highly likely that a major and long term high for US and global stocks was seen this week. From here, stocks should drop further to the downside. Or, at best, move in a sidewise pattern where values remain stuck in a volatile trading range where rallies will be sold and breaks bought for the next decade.

A few days ago, Bloomberg News posted an interesting piece with a title that read: "Mom and Pop Are Buying the Dip in Stocks While the Pros Stay

Put." Here are the opening lines to the article. "The rift between Wall Street and Main Street is getting wider when it comes to stock investing."

"For the third week in a row, individual investors bought stocks while institutional and hedge funds were net sellers, data on client flows compiled by Bank of America showed. Thanks to retail demand, equity buying by all the firm's clients rose last week to the highest level since late May."

On September 28, my weekly column for this newspaper was entitled, "It's About Time." I wrote, "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."

On September 28, when I penned the article above the Dow closed at 26,476. Today, the Dow closed around 24,680 with the low for the day being 24,415. Since my column, the Dow has dropped more than 2000 points, trading at levels not seen since July 6. It goes without saying that the, "insiders", or, "smart money" that have been selling stocks are doing far better than "mom and pop" investors that keep buying breaks." Such a scenario is likely to be long lasting.

Moving forward, stocks are looking at a, 'lost decade' while commodities per se will improve in value. Money is and will continue to flow out of stocks and into hard assets. Don't be left behind!

And to understand the future learn from the past by going to "Haunted By Markets" and check out the special offer. Don't be left behind!

## The Montana Night Sky

BY RICHARD STOUFFER



### November highlights

The Montana night sky finds the Red Planet, Mars, dominating the evening sky, accompanied by the ringed planet Saturn early in the evening.

Briefly visible in the evening sky is the giant planet Jupiter, which is lost from view after the first few days of the month. In the pre-dawn hours, brilliant Venus jumps rapidly into the morning sky with its rising time changing dramatically as the month progresses.

As November begins, Jupiter is briefly visible low in the western sky, setting less than an hour after sunset.

Jupiter is then lost in the solar glare by around November 7. Further to the east, in the southwestern sky, look for the ringed planet Saturn above the teapot shape formed by the constellation Sagittarius. Saturn sets about three hours after sunset as the month begins, but only about two hours after sunset by the end of the month.

Turning further east from Saturn, in the south-southeastern sky is the Red Planet, Mars. Mars shines prominently in the night sky until it sets about 1:15 a.m. daylight time as the month begins and about midnight standard time as the month comes to a close.

There are no planets visible from that point in the night sky

until brilliant Venus rises about 50 minutes before the sun on November 1.

By the end of the month, the time when Venus rises has increased spectacularly to three and one-half hours before the sun when it rises at about 4:15 a.m. standard time.

In the middle of November, look for Venus to pass near Spica, the brightest star in the constellation Virgo.

As for the moon, the moon passes to the upper left of Saturn on November 11. The moon then passes to the lower right of Mars on November 15. The moon is full on November 22 and then passes to the left of Aldebaran, the brightest star in the constellation Taurus, the next evening. Finally, the moon passes to the upper left of Regulus, the brightest star in the constellation Leo, on the morning of November 29.

For meteor shower watchers, the annual Leonid meteor shower peaks on the morning of November 18.

The shower is predicted to peak at about 15 meteors per hour. With the moon setting at a little after 2 a.m. that morning, the Leonids could be worth getting up early to see. The minor shower named the Taurid meteor shower has a peak spread out over the first half of the month. This shower tends to produce very bright meteors, so you might see a bright meteor from this shower in the November Montana night sky as well.

# Montana schools must act to stop bullying

By Rep. Kimberly Dudik

Montana's children are off to a new school year and the excitement of learning. Children need and deserve to learn in a safe environment.

When children are bullied in schools, it makes them feel unsafe and makes learning (and life) harder. The children doing the bullying need help too.

Knowing this, the Montana Legislature passed the Bully-Free Montana Act in 2015 when I introduced this law to stop bullying in Montana's schools. Because I carried this legislation, I am frequently contacted by citizens regarding bullying situations and what schools are required to do under the Act. As school has started again, it is a good time to focus on what Montana law requires schools to do regarding bullying.

Bullying of a student enrolled in a public K-12 school by another student or an employee is prohibited according to M.C.A. sections 20-5-208 through 210.

Montana law defines bullying as "any harassment, intimidation, hazing, or threatening, insulting, or demeaning gesture or physical contact, including any intentional written,

verbal, or electronic communication or threat directed against a student that is persistent, severe, or repeated."

The bullying conduct must do one of the following: (a) cause "a student physical harm," damage "a student's property, or" place "a student in reasonable fear of harm to the student or the student's property;" (b) create "a hostile environment by interfering with or denying a student's access to an educational opportunity or benefit;" or (c) "substantially and materially" disrupt "the orderly operation of a school." Bullying includes "retaliation against a victim or witness who reports information about an act of bullying and includes acts of hazing associated with athletics or school-sponsored organizations or groups."

Bullying behavior includes actions on school premises, in the classroom, on the bus, on the way to or from school, and during school-sponsored programs or activities. It also includes bullying through the use of electronic communication, including texts, emails, or online activities.

A school must have a policy designed to deter and address bullying. Local school boards have discretion and control over the development of their own policies, but they must in-

clude at a minimum the following according to A.R.M. section 10.55.719:

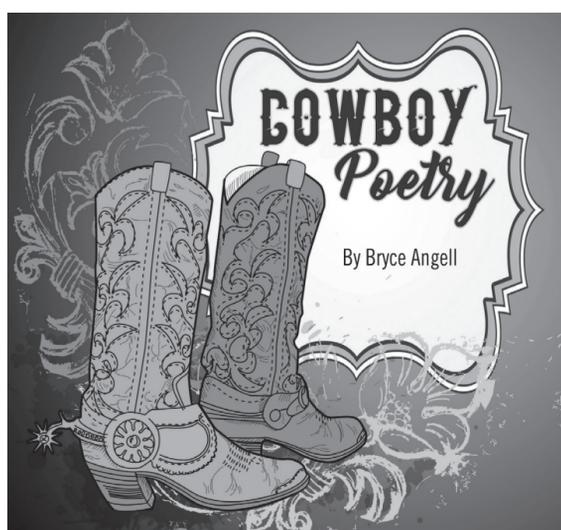
- A prohibition against bullying behavior, regardless of any underlying reason the student engaged in such behavior;
- A procedure for reporting and documenting bullying acts;
- A procedure for investigation of all reports of bullying including the identification of persons responsible for the investigation and response;
- A procedure for determining whether the bullying act is subject to the jurisdiction of the school district or of another public agency, including law enforcement;
- A procedure for referral to the necessary persons or entity with appropriate jurisdiction;
- A procedure for prompt notification of the alleged victim and the alleged perpetrator, or, if the students are minors, the parents or guardians of these students;
- A procedure to protect any alleged bullying victim from further incidents of bullying behavior;
- A disciplinary procedure establishing the consequences for students found to have committed bullying behavior; and

• A procedure for the use of appropriate "intervention and remediation" for victims and perpetrators.

A person can contact law enforcement at any time regarding a bullying incident, even if the school is using administrative procedures to deal with the issue.

If you are concerned about bullying or wonder what your school's policy is, contact your local school and ask for a copy of their policy. It should include these requirements. Talk to the school about any questions you have. School is a time for learning and we have a duty to ensure we are providing children the best environment possible to learn and grow.

*Rep. Kimberly Dudik is a third-term legislator, representing House District 94 that encompasses Frenchtown, Huson, Missoula, and Evaro. She is a proud product of Montana public education, having graduated as a Frenchtown Bronc from the Frenchtown School District. She can be contacted at kimberly.dudik@gmail.com.*



## Horses and politicians

You don't know what's beneath. I wonder if they'd open up and let you check their teeth?

But a horse will learn to listen, and he'll do what you will say. A politician will agree, then do it his own way.

When a horse outlives his usefulness you simply weed him out. You turn him out to pasture and you let him roam about.

Retirement to a horse is 'bout the same day after day. But a politician won't retire.

They just won't go away.

I think we should invest in a politician pasture. I wonder would it mitigate our political disaster?

I thought about a politician's name for my next plug. It sounded down right fitting for a horse's ugly mug.

But to give a horse a name, of a shady politician, made me realize it might affect my horse's disposition.

It seems a politician always wants his pay increased. Is

that an imperfection or the nature of the beast?

I've seen enough of politicians' shady, little tricks. So, I guess I'll stick with horses, shy away from politics.

If it sounds as though I'm prejudiced, I don't mean to annoy. Cuz after all what do I know. I'm just a country boy.

# COMICS & PUZZLES

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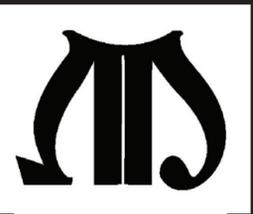
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# PUBLIC NOTICES NOVEMBER 1, 2018

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE**  
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
MADISON COUNTY  
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: CARLETON WILLIAM HARWOOD, Petitioner.  
Cause No. DV-29-2018-72  
HON. LUKE BERGER  
This is notice that Petitioner, Carleton William Harwood, has asked the District Court for a change of his name, Carleton William Harwood, to William Carleton Dellar. The hearing will be on Monday, November 5, 2018, at 1:15 p.m. The hearing will be at the Madison County Courthouse in Virginia City, Montana. DATED this 2 day of October, 2018.  
POORE, ROTH & ROBINSON, P.C.  
By /s/ Katie Green  
Attorneys for the Petitioner  
1341 Harrison Avenue  
Butte, Montana 59701  
Pub. October 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 2018) mcpb MNAXLP

Pub. Nov. 1, 8, 15, 2018) DYC MNAXLP

**PUBLIC NOTICE: THE POLLING PLACES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018 ARE AS FOLLOWS:**  
PRECINCT #1-1 VIRGINIA CITY: Virginia City Players Rehearsal Hall- 308 W. Idaho St.  
PRECINCT #1-2 ALDER: Alder Community Fire Hall- 25 Upper Ruby Road  
PRECINCT #5 SHERIDAN: Sheridan Public Library- 109 E. Hamilton St.  
PRECINCT #7 TWIN BRIDGES: Twin Bridges High School's Montana Room- 216 W. 6th St.  
PRECINCT #15-1 JEFFERSON ISLAND: Cardwell School- 80 MT Hwy 359  
PRECINCT #15-2 HARRISON: Harrison School- 120 Main St.  
PRECINCT #20 ENNIS (RURAL): Ennis Rural Fire Hall- 5035 US Hwy 287 N.  
PRECINCT #21 ENNIS (TOWN): Ennis Town Hall- 328 W. Main St.  
FOR PRECINCT 5, 7, 15-2, 20 AND 21: THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 am to 8:00 pm  
FOR PRECINCT 1-1, 1-2, AND 15-1 (Polls having fewer than 400 registered voters): THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm If you have questions, please feel free to contact us at 406-843-4270 or visit our web site at madisoncountymt.gov Kathleen D Mumme Madison County Election Administrator (Pub November 1, 2018) mccc MNAXLP

59755, but must be received by 2:00 p.m. on November 5. Copies of the Draft PER and Draft Environmental Assessment are available for review at the Madison County Administrative Office Building at 103 West Wallace, Virginia City, MT and the Twin Bridges Town Hall. Madison County will make reasonable accommodation for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in this public hearing. Persons needing an accommodation must notify the Madison County Commissioners at (406) 843-4277 no later than November 1, 2018, to allow adequate time to make needed arrangements. You may also write to the Madison County Commissioners at P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755-0278 or via email at madco@madsocounty.com to make your request known. Madison County Commissioners Ronald E. Nye, Chair James P. Hart, Member Dan W. Allhands, MemberPub. October 25, Nov. 11, 2018) MCC MNAXLP

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
MONTANA WATER COURT GALLATIN RIVER (BASIN 41H) \*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\* NOTICE OF ENTRY OF PRELIMINARY DECREE AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY ALL WATER USERS NEED TO READ THIS NOTICE THIS NOTICE COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 85-2-232(3), MCA The Preliminary Decree contains 6,267 abstracts of existing water right claims filed in the Gallatin River (Basin 41H). NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY The Decree is available for review and Water Court forms are available at these locations: Montana Water Court, 1123 Research Drive, Bozeman, MT. Montana DNRC, Water Rights Adjudication Office, 910 Helena Ave, Helena, MT. Montana DNRC, Water Resources Regional Office(s): 2273 Boot Hill Court, Suite 110, Bozeman, MT. On the internet at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/water/adjudication>. Scroll down to Basin 41H Preliminary Decree and click on Gallatin River. Click on the 41H Preliminary Decree information that interests you. OBJECTIONS ALL OBJECTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE WATER COURT ON OR BEFORE APRIL 9, 2019. Objections must be filed on the forms provided by the Water Court and mailed to the Montana Water Court, PO Box 1389, Bozeman, MT 59711-1389. The Water Judge may grant a request for an extension of the time for filing objections. A request for an extension must be received by the Water Court on or before April 9, 2019. Use the Water Court's form. If an extension is granted, it will apply to everyone. Any extension will be posted at the offices listed in the Notice and will be advertised once in this newspaper. RIGHT TO APPEAL If you do not participate in Water Court proceedings, your right to appeal an adverse decision is limited by Section 85-2-235, MCA. MEETINGS WITH THE WATER COURT One Informal public meeting will be held by Julie Nordlund, Water Master, via telephone conference call, dial 877-526-1243, at the prompt enter code 46309676#. Tuesday afternoon, November 13, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. One Informal public meeting(s) will be held by Julie Nordlund, Water Master, at the Gallatin County Commissioners Room, 311 West Main, Room 306, Bozeman, MT 59715. Tuesday evening, November 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.  
Pub. Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8., 2018) mna MNAXLP

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH W. SHIRLEY, Deceased.  
Probate No. DP 29-2018-28  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.  
Claims must either be mailed to JACQUELINE SHIRLEY, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, care of BRYAN LAW FIRM, P.C., at PO Box 1371, Bozeman, Montana 59711-1371, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.  
Dated this 5th day of October, 2018.  
/s/ JACQUELINE SHIRLEY  
Personal Representative  
Pub. Nov. 1, 8, 15, 2018) BLF MNAXLP

**NOTICE - CHANGE IN PUBLIC MEETING**  
The Madison County Board of Commissioners will not be holding their regular Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, as it is General Election Day and the Courthouse Offices, with the exception of the Clerk and Recorder's Office, will be closed. The next regular meeting following this date will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, beginning at 9:30 a.m.  
Pub. October 25, Nov. 11, 2018) MCC MNAXLP

**NOTICE TO RED ROCK RIVER WATER USERS**  
Carrie A. Peters and Roger D. Peters filed Motions to Amend Statements of Claim with the Montana Water Court seeking to correct: the point of diversion and means of diversion for claim 41A 40222-00; and the maximum acres irrigated and place of use for claims 41A 40234-00 and 41A 402041-00. The amendments have been posted on the Montana Water Court webpage at the following address: <https://courts.mt.gov/Courts/Water/Notices-and-Information/public-notice-and-information-on-active-basins> OBJECTION DATE: Any response or objections to the Motions to Amend must be filed with the Montana Water Court, P.O. Box 1389, Bozeman, MT 59711-1389, within 45 days of the date of the last publication of this notice, by December 30, 2018 in accordance with Section 85-2-232(6), MCA. A copy of any response or objection must be served on Carrie A. Peters and Roger D. Peters, 6000 MT Highway 324, Dillon, MT 59725. Please indicate "Claim 41A 40222-00, Case 41A-159," "Claim 41A 40234-00, Case 41A-291," and/or "Claim 41A 40241-00, Case 41A-292" on any response, objection, or other correspondence related to these Motions to Amend.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING On Monday, November 5, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. the Madison County Commission will conduct a public hearing at the Twin Bridges Town Hall located at 104 East 6th Avenue in Twin Bridges, Montana. Representatives of Great West Engineering will be present at the public hearing to discuss a Draft Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and Draft Environmental Assessment prepared for the Madison County Commission to explore alternatives for the expansion of water and wastewater services to the west of the Beaverhead River in Twin Bridges. The engineers will explain the proposed project, including the purpose and proposed area of the project, activities, budget, possible sources of funding, and any costs that may result for local citizens because of the project. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to ask questions and express opinions regarding the proposed project and any environmental impacts. Comments may be given orally at the hearing or submitted in writing before the end of the hearing on Monday, November 5, 2018. Written comments may also be sent to the Madison County Commission, Attention Ron Nye at P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT

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**OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**  
MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA - NOVEMBER 6, 2018

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MADISON COUNTY	STATE OF MONTANA	NOVEMBER 6, 2018
<b>FEDERAL AND STATE</b>	<b>FEDERAL AND STATE</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>
<b>FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>	<b>FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 71 (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>	<b>FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE (VOTE IN ONE OVAL)</b>
<input type="radio"/> RICK BRECKENRIDGE LIBERTARIAN <input type="radio"/> MATT ROSENDALE REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/> JON TESTER DEMOCRAT	<input type="radio"/> JAY A. FREDERICK DEMOCRAT <input type="radio"/> RAY L. SHAW REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/> MICHAEL WHITE LIBERTARIAN	Shall Justice of the Peace A. SUZANNE NELLEN of the Justice Court of the County of MADISON of the state of Montana be retained in office for another term?  Fill in the oval before the word "YES" if you wish the official to remain in office. Fill in the oval before the word "NO" if you do not wish the official to remain in office.  <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
<b>FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>BALLOT ISSUES</b>
<input type="radio"/> GREG GIANFORTE REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/> ELMOR SWANSON LIBERTARIAN <input type="radio"/> KATHLEEN WILLIAMS DEMOCRAT	<b>FOR CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>	<b>LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM NO. 128 (VOTE IN ONE OVAL)</b>
	<input type="radio"/> KAREN J. MILLER NONPARTISAN	<b>AN ACT REFERRED BY THE LEGISLATURE</b>
<b>FOR CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>	<b>FOR COMMISSIONER DIST #2 (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>	<b>AN ACT SUBMITTING A 6-MILL LEVY FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TO THE ELECTORATE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.</b>
<input type="radio"/> BOWEN GREENWOOD REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/> REX RENK DEMOCRAT <input type="radio"/> ROGER ROOTS LIBERTARIAN	<input type="radio"/> RANDY R. LOWDER NONPARTISAN <input type="radio"/> RONALD E. NYE NONPARTISAN	The 2017 Montana legislature has submitted this proposal for a vote. LR-128 asks Montana voters to continue the existing 6-mill levy to support Montana's public colleges and universities. Without voter approval, the current 6-mill levy to support Montana's public colleges and universities will expire in January 2019. If passed, this proposal will be effective on January 1, 2019 and terminate January 1, 2029. According to revenue estimates, the projected annual revenue from the 6-mill levy is \$20,890,000 for fiscal year 2020 and is estimated to grow to \$23,620,000 by fiscal year 2023.  <input type="radio"/> YES on Legislative Referendum LR-128 <input type="radio"/> NO on Legislative Referendum LR-128
<b>FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE #4 FULL TERM (VOTE IN ONE OVAL)</b>	<b>FOR COMMISSIONER DIST #3 (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>	<b>LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM NO. 129 (VOTE IN ONE OVAL)</b>
Shall Judge BETH BAKER of the Supreme Court of the state of Montana be retained in office for another term?  Fill in the oval before the word "YES" if you wish the official to remain in office. Fill in the oval before the word "NO" if you do not wish the official to remain in office.  <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	<input type="radio"/> JAMES P. HART NONPARTISAN	<b>AN ACT REFERRED BY THE LEGISLATURE</b>
<b>FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE #2 UNEXPIRED TERM (VOTE IN ONE OVAL)</b>	<b>FOR CLERK &amp; RECORDER (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>	<b>AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MONTANA BALLOT INTERFERENCE PREVENTION ACT; PROHIBITING THE COLLECTION OF ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL'S BALLOT; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; REQUIRING CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT BALLOTS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION WHEN DELIVERING THE BALLOT TO A POLLING PLACE OR ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE; PROVIDING PENALTIES AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING THAT THE PROPOSED ACT BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.</b>
Shall Judge INGRID GUSTAFSON of the Supreme Court of the state of Montana be retained in office for another term?  Fill in the oval before the word "YES" if you wish the official to remain in office. Fill in the oval before the word "NO" if you do not wish the official to remain in office.  <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	<input type="radio"/> KATHLEEN D. MUMME NONPARTISAN	The 2017 Legislature has submitted this proposal for a vote. LR-129 prohibits a person from collecting another voter's ballot, with certain exceptions. The prohibition would not apply to an election official, postal worker, temporary, family member, household member, or an acquaintance. Any such individuals that are caregivers, family members, household members or acquaintances would be required to sign a registry at the polling place or the election administrator's office when delivering the ballot and are required to provide the following information: the individual's name, address, and phone number; the voter's name and address; and the individual's relationship to the voter. An individual who violates any provision within LR-129 could be fined \$500 for each ballot unlawfully collected.  <input type="radio"/> YES on Legislative Referendum LR-129 <input type="radio"/> NO on Legislative Referendum LR-129
<b>FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 5, DEPT 1 (VOTE IN ONE OVAL)</b>	<b>FOR SHERIFF / CORONER (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>	<b>FOR TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>
Shall Judge LUKE MICHAEL BERGER of DISTRICT 5, DEPT 1 of the state of Montana be retained in office for another term?  Fill in the oval before the word "YES" if you wish the official to remain in office. Fill in the oval before the word "NO" if you do not wish the official to remain in office.  <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	<input type="radio"/> ROGER THOMPSON NONPARTISAN	<input type="radio"/> SHELLY BURKE NONPARTISAN
	<b>FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>	
	<input type="radio"/> CHRIS CHRISTENSEN NONPARTISAN	

A PUBLICATION BALLOT B C

**NOTICE** Below (left) is a sample GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT (Page 2) for the Nov. 6 election.

Below (right): The following machines will be used in the 2018 General Election. If you wish to view or test the AutoMARK machine you may do so at the Clerk & Recorder's Office in the courthouse.

**BALLOT ISSUES**  
(Continued)

**INITIATIVE NO. 185 (VOTE IN ONE OVAL)**  
A LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

-185 raises taxes on all tobacco products, amends the definition to include e-cigarettes and vaping products, and dedicates funds. Taxes are increased by \$2.00 per pack of cigarettes for a total tax of \$3.70 per pack. Taxes on moist snuff increase to the greater of 83% of wholesale or \$3.70 per 1.2 ounces. The tax rate increases by 33% of the wholesale price for all other tobacco products including new axes on e-cigarettes and vaping products. -185 eliminates the sunset date for expanded Medicaid services for certain low-income adults, which otherwise ends June 30, 2019. I-185 dedicates a percentage of these increased tax revenues for: certain health-related programs, including some of the costs for Montana's current Medicaid program; veterans' services; smoking prevention and cessation programs; and long-term care services for seniors and people with disabilities.

New revenue from increases in tobacco taxes will generate \$74.3 million per year by 2023. Revenues may decline as fewer people use tobacco. The State must pay a percentage of the cost of the extended Medicaid services, which increases from 3.77% in 2019 to a cap of 10% by 2021.

YES ON INITIATIVE I-185  
 NO ON INITIATIVE I-185

**INITIATIVE NO. 186 (VOTE IN ONE OVAL)**  
A LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

-186 requires the Department of Environmental Quality to deny a permit for any new hardrock mines in Montana unless the reclamation plan provides clear and convincing evidence that the mine will not require perpetual treatment of water polluted by acid mine drainage or other contaminants. The terms "perpetual treatment," "perpetual leaching," and "contaminants" within I-186 are not fully defined and would require further definition from the Montana Legislature or through Department of Environmental Quality rulemaking.

-186 will cost \$115,360 in its first fiscal year, increasing to \$118,767 by fiscal year 2021. These costs are associated with more staff for environmental review for mining permit applications and anticipated litigation.

YES ON INITIATIVE I-186  
 NO ON INITIATIVE I-186

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**ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE (ES&S) AUTOMARK VOTER ASSIST TERMINAL.**  
The AutoMARK is available for voters who may need assistance marking their ballots, but who wish to do so independently. The AutoMARK will be located at every precinct for the upcoming election. This machine marks the ballot only, it does NOT tabulate them.

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The ES&S CENTRAL 650 BALLOT TABULATOR (SCANNER) will be used to tabulate the ballots for the upcoming election. Most counties in Montana use a similar scanner. It is important to note that optical scanners tabulate using your paper ballot. These machines are not in any way tied to the internet or to any other computer.

# How to Write-In Phil Fortner for Sheriff/Coroner

Your ballot will look a bit like this:

**SHERIFF**

OTHER CANDIDATE

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**SHERIFF**

OTHER CANDIDATE

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First, blacken the oval to the left of the line.

**SHERIFF**

OTHER CANDIDATE

Phil Fortner

Next, print Phil Fortner on the line.

**SHERIFF**

OTHER CANDIDATE

Phil Fortner

Or, firmly affix the label, on the line.

The labels are correctly sized for the ballots, place them on the line and firmly press down! It's very important that you fill in the oval and either print Phil Fortner's name clearly (both first AND last name) or firmly affix the label ON THE LINE. If these things are not done correctly then your vote will not count.

Thank you for getting out and voting on November 6th!

[www.philfortnerforsheriff.com](http://www.philfortnerforsheriff.com)



Ruby Valley FFA Ag Technology and Mechanical Systems Tyler Haag, Cade McParland, Stephen Hamilton, and Kenny Foster (SUBMITTED).

## Ruby Valley FFA takes high honors at national event

INDIANAPOLIS- The Ruby Valley FFA Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems Career Development Event team – Tyler Haag, Cade McParland, Stephen Hamilton, and Kenny Foster – placed sixth in national CDE competition recently.

Winners of the National FFA Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems Career Development Event (CDE) were announced Friday, October 26, at the annual awards banquet, held in conjunction with the 91st National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis.

The National FFA Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems CDE is a competitive event that allows students to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. Activities included in the event are a written exam, a team event, demonstration of problem-solving skills, and hands-on performance activities. Areas of emphasis include environmental and natural resource systems, machinery and equipment systems, structural systems, energy systems and electrical systems. Each team in the event has competed with other chapters in their state for the privilege of participating in the national event. The event, held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, is one of many educational activities at the National FFA

Convention & Expo in which FFA members practice the lessons taught in agricultural education classes.

The top ten individuals and the national winning team members received cash awards to recognize their success in the event – awards sponsored by Association of Equipment Manufacturers, Caterpillar Inc., Darling Ingredients and Firestone Agricultural Solutions.

Other top-placing teams included:

- 1st – Georgia - Tucker Felkins, Jacob Smith, Seth DuBois, and Louie Lumley, all of Bleckley County FFA
- 2nd – California - Boyd Fransen, Dale Fransen, Francisco Macias, and Jesus Hernandez, all of Selma FFA
- 3rd – North Dakota - Samuel Dart, Evan Friesz, Kurt Muggli, and Ryan Muggli, all of Grant County FFA
- 4th – Minnesota - Ean Hohenstein, Andrew Tusa, Erik Rose, and LeeRoy Drahota, all of Jackson County Central FFA
- 5th – Illinois - Clay Zimmerman, Ethan Slagel, Eric Edelman, and Morgan Hoffman, all of Prairie Central FFA
- 7th – Texas - James Albrecht, Brady Scott, Hunter Troell, and Cole Hobbs, all of Goliad FFA
- 8th – North Carolina - Camer-

on Blanton, Colby Ford, Zach Howard, and Ben Worley, all of Enka FFA

• 9th – Idaho - Brock Godfrey, Nathan Eli Gallup, Jason Brown, and Cody Cude, all of Rigby FFA

• 10th – Wyoming - Dawson Everson, Justin Wetstein, Keene Aldridge, and Trenton Muhsman, all of Snowy Range FFA

The National FFA Organization is a national youth organization of nearly 670,000 student members as part of 8,600 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

National FFA operates under a federal charter granted by the 81st United States Congress and it is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture.

The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs.

For more, visit the National FFA Organization online at [FFA.org](http://FFA.org) and on Facebook, Twitter and the official National FFA Organization blog.

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<p>PRICE REDUCED</p> <p><b>Rikki Dilschneider</b> BROKER 406.581.5155</p> <p>91 HAYFIELD LOOP TR, ENNIS \$375,000   #319264</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to BLM- FS</li> <li>• Minutes to Madison River</li> <li>• RV hookups</li> </ul>	<p><b>Michelle Van Dyke</b> BROKER 406.596.0805</p> <p>3 SKY VIEW   ENNIS \$375,000   #325817</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Construction!</li> <li>• 1,438± sf, 3 bd, 2 ba, energy efficient home</li> <li>• Stainless appliances, efficient windows &amp; sprinklers</li> </ul>
<p>PRICE REDUCED</p> <p><b>Jill Gaar</b> SALES ASSOCIATE 406.539.4200</p> <p>42 BADGER ROAD, ENNIS \$339,000   #319155</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3bd/2ba Montana log cabin</li> <li>• 22± acres</li> <li>• VRBO potential</li> </ul>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p><b>Rob Klatt</b> BROKER 406.580.2002</p> <p>25 DECKER DR, W. YELLOWSTONE \$275,000   #327142</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10± acres</li> <li>• Next to NFS land</li> <li>• NO known covenants</li> </ul>
<p>PRICE REDUCED</p> <p><b>Holly Driskill</b> SALES ASSOCIATE 406.451.3527</p> <p>106 E HAMILTON, SHERIDAN \$269,000   #321499</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large attached 2 car garage</li> <li>• Beautiful landscaped yard w/covered patio</li> <li>• Furnishings included</li> </ul>	<p><b>Nichollette Picken</b> SALES ASSOCIATE 406.698.0853</p> <p>110 E HAMILTON STREET   SHERIDAN \$179,000   #327192</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unique home on quiet street</li> <li>• 1,876± sf, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths</li> <li>• Over-sized 2 car garage</li> </ul>

SPORTS



Harrison volleyball played two games in last week's district volleyball championship, falling to Drummond on Friday, October 26. Ennis and Twin Bridges finished first and second in the tournament and will move forward to the divisional tournament this weekend. (A. CHRISTENSEN PHOTO)

Ennis skates through district volleyball championship

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MANHATTAN—Area volleyball teams made the Madison Valley proud last week as Harrison, Sheridan, Twin Bridges and Ennis all competed at the district championship hosted by Manhattan Christian October 24-26, and the undefeated Ennis mustangs will head into the divisional championship remaining undefeated, now the district champions.

Sheridan and Harrison both lost their initial games against Drummond and Granite during the first day of competition on Wednesday, October 24. They moved into the secondary bracket, where Harrison played Lima and Sheridan played Granite. Twin Bridges coasted to victory over Lima on Wednesday, while top-ranked Ennis had a bye for the opening day of matches.

Harrison faced a tough second match on day one, stretching Lima to four sets and coming out victorious in sets of 25-22, 25-16, 20-25 and 25-20. Moving into day two, Sheridan fell again against Granite, ending their championship season but fighting hard through four sets, sending the second into extra points and winning 29-27. But it wasn't quite enough as Granite came back in sets three and four 25-11 and 25-17.

Harrison then moved on to play Drummond in the secondary bracket, who had fallen earlier that day to the undefeated Ennis mustangs in a decisive victory of 25-17, 25-13 and 25-9. After their loss to Ennis, Drummond beat Harrison in the secondary bracket, ending the Wildcats' season.

Jourdain Klein led the mustangs against Drummond with 14 kills, two assists and four blocks,

while Whitney McKittrick added 17 aces, Riley Robinson added five digs, Shelby Klein had two assists and Alyssa West had four blocks.

Second-ranked Twin Bridges continued a dominant performance in their second match of the tournament, beating Granite in sets of 25-23, 25-20 and 25-16. Anna Kaiser contributed eight kills and two blocks for the Falcons, while Riah Edsall had two digs, two blocks and four aces, Fran Pollorena added two digs and Taryn Johnson had 12 assists.

When the district's two top teams came head to head on Thursday, the mustangs kept their undefeated streak going and Jourdain Klein pulled out all the stops. The future MSU bobcat had 14 kills against the Falcons, plus four blocks, while McKittrick contributed eight digs and 15 assists. Joree Hokanson had five aces.

Twin Bridges then moved to the secondary bracket for the third day of competition, but a victory against Granite meant that the championship match was a rematch for the two Madison County teams. Twin dropped Granite in four sets of 25-17, 25-11, 24-26 and 25-16,

with Edsall landing 19 kills and three aces, and Kaiser adding eight digs and 22 assists.

And the final match of the tournament proved an exciting one with 11-4 Twin looking to unseat 14-0 Ennis. They made the mustangs work harder than they've had to most of the season, forcing them through four matches, but the mustangs kept their perfect record, winning in scores of 23-25, 25-19, 25-18 and 25-12. Both teams racked up impressive statistics, with Ennis notching 41 kills, 23 digs, 36 assists, nine blocks and 10 aces as a team and Twin Bridges logging 23 kills, 19 digs, 19 assists, nine blocks and 15 aces.

The final standings last week left Drummond in fourth place, Granite in third, Twin Bridges in second and Ennis as district champion for the second year running. Both Ennis and Twin Bridges will move on to the Divisional Championship November 1-3, also hosted by Manhattan Christian High School. Twin Bridges will play Plains and Ennis will play Charlo in the first round of the tournament at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. respectively.

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**MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY'S MASS SCHEDULE**  
MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S IN SHERIDAN AT 4PM ON SATURDAYS.  
MASS AT NOTRE DAME IN TWIN BRIDGES AT 8AM ON SUNDAYS.  
MASS AT ST. MARY'S IN LAURIN AT 9:30AM ON SUNDAYS.  
MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S IN ENNIS AT 11AM ON SUNDAYS.  
MASS DURING THE WEEK: 7:30AM TUESDAY'S AND THURSDAY'S AT ST. JOSEPH'S IN SHERIDAN.  
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Please call the Rectory for the daily Mass schedule at 842-5588  
Father John Crutchfield, Pastor

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Youth Group (7-12): 6-8pm  
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Phone 682-4244 SBC  
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Ennis Branch  
Sacrament Meeting 10:00 a.m.  
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Pastor Greg Ledgerwood  
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Love Jesus • Love People • Reach the Valley  
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Pastor Duane B. Deshner  
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www.rvec.org  
Prayer requests: 682-4199 843-5296 842-7713

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AREA SENIOR MEALS

**Ennis Senior Center**  
315 W Main Street; Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Reservations 682-4422 To help us plan, please call at least 24 hours in advance for meal delivery or if you plan to dine in.  
• Wednesday, October 31 - Fried chicken legs, roast potatoes & veggies, dessert, mah-jongg at 1 p.m.  
• Thursday, November 1- Steak & peppers, rice & roll, dessert  
• Friday, November 2 - Turkey bacon club, chips & fruit, dessert, pinochle at 12:45 p.m.  
• Monday, November 5 - Chicken parmesan, veggies & roll, dessert, mah-jongg at 1 p.m.  
• Tuesday November 6 - Sloppy Joes, onion rings & pickle, dessert, play pan at 1 p.m.  
• Wednesday November 7 - Salisbury steak, mashers & veggies, dessert mah-jongg at 1 p.m. at 1 p.m.  
• Thursday, November 8 - Pork & potato stew, salad & croissant, 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 p.m. for \$4.  
• Thursday, November 1 - Mac & cheese, veggie, roll, dessert  
• Tuesday, November 6 - Waffles with eggs and bacon, dessert  
• Thursday, November 8 - Lasagna with salad, garlic toast, 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.

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— **King Crossword** —  
Answers  
Solution time: 25 mins.  
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Meeting Every Thurs. at 8 p.m., Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges  
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Faced with a drinking problem? Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help.  
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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 November 1**  
Business After Hours, McAllister Business After Hours hosted by McAllister Inn and Lodging and McAllister Steakhouse. Call 682-5050 for information.

**Friday November 2**  
California Guitar Trio, Dillon  
With a singular sound that fearlessly crisscrosses genres, the trio's spirit drives it to explore the intersections between rock, jazz, classical and world music, with the occasional surf or spaghetti Western tune for good measure. 7:30 p.m. at the UM-Western Beier Auditorium. Call 406-683-2432 for information.

**Saturday November 3**  
6th Annual Sheridan Craft and Gift Show, Sheridan  
We have a wide variety of crafts and home businesses represented this year! Soup lunch from 11 - 1:30. This is a Relay for Life fundraiser at 107 Madison Street. For information call Robin at 596-1202.

Senior Center Dance, Ennis  
Social event for seniors on our new dance floor! Come at 1 p.m. to learn a few steps. Dance is from 2-5 p.m. Snacks included, \$7 donation. No tennis shoes, please. Call 406-672-4422 for information.

**Thursday November 8**  
Ennis Book Club Meeting, Ennis  
The Ennis Book Club will meet at Madison Valley Public Library to discuss "Sulfur Springs," by William Kent Krueger. Meeting at 1 p.m., presentation by Judy Frei.

**Friday November 9**  
Fall Feed, Virginia City  
Prime rib and oyster feed at the Virginia City Elks Lodge, 114 Wallace St. at 6 p.m. Help us keep the lodge open! Tickets must be bought in advance: adults \$35, kids age 5-12 \$10. Call 406-600-2599.

**Saturday November 10**  
Baroque Music Montana, Virginia City  
Baroque Music Montana performs works by celebrated composers as well as pieces rarely or not heard since the 18th century. This concert at the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center will feature Carrie Krause on baroque violin and John Lenti on the oboe. Concert at 7 p.m., admission by donation.

**Sunday November 11**  
Community Veterans' Day Breakfast, Ennis  
Free breakfast in honor of our veterans! All veterans and community members invited to Madison Valley Baptist Church from 9 - 10:30 a.m. Call 406-682-4244 for information.

Veterans' Day Potluck Dinner, Ennis  
Join us for a potluck dinner to honor our veterans at Madison Valley Baptist Church! Ham and green bean casserole provided; bring a dish to share. Starts at 6 p.m., call 406-682-4244 for information.

**Monday November 12**  
American Legion Meeting, Ennis  
The Ennis American Legion will host its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at its office on the corner of First and Steffens Streets.

**Wednesday November 14**  
Brown Bag Lunch with C.O. Smithers, Butte  
The Butte-Silver Bow Archives is hosting two presentations with photographs from the C. Owen Smithers Photograph Collection. Bob Chamberlin and Dan Peters will showcase images from the collection that illustrate Butte's role as the host of the cross-state rivalry of the Bobcats and the Grizzlies. Brown Bag Lunch at noon at the archives, then an evening lecture at 7 p.m.

School Board Meeting, Ennis  
5 p.m. in classroom 3, Ennis High School

**Saturday November 17**  
Hollowtop Senior Citizens' Community Bazaar, Pony  
Community Bazaar at Pony Senior Citizens Hall 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. with a soup luncheon from 11:30 - 1 for \$5. Crafters, space is limited! Call Shirl Gandenberger at 685-3421 to reserve.

**Saturday November 24**  
Holiday Bazaar, Ennis  
Annual bazaar at Ennis Elementary School beginning at 9 a.m.: arts, crafts, wreaths, food, door prizes. Sponsored by the Ennis Senior Center. Lunch available 11:30-1 with \$5 donation. Call 406-682-4422 for information.

## New funding strengthens respite care

HELENA - Gov. Steve Bullock recently announced a new three-year, \$800,000 federal grant that will sustain and strengthen respite services in the state of Montana.

The funding, awarded to the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS), will continue and increase the use of the respite voucher program; provide training for family caregivers, providers and volunteers; create a respite registry of trained individual caregivers; and increase outreach efforts. Without this federal funding, the Montana Lifespan Respite program would not have been able to continue.

According to DPHHS Director Sheila Hogan, caregivers tend not to seek respite services until the burden of care-giving is high and people are exhausted and overwhelmed.

Respite is defined as a temporary break for family and individual caregivers and may include in-home care, companionship or outings. The program supports family caregivers of children or adults with special needs.

Since 2015, referrals for respite vouchers are received in one location via a state contract with DEAP in Miles City. To date, the program has awarded 400 caregivers respite vouchers in 38 counties.

More than 118,000 Montanans provide an estimated \$1.43 billion per year of unpaid care to help older parents, spouses, adult children with disabilities and other loved ones to live independently in their homes and communities.

For more information about the Montana Lifespan Respite program go to [www.respite.mt.gov](http://www.respite.mt.gov).

## 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](http://ennisartsassociation.org)

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

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

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

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

### WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

**Baby Bistro, Ennis**

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

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

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

### THURSDAYS

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

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

**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.



## 6th Annual SHERIDAN CRAFT AND GIFT SHOW

November 3rd  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Sheridan Elementary Gym  
Soup Lunch served from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

For vendor information contact  
Robin Bieroth at 596-1201

*This is a Relay for Life Event.*



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Friday 7:15 • Saturday 7:15 pm • Matinee Sunday 4:00 pm

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- FRIDAY, NOV 23RD: KC & BO
- FRIDAY, NOV 30TH: MERCEDES CARROL
- FRIDAY, DEC 7TH: LEFT FOR DEAD
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