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New Ruby Valley Medical Center nearing completion

Hospital's grand opening set to take place in August

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SHERIDAN - An undertaking that began in March of 2017 in Sheridan should be finished and open by the end of the summer.

The new Ruby Valley Hospital and Medical Center is quickly nearing its completion, and staff toured their new facility on Friday, June 21.

The current home of the emergency room at Ruby Valley Medical center was built in 1964, with the clinic and geriatric wing added on in 1978. Together, that facility encompasses about 17,000 square feet, while the new digs will be close to 30,000 square feet. With the new facility, providing medical services to the residents of the Ruby Valley will be a whole lot easier for staff and patients alike.

Ruby Valley Hospital currently has seven emergency room beds. Those beds have no built-in oxygen or suction systems, which instead have to be provided in external tanks and replaced periodically. In the new center, each patient room is equipped with state-of-the-art beds that allow for easier adjust-



Construction is nearly finished on Sheridan's new Ruby Valley Hospital. The hospital will host a community open house and ribbon cutting on August 18. (R. COLYER PHOTO)

ment, facilitate in-bed patient weighing and feature built-in oxygen and suction. There are three ER trauma rooms as opposed to the single room in the old hospital, and a physical therapy wing four times the size of the one staff currently utilizes.

Right now, RVH staff use a meeting room filled with \$90,000 worth of equipment waiting to be unpacked and unloaded into the new facility. There's a single couch and a variety of desk chairs crammed into a room about the size of a one-person office. The meeting room in the new hospital will be a large conference-style

room, with automated presentation screens and enough seating to comfortably accommodate twenty or more people. CEO John Semingson says it will likely be available for community use as well.

The new hospital in Sheridan has been an idea since 2008, not long after Semingson arrived as CEO. Ruby Valley Hospital received a \$15,000 grant to fund a preliminary site plan, and the main decision that had to be made was whether to remodel and expand the current site or start over and build an entirely new one.

"What we had to decide

was, over time, what could we do and what couldn't we do," Semingson recalls. "And when we cranked some numbers, it was less expensive to build a new facility. And we wouldn't have been able to achieve what we wanted to by just remodeling the one we have."

In fact, it would have cost over half a million dollars more to expand and remodel the old facility than to build an entire new one, and would have taken up to twice as long. The new option also offered an opportu-

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New RATPOD course brings bike ride into Madison County

62-mile loop joins 127-mile ride for Camp Mak-A-Dream

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TWIN BRIDGES - For members of Montana's cycling community, RATPOD is a well-known event, and a goal for many. This year the event—which stands for Riding Around The Pioneers in One Day—added a second ride to their annual fundraiser. Both rides began and ended at the University of Montana Western campus in Dillon, looping through the Pioneers for either 127 or 62 miles, which travels through Madison County southwest of Twin Bridges.

RATPOD was created 17 years ago as a fundraiser for the Gold Creek-based charity Camp Mak-A-Dream.

The camp was created by Harry and Sylvia Granader, who donated 87 acres of their ranch to create a space for children undergoing cancer treatment to experience the beauty of western Montana and have a chance to feel less like sick kids and more like just kids.

"Harry was taking part in building a Ronald McDonald House in Detroit and met a lot of kids and families dealing with chronic disease and cancer," says camp executive director Kim McKernan. "They wanted to create a place where these kids could come and have a week of respite and community. For many years, those two were here every summer."

Camp Mak-A-Dream opened in 1995, and though its founders have since passed away, their

legacy remains, and the camp is going strong. Offerings include weeklong camps for children and teens affected by cancer, as well as special camps for the siblings of those kids and their parents, collective family retreats and adult retreats for women battling cancer. In its 23 years, the camp has blossomed to serving nearly 600 campers each year.

The goal of each camp, retreat or seminar is to create a support base and friendship network of people who understand and can empathize with the many implications of dealing with a cancer diagnosis, as well as simply relieving some of that weight with activities like zip lining, swimming, archery and off-site activities and some of Montana's bigger cities.

Over its 17-year history, RATPOD has grown into Camp Mak-A-Dream's largest single fundraiser. Each of the ride's 600 registrants (450 in the full 127-mile loop and 150 in the 62-mile loop) must raise at least \$100 before they participate, though many riders form teams to raise money collectively, and many raise far beyond the \$100 requirement.

Usually, says event manager Courtney Imhoff, the ride's top individual fundraiser is over \$10,000. Imhoff says this year there are several riders who have topped that amount. In total, RATPOD has easily raised over \$4 million for Camp Mak-A-Dream.

RATPOD also uses corporate sponsors to cover the costs of putting on the event, which means nearly 100% of the funds raised by riders go directly to Camp Mak-A-Dream. The camp is always free for those who attend, and they give travel scholarships to ensure that escaping to Montana is never limited by

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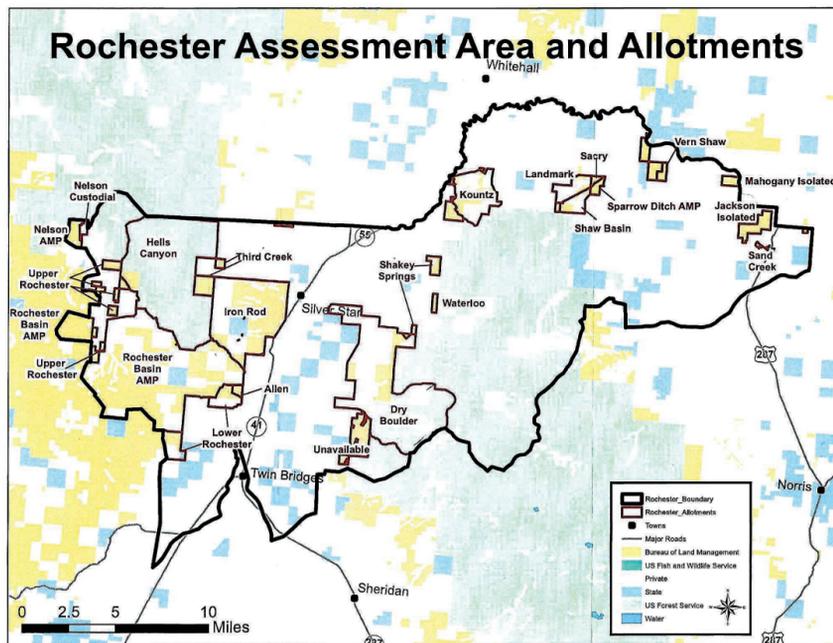
BLM looking at land health in area

More than 32,000 acres of public land involved

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HARRISON - Last week and earlier into this week, the Dillon Field office of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) completed an "interdisciplinary assessment" of the Rochester watershed. The assessment will offer what is essentially a report card on the health of more than 32,600 acres of public land parcels, including 21 grazing allotments and more than 3,000 acres of unallotted BLM land.

In Madison County, land that falls under what BLM deems the Rochester watershed includes BLM parcels in a northeasterly arc from Twin Bridges towards Whitehall and north of Norris. Within this



area are parcels BLM calls Dry Boulder, Shakey Springs, Waterloo, Kountz, Landmark, Sacry, Sparrow Ditch AMP, Shaw Basin, Vern Shaw, Mahogany Isolated, Jackson

Isolated and Sand Creek.

The process

According to Dillon district BLM Assistant Field Manager of

Remediation, Patricia Fosse, the assessment is part of a much larger effort to look at land health across

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Riders tackle one of the many hills during the RATPOD ride on Saturday, June 23. The ride raised nearly \$350,000 for Camp Mak-A-Dream. (PHOTO COURTESY OF COURTNEY IMHOFF)

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MEDICAL from A1: Hospital's new construction almost complete

nity to do some much-needed upgrades to generators, laundry facilities, Internet servers and insulation. Storage space will be increased and the hospital, which is currently operating at about the highest capacity it can accommodate, will have the space and resources to provide care for a greater number of patients with more comfort and more efficiency.

During the facility tour, nurses commented that it will be the little things that save them so much time in the new hospital and will allow them to better care for their patients. Things like not having to go from one

end of the hospital to the other to get ice for a patient, and not having to take them to an entirely different building if they need a CT scan; the new radiation lab takes less than 30 seconds to get to from the patient rooms. The new building is entirely air-conditioned, something that can't be said for the hospital's current digs. There will be a new helipad for airlifted patients, an outdoor area for patients in physical therapy and a garden with a fountain where family and patients can relax and enjoy the hospital's view of the mountains.

The Ruby Valley Health Care Foundation has raised

over \$4 million for the project over its decade-long span. But, Semingson says, it's also been a critically community-supported endeavor, and the Ruby Valley's 2,200 people will reap the benefits, from Silver Star to Virginia City and everywhere in between.

The Foundation will likely be the ultimate recipient of the original hospital space as well. Sheridan's senior center, which is currently housed in a less-than-accessible two-story house, may move into the ADA-equipped clinic wing, so the community will still benefit from the old facilities as well.

"The community and others have been very generous with their donations," Semingson says. "We couldn't have done this without them."

"Because ultimately, it's not our hospital. The residents of the Ruby Valley, it's their hospital. It belongs to them."

The final stages of construction have begun, and the newly appointed Ruby Valley Hospital and Medical Center will host an open house and ribbon cutting on August 18 at 11 a.m. so that everyone in the Ruby Valley can tour and get familiar with their new hospital.

BLM from A1 : Feds are evaluating 32,000 acres of public lands

16 watersheds in the district. This is done on a landscape scale, she said.

All BLM lands that fall into these different watersheds are re-evaluated every 10 years on what BLM calls an "adaptive management schedule."

BLM has been doing this since 2002, she said, and this was the result of 1995 federal BLM regulations changes that obligated BLM to meet certain rangeland management criteria - criteria established by the Western Montana Resource Advisory Council.

"We use their criteria to assess streams, uplands and other habitat, to make sure these are functioning properly," Fosse said.

The five criteria the advisory council wants BLM to look at are:

- Properly functioning upland and riparian areas
- Water and air quality that meet state standards.
- Providing for biodiversity.
- Forest health.
- Hazardous fire fuel buildups and conifer expansion.

"This is three-year process that considers forests, rangelands, fire, wildlife, fisheries and hydrology," said Fosse.

During year one of the process, data on all five of the criteria is collected.

alternatives for plans to help the watershed or individual parcel of land meet the standards. All during this process, the public is invited to comment and participate in the compiling of information.

If these areas don't meet the standards, Fosse said, BLM discusses ways to remediate the problems. For example:

- If a new road was washing sediment and silt into a river, BLM would discuss ways to remediate this problem with Madison County's commissioners.
- (Madison County Commissioner Jim Hart sits on the Western Resource Advisory Council board, representing elected officials. He is joined there by Sheridan's Ron Tussing, representing "dispersed recreation," and Pony's Dan Happel, representing environmental concerns.)
- If off-road vehicles (ORV) were causing erosion on a trail, BLM would meet with ORV user groups.
- If natural succession of the land was resulting in western junipers and Douglas fir trees creeping into sage-steppe grasslands, BLM might want to do a prescribed burn.

Fosse noted how changes in how people use the land have greatly impacted grasslands. In the past, fire and grazing animals kept grasslands in grassland. With people on the land, and fires being suppressed to keep property from burning up, the natural "fire regime" has changed, and western juniper and Douglas fir trees have come "downslope" and expanded into sage-steppe grasslands and grasslands. This creates more fuel for fires to burn, and it burns differently - more intensely - than grasslands normally do. Aerial photos show juniper and Douglas fir have expanded more than 30 percent into once grassland areas. To fix the problem, BLM does prescribed burns in the springtime, when such burns are safer. Fosse said she has seen lightning sparked fires burn up to areas that have had a prescribed burn on them and peter out, rather than continue to burn. Tree on grasslands or sage-steppe habitat also consume a lot of water - Rocky Mountain junipers will suck 60 gallons of water per day from the surrounding soils.

- In forests, the issue is also too much fuel for fires. In the past, Fosse said, area Douglas fir forests grew straight and tall, with thick bark, and could withstand lightning-sparked grass fires in the understory. With human help and fire suppression, today's fir forests have a denser understory, full of "cohorts," younger trees of short and medium height. These trees form a ladder of sorts for fires to reach the crown of mature Douglas firs, and crown fires do far more damage to the forest's overall health than understory fires. Thinning the forest via timber sales can alleviate this and remove the ladder fuels that kill with crown fires.
- Another forest issue is tree density. The suppression of fire has created forests far more dense than historic forests were. As a result, more competition takes place among the trees for food, water and other resources. This creates stress and makes the trees more susceptible to epidemic insect infestations such as pine bark beetles. Timber sales can thin the forest result in more aspen growth, creating healthier stands of trees.

time, Belmont did not meet the riparian or water quality standards, so BLM offered the rancher leasing the Belmont allotment a range of "management alternatives designed to initiate progress towards the standards."

During the summer of 2014, the Belmont lessee hired a natural resource consultant to develop a comprehensive grazing plan for his entire ranch, including the leased BLM ground.

BLM personnel, members of the interdisciplinary team, the rancher and his consultant visited the Belmont allotment during August and September of 2014 to discuss BLM's process, specifically why BLM determined that some riparian habitat in the allotment had not met the standard.

In March of 2015, a list of options for how the rancher might meet the standards was created and shared with all parties, including the public - with the public having a 30-day window to comment on these proposals. In June of 2015, BLM issued a preliminary decision on how to accomplish the aims of the standards, and received one protest against this from Bradley Livestock.

In September of 2015, BLM-Dillon finalized its recommendations and sent them to BLM's Washington, D.C. office as part of larger plans for the region and sage grouse regions.

The Native Ecosystems Council appealed this decision in early November. (According to a 2010 U.S. Government Accountability Office report, the Native Ecosystems Council and the Alliance for the Wild Rockies likes to sue the federal government when environmental issues are involved. These two groups, for example, sued or objected to U.S. Forest Service fuel reduction plans in Region No. 1, which includes Montana, 55 times between 2006 and 2008, more than in any other region. The Alliance was responsible for 42 or these, Native Ecosystems the rest.)

In May of 2016, BLM - Dillon asked BLM's main office to vacate the final decision to reconsider the plan and reassess the allotment.

As a result, a third assessment for the Belmont allotment was completed and six livestock grazing alternatives were offered. Again, the public had the opportunity to comment, and again three com-

ment letters were received, one from Bradley Livestock, one from Native Ecosystems Council and one from Western Watersheds Project.

BLM again issued a proposed decision with response to the comments, and Native Ecosystems and Western Watersheds protested.

In February of 2017, BLM-Dillon's Field Manager Cornelia H. Hudson issued BLM's final decision, considering all things including public comments and protests, and determined that the Belmont allotment's livestock grazing plans didn't constitute "major federal action affecting the quality of the human environment or causing unnecessary or undue degradation of the natural environment," so long as the amended Dillon Resource management plan was followed.

A review of other assessments, large and small reveals that most are not quite so complicated.

In May this year, 3 Rivers Telephone Coop requested two right of ways to install fiber optic cables for "clearer communications and high speed internet and digital television," along roadways in Granite Creek, Bear Gulch and Alder Creek. No one objected - yet. But BLM still had to oblige NEPA review rules, calling in eight people including a realty specialist, an archeologist, a wildlife biologist, a hydrologist, a rangeland management specialist, a weed coordinator, and two BLM employees because the cable lines went through sage grouse habitat.

Also, in April this year, Barrett Minerals Inc. proposed a "layback within the existing Treasure Mine open pit to access an extension of talc ore" in a 50-year-old pit mine. The proposal backfills an area of BLM administered land that was to be left as a highwall.

The Treasure Mine permit pre-dates BLM's newer regulations, and the mine's most recent proposal covered a revised operations plan designed to limit impacts to Stone Creek.

One goal of the 2006 Dillon Resource Management Plan goal is to "Encourage and facilitate development of locatable minerals in a manner to prevent undue and unnecessary or undue degradation," and the mine's plans were in conformance with BLM's 2015 sage grouse rules, so the plan was approved, without protest.

W. Montana Resource Advisory Council

VIRGINIA CITY - The Western Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) is an official federal advisory committee that provides advice and recommendations on all aspects of public land management to the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Butte, Missoula and Dillon field offices. RAC operates on the principle of collaborative decision-making and strives for consensus before making official recommendations to BLM.

Since the Council was established in 1995, the Western Montana RAC has assisted in developing BLM's standards for rangeland health and guidelines for livestock grazing, and the Whitetail/Pipestone Travel Management Plan. Most recently, RAC has focused on development of the Dillon Resource Management Plan: the Sustaining Working Landscape Initiative.

Membership on the 15-member RAC is balanced to achieve representation of the wide variety of public land resources and users:

There are five members representing commercial users, such as livestock grazing, timber, mining, oil and gas, realty and rights-of-ways, off-highway vehicle groups and guides and outfitters. Another five members represent environmental organizations, historic and cultural interests, wildlife organizations, wild horses and burros, and dispersed recreation. The final five members represent elected officials, tribes, state or other governmental agencies, academic institutions and the public-at-large.

Current RAC members include:

- Larry Hoffman, of Butte, energy/minerals
- Koy Holland, Dillon, federal grazing
- Bob Walker, Clancy, commercial recreation
- David Krueger, Anaconda, timber
- Jean Belangie-Nye, Lolo, outdoor recreation
- Ron Tussing, Sheridan, dispersed recreation
- Paul Putz, Townsend, archeologic/historic
- Bob Martinka, Helena, environmental
- Dan Happel, Pony, environmental
- Margaret Gorski, Stevensville, archaeological
- Douglas Midgett, St. Regis, public-at-large
- James Hart, Ennis, elected official
- Whitney Tilt, Bozeman, public-at-large
- Mark Sweeney, Helena, public-at-large
- Nichole Brown, Townsend, public-at-large

When the field assessment is completed, the information is compiled and a watershed environmental assessment (EA) report is prepared and shared with permittees like ranchers who graze cattle on BLM lands, recreationalists, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, conservation groups and other interested parties.

Fosse said this is usually in late December. Again, the public is welcome to participate in this, share information.

"We're keeping up pretty good with the EAs," Fosse said. "The office is pretty efficient, reassessing the 2008 assessment, looking at what worked and what didn't. The teams do as much as they can, weather permitting, to cover the 5,000 acres per year."

Resolving problems

"Healthy land is good for everyone: ranchers, recreationalists, wildlife, water users, all users," Fosse said.

Following the environmental assessment (EA) report, when the data collected has been considered and summarized, two things happen, according to BLM.

Following the EA, a "determination of standards" is made by BLM. Think of this as a report card. It considers how well the area being considered - and this could be anything from a watershed to a ditch dug for a culvert within that watershed - meets the standards set by the resource advisory council or doesn't.

After this, a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document is prepared. This analyzes the

A trail to connect Nevada City and Alder?

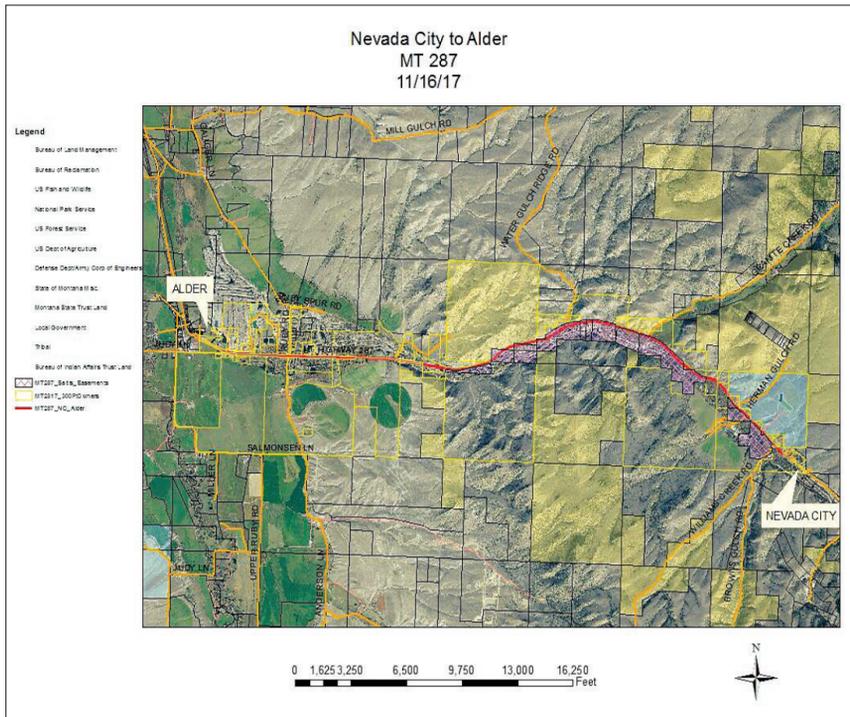
Effort being worked on could be economic development tool

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NEVADA CITY – On Friday afternoon, June 22, Andy Thomas and Darlene Tussing stood at the Nevada City train station staring down at three large maps laid out on the bench in front of the station.

The maps contain an idea they share for a public multi-use trail that would connect Nevada City and Alder.

Currently, there is such a trail from Virginia City to Nevada City. Thomas and Tussing would like to see that trail reach Alder, 8 miles further down the valley. Trouble is, they're running up against a ticking five-year time clock and a choice between routes for the trail, depending on what is chosen, that could get very costly.



Above: A map showing the approximate route of the proposed trail. **Right:** Andy Thomas and Darlene Tussing look over maps of the proposed route at the train station in Nevada City. Thomas and Tussing are the prime drivers behind creating the trail. (J. TAYLOR PHOTO)



Genesis

The idea to extend the trail from Nevada City down into Alder began in 2015, with some thinking about Montana's rails-to-trails programs, Thomas said.

"My idea was to have a bicycle trail from Alder to Twin Bridges," Thomas, a physical therapist and athletic trainer for Madison Valley Medical Center, said. "I thought this would be do-able, so I started talking with Darlene, who had experience getting other trails going."

Between Thomas and Tussing, the idea for an Alder to Twin Bridges trail got shortened to a more attainable goal, with the focus on extending the existing Virginia City to Nevada City trail from Brown's Gulch in Nevada City to Alder.

Building a trail like this is no small undertaking. First comes the easement for the trail across property that is owned by a number of entities, including private landowners, state and federal entities. Then comes the finding the money and materials to actually build the trail.

In their quest to acquire easements and access for the trail, in 2016, Thomas and Tussing discovered that one of the six private landowners who owned property along the Alder Creek valley between Nevada City and Alder, Hart Baitis, was willing to grant an easement for a 20-foot trail corridor – a 10-foot wide trail, with two 5-foot maintenance sections on each side of it which would be

in place as he sells the parcels – provided that two things happened:

- One thing was that the trail would be actually be built.
- The other was that the trail would be completed within five years.

Trail site

One logical place to put the trail was parallel to Montana Hwy 287, because the Alder Creek valley is not especially wide in many places.

Initially, both Thomas and Tussing said, the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) was receptive to using the highway's wide right-of-way to site the trail. Such a trail paralleling the highway could keep both motorists and bicyclists out of harms way.

Tussing, Thomas and others interested in creating the trail worked on this angle.

However, in late 2017, MDT rules governing right-of-ways changed, and MDT didn't want the trail in the right-of-way – unless it served as a "commuter route for larger cities and meets other criteria that they put in place," Tussing said. Also, numerous "tight stipulations" from MDT would require a lot of money to build the trail: For example, MDT requires a hard-surfaced trail. Tussing and Thomas applied for a Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund, but were not selected because this funding is focused on creating wildlife habitat and fishing access sites.

Future

This setback hasn't wilted the ardor of either Tussing or Thomas for the trail.

Both remain hopeful that the trail can be built under the five-year deadline, that both easements and right-of-way use can be accomplished.

In addition to Baitis, both Tussing and Thomas said, state and federal land had to be crossed, and officials from both the federal Bureau of Land Management and state school lands were supportive of the efforts to create the trail, but would require abiding by their regulations. Also, several landowners along the route are fairly supportive of the effort.

Public support for such trails also remains very high, both said.

Tussing pointed to the TransAmerica Bicycle Trail Route. Begun in 1973 and opened during the 1976 US Bicentennial, the trail, which follows the highway corridor was designed to be a cross-county bicycle route. In 1976, 4,000 cyclists showed up for the "Bikecentennial" ride.

Today, part of this trail runs from Missoula to West Yellowstone, right through Alder, Virginia City, Ennis and other Madison County locales. It is included in the Adventure Cycling Association's array of rides. This organization is one of the premier bicycle touring groups in the nation, offering many rides in scenic areas of the country.

Tussing said Nevada City

and Virginia City's historical focus appeals to many bicycle touring groups.

Tussing has worked to establish bicycle trails in Billings, she said, where she participated in creating that city's 36 miles of hard-surfaced trails used by bicyclists, joggers, walkers and others, along with 17 miles of bike-specific lanes.

While the costs of building trails are steep, the value they bring to communities is great, she said.

In Billings the cost of building a hard surfaced, private land bicycle-worthy trail would amount to about \$350,000 per mile, Tussing said. Ennis's concrete public trail through town cost about \$380,000 Tussing said, although Thomas said this was more a sidewalk than a specific trail.

Grants, private donations, citizen support and other vehicles might help facilitate this effort, both Tussing and Thomas said.

Both Tussing and Thomas said these costs could easily be offset by the benefits of simply having a trail in the area.

Tussing said the trail could expand tourism from a seasonal effort to year-round thing. Tourist season is primarily May through September, she said. A trail would appeal to bicyclists in spring and fall, two favorite times to ride. It could also appeal to cross-country skiers, and other users – horse riders, walkers, joggers, etc.

A bicycle trail could be an alternative route for the com-

muters coming to Virginia City to work at the town's many businesses and the county offices.

Thomas remained buoyed by support for the trail from business and government officials.

He said in talks with the county commissioners, they were keen on the idea of a trail. Their main concern was if the trail would become a maintenance issue.

The Montana Heritage Commission was also supportive of the idea of the trail as part of a scenic byways program, he said.

Owners of Garnet USA, the Alder garnet mining operation, expressed much support for the trail, Thomas said.

Tussing thought linking a Nevada City to Alder trail to other state trails would be a good idea. She talked about the Vigilante Trail, a Twin Bridges to Alder route that would make a logical connection some day.

Thomas talked about acquiring grants and other funding for trail building, also how the trail could offer some fishing access.

Working with a trail that could be funded through a federal Transportation Alternate (TA) grant is a possibility, although this option would require a hard surface trail which would escalate the cost, according to Tussing. MDT administers TA funding and will not consider a grant if the trail is considered recreational, although there is funding

through the Recreational Trails Program administered by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. The federal Highway Administration authorizes funding for such projects that are defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity; recreational trail projects; safe routes to school projects; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former divided highways.

Currently, according to the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Montana has a total of 19 rail-trails – many created using Transportation Alternative monies – totaling 228 miles. Another eight projects are current, adding another 75 miles of trails to this total. These trails cost a total of \$3.3 million, yet they add much to local economies.

If anyone can accomplish the vision of a trail connecting Nevada City to Alder, it will surely be Tussing and Thomas.

"This is a good opportunity," said Thomas. "All we have to do is connect the dots to finish the corridor."

Madison County closing costs among lowest in state

June is home ownership month

ENNIS - Closing costs are an important consideration when buying a home. In an annual study of these costs, SmartAsset, a technolo-

gy company, found that closing costs as a percentage of median home value in Madison County were among the lowest closing costs in Montana. Madison County ranked No. 4 statewide, according to the study. For a closer look the study, including the full methodology, results, and interactive map visit: <https://smartasset.com/mortgage/closing-costs/#Montana>.

Rank	County	Avg. Closing Costs	Median Home Value	Closing Costs as % of Home Value	Closing Costs Index
1	Gallatin, MT	\$3,421	\$285,200	1.2%	90.77
2	Jefferson, MT	\$3,322	\$247,900	1.3%	88.18
3	Missoula, MT	\$3,311	\$243,700	1.4%	87.84
4	Madison, MT	\$3,302	\$240,300	1.4%	87.56
5	Ravalli, MT	\$3,296	\$238,100	1.4%	87.37
6	Flathead, MT	\$3,293	\$236,800	1.4%	87.26
7	Lake, MT	\$3,265	\$226,300	1.4%	86.30

National Park Service grant brings historic tools to Nevada City

Montana Heritage Commission receives artifacts

VIRGINIA CITY - The Montana Heritage Commission (MHC) which coordinates, promotes and preserves Virginia and Nevada City, MT was the recipient of a recent National Park Service grant which included several hundred historic working tools from Colonial and 1860's time periods.

The working tools ranged from historic blacksmithing, broom making, grinders and food preparation items to textile tools. Some of the tools have been housed at Colonial Williamsburg, also Abraham Lincoln's Salem Park.

"These tools and artifacts will



Above: These are some of the artifacts that were moved into the Nevada City museum courtesy of the National Park Service grant. (MHC PHOTOS)

help to contribute to enhance the visitor experience to Virginia and Nevada City, Montana and give the visitor more appreciation for how life was like in the 1860's," said MHC Executive Director Elijah Allen. "One of the missions of the Montana Heritage Commission

is to bring history to life and the artifacts, volunteers and the many talented business owners make this happen."

MHC oversees 276 original 1860 heritage properties and boasts one of the largest Americana artifact collections in the

nation, with more than 1.2 million items from the 1860s to the 1960s. Virginia City and Nevada City have close to 42 incorporated businesses and according to recent figures, result in a gross economic impact of \$74.6 million and create some 1,220 jobs.

MT Housing increases homeownership with Down Payment Assistance Program

HELENA – It's not uncommon that first-time homebuyers can afford a monthly mortgage payment, but struggle to save enough money for a down payment and closing costs. The so-called affordability gap is often the one barrier potential homeowners face that can mean the difference between buying a home or not.

"Down payment assistance is a game changer," Commerce Director Pam Haxby-Cote said. "It can help Montanans get into a home of their own and provide families with long-term housing stability."

Montana Housing at the Department of Commerce created the MBOH Plus 0% Deferred Down Payment

Assistance Program (MBOH Plus) to make purchasing a home within reach for more Montanans. MBOH Plus provides eligible homeowners with up to \$6,500 of deferred funding to help with down payment and closing costs. This assistance includes 0-percent interest and no monthly payments.

Some of the eligibility requirements for the MBOH Plus program include having a 620 or better credit score, a minimum of \$1,000 cash investment at closing, and completing a local homebuyer education class.

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OPINION

Editor:

For some reason, the cattle industry tends to take a hit when it comes to misconceptions, so this letter wishes to set three of these falsehoods straight.

1) Cattle are not major producers of greenhouse gases. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the economic sectors that produce the most greenhouse gases are electricity and transportation at 28%. Industry/manufacturing closely follows at 22%, while residential greenhouse gas production is 11%. Agriculture produces 9%, the least of all economic sectors observed.

2) Antibiotics are not routinely overused in the beef industry. Ranchers work extensively with their veterinarians to appropriately treat sick animals and develop routine vaccination protocols. Further more the FDA has installed withdrawal periods on antibiotics that regulates when the animal can be sent to slaughter after an antibiotic treatment. This ensures that no antibiotic residues are present in any meat.

3) Consumers often hear that beef is full of hormones which is simply not true. All living things contain some hormones because hormones are chemical messengers that regulate body function. To put this idea in perspective, here are some comparisons done by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. A birth control pill contains 35,000 nanograms of estrogen. Three ounces of cabbage contains 2,000 nanograms of estrogen while three ounces of implanted beef contains 1.9 nanograms. Implanted beef is a term that refers to the practice of supplementing the natural found hormones in cattle to increase feed efficiency, growth rate, and protein deposition.

In conclusion, cattle help maintain healthy rangelands, provide

an abundance of byproducts that consumers use every day, and are a source of safe and nutritious protein. Beef contains zinc, iron, B vitamins, and all 8 essential amino acids needed for body growth and maintenance. 97% of cattle ranchers are family owned and 54% percent have been in the same family for more than three generations according to the Beef Checkoff. This means that people who care for the land, the livestock, their families, and the world are producing your beef and eating it to, along with preserving the wide-open spaces of the Madison Valley.

Taylor Sitz

Editor:

Grateful. That is the best word to describe my run for the US Senate. Grateful for the thousands of Montanans who donated to my campaign. Grateful for the people who hosted me in their homes, put up yard signs, volunteered, and have encouraged me since coming up short in the race.

I am disappointed in the results, but do not regret running. The generous and gracious nature of Montanans was the highlight of my race.

This wonderful state and country are worth fighting for. We are headed in the wrong direction in so many ways, starting with our national debt, but our people are the best.

I am grateful. Thank you to all of you who supported me.

Thanks, and God Bless,

Russ Fagg

OBITUARIES

Kay Walker
June 12, 2018

GILBERT, AZ - Kay Walker, age 72, passed away peacefully of cancer, surrounded by family on June 12, 2018 in Gilbert, Arizona. Kay was born in Whitehall, Montana on August 21, 1945 to the late Gladys and David Mortensen of Alder, Montana.

Kay attended elementary school in a one-room schoolhouse in Alder, MT. She graduated from Sheridan High School and later married Thomas H. Simpson. They made a home in Twin Bridges, MT, where they raised their three children, Thomas J. Simpson, Amy Dirks, and Kristi Sharpe. The family enjoyed camping at Wade Lake, snowmobiling, and spending time at their mountain cabin with family and their many friends. Kay's passions included her faith, cooking, reading, rock and roll music, and her many pets over the years. Kay also loved to travel and took many trips including trips to Europe, Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean, and throughout the United States.

Kay lived in Montana until her husband Tom's passing in July of 1997. A few years later Kay moved from Montana to Lewiston, Idaho to be near her daughter Kristi. While in Lewiston she married the late Chuck Walker and became a bonus mother to Charlie Walker and Darci Johnson. Their greatest joy was spending time with their 10 grandchildren: Bradley, Riley, Halle, Daren, Madi, Grant, Dash, Mason, Elle, and Colt. In Lewiston, Kay became very active in the Methodist church and greatly enjoyed her bible study group, book club, and volunteering for



their many activities.

Kay's humor and kindness will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Everyone who met Kay was touched by her enormous heart. Her battle with cancer was one she faced with tremendous courage and strength and even a sense of humor. Her family would ask that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

A service for Kay will be held at the First United Methodist Church at 1906 Broadview Drive, Lewiston, ID 83501 at Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 2 p.m. with a reception immediately following.

SHERIDAN - A Memorial celebration for John Funk will be held on Sat. July 7 at 4 pm at the Jackson Garden in Sheridan.

Funk was born on Oct. 3, 1944 in Sheridan, to Harold and Dorothy Funk. He graduated from Sheridan High School and returned after college to teach high school Math and Science there for 35 years.

Funk passed away November 24, 2017 in the Ruby Valley Hos-

Neil O. "Pete" Peterson
June 19, 2018

SHERIDAN -- Neil O. "Pete" Peterson, age 86, passed away on June 19, 2018 at his home in Sheridan, Montana.

Pete was born to Wilbur and Leola Peterson, of Harrold, South Dakota, on October 23, 1931. He graduated high school from Harrold. He went on to pursue a degree in Forestry first at Black Hills College in Spearfish, South Dakota. A stint in the Army from 1953 to 1955. Pete returned home to finish his college years at the University of Montana in Missoula graduating in 1958. He then embarked on a 30 year career with the US Forest Service, his last post being in Sheridan, Montana. He retired in 1984. After retirement he spent 11 years as co-ordinator of Madison County Weed and Pest Board. In June 1959, Pete married Penny Dahlin. Their marriage spanned 59 years. The last 44 years was spent in Sheridan. Both Pete and Penny were active in the Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association. On their place, the N Hanging P Fox Trotter, they raised Missouri Fox Trotter horses for 30 years. Pete spent many years in the saddle and enjoyed the cowboy life.

Pete is survived by his wife, Pen-



ny, son David Peterson and his wife Donna, their daughters Jessica and Katelyn, daughter Periann Peterson Washenfelder and her sons, Neil and Evan, and his sister Peggy Peterson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents from South Dakota.

Cremation has taken place and at Pete's request there will be no funeral service. The family will plan a celebration of his life for a later date this summer in Sheridan, Montana for the numerous friends and family that were so giving with their support and concern.

K&L Mortuaries & Crematory of Sheridan assisted with arrangements.

John Funk
November 24, 2017

He is survived by his wife Karen Sue, sons Harold Jon, Thomas Joseph and Kip William Funk, all of Colorado; a brother, Michael Funk, in Libby; and a sister, Diana Fortier, from Lost Creek, near Anaconda. Funk also has a deceased brother Dr. James Funk, from Michigan.

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Ennis School Board considers partnership with Madison Valley Medical Center

Board approves new hires, considers collective bargaining

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ENNIS - At its monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 20, the Ennis School board responded favorably to two major proposals: one that would allow for a part-time nurse at the school, and one that would facilitate trainings leading to more effective collective bargaining between the school board, administration and school district in future negotiations.

School nurse proposal

Allen Rohrback, of Madison Valley Medical Center, along with physician Dr. Maura Davenport, the hospital's chief nursing officer and members of the board of trustees, outlined a proposal to establish a partnership between the hospital and Ennis Schools that would allow for a school nurse program. The nurse would be a part-time position, four hours per day every day of the school year, and the cost of the position would be split evenly between the school and the hospital itself.

Creating this partnership, Rohrback said, would lead to fewer student absences due to illness, as well as lower dropout rates and higher graduation rates. As it stands, he said, the national average is one school nurse per 750 students. In Montana, that ratio is one to 1728. A school nurse in Ennis would be in a supervised partnership with a physician at MVMC, which would allow the hospital to help in creating and managing individual student health plans. It would also allow for standard first aid, student-athlete physicals and concussion testing to be done in one place on campus, and for more serious emergencies, the nurse could make immediate referrals to physicians at MVMC.

The board clarified that the position would be on an annu-

al contract basis, depending on the ability of the school to fit it into the annual budget, but the idea received widespread support from across the board, who agreed to look into the general fund and ensure the availability of funds before formally voting on the proposal at the next meeting. Superintendent Casey Klasna said it is a cost that hadn't previously been budgeted for, but that he thought it could fit into the general fund budget. The nurse's salary, split between the hospital and the school, would just over \$12,500 per year.

Consensus Bargaining

Mike Redburn of Redburn Consensus Partners proposed to the board the availability of his services in the board's future negotiations with Ennis Schools administration, the teachers' association and the school district.

Redburn, who has worked as a teacher, superintendent and teachers' association president in the past, also taught educational leadership at Montana State University, and now professionally facilitates negotiations in educational and other settings.

"It is a process. It's not the process," Redburn said. "In over 40 years of working with people, I've found it to be the most effective way of making decisions and conflict resolution."

Redburn said that in his experience, groups make better solutions than individuals do, and he uses a process pioneered by Robert Chadwick and Consensus Associates to facilitate collective bargaining and team building.

Should the board choose to utilize his services, Redburn would spend three days working with them and school administrators to identify problems or issues that need to be resolved. The teams involved—like the teachers' association and the school district, along with the board—would address and resolve as many of those items as possible. After that period, Redburn would return for a follow up later in the school year to come up with recommendations to address the remaining items.

Redburn said the cost of the training and follow up would be \$1,200 per day, for a total of \$4,800 including the follow-up day, plus some extra for travel expenses. The board expressed

interest in using the services during the 2018-2019 school year, but made the decision to discuss it further and check the availability of those funds in the general budget before voting on whether or not to move forward.

The board also:

- Approved the hiring of Nick Burgess as head football coach and Duncan Hedges as assistant coach. Burgess currently teaches at Ennis High School and was a standout athlete at Dickinson State University in North Dakota. Hedges was the only candidate for the assistant job, but was well received by Athletic Director Chris Hess and the rest of the department.

- Approved the shift of head track and field coach Wendy McKittrick to assistant coach due to scheduling conflicts. McKittrick will be on a prorated contract and will likely resume her head coaching duties after the 2018-2019 school year.

- Approved the hiring of Emma Steffen and Kyle Boling as speech and debate coaches. The need for an assistant was urgent with nearly 40 students involved in the program, so Boling was hired to fill that position.

- Approved the hiring of Nicolas Magliocco and Hailey Henwood as junior high science and English teachers, respectively. Both will start this fall.

- Made an update on the progress of the newly-approved construction of a school weight room and additional storage space. The project is underway and should be completed before the new school year.

- Extended the deadline for fundraising for Ennis's new softball program. Startup costs of around \$20,000 must be raised by July 12 in order for uniforms and equipment to be purchased, and fundraising efforts are underway.

- Voted to increase the student activity fee from \$35 to \$50. Last year's revenue from activity fees did not cover expenditures, and the difference had to be made up from the school's general fund. The increase in fee will hopefully help to offset such a discrepancy in the forthcoming year. The adult and family fees were also increased by the same margin: adult fees from \$50 to \$65, and family fees from \$150 to \$165.

Fire Department Receives Donation

ENNIS - The Madison Valley Rural Fire Department will be hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast on July 4 from 6 - 10 a.m. This year, the event has been seeking sponsors and Bill Mercer of RE/MAX Mountain Property has generously stepped up with a donation of \$750. Sponsor donations will pay for the cost of the food to put on the event so all donations from the public on the day of the event to go directly toward profits.

The department has earmarked this year's funds to be used to purchase commercial extracting washer and dryer system. It has been found that cancer rates in firefighters are higher than the general public because of the pathogens they are exposed to.



Madison Valley Fire Department members with Bill Mercer, who donated \$750 for food for a fund-raiser. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

This system will be used on their Personal Protective Equipment. Thank you to the sponsors and

the community for the support of this Pancake Breakfast.

Community Briefs

Madison flows increase

HEBGEN LAKE - Hebgen Lake near West Yellowstone has reached its maximum water storage, and due to recent rainfall, NorthWestern Energy on Tuesday, June 19, began increasing outflow from the lake.

Incremental releases Tuesday were expected to boost the river's flow by approximately 1,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 2,400 (cfs) below the dam and 3,000 cfs at the Kirby gauge.

NorthWestern continues to monitor Hebgen and make outflow adjustments as necessary. Anglers, floaters and other river users are urged to beware of conditions. For more information, call Butch Larcombe at (866) 622-8081

Barn Dance

ALDER - Barbara Pearson is urging the community to join in an Old Fashioned Western Foot-stompin' Barn Dance & Potluck Supper, with The Ruby Valley Boys & Barbwire, at the Ruby Dell Ranch's 'Larra-bee Barn', located at 180 Anderson

Lane, south of Alder, on June 30 at 6:30 p.m.

'In Good Faith' screenings

ENNIS - "In Good Faith" is a documentary that focuses on Dr. Orlan Svengen, professor of history at Washington State University (WSU), and his work with the Mixed Bands of Shoshone, Bannock and Sheepstealer Indians at the Fort Hall reservation in Pocatello, Idaho.

Since 2010, Dr. Svengen and his students have researched The Virginia City Treaty of 1868, negotiated and signed almost 150 years ago by Chief Tendoy. It was signed, in good faith, by the US government and tribal members, but never ratified.

Dr. Svengen, researching National Archives microfilm, found a signed and sealed Cession Document that clearly laid out the boundaries of the more than 12,000 square miles in Wyoming and Montana the tribes gave up. With these findings, the Mixed Bands

have started the legal process to right this wrong.

The film will be shown Thursday, July 12, at 7 p.m. at the The Madison Theatre, in Ennis; and Saturday, July 14, at 10 a.m., at the Community Center, on Van Buren Street, in Virginia City. Admission is free. Visit www.nakatv.com

A.J. Davis, first millionaire

VIRGINIA CITY - The Elling House Arts and Humanities Center will host a Montana millionaires history program, on Thursday, July 19, by Jim Jarvis, Virginia City Historical Preservation Officer, on "Andrew Jackson Davis - Montana's First Millionaire."

The event is held in partnership with the Virginia City Preservation Alliance at the historic "Robber's Roost" near Laurin.

Davis (1819-1890) was a successful banker, and a lesser known contemporary of Butte's notorious copper kings. This presentation will explore the life and legacy of this important figure.

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The Muir String Quartet

Muir String Quartet to perform at Trinity Episcopal

JEFFERS - The Muir String Quartet, long acknowledged as one of the world's most powerful ensembles, performs at Trinity Episcopal Church in Jeffers, MT, on July 14th at 5 p.m. Their performance will highlight Trinity Church's Sesquicentennial celebration (150 years of existence). Following the concert there will be a dinner with wine pairings across the street from the church at 93 Jeffers Road. A painting by Ed Totten will be on sale at the event. Tickets for the event are 75 dollars per person and can be purchased at trinityepiscopalmt.org.

The quartet has been in residence at Boston University's College of Fine Arts since 1983 and performs around the world.

These world class musicians include Michael Reynolds, Peter Zazofsky, Steven Ansell, and Lucia Lin.

Michael Reynolds began his career as the founding cellist of the Muir String Quartet. He performs on an early Florentine cello, circa 1690. He is a professor at Boston University and is a native of Montana. He is an avid fly fisherman and has a summer home along the Gallatin River.

Peter Zazofsky, violinist, has performed solo and chamber music throughout the Americas and Europe, and his violin was made by Carlo Bergonzi in 1744.

Lucia Lin, violinist, made her debut performing with the Chicago Symphony when she

was eleven years old.

Steven Ansell joined the Boston Symphony Orchestra as its principal violinist in 1996. He currently teaches at Boston University School of the Arts. As Ansell says, "You don't have to be an aficionado of music to enjoy our concerts. I think going with an open mind, an open heart, open ears are really all that's required."

The Muir String Quartet gives two benefit concerts in Montana each year. Trinity Episcopal Church is lucky this year to have been chosen to host one of these performances. We look forward to your joining us to celebrate our 150th anniversary with the Muir String Quartet as our featured guests.

RATPOD from A1: Charity ride swings through county

funds. Campers have come from all 50 states as well as internationally.

"Last year we gave around \$66,000 in travel scholarships," says Imhoff. "We want to make sure this doesn't pose a burden to the families dealing with these diagnoses. We want this to be easy and accessible for anyone who wants to come."

Planning for each year's RATPOD starts as soon as the previous year's ride ends. In all,

the 2018 ride featured nearly 800 riders, volunteers and staff altogether. The annual wrap-up included a post-ride barbecue back at the campus of the University of Montana Western, where former campers from Camp Mak-A-Dream spoke to riders.

"It really lets the riders know that their fundraising, truly, is so needed," Imhoff says. "Without their support these people wouldn't be able to get to camp. The riders really see it firsthand."

The volunteers are also a key part of pulling the whole thing off, especially adding the second, shorter ride this year. Community support and donations of time and money are what makes the event an annual success.

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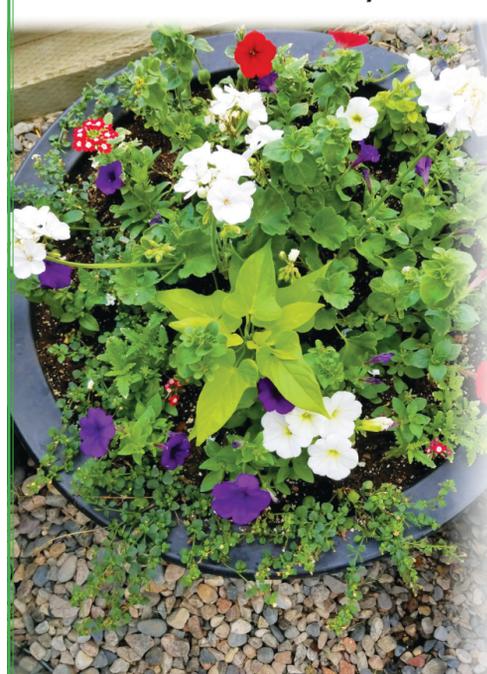


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Submitted by Leona Rodreck
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

As the July 4 holiday approaches, the Forest Service would like to remind those who are planning for the holiday weekend that there are great places throughout the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest to visit. The forest has over 3,200 miles of trails, 76 campgrounds, picnic and recreation areas, as well as being home to the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness and the Lee Metcalf Wilderness.

Among the traditional camping, hiking and fishing activities, visitors are known to also enjoy wildflower viewing, photography, exploring the back country and a multitude

of family activities. Additionally, there are 25 rustic cabins available throughout the forest for rent during the summer and fall hunting season. Go to www.recreation.gov to find out more and to reserve a cabin or a campsite.

Before you plan your trip, check for current road, trail and campground conditions by contacting the Forest Service, or go online to www.fs.usda.gov/bdnf, always check to see what the current weather conditions are and go prepared for changing conditions. Visitors are cautioned to stay on the road to avoid getting stuck or starting wildland fires and to pay attention to road closed signs.

Many trails may not be open at higher elevations due to snow, high water or trees that have fallen across trails. Please stay on the trail and do not create new trails to get around hazards. Trail users should expect many trails to be impassable from fallen trees.

Visitors are also asked to be careful when recreating in the forest due to the potential for trees to fall. Here are a couple of handy tips:

- Be aware of your

surroundings and avoid dense patches of dead trees.

- Trees can fall without warning; place tents and park vehicles in areas where they will not be hit if a tree falls.

- Stay out of the forest when there are strong winds that could blow down trees, especially in areas where there has been fires or stands of trees that have been killed by bugs.

- If you are already in the forest when winds kick up, head to a clearing out of reach of any potential falling trees.

Bears, both black bears and grizzlies, are out and about. Keep your camp clean and store food out of reach of all animals. The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest requires all food and other items that might attract bears to be stored where bears cannot access them at night and during the daytime when food and attractants are not attended. 'Attended' means that a person is physically present within 100 feet and in direct sight of the food or carcass. While attended, food and attractants do not have to be stored. To find out more about bear safety and links to certified bear resistant products go online to the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest web page at www.fs.usda.gov/bdnf.

The forest has a bear-resistant container

loaner program to help forest visitors comply with food storage regulations. Forest visitors can check out a variety of bear-resistant containers such as horse panniers, backpacking "bear barrels" and the popular yet cost-prohibitive bear-resistant coolers for their planned outings. There is a limited supply of these containers, so contact your local office for details.

Visitors are cautioned to be extremely careful with fire, fuels such as grass, shrubs and trees are beginning to dry out.

Fireworks are prohibited in National Forests. Fireworks and dry grass and trees are a bad combination. Never leave a campfire unattended. Make sure your campfire is extinguished completely and the coals are cool to the touch before you leave.

Human caused fires are one of the factors fire officials use to determine if fire restrictions are necessary. Currently, there are no fire restrictions in effect in Southwest Montana. However, weather and fuel conditions can change quickly. To stay up to date with fire restrictions go on-line to <http://firerestrictions.us>.

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The Madisonian reached out to Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson for tips on how residents and visitors can stay safe while enjoying all Southwest Montana has to offer during the Fourth of July week!

Here's what Sheriff Thompson had to say:

The Fourth of July is one of the busiest weekends of the year for Madison County. With the Ennis parade and rodeo, and Virginia City fireworks along with all of the other community gatherings, plus tourists visiting area attractions, a lot of people are around to enjoy themselves. Some tips that the Madi-

son County Sheriff's Office would like to extend would include:

1. Use your fireworks wisely and safely around rural areas and especially around others property. Mistakes do happen, and serious fires have resulted when people have failed to use their good judgment.

2. Enjoy yourself, but also think of those around you whether you are traveling, shopping, recreating and driving. Alcohol and people can become a problem when too much is mixed together.

3. Watch out for wildlife. We have many vehicle verse animal crashes occur every

year with serious damage. Some have even caused injuries and death to both vehicle occupants and the wildlife.

4. Don't drink and drive and don't text and drive. Think about pulling over while driving if you have something to do like photographing, texting, calling or even relaxing, so that other traffic can pass. It is also bicycle season so be aware of others sharing the road.

Because summer does bring people out in Montana, plan for just a little more extra time getting places so you can arrive cool, calm and collected.

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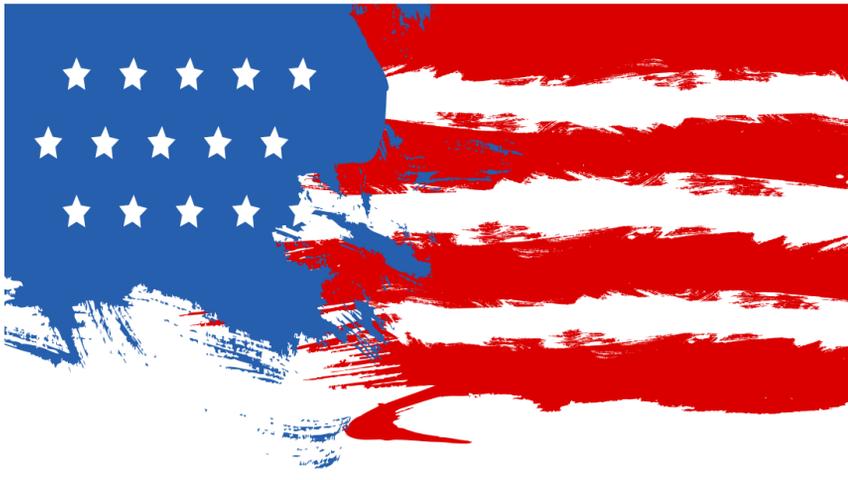
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8 PM NRA Rodeo

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9-1:30 PM Car Show Sportsman's Lodge Lawn

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11 AM Ennis Lions Club BBQ

at Peter T's Park

11:45 AM Veteran's Parachutes

on Football Field

12 PM Veterans' Memorial Ceremony

12:30 PM Big Tweed Band

at Peter T's Park

5 PM Montana Mini Bucks Rodeo

Youth Rough Stock Rodeo for Kids
ages 4 to under 14 years

6 PM NRA Rodeo

Ennis Rodeo Grounds

Dusk - Fireworks in Virginia City

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PARADE ROUTE



MAKE MADISON COUNTY SAFER FOR ALL

SUBMITTED BY LYNN LOWDER
Madison County DUI Task Force

Well it is almost here, one holiday where many Americans celebrate with alcohol, according to BACtrack, which makes smart-phone-enabled breathalyzers to monitor blood alcohol content. According to BAC-track data, summer drinking and driving

starts and ends on a high note, only declining slightly towards the end of July, then increasing again throughout August. The summer solstice, the official start of summer and the Fourth of July are tied for the booziest days of the summer.

The Fourth of July is one of the most dangerous times to be on the road, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Using apps like BACtrack are a great way to keep a watch on your BAC, but always think ahead and prepare to have a designated driver. In rural Montana, we depend on friends and family for safe rides home. The first line of defense is to drink responsibly and know your limits. One standard drink every two hours is a conservative and responsible way to drink that is advocated by many.

The technology and efforts are awesome, but ultimately it is always the responsibility of the driver to not overindulge. Impaired driving is 100 percent preventable. Making choices to not drive impaired and to be responsible are proactive choices. These choices do make a difference and will make Madison County safer for all.



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Water is concern for Madison County fair board

Broken water line under Beaverhead River is challenge for upcoming fair

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TWIN BRIDGES - The Madison County Fair, August 7-12, is fast approaching, and the biggest issue still to be resolved is that of water. A broken water line under the Beaverhead River near the fairgrounds has posed a challenge in getting enough water for bathrooms, irrigation, livestock and drinking water.

The soonest a contractor could get to the county fairgrounds is July 9, but with the amount of time it would take to

make repairs or set a new line would make it unlikely that there would be working water lines in time for the fair. There is a well on the fairgrounds property that would be usable provided it meets Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) standards of water quality. The board decided to have the well tested—and if needed, chlorine shocked—to ensure the safety of the well water during the fair.

If the water from that well is still non-potable come fair time, it will still be used for restrooms and watering the livestock during the fair.

The fair board plans to put up signage at spigots and hoses advising fair attendees not to drink that water, and to advise the community to either bring their own drinking water with them or plan on buying bottled water at the fair.

The fair managers made a report at their June 21 meeting that a community loan has been proposed to waive the shipping

fee for a large new piece of playground equipment that will be placed at the fairgrounds, likely just after fair time. The Twin Bridges Kiwanis Club raised the necessary money to pay for the equipment itself, but the board would like to conduct a community-wide fundraising campaign in order to pay back that \$5,000 loan. The equipment should arrive in Twin Bridges in early August, but due to the construction that would be required before its installation, likely won't be in place and usable until after the fair.

The fair board also:

- Approved the plan of a local 4-H club to install a commemorative granite memorial wall on the fairgrounds. Once the wall is constructed, community members will be able to purchase squares on the wall to pay respects to significant 4-H and FFA community members.
- Evaluated two estimates for the proposed addition of a new indoor arena to the fair-

grounds. SMA Architects provided estimates for an option that would be non-heated and non-insulated for use of agricultural events and rodeos, and another option that would be heated and insulated and which could be used for weddings, public events and other activities. The latter option would also include a commercial kitchen and restrooms. The first option would cost around \$1.5 million, while the second would be closer to \$3 million. Choosing which way to go with the new arena will be a large priority for the board moving forward.

- Noted the success of the senior pro rodeo that was held in Twin Bridges over the weekend of June 16 - 17. The fairgrounds in Augusta had flooded completely, but more than 160 entrants came to Twin Bridges to participate regardless of extensive rain in the Madison Valley. The rodeo was a huge success.

DISTRICT COURT ROUNDUP

- The charges against Cole Donald Richards were amended to include affront or alarm to abuse, humiliate, harass or degrade another, to which Richards pled guilty. Richards was initially brought on charges of indecent exposure before a minor and disorderly conduct for swimming naked in a pool at the resort in Big Sky back in April and entered a plea bargain in exchange for the amendment of his charges.
- The hearing for Steven Todd Christensen was rescheduled for early July. Christensen is charged with a fourth or subse-

- quent instance of operating a vehicle while intoxicated.
- Robert Frank Baker, Jr. pled not guilty to counts of burglary, theft and criminal misconduct associated with a series of thefts between Alder and Sheridan that occurred back in March. Those charges were initially brought in early June, and Baker's case remains active.



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Saturday
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Sunday
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Monday
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'A couple retired guys without a lot going on'

Local mystery author prepares for a novel set in Madison County

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BIG SKY - On a Sunday morning in 1964, one of the nurses at Oswego Hospital in upstate New York invited two of her fellow weekend nurses to join her for morning coffee in the hospital's nurses' lounge. It was early, around 7 a.m., and very much like most other early Sunday mornings: quiet, with few people around save the morning staff tending to patients.

Her friends made their way up to the third-floor operating suite, where their 22-year-old colleague was assigned. Strangely, for the first time they could remember, the door to the operating room was closed and locked. Stranger still, they couldn't get the attention of anyone inside; there was loud music playing that drowned out their knocks.

So, the girls found the on-call doctor and asked him to unlock the door for them. On doing so, they found the nurse they'd spoken to just a short time before lying on the operating room couch, an anesthesia mask over her face. She was dead.

Forty years later, in 2004, Dr. John Fountain was the chief of anesthesiology in Oswego. He'd been practicing in Oswego

for 20 years and knew the city and its community well. The Detroit native was enjoying his post, the latest in a series of adventurous and illustrious posts since he graduated from medical school.

He'd spent a stint as the only psychiatrist on New Zealand's South Island, then had gained expertise in orthopedics and cardiology before moving to a position in Scotland, where he met his wife. The pair moved to Lexington, Kentucky—what Fountain calls the biggest possible culture shock for his wife—before accepting the Oswego position in 1984.

He knew all the nurses and doctors in the hospital and interacted daily with the range of medical staff and the hospital's patients. So, it came as a surprise when he came in to work one day and found an obituary hanging from his anesthesia table.

"I had been there 20 years, and whoever broke in was using the same key they would have had in 1964," Fountain remembers. "They never changed the locks."

It was an obituary from forty years prior, about a nurse. She'd been found dead in that very operating room, an anesthesia mask on her face.

"I would throw it away, and then the next night, someone would break in again and leave this obituary," Fountain says. "I decided I would take a little bit of bait, so I started investigating."

So, he began looking back through newspaper articles and police reports, trying to understand what happened to this nurse in 1964. Her death had been ruled a suicide. Fountain wasn't so sure. Parts of the timeline didn't seem to add up, and her death looked like the practiced hand of an experienced doctor. He continued to ask questions, asking himself what could have happened.

It felt like a murder mystery. So Dr. Fountain turned it into one.

He did so with the help of Steve Abbott. The two had been college roommates at the University of Colorado, and Abbott had been an English major before becoming a software engineer. The two remained close friends and became cowriters when Fountain discovered the story behind the nurse's mysterious death. Detective A.C. LaFleur was born—modelled off a real-life detective—in what Fountain calls their first episode, titled O.R.

It was so well-received in the Oswego area that the co-writers turned it into a play, which drew an international audience. Then, at a book signing, Fountain was approached by a man he didn't recognize. It turned out to be the father of a girl he had treated years prior, a simple knee injury. She'd recently died, in what the police had dubbed purely tragic arson. Her father suspected there was more to the story and wanted Fountain to look into it. And just like that, Firesign, the second LaFleur mystery, was sparked.

By November of 2017, Fountain and Abbott had published four books. All were based from true stories that one of the pair had come across and become curious about. The most recent, *Old Man in a Hurry*, is where Fountain says they're "actually good at writing," and involves

the World War II Women's Air Corps, communist fighter jets in upstate New York and a scene set in the Ennis airport. Ultimately Fountain thought, why not do a whole book in Madison County?

Fountain and his wife have visited and owned property in Madison County for decades, but finally permanently relocated to Big Sky in 2012.

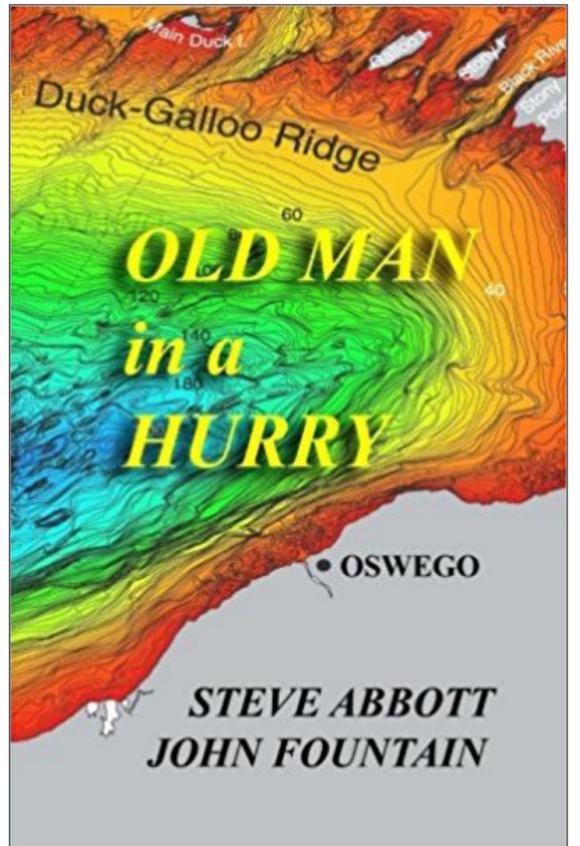
Southwestern Montana's tiny towns make for unique mystery settings, he says.

Book five is already outlined and in the works, and will feature both Big Sky and Pony, plus other Madison-area communities yet to be decided. It will also include a massive counterfeit operation and the return of a master criminal seen in the pair's third book, *Hot Gold*, which investigates the death of a New York jeweler.

They also think book five might be the last one. Fountain and Abbott's self-run publishing company has been a form of amusement for the past decade, a way for them to explore the events, places and people that fascinate them. They've donated the income from book sales and haven't hired a professional publisher in order to keep the open schedule and camaraderie they've enjoyed since college. Fountain hopes to publish the final book for free online, possibly in installments of a chapter or two at a time.

"It's not a very sophisticated operation," Fountain jokes. "We're just a couple retired guys without a lot going on."

Fountain himself doesn't really read mysteries; he usually sticks with the newspaper, he says. But he loves crime tele-



Old Man in a Hurry is the latest true-crime-based mystery published by John Fountain and Steve Abbott. The pairs' fifth and final book will be a novel set in Madison County. (PHOTO COURTESY OF AMAZON)

vision like *Dexter* and spends a lot of time thinking about the logistics of the crimes he's come across in his books. He's still not sure who was putting the obituaries on his anesthesia table back in 2004. He has an idea of who it could have been,

and who might have committed the crime itself. But the murder was never definitively solved. And you'll have to read the book to see what Detective A.C. LaFleur discovered.

MSU Western Agricultural Research Center to host organic workshop, tours

BOZEMAN - The Montana State University Western Agricultural Research Center and Montana's Organic Advisory and Education Council will host a full-day workshop on the principals of organic agricultural management on Wednesday, July 11.

The workshop, "2018 Organic Principals Review," will focus on topics and techniques related to integrated weed management in organic systems and will include local tours of organic-based agricultural productions in the Bitterroot Valley. Topics covered during the workshop include integrated weed management, perennial weed control and weed ecology, soil fertility, cropping systems and the integration of crop and livestock systems.

From 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., local tours of organic productions will include: Luna Llena Vineyard, an organic vineyard and fruit production in Stevensville owned by Rich Torquemada, president of the Montana Grape and Winery Association; the Tucker Family Farm, a value-added lamb and cheese agribusiness in Victor, and Mill Crick Farm, an organic vegetable farm north of Corvallis.

Following the tours, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., lunch will be provided at WARC with invited speakers addressing current initiatives in organic research and

the future of food and organics. Afternoon speakers include: Zach Miller, WARC superintendent and MSU assistant professor of horticulture in the Department of Research Centers; Fabian Menalled, professor of weed ecology in the Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences; Eric Gallandt, professor of weed ecology in the School of Food and Agriculture at the University of Maine; Ellen Mallory, assistant professor of sustainable agriculture in the School of Food and Agriculture at the University of Maine; Jim Barngrover of Timeless Natural Food, and members of the Montana Organic Advisory and Education Council.

The workshop is open to the public. Registration and a map for the event can be found at <https://goo.gl/forms/Jer5GSC4f3PTQ6NC3>.

WARC is located at 580 Quast Lane in Corvallis. WARC is one of seven off-campus agricultural research centers that comprise the MSU College of Agriculture and the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station. Jointly, the college and MAES conduct pertinent agriculture research for Montana strategically located across the state to allow research with different soil types, elevations, climate zones and landscapes. A local advisory council guides the research at each station.

Health Department: Prevent West Nile virus infection this summer

State and local health officials urge people to take precautions

HELENA - State and local public health officials are reminding Montanans to take steps to avoid mosquito bites and prevent infection with West Nile Virus (WNV).

In Montana, WNV season usually begins in July and ends in October, as this is when the mosquitoes responsible for it emerge.

The best way to prevent mosquito-borne diseases such as WNV, or any other mosquito-borne illness, is to protect yourself from mosquito bites.

While mosquitoes found in Montana are unable to transmit other diseases like Zika virus, they are able to transmit WNV.

The virus can also infect horses and birds, with birds serving as the source of infection for most mosquitoes who then pass the virus along to

humans by biting them.

When infected with WNV, about four out of five people will not have symptoms and will develop immunity after clearing the infection.

Among the one in five individuals who develop illness, they will generally experience mild symptoms that may include: headache, body aches, joint pain, vomiting, diarrhea, or a rash.

Serious symptoms can develop in rare cases with fewer than 1 in 100 of those infected developing serious infections in or around the brain, also known as neuroinvasive disease.

Last year, Montana had 11 cases of WNV reported; eight were mild cases, while three were neuroinvasive cases.

Although no deaths from WNV were reported in 2017, Montana has had deaths in previous years. Currently, no vaccine or specific treatment exists for a person at risk or ill with WNV. If someone develops any of the symptoms listed above, they should see their healthcare provider for evaluation and care.

As mentioned above, humans are not the only ones that can be in-



fecting with WNV.

Last year, Montana had 8 equine cases reported. A vaccine for horses is available and highly recommended.

The 4 D's of West Nile Virus prevention should be followed to reduce the chance of mosquito bites.

- **DEET:** Use insect repellent such as DEET or picaridin
- **Drain:** Drain standing water around your house to prevent mosquito breeding
- **Dawn/Dusk:** Mosquitoes are most active during dawn and dusk. Stay inside or take precautions to

prevent mosquito bites during these times

- **Dress:** When possible, wear long sleeved shirts and pants to protect yourself from bites

"As we approach WNV season, we encourage everyone to take the proper precautions to prevent mosquito bites when outdoors," stated DPHHS epidemiologist Erika Baldry.

For more information about WNV, please visit the DPHHS website at: www.dphhs.mt.gov.

Whitehall Farmers' Market is expanding

WHITEHALL - The directors of the Whitehall Farmers' Market have announced that the market will be expanding this year to include an Open Air Street Market, open to all home based businesses, community fundraising groups, and those with vintage or repurposed

goods to sell.

In addition, regular demonstrations, events, and children's activities are being planned throughout the season.

It has also been proposed that downtown businesses hold regular "Saturday Sidewalk Sales" in conjunction with the Market

as a way to encourage people to spend a little more time in town and shop locally. We are actively working to grow the Market and make it a vibrant, attractive event that benefits the whole community!

The Market will be held on Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.,

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Virus linked to Alzheimer's?

More study needed for causation

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Analysis of large data sets from post-mortem brain samples of people with and without Alzheimer's disease has revealed new evidence that viral species, particularly *herpesviruses*, may have a role in Alzheimer's disease biology.

Researchers funded by the National Institute on Aging (NIA), part of the National Institutes of Health, made the discovery by harnessing data from brain banks and cohort studies participating in the Accelerating Medicines Partnership - Alzheimer's Disease (AMP-AD) consortium.

Reporting in the June 21 issue of the journal *Neuron*, the authors emphasize that their findings do not prove that the viruses cause the onset or progression of Alzheimer's. Rather, the findings show viral DNA sequences and activation of biological networks — the interrelated systems of DNA, RNA, proteins and metabolites — may interact with molecular, genetic and clinical aspects of Alzheimer's.

"The hypothesis that viruses play a part in brain disease is not new, but this is the first study to provide strong evidence based on unbiased approaches and large data sets that lends support to this line of inquiry," said NIA Director Richard J. Hodes, M.D. "This research reinforces the complexity of Alzheimer's disease, creates opportunities to explore Alzheimer's more thoroughly, and highlights the importance of sharing data freely and widely with the research community."

Alzheimer's disease is an irreversible, progressive brain disorder that slowly destroys memory and thinking skills and, eventually, the ability to carry out simple tasks. More evidence is accumulating to indicate that this loss of cognitive functioning is a mix of many different disease processes in the brain, rather than just one, such as buildup of amyloid or tau proteins. Identifying links to viruses may help researchers learn more about the complicated biological interactions involved in Alzheimer's, and potentially lead to new treatment strategies.

The research group originally set out to find whether drugs used to treat other diseases can be repurposed for treating Alzheimer's. They designed their study to map and compare biological networks underlying Alzheimer's disease. What they found is that Alzheimer's biology is likely impacted by a complex constellation of viral and host genetic factors, adding that they identified specific testable pathways and biological networks.

Through the application of sophisticated computer modeling the researchers made several key findings, including:

- Human herpesvirus 6A and 7 were more abundant in Alzheimer's disease samples than non-Alzheimer's.

- There are multiple points of overlap between virus-host interactions and genes associated with Alzheimer's risk.

- Multiple viruses impact the biology of Alzheimer's disease across domains such as DNA, RNA and proteins.

Important roles for microbes and viruses in Alzheimer's disease have been suggested and studied for decades, the authors noted.

State, local officials join forces to raise awareness about elder abuse

State, local groups work year-round to protect the elderly

HELENA - Officials with the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS), Montana Department of Justice (DOJ), AARP Montana, and the Montana Elder Fraud and Exploitation Prevention Network are joining together in an effort to raise awareness about elder abuse.

The World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event took place Friday, June 15 at 10 a.m. at the AARP Montana Conference Room located at 30 West 14th Street, Suite 301 in Helena.

Lt. Governor Mike Cooney said several state and local organizations work year round to help protect the elderly from abuse and exploitation. But, it's a topic that needs the attention of all citizens in Montana and across the country.

"We all share the responsibility to help protect the elderly," Cooney said. "I encourage all Montanans to become more involved in addressing this important issue. And, it starts by being aware of elder abuse and learning ways to prevent it."

APS Bureau Chief Michael Hagenlock said elder abuse refers to intentional or negligent acts by a caregiver or trusted individual that causes harm to an older person. It takes many forms, including: neglect or isolation, physical abuse, sexual abuse, financial abuse and exploitation, and emotional or psychological abuse (including verbal abuse and threats).

APS is an investigation unit designed to protect vulnerable adults, and provide protective services through support by local, county and state programs.

He said in many cases, the person abusing, neglecting or exploit-



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ing the elderly is a person in a trust relationship to the older person such as spouse, child, or friend.

In Montana, APS covers all 56 counties. In state fiscal year 2017, APS received over 7,000 calls for services for our elderly and disabled population. This is the highest number of calls APS has received over the past six years.

The calls included 811 for some level of abuse, 2,380 for neglect and 1,098 for financial exploitation.

In addition, APS has assisted 2,375 citizens with information and referrals to services in their local communities and provided protective services to 389 elderlies. In addition, APS has taken on the role of guardianship for 155 individuals who did not have any family support or protection.

He said in addition to investigations, APS investigators work with community partners to help those being abused with short-term assistance such as:

- a place to live, stay, or with home repairs,
- food, transportation or help with utilities,

- managing money or legal help, or
- medical care, home healthcare or mental health services.

The Montana Department of Justice works to protect elderly Montanans through its Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU). Debrah Fosket of MFCU offered a couple specific examples of typical investigations.

One includes investigating cases where an elderly Montanan is being financially exploited while living as a resident of a skilled nursing or an assisted living facility, and an employee may be stealing medications meant for that resident or others. Or, there may be Medicaid recipients living outside of a health care facility who receive services from a provider.

"We take our role very seriously, and that is to investigate crimes committed against the elderly in the facilities and fraudulent billing by providers serving Medicaid recipients," she said.

AARP Montana Director Tim Summers said abuse of older Americans, whether it be physical or fi-

nanial, is unconscionable. "That's why AARP is fighting across the nation and here in Montana to crack down on abuse and financial exploitation and strengthen protections for victims so all can live with dignity and independence as they age," Summers said.

Jennell Huff works for the Bank of the Rockies and is a volunteer member of the Montana Elder Fraud and Exploitation Prevention Network. She said that people need to be aware that financial exploitation is real in Montana and across the country. "Most elderly residents are not in a position to recover any financial losses and studies have shown the detrimental consequences of financial exploitation," she said. "Professionals in the field have a duty to protect our most treasured assets, our older residents. Education and cooperative efforts between agencies is imperative."

To report abuse, neglect or exploitation call APS intake at 1-844-277-9300 or go to www.aps.mt.gov.

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Drug and Alcohol Abuse: A Growing Problem for seniors

(StatePoint) Misuse and abuse of drugs and alcohol among the elderly is one of the fastest growing health problems in the U.S., according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Adminis-

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tration (SAMHSA), yet it can often be mistaken for normal aging behavior.

The statistics are alarming: according to The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc., 2.5 million older adults have an alcohol or drug problem; while a SAMHSA report shows that the use of illicit drugs, combining drugs with alcohol, and the nonmedical use of pharmaceuticals, results in an average of nearly 300 emergency room visits nationwide each day for those aged 65 and older.

Despite these disturbing trends, substance abuse among the elderly often goes unrecognized and untreated. According to "The Tough Talk: Aging Parents and Substance Abuse," a new survey commissioned by WellCare Health Plans, Inc.,

adult children of elderly parents know very little about the drugs and alcohol their parents consume, and three-quarters say it's possible that they may not even know if their parent had a substance abuse problem, likely mistaking the signs -- such as slurred speech, dozing off and confusion -- for normal behaviors of aging.

"While family members may not feel equipped to identify an abuse problem, they are often the ones who can best spot changes in behaviors that could indicate one exists," said Kevin Middleton, Psy.D., vice president, behavioral health, WellCare. "Given the serious consequences that overuse or abuse of drugs and alcohol can have on seniors, it's important to look for those signs and also ask questions that will help determine if and what kind of help is needed."

Dr. Middleton advises those with aging loved ones to be aware of the following.

- Life Changes Can Trigger Abuse: Retirement, the death of a spouse or dear friend, the loss

of a pet and other significant life events, are times when the elderly are most likely to begin misusing or abusing drugs and alcohol.

- Signs of a Potential Problem: Many older people will hide their problem out of shame, and while substance abuse can mimic symptoms of other diseases, always consider the possibility of abuse if there are any major changes in behaviors, such as loss of interest in hobbies, activities or socializing, as well as changes in appetite and sleeping habits. Other signs to be aware of are noticeable memory loss, slurred speech and confusion.

- Asking Questions is the First Step: At times when loved ones appear sober and alert, start asking questions about their use of drugs and alcohol and if they think they have a problem. Speak frankly about your concerns and the risks of substance abuse, but also be sympathetic to the difficulties with which they're dealing.

- Seek Help: If you do suspect a substance abuse problem, contact his or her health care provider and discuss the best approach to getting appropriate treatment.

For more tips and information on managing substance abuse for aging parents, visit WellCare's blog at tinyurl.com/yuc6e7g2.

Identifying substance abuse can be challenging, particularly when it comes to the elderly. However, addressing the issue quickly is critical. If you've detected signs of a problem, start by asking the right questions.

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MEGA REVERBERATING ILLUMINATING

Surviving an abysmal acoustic abyss

From across the room, the circular opening looked suspiciously like a miniature submarine's torpedo tube. My stomach tightened at the sight of it. That's not to suggest I'm not brave to a fault. However, when suddenly confronted with unsettling situations, my fertile mind sometimes tends to imagine the worst possible outcomes. Still, I was relieved that the long-awaited moment had arrived.

A while back, I underwent a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scan. As explained to me beforehand, I was to be inserted into a cylinder that's surrounded by a large circular magnet. Then, magnetism, radio waves and a computer would produce images of selected structures within my body. That scenario sounded pretty easy to me. So, in spite of minor claustrophobia concerns, when offered a sedative to calm my nerves, I courageously (naively) declined. Regrettably, additional MRI-associated factors were involved which were only casually alluded to.

To begin, I was required to lie (face up) on a sliding table that looked like one of those benches used to roll a condemned prisoner into position beneath a guillotine blade.

While situated at the sharply defined edge of the tube's dark entrance, the technician fastened a plastic face-guard (ribbed cage) over my face. As he locked it in place, I couldn't help but notice how much the device resembled something one would expect to see in a medieval torture chamber.

Next, I was fairly wedged into the cylinder for a distance I conservatively estimated to be the length of two football fields. Far be it from me to imply that the opening was overly constrictive. However, if the face guard hadn't been in the way, I'm pretty sure my sizable snout would have scraped the top of the tube for the entire distance.

Naturally, immediately upon reaching the scanning area, my left ear began to itch.

The longer I remained there, the more maddeningly it tickled. Nonetheless, I had to stay perfectly still for the entire procedure. So, I took deep breaths and tried desperately to think positive thoughts. Just as the itch began to subside, I swear I heard someone bark -- "Launch torpedo one!"

At that instant, the afore-mentioned, additional MRI-associated factors became appallingly apparent. A raucous noise, which merited far more than casual reference, suddenly erupted. The staccato-like clatter sounded like a rivet gun at work on the tube's exterior. Unsurprisingly, I jumped to the conclusion that said gun was fastening a lid to the MRI's (thereafter referred to as--Mega Reverberating Illuminating) only escape.

Just when I thought things couldn't get any more nerve racking, an even more ear-splitting racket erupted within the cramped quarters. To my, by now, thoroughly agitated brain, it sounded as though someone was drilling a blast hole through bedrock--directly over my head! Thus was I serenaded (talk about a captive audience) for what seemed like hours. When, at long last, the table was retrieved from the hole of horrors, I felt as though I had been pulled back from the brink of an abysmal acoustic abyss.

Ultimately, I have to admit, the technician did his job well. Not a single hair on my head had been disturbed. Not a drop of blood had been shed. I never felt a twinge of pain. Furthermore, the images taken may well lead to a health-enhancing



procedure which could benefit me greatly. Still, if ever I am required to undergo another Mega Reverberating Illuminating scan, I'll be better prepared for the associated factors. I'll also take the sedating pill.

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COMMODITY INSITE: 2018 is similar to 1998

BY JERRY WELCH

A few weeks ago, The Wall Street Journal posted a solid piece entitled, "Trade Fears Threaten Best Year in Commodities Since 2002." The first sentence reads as follows, "Commodity markets, reveling in their best year since 2002, tumbled Friday as new tariffs announced by the U.S. and China reignited fears of a trade war between the world's two biggest economies."

Is it really true that this year, is the best year for commodities since 2002?

Indeed, 2018 is, thus far, a banner year for commodities and the best in 16 years. From staronline.com dated January 3, 2003 (yes, 2003!) with a headline of, "2002 a bumper year for commodities" by Kathy Fong. "LAST year was a bumper year for world commodity markets, unlike those for equities. The Reuters Commodity Research Bureau Index, which tracks the performance of commodities, rose 24% last year -- the biggest jump since 1973." Mrs. Fong wrote that on the first trading session of 2003.

Allow me to once again define what a commodity Super Cycle is and when the last one kicked into gear. From Wikipedia: "The 2000s commodities boom or the commodities super cycle was the rise, and fall, of many physical com-

modity prices (such as those of food, oil, metals, chemicals, fuels and the like) during the early 21st century (2000-2014), following the Great Commodities Depression of the 1980s and 1990s. The boom was largely due to the rising demand from emerging markets such as the BRIC countries, particularly China during the period from 1992 to 2013, as well as the result of concerns over long-term supply availability."

One reason for the commodities boom of the 2000s, was because 1998 was one of the most bearish years since the Great Depression. Commodities were coming off woefully bearish period where values were historically cheap. From a chapter entitled, "Incredibly Bearish First Six Months of the Year" from Haunted By Markets with the first paragraph reading, "Though not certain, the first half of 1998 could be one of the most bearish six-month periods in history. As a matter of fact, the first six months of 1998 may have been the most bearish six months since the Crash of 1929 and in the months that followed. This is just how bearish 1998 has turned out to be."

A few months later on October 19, 1998, also from Haunted By Markets in a chapter entitled,

"Most Bearish Year Since 1929" the final paragraph read as follows. "Thus far, 1998 is the most bearish year since 1929. My work suggests that there is more pain to endure before the Bear slips into hibernation. It is premature to assume that the ugliness of 1998 has run its course."

As it turned out, the ugliness, the weakness with commodity values per se in 1998 did not improve until the year 2000. But improve they did and they did so for more than a decade. The year 1998 proved to be a long term, major low for commodities that rewarded the bulls many times over in the years that followed.

Here is another bit of history, also from Haunted By Markets from a chapter dated September 23, 2005, and entitled, "Largest One Day Rally In 49 Years." The opening paragraph reads. "On the first day of the week, the widely followed commodity index the CRB, rose 3.8 percent, the biggest percentage gain since the index debuted in September 1956. The index, comprised of 19 different commodities was led upward by the energy, metal and livestock markets. Even those bullish commodities were amazed the CRB could experience a one-day rally that was the largest in nearly 49 years."

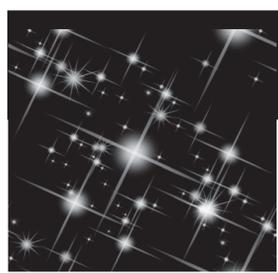
This year, fears of a trade war with China, Mexico, Canada and a number of European nations has caused commodity values in general to do a nose dive. For instance, on a, "continuous" chart of soybeans front month futures fell to \$8.41 this week, the lowest price in 10 years. Other commodity markets such as livestock, cotton and others have also did a swan dive. And as long trade war fears persist, the ag-markets per se will suffer.

For commodities, 1998 was the most bearish year since 1929. But from the 1998 lows, commodities per se rose sharply in the years that followed. I believe 2018 will be a similar launch pad moving forward similar to 1998.

To understand what may unfold in the future, look to the past, study history. And in my view, the best source of history regarding the Big Four; stocks, bonds, currencies and commodities is from my one-of-a-kind book, Haunted By Markets. Go to www.commodityinsite.com. It is nearly a textbook about the futures markets for the years 1990 to 2015.

The Montana Night Sky

BY RICHARD STOUFFER



begins to darken, look for the brightest of the planets, Venus, high up in the western sky. As the sky darkens further, look for the innermost planet, Mercury, about 15 degrees to the lower right of Venus.

At the beginning of July, Venus sets around 25 minutes before midnight and Mercury sets around 10:45 p.m. By mid-month, Mercury is lost in the solar glare. By the end of the month, Venus sets almost 90 minutes before midnight.

Of note for Venus is its close approach to Regulus, the brightest star in the constellation Leo, which occurs on July 9 when the planet and star will be only about a degree apart.

On the other side of the sky, the giant planet Jupiter shines

brightly high up in the southwestern sky as the sky begins to darken. Jupiter is accompanied by the much fainter but brightest star in the constellation Libra. Jupiter sets about 2:40 a.m. as the month begins and about 12:40 a.m. at the end of the month.

As the sky darkens further, look for the ringed planet Saturn shining in the southeastern sky located above the teapot shape of the constellation Sagittarius. Saturn rises just before sunset as July begins and is well placed higher in the southeastern sky as the sky darkens by the end of the month. Saturn sets about sunrise as the month begins and about 3:30 a.m. when July ends.

Next up in the night sky is

the biggest highlight of the July skies, the Red Planet, Mars. Mars rises about 11:15 a.m. at the beginning of July, when it is almost as bright as Jupiter. On July 31, Mars will be almost twice as bright as Jupiter, when it makes its closest approach to Earth since 2003 (which was its closest approach to Earth in almost 60,000 years). On July 31, Mars will also be closer to Earth than it will be again until 2035. Mars will shine brighter than Jupiter from early July until early September, so that for a period of two months, the only planet to outshine Mars will be the brilliant planet Venus.

With Mars rising earlier and earlier throughout July and only a few minutes after sunset as July comes to a close, for the

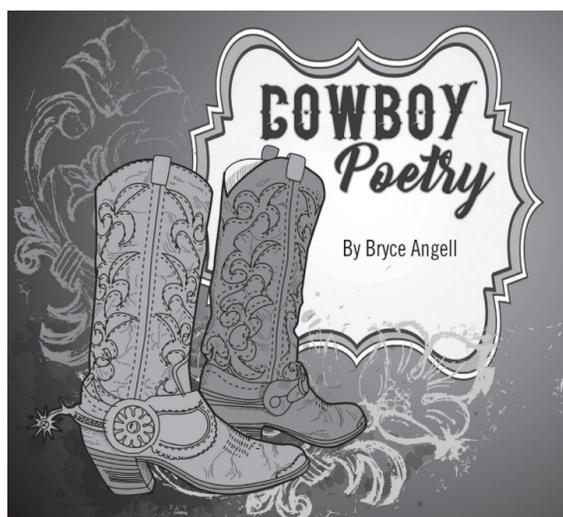
entire month, Venus, Jupiter and Mars will all be visible in the night sky at the same time once Mars rises with the time when all three of these planets will be visible simultaneously increasing from a few minutes in early July to about 90 minutes by the end of the month.

As for the moon, the moon passes very close to Aldebaran, the brightest star in the constellation Taurus, on July 10. Look for the moon less than two degrees above Mercury on July 14. The next evening, the moon will be about two degrees to the right of Venus. On July 20, the moon will be a little over three degrees above Jupiter. Look for the moon about two degrees to the upper right of Saturn on July 24. The moon is full moon

on July 27.

For meteor shower watchers, the Delta Aquarid meteor shower takes place in July with a peak occurring before dawn on July 30.

With the moon being full just three days before its peak, to see meteors from this shower, its best to watch the sky once the moon sets and just before the sky begins to brighten toward dawn five days or more before this shower has its peak. That is because this shower is active for several days around July 30 and usually produces up to 10 to 20 meteors per hour and the moon sets almost 2 hours before sunrise on July 25 and earlier before that date.



Dude Horse View

This ranch is better than most I've seen where rations are a mighty lean.

We're gettin' oats and real good forage, better than stuff from year old storage.

Well, stayin' in this corral, I'd say, is what I'd rather do today.

Then spend it with a dude, of course, who's probably never rode a horse.

I'd like a dude who's nice and quiet. And someone who's still on his diet.

I see one there. He's big

as a tree, and chompin' down breakfast with his eye on me.

He points and says, "That horse I'll take." Is this happenin' for heaven's sake?

I'll lay my ears back, show him my teeth! That dude needs to know I'll soon be his grief.

I'll tell you now this ain't no treat. I should've been born a parakeet.

He tries to mount but the stirrup's too high. It's time for me to be on the fly.

He gets on the fence and tries to leap. I step aside 'cuz

I've got quick feet.

He lands in the dust and what a cloud! Everyone's coming, and we've got a crowd.

Am I in trouble with the hired hand? Or maybe Elmer's on the hardware stand.

Two big dudes hoist him on my back. I'm thinkin' now it's gonna crack.

So why do I carry this big hunk of flesh? A dude horse's life, well it just doesn't mesh.

I'm pretty well ticked and wish I could yell. "Your butt's mad of lard. I sure feel like

\$\$\$&!"

"How would you like it if I climbed your back? You'd prob'ly be feelin' a man's heart attack."

I'm just bein' silly. My view doesn't count. He's stuck in the saddle and sure won't dismount.

So, let's get this ride over and finish the course! It's just a bad day for this dumb old dude horse.

COMICS & PUZZLES

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- 33 Computer brand
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Twin Bridges Public Schools is currently seeking qualified applicants for the following positions for the 2018-19 school year:

CLASSIFIED STAFF:
•0.75 – 1.0 FTE Paraprofessional – Qualified individual will work within the SPED program, as well as the Title I setting K-12 and other areas as necessary.
EXTRA-CURRICULAR:
•Athletic/Activities Director
•Asst. HS Boys' BB Coach
•Head & Asst. HS Girls' BB Coach
•Head & Asst. JH Girls' BB Coach
•Head & Asst. JH Boys' BB Coach

•Head & Asst. JH Football Coach
•Head & Asst. JH Track Coach
•Speech/Drama/Debate Advisor
•Concessions (W/F) Advisor
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•Cheer Advisor & SDD Advisor
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SUPPORT STAFF:
•All Substitute Positions
Please call Mr. Eldon Johnson at the school for further information and to request a district application. These positions may be combined (example of a paraprofessional and bus driver) to best suit the need of the District and employee. All prepared materials must be sent to the attention of the Superintendent at...
Twin Bridges Public Schools
PO Box 419
Twin Bridges, MT 59754
35-3-b

Help wanted: experienced carpenter to work on construction of new flyfishing lodge in the Madison Valley. Call John at 406-596-1305. 33-1-b

Ennis Schools is seeking Applicants for the following positions for the 2018-2019 school year:

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Previous office experience is preferred and must possess good phone etiquette and people skills. 210 day contract with possible summer work in other departments
5 paid holidays
\$12.95/hour
Monday-Friday 8-4p.m.
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Custodian
260 day contract
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Title I Paraprofessional
Previous experience working with kids is preferred.
187 day contract
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\$12.25/hour
Monday-Friday 8-3pm
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If interested, please contact Superintendent Casey Klasna @ 682-4258. District applications are available at the HS office. *successful applicants are subject to a state and federal background check*
34-2-b

Combination Technician – Trainee

3 Rivers Communications is looking for Combination Technician - Trainee. This position is responsible for assisting a Combination Technician in the general support and maintenance of 3 Rivers equipment. This is a TEMPORARY, full-time position based in Ennis, MT. A Combination Tech performs the following tasks:
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Experience in construction and/or the operation of heavy equipment a plus.

To apply or for more information, please contact the Human Resources Department at 406-467-4410 or write PO Box 429, Fairfield, MT 59436 or e-mail Robert.frost@3rivers.coop. An application is available online at www.3rivers.net/employment.

The application deadline is July 6, 2018 at 5:00 pm.
3 Rivers Communications is proudly an Equal Opportunity – Affirmative Action employer. 3 River Communications requires a background check and drug screening test as a part of its selection and hiring process.
35-3-b

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27-tfc-b

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34-2-b

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28-TFC-B

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 - RN-Full-time or Part-time;
 - Social Services Director/Designee-Part-time;
- Madison County**
- Clerk Sheriff's Office-Part-time;
 - Communications Officer Sheriff's Office-Part-time;
 - Court Compliance Clerk, Part-time; and
 - Ennis Road Crew-Road and Bridge Technician-Full-time Temporary-12 month Position;

Please visit Madison County's online employment page at www.madison-countymt.gov for additional information or contact the Human Resources Department at 406-843-4201
Madison County is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST

Deed of Trust: Dated May 23, 2013
 Grantors: Ennis Homestead, LLC
 PO BOX 554
 Bellevue, ID 83313-0554
 Ennis Homestead, LLC
 206 N. 2nd Street
 Ennis, MT 59729
 Ennis Homestead, LLC
 c/o Reg. Agent Ralph Lapham
 206 North Second Street
 Ennis, MT 59729
 Ennis Homestead, LLC
 c/o Reg. Agent Ralph Lapham
 PO Box 462
 Ennis, MT 59729
 Original Trustee: First American Title Company
 PO BOX 899
 Ennis, MT 59729
 Original Beneficiary: First Madison Valley Bank
 PO BOX 307
 213 E Main St.
 Ennis, MT 59829
 Successor Trustee: Charles E. Hansberry
 HANSBERRY & JOURDONNAIS, PLLC
 3111 S. Grant Street, Suite B
 Missoula MT 59801
 Date & Place of Recordation: Original recorded 06/03/2013 under Document No. 150909, records of the Clerk & Recorder of Madison County, Virginia City, Montana

County of Missoula
 This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 26th day of March, 2018, by Charles E. Hansberry, Successor Trustee.
 /s/ Jasmine R. Icenhower
 Notary Public for the State of Montana
 Residing in Missoula, Montana
 My commission expires July 18, 2020
 Pub. June 14, 21, 28 2018) hj
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NOTICE THAT A TAX DEED MAY BE ISSUED

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT To: First American Title Company
 First Natl Insurance
 Ennis, MT 59729
 122 South First Street
 PO Box 1108
 Ennis, MT 59729
 Dillon, MT 59725-1108

known Interested Party
 Resident/Occupant
 Address Unknown
 S75' of Lot 9, Block 13, Sheridan
 Original Townsite
 First National Insurance Inc, a corporation
 Sheridan, MT 59749
 PO Box 337
 Edith Ruth
 Ennis, MT 59729
 PO Box 126
 Sheridan, MT 59749

Pursuant to section 15-18-212, Montana Code Annotated, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
 1. As a result of a property tax delinquency, a property tax lien exists on the following described real property in which you may have an interest:
 Parcel Number 7020000
 Described in Madison County Treasurers Tax Sale Certificate
 Subdiv. -SHR SHERIDAN ORIGINAL TOWNSITE Block- 13 04S 05W 27 SHERIDAN ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, SHERIDAN ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, S 75' OF LT 9 Described in Litigation Guarantee
 The South 75 feet of Lot 9 in Block 13, of the Townsite of Sheridan, Madison County, Montana, according to the official amended plat on file and of record in the office of the Madison County Clerk and Recorder. Deed Ref: Book 225, page 432.
 2. The property taxes became delinquent on June 2, 2015.
 3. The property tax lien was attached as the result of a tax sale held on July 15, 2015.
 4. The property tax lien was purchased at a tax sale on July 16, 2015, by Madison County Treasurer, PO Box 247, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, MT 59755.
 5. The property tax lien was subsequently assigned to ZINVEST LLC, P.O. Box 22243, Billings, MT 59104.
 6. The amount of interest and costs are as of the date of this notice and will continue to accrue until the date of redemption. The County Treasurer as of the date of payment will calculate total amount that must be paid for redemption. As of the date of this notice, the amount of tax due is:
 TAXES: \$4916.41
 PENALTY: \$98.34
 INTEREST: \$987.18
 COST: \$691.44
 TOTAL: \$6693.37
 7. For the property tax lien to be liquidated, the total amount listed in paragraph 6, plus any subsequent interest and costs must be paid by August 27, 2018, which is the date the redemption period expires or expired.
 8. If all taxes, penalties, interest, and costs are not paid to the County Treasurer on or prior to August 27, 2018, which is the date the redemption period expires, a tax deed may be issued to the purchaser on the day following the date that the redemption period expires.
 9. The business address and telephone number of the County Treasurer who is responsible for issuing the tax deed is: Madison County Treasurer, PO Box 247, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, MT 59755. (406) 843-4212.
 FURTHER NOTICE FOR THOSE UN-

KNOWN INTERESTED PARTIES OR PERSON LISTED ABOVE WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN:

1. The address of interested party is unknown.
 2. The published notice meets the legal requirements for notice of a pending tax deed issuance.
 3. The interested party's rights in the property may be in jeopardy.
 Dated: June 21, 2018
 Zinvest LLC - Member
 Pub. June 21, 28, 2018) zin
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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE
 Notice is hereby given that the Ruby Valley Conservation District will change the meeting date for its regular first Wednesday of the month meeting to July 11, 2018 at the usual location, the NRCS Conference Room, 402 South Main Street, Sheridan, Montana. Meeting time will be at 7:00 P.M. Shirley Galovic, District Administrator, R.V.C.D. (406) 842-5741 ext. 101.
 Pub. June 21, 28, 2018) rvc
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee's Sale on October 18, 2018, 11:00 AM at the main entrance of 100 Wallace Street, Virginia City, MT 59755, the following described real property situated in Madison County, State of Montana:
 Lot 4A as shown and described on the Amended Plat of Lots 4 and 5, Block 3 of Armitage's Deer Meadow Addition to the Town of Ennis, as said Plat is filed in Plat Book 2, Page 142, records of Madison County, Montana.
 More commonly known as 833 South 2nd Street, Ennis, MT 59729.
 Stephen H. Ellis, as Grantor, conveyed said real property to Montana Title and Escrow, Inc., as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Irwin Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, by Deed of Trust on May 1, 2006, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Madison County, State of Montana, on May 8, 2006 as Instrument No. 113142, of Official Records.

The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows:
 Assignee: Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas as Trustee
 Assignment Dated: November 11, 2009
 Assignment Recorded: November 19, 2009
 Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 133824
 Assignee: Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Accredited Loans, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-QS10
 Assignment Dated: August 21, 2013
 Assignment Recorded: August 30, 2013
 Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 152358
 All in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder for Madison County, Montana
 Benjamin J. Mann is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, State of Montana, on April 25, 2018 as Instrument No. 177580, of Official Records.
 The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to Grantor's failure to make monthly payments beginning July 1, 2016, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$316,562.38, interest in the sum of \$28,778.90, escrow advances of \$8,265.24, other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$3,710.46 for a total amount owing of \$357,316.98, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced.
 The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantor. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any.
 Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.
 The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale. The Grantor, successor in interest to the Grantor, or any other person having an interest in the property, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee's Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee's and attorney's fees. In the event that all defaults are cured the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled.
 The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason. In the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the Trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days.
 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
 Dated this 18th day of May, 2018. Benjamin J. Mann, Substitute Trustee 376 East 400 South, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, UT 84111
 Telephone: 801-355-2886 Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST) File No. 52473
 Pub. June 21, 28, July 5, 2018) hwm
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Gunshot Sounds at the Red Bluff Research Ranch, Montana State University

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Department of Justice National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has completed a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed scientific gunshot research study at the Montana State University Red Bluff Research Ranch in Madison County, Montana. The purpose of the EA is to analyze how the proposed action would potentially impact economic, social and environmental resources.
 The Draft EA is available upon request. Please send an email request to info@clark-groupllc.com. The Draft EA will be provided in electronic format unless a hard copy is specifically requested.
 PROJECT TITLE: Interpretation and Analysis of Recorded Gunshot Sounds at the Red Bluff Research Ranch, Montana State University
 PROJECT PROPONENT: NIJ
 PROJECT LOCATION: Red Bluff Research Ranch, Madison County Montana
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Under the Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Programs (FSCJP), NIJ would approve and award funds to MSU to conduct scientific research on gunshot acoustics and firearm acoustical properties at the Red Bluff Research Ranch in Madison County, Montana. The proposed action involves a one day, two hour study occurring in a study area of approximately 100 meters by 10 meters at the Red Bluff Ranch, and would involve one marksman shooting ten shots from different firearms while gunshot sounds were recorded. Shooting activities would not require a change in land use of the site and will not result in change of land use on surrounding sites.
 NIJ is accepting comment on this EA through July 6, 2018.
 Comments should be submitted to Steven Schuetz, NIJ NEPA Coordinator, at Steven.Schuetz@usdoj.gov.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Crown Castle is proposing to construct a 99-foot Monopine telecommunications tower at the following site: NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 31 Rge 3 E TSHP 6 S, Ennis, Madison County, MT 59729
 Lat: 45.2707404° N Long: 111.3976980° W
 Crown Castle invites comments from any interested party on the impact of the proposed action on any districts, sites, buildings, structures or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and/or specific reason the proposed action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Specific information regarding the project is available by calling Monica Gambino, 2000 Corporate Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317, Monica.Gambino@CrownCastle.com, 724-416-2516 within 30 days of the date of this publication.
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TWIN BRIDGES SCHOOLS NEPOTISM NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the requirements of § 2-2-302, MCA, the Board of Trustees of Twin Bridges School District No. 7 intends to take action on the following matter at a Board Meeting to be held on the 17th day of July, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Montana Room of the main school:
 The possible employment of Karen Hughes, who is related to current Board member Mike Hughes, for the position of 2018-19 Administrative Secretary.
 If you have any questions, comments or objections prior to said Board Meeting, please direct all such inquiries to:
 Joeyann Breakall, District Clerk
 Twin Bridges School District No. 7

Phone Number: 406-684-5656

2018-19 TWIN BRIDGES SCHOOLS VACANCIES

Twin Bridges Public Schools is currently seeking qualified applicants for the following positions for the 2018-19 school year:
 CLASSIFIED STAFF:
 •0.50 – 0.75 FTE Custodian – Qualified individual will work outside normal school hours to clean and maintain the Main Gym.
 •1.0 FTE Custodian - Qualified individual will work within the high school and multi-purpose gym, maintaining and cleaning both facilities.
 **Please contact the school at 406-684-5656 for an application or for more details.
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AUDIT PUBLICATION STATEMENT

An audit of the affairs of Harrison School District No. 23, Madison County, Harrison, Montana 59735, has been conducted by Strom & Associates, PC. The audit covered the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The audit also covered the Extracurricular Fund for pupil functions which is included in the financial statements of the District.
 Section 2-7-521, MCA, requires that this publication concerning the audit report include a statement that such report is on file in its entirety and open to public inspection at the School Clerk's office, and that the District will send a copy of the audit report to any interested person upon request.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the currently enacted legislation regarding the Opencut Mining Act (see Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 82-4-432[5]), Madison County has prepared this public notice to inform interested parties of a pending new permit for an opencut mine. As the proposed Operator of the DSL McKee opencut facility, Madison County is required to provide the information herein.

Site: DSL McKee (Approx. 5.6 miles east of Ennis, MT on Jack Creek Bench Road)

Operator: Madison County; PO Box 278; 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City, MT 59755; Ph:(406) 843-4277.
Proposed Permit Acreage: 38 acres.
Property Owner: State of Montana Trust Lands; **Average Depth of Reclamation Media:** 9 inches.
Volume of Removed Materials: Up to 640,000 cubic yards of Gravel and Sand.
Proposed Equipment: Crusher, Screen, Conveyor Assembly, Grizzly, Dozers, Backhoes, Excavators, Loaders, Dump/Haul Trucks, Scraper, etc.
Duration of Activities: Production will begin Summer 2018 and continue until Final Reclamation. Final Reclamation before July 2048.
Access Point: Unmarked approach at north edge of Jack Creek Bench Road and 1 mile east of intersection of Jack Creek Bench Road and Jeffers Loop Road. Roughly 5.6 miles east of Ennis, MT.
Legal Description: Section 36, Township 5S, Range 1W.

Members of the public seeking to have the Department of Environmental Quality organize a Public Meeting to review and comment on the specifics of the proposed opencut operations amendment must complete, detach, and mail the *Request for Public Meeting* form below.

Please feel free to contact Jonathan Weaver at the office of Great West Engineering at (406) 495-6171 or jweaver@greatwesteng.com for further information regarding the contents of this notice & the proposed opencut mine. A Site Map can be viewed by visiting: <https://searchopencutpermits.mt.gov/>. Type "DSL McKee" into the Site Name Field and click "Submit." Refer to page 41 of the application PDF. Hard copies the Location Map can be obtained by contacting Jonathan Weaver of Great West Engineering.

DEQ OPENCUT MINING PROGRAM • PO BOX 200901 • HELENA MT 59620-0901 • PHONE: 406-444-4970 • FAX: 406-444-4988 • EMAIL: DEQOpencut@mt.gov

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC MEETING

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is accepting requests for a public meeting on the following proposed opencut operation in your area:

DEQ SECTION
Operator: Madison County **Site:** DSL McKee **County:** Madison **Opencut #:** 85
Legal Description: Section 36, Township 5S, Range 1W
Public Meeting Request Period: The DEQ will accept requests for a public meeting until July 14, 2018.

SURFACE LANDOWNER SECTION

1. When determining the number of surface landowners eligible to request a public meeting:
 - a. Multiple parties owning the same parcel of land are counted as 1 landowner.
 - b. A party owning multiple parcels of land is counted as 1 landowner, regardless of the number of parcels owned.
2. If you wish to request a public meeting, complete the following and submit to:
 DEQ Opencut Mining Program, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901; Fax: (406) 444-4988;
 Email: DEQOpencut@mt.gov

YES or NO (Check one) I request that DEQ conduct a public meeting about this proposed opencut operation.

Landowner: Name (print or type)	Address
Email	City, State, Zip
Signature	Date Phone Number

NOTE: Landowners can also submit written comments about the proposed operation to the DEQ using the contact information listed below.

- The following information applies to requests for a public meeting:
- A copy of the application for the proposed operation can be viewed at <http://SearchOpencutPermits.mt.gov>. If additional information about the proposed operation is needed, please contact the operator at the address or phone number listed in the public notice provided to you by the operator.
 - In accordance with MCA 82-4-432[9], the DEQ must hold a public meeting in the area of the proposed operation if requested by the applicant, or at least 30% of the property owners or 10 property owners, whichever is greater.
 - Prior to holding a public meeting, DEQ will send notice of the meeting by first-class mail to surface owners of land located within one-half mile of the boundary of the proposed permit area.
 - The public meeting will be held within 30 days of the closing date of the public meeting request period indicated above.

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The landowner is on the list provided with the application pursuant to MCA 82-4-432[2](e) YES NO
 The landowner is on the list provided for the public notice pursuant to MCA 82-4-432[6](d) YES NO
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA):
 Interpretation and Analysis of Recorded

30-acre Lost Tomahawk now open for public access

WHITEHALL - Last year, members of the Jefferson River Canoe Trail Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation raised \$270,000 to purchase a 30-acre walk-in fishing access site and paddlers' campsite on the Jefferson River at Parsons Bridge near Waterloo.

Described as "Waterloo Grove" during the fundraising process, the site was renamed "Lost Tomahawk" by the 7th grade Montana history class from Whitehall based on the local journals of Lewis and Clark. Sergeant Patrick Gass lost a tomahawk in the bushes along the river, which Lewis recorded in his journal on August 2nd, 1805 while camped immediately across the river from the new access site. Whitehall students bussed to Lost Tomahawk in May for the official opening of the property to public access.

Public access signs were installed by the parking lot, while a larger sign with big, white letters



Left: Jefferson River Canoe Trail members installed signs at Lost Tomahawk: Eleanor and John Mest, Jim Pappenfus, Susan Jarman, Warren and Carol Lee Swager, Bruce Benedict, Jeanne Elpel, and Churchill Clark, Jerry Aaker and Tom Elpel. Right: Signs at the parking lot direct the public to the walkway across the irrigation headgate to access Lost Tomahawk. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)



was installed by the riverbank to guide paddlers to the site. A barbecue grill has also been installed.

An interpretive sign was added to the property this past week. Jefferson River Canoe Trail secretary Warren Swager of Sheridan spear-

headed the effort and donated the interpretive sign. Artwork for the sign was created artist Susan Jarman, also of Sheridan. "What a thrill to be part of this wonderful adventure," Jarman said, "I love the fact that school kids in Whitehall named

the site. It gives them ownership in this remembrance and honoring of courageous men and women who came before us."

Lost Tomahawk is one of six paddlers' campsites on the Jefferson River. Four campsites were named

by the Jefferson River Canoe Trail on BLM lands, known as Point of Rocks, Canyon Corner, Brown Bear, and Philosophy River. Shoshone Landing, near Three Forks, was purchased by the Jefferson River Canoe Trail in 2014 for public use.

The group hopes to acquire at least two additional campsites, including one along the upper Jefferson near Silver Star and one near Kountz Bridge or Mayflower Bridge, close to Whitehall.

"Acquiring Lost Tomahawk required an unlikely string of miracles," said JRCT president Tom Elpel of Pony.

The group started with \$9,000 in the bank and was awarded a \$195,000 grant from the Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust. They raised the remaining \$66,000 in grants and donations over the next few months, including

grants from Barrick Gold Corporation, Cinnabar Foundation, George Grant Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Northwestern Energy, and 3 Rivers Communications, plus \$40,000 in donations from local supporters.

"We couldn't have done this without the immense outpouring of public support," Elpel said.

Although there are many sites to access the river there is very little public access to land along the Jefferson Elpel noted.

Group members have already reported seeing people walking their dogs, fishing the riverbank, picking morel mushrooms, or launching boats downstream.

Access is limited to the walkway over the headgate of the Jefferson Canal, so watercraft must be lined through the diversion dam or carried through the narrow walkway.

Northwest FCS Awards \$34K in scholarships

SPOKANE, Wash. (June 12, 2018) – Northwest Farm Credit Services has awarded 84 students from its five-state territory a total of \$168,000 in scholarships. The 17 2018 Scholarship Program winners from Montana will each receive a \$2,000 college scholarship. Recipients are:

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Norris Hot Springs July Music

NORRIS - Here's the musical lineup for July at Norris Hot Springs:

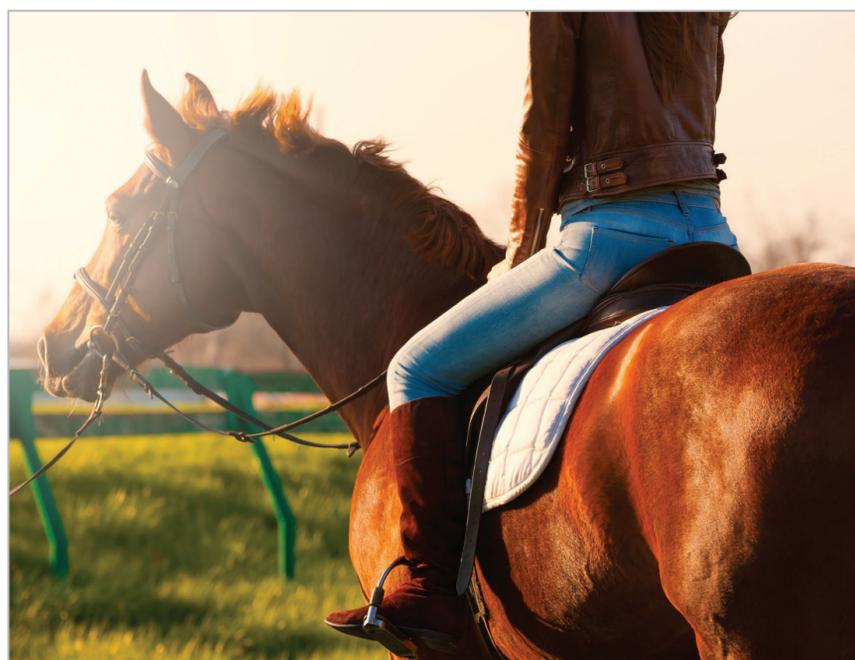
- Sunday, July 1 - Travis Yost performs thoughtful sad stories with happy endings, on top of guitar and looper acrobatics.
- Friday, July 6 - Jessica Lechner brings a folk sound that is driven by genuine, honest original songs as well as a few covers from acts such as Grace Potter and the Beatles.
- Saturday, July 7 - Heather Lingle has a good story and a lot of heart in each of her songs..
- Sunday, July 8 - Willy James's musical taste and style is varied, but there's always a hint of the blues in whatever he does.
- Friday, July 13 - Henry and Isla are monsters of folk music.
- Saturday, July 14 - Steve Squared Acoustic Eclectic has a varied sound drawing from folk, blues, rock and Latin influences.
- Sunday, July 15 - Aaron Williams from rock/reggae band In Walks Bud will be playing a variety of tunes including rock, folk, reggae, and instrumentals.
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Hilgard Trail - Madison River Ranches - \$569,900
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West Terrace Drive - Ennis - \$695,000
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State Dept. of Justice has new webpage, hotline for sexual assault survivors

HELENA — In response to nationwide concerns over unsubmitted sexual assault evidence kits in communities across the country, Attorney General Tim Fox took a pro-active approach in Montana two years ago.

His office conducted a statewide poll of sheriffs and police chiefs to estimate the number of unsubmitted kits being stored in law enforcement agencies across the state.

At that same time, Attorney General Fox brought together a variety of stakeholders as part of his Sexual Assault Evidence Task Force and asked the group to determine precisely how many unsubmitted evidence kits existed in Montana and to work with local law enforcement agencies and others to ensure all would be tested.

In 2016, Montana was awarded a \$2 million federal grant to test and track unsubmitted sex-assault evidence kits across the state. At the same time, Montana also received a federal NIJ grant for \$284,500 to build a kit tracking database. As part of its Sex Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI), the Montana Department of Justice has developed a new webpage and hotline for survivors of sexual assault. Both the webpage and the hotline were designed to make it easier for sexual assault survivors to connect with the resources and support they need to heal.

The webpage, featuring a video message from Fox, can be found at www.dojmt.gov/SAKI. It includes:

- Links to survivor resources, including an interactive map to locate nearby services;
- Crisis phone numbers and contact information for local victim advocates;
- Explanations of community-based advocate and system-based advocate roles;
- Confidentiality information;
- Progress updates on the SAKI Task Force/Initiative; and

• Sexual Assault Response Teams locations.

Soon, the webpage will feature a kit tracking system, allowing survivors to monitor the progress of their sexual assault kit in the testing system.

This function will provide a greater level of visibility into how sexual assault kits are processed. The kit tracking system is designed to ensure anonymity and confidentiality for survivors.

In the meantime, survivors can access the newly developed hotline, 1-888-KIT-LINE, or SAKI e-mail service ContactSAKI@mt.gov, for more information on the status of their sexual assault kit.

These new services are specifically for survivors who completed a sexual assault exam in Montana between 1995 and 2015, but do not know if their kit was tested.

The hotline does not operate like a crisis line; callers are directed to leave a voice-mail in order to receive a return call from the SAKI Advocate.

"The goal is to provide information to sexual assault survivors in ways that minimize revictimization trauma, address the issue of untested sexual assault kits, and connect survivors with resources and professionals who can assist them with healing and potentially moving forward with their cases," Fox said. "Our SAKI and IT teams did an outstanding job of finding ways for survivors to receive information in a manner and at a time appropriate and convenient for them," Attorney General Fox added.

Survivors may also use contact information provided on the website to opt in or opt out of case information by letting the agency's SAKI Advocate know their wishes for involvement in their case or preferred notification method. For more information, contact the SAKI Advocate at 1-888-KIT-LINE or ContactSAKI@mt.gov.

1st MT Science Institute Supports K-12 Educators

BOZEMAN —The 1st Annual Science Summer Institute, Making Science Meaningful, will be held August 13-14, 2018 at the Willson Building in downtown Bozeman, MT. The purpose of the conference is to help Montana K-12 educators navigate the new Montana Science Content Standards, which are based on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), and is also open to educators from other states interested in three-dimensional teaching and learning.

The conference includes sessions by national and local science educators, authors, leading professional learning experts and exhibitors. Conference keynotes include award-winning author Emily Morgan, co-author of the Picture-Perfect Science Lessons series and author of the Next Time You See picture book series, and Dr. Brandon Rodriguez, an education specialist from the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Cost to attend is \$85 for one day, \$135 for both. Registration fees include lunch on Monday, your choice of one of four NSTA Press books, and admission to the evening kick-off event at the Museum of the Rockies on August 12. OPI renewal units or 1 graduate credit from UM-Western are available.

Register now—space is limited. Complete details and registration can be found at <https://conta.cc/2GEe9kv>.

This event is offered by Southwest Montana School Services (SWMSS) and

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About SWMSS

Southwest Montana School Services (SWMSS) is wrapping up its 6th year as a full-service Education Service Agency (ESA) in Bozeman, MT. While we mainly focus our efforts and services in southwest Montana, our statewide services are rapidly growing in popularity (Tech & Infinite Campus Support, online Medicaid Billing Services, and the Cooperative Food Purchasing Program). Our five major service areas include Education, Technology, Purchasing, and Business. Details can be found on our website at www.swmss.coop.

About Mountain Goat

Mountain Goat Instructional Design, LLC is a consulting firm specializing in design of science instruction. Owner Molly Ward, M.S. Science Education, and colleague, Melissa Tovaas, serve as representatives for the National Science Teachers Association in Montana and Wyoming, as well as professional learning and curriculum consultants supporting Southwest Montana School Services.

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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

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KnitNite, Ennis
Meets at Right Angles Framing and Gallery from 5-7 p.m. the first and third Monday of the month.

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

TUESDAYS

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

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

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

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

Open Table Tennis, Pony 7 - 9 p.m.
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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 2p.m., come play tennis at the Madison Meadows Golf Course. All levels welcome.

TOPS, Ennis
Weekly weigh-ins are at 8:30 a.m.
Meetings at 9 a.m. MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-

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

FRIDAYS

Tennis, Ennis
9 a.m. til 2p.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
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Farmers' Market, Twin Bridges
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Thursday

June 28

SUP Pilates Land/Water Fitness Class, McAllister

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Summer Reading: Libraries Rock! Virginia City

Join us for Summer Reading 2018: This week's theme is "Music Genres." Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. for babies through pre-K and Thursdays 10:30 a.m. for elementary age kids, at the Thompson-Hickman Library.

CAP Meeting, Ennis

CAP (Community Action Planning) is a grassroots group that advocates for issues important to the local community such as education, health care, affordable housing and the economy. Meeting and discussion at the Madison Valley Public Library, 5:30 p.m.

Friday

June 29

Jeryd Richman at Willie's Distillery, Ennis
Live music in the tasting room from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Come enjoy a refreshing cocktail and some great music.

Saturday

June 30

Larry Gibson, Virginia City
Playing both kinds of music... country and western. 9:30 p.m. at the Bale of Hay Saloon.

Wednesday

July 4

Fourth of July Parade, Ennis

Come on downtown for the annual parade, plus live music, activities, food and Fourth of July fun! Main Street in Ennis, 10 a.m.

Tom Susanj, Virginia City

Playing toe-tapping dancing music. 8 p.m. at the Bale of Hay Saloon.

Fourth of July Fireworks, Virginia City

Enjoy Fourth of July Fireworks above the town! Find a spot anywhere in town to settle in and watch. 10 p.m.

Saturday

July 7

ECCS Firecracker 5K Fun Run, Ennis

Run, walk, skip or dance at this family-friendly 5K. Leaves Madison Square Fitness Center and follows an easy asphalt loop back to the fitness center. All ages and skill levels, plus a 100-yard dash for the kids. Wear your red, white and blue! Registration available at www.eccsmt.weebly.com or at Ennis Community Children's School. 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday

July 10

Wildlife Speaker Series: Beavers, Dillon

Join us for the second event of our annual Summer Speaker Series, where we will learn about beavers! We'll kick off the evening at 6 p.m. with a community potluck at the Depot Theater in downtown Dillon. Lecture at 7 p.m. with Torrey Ritter from Montana State University. 125 Montana Street.



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