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Twin Bridges considers water, storm sewers, fence issues

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TWIN BRIDGES – The installation of a new council member, water, a potential curb, sidewalk and storm sewer system and the Walker fence issue dominated the Twin Bridges town council meeting on July 10.

New council member

Scott Holbrook was installed as a new council member. Holbrook took Annette McLean's seat on the council. McLean resigned from council in June.

Water

The council received some "great news" from Madison County Sanitarian Van Puckett.

Puckett told the council that the fairgrounds water issue had been resolved thanks to a returned well water test from the state's Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC).

At the June meeting, Puckett told the council that if water tests from an abandoned well on the fairgrounds property returned with positive results, the fairgrounds could use this water for a livestock water source and to flush restroom toilets. The usual fairgrounds water supply line – it ran under the Beaverhead River – had failed, due to the stress of floodwaters from snowpack runoff and spring rains, and was no longer useable.

Puckett said DCNR tests showed the well water was "good, safe water." Although it didn't qualify as a public water supply due to the number of days it would be used and the number of connections to it, it would be fine as a temporary water supply, at least for what Puckett intended.

Puckett said the fairgrounds intended to use this via temporary, above ground, ¾-inch hose connections. This would stay within the parameters of

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New council member Scott Holbrook reads the oath of council while Mayor Hydnman looks on (J. TAYLOR)

Giant honeybee hive finds new home

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ENNIS—When Esther Warburton left her home to run some errands on Thursday, July 12, there wasn't a bee in sight. By later that afternoon, a huge hive had built itself in the tree in her front yard. "When I left I didn't hear a thing," she says. "And when I came back a couple hours later, the whole tree was buzzing." Throughout the afternoon, she watched as the hive expanded, and by Friday morning, the thing was "solid," she says, holding her hands about a foot apart. So, she called Brian Stoner, owner of Montana Wildlife Control Services, who came down from Belgrade. Warburton wasn't sure whether the hive contained wasps, hornets or innocent honey bees, and didn't want to take any chances. "Had it been hornets or wasps, I would have had to come in and spray, and dispatch them," says Stoner. "But with honey bees, we would just try to move them, since they're in so much trouble already."

As it turns out, it was honey bees inside the hive. With global honey bee popula-



tions suffering due to abnormalities like colony collapse disorder, and because of their important role as pollinators, Warburton and Stoner agreed they didn't want to hurt the bees if they didn't have to.

So, Stoner donned his bee suit and, with

the help of Warburton's neighbor Lindsey Grayden and Grayden's sons Collin and Finn, cut off a limb of the tree and scooped the bees into a hive box. Grayden then took the box to a friend of hers who keeps bees, whose hive had been decimated by last winter's cold

weather. Everyone got a happy ending, including the bees. Ennis got quite the Friday buzz, but nobody involved got so much as a single sting.

Left - Brian Stoner (center) sweeps bees off a branch into a hive box on Friday, July 13. The bees were relocated to the home of a nearby beekeeper who had lost a hive last winter. (PATTI WARBURTON PHOTO)
Above - Collin and Finn Grayden watch the last of a hive of honey bees crawl inside a hive box to rejoin their queen. The boys, along with their mother Lindsey Grayden, transported the hive to a new home (R. COLYER PHOTO).

Healthcare Foundation charts course for Sheridan real estate donations

Anonymous donor gives two historic buildings to hospital

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SHERIDAN—At the end of May, the Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation received the deeds to two properties in downtown Sheridan, an enormous donation in support of the Ruby Valley Hospital and the larger community. It was a transfer that had been in the works since the fall of 2017, says Foundation President Les Gilman.

"We needed to raise \$2 million to build the new hospital, and we did that and then some," says Gilman of the new Ruby Valley Medical Center that's set to open its doors in August. "This gift puts our grand total very close to \$5 million since the inception of the Foundation in 2006. People continue to be very generous in making contributions."

The two items in the real estate donation came from an anonymous donor who sought simply to support the town of Sheridan and its health care system. Both are historic buildings built around the turn of the century: The Rod and Rifle Inn on Mill Street and the historic bank building on Main Street. Now that the transfer is final, the next step will be for the Foundation to decide how best to utilize their new spaces. Plans are in the works for The Rod and Rifle, but the historic bank presents a

blank slate full of possibility.

The Rod and Rifle

The Rod and Rifle Inn was initially built in the early 1900s as a private residence and remains one of Sheridan's most iconic historic buildings.

The family that lived in it ultimately sold it, and it was utilized by the community as a meeting place for a couple of churches through the 1960s and 1970s. Shortly thereafter it became The Rod and Rifle.

In the mid 1990s, the inn was transitioned into use as a vacation rental and has served that purpose ever since.

When the Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation received the Rod and Rifle, the board of trustees made the decision to sell the property via auction, a move that will take place later this fall.

"The board decided that the best way to support the hospital is to convert that gift to cash, and the best way to do that in a timely fashion is to hold an auction," says Gilman. "Those funds would go into the support of the hospital for future needs."

Gilman notes that a significant goal of the Foundation is to establish an endowment, and the funds from the auction of The Rod and Rifle could be a key element in accomplishing that. Such an endowment would allow the Foundation to be prepared to purchase new equipment and better facilitate the transition of Ruby Valley Medical Center from its old facilities into its new ones later this year.

The Foundation will hold several open houses at The Rod and Rifle over the course of the summer so that potential buyers can look at the property. Those open houses will take place on Sunday,



photo credit: Montana Image by Susan Marxer

Sheridan's former bank building was one of two buildings donated by an anonymous donor to the Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

August 12, Thursday, August 30 and Wednesday, September 12.

Historic Bank Building

Sheridan's old bank building was also built around 1900 and remains in good condition. As the name implies, it originally functioned as a bank before being converted for a variety of uses, including restaurants, during its lifetime. Most recently, Gilman says, it has housed a real-

tor's office as well as an apartment in the upper level occasionally used as a rental property.

"The future use of that building is yet to be determined," says Gilman. "But it's nonetheless a very generous gift in a prime location."

The Foundation could choose a vari-

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Sheridan school makes progress toward new track facility

Particulars of \$1.2 million project revealed

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SHERIDAN—The Sheridan school board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 10, at which primary topics of discussion were the planned renovation of the high school's football field area, an update on the district's audit and review and adjustment of several of the district's policies and forms.

Track

The addition of a track facility at Sheridan High School was approved earlier this year, and on Tuesday superintendent Mike Wetherbee presented a slideshow going into more detail as to the specifics of the project, which will be presented to engineers and potential funders of the project.

The new track will be quite an undertaking to install, as there is currently a grade of nearly 5 percent between one end of Sheridan's football field and the other. That would have to be leveled before the track itself could be laid and the football field re-seeded. The gradient of the area surrounding the current field poses the biggest consideration for the new project: drainage. With the removal of such a significant amount of earth to ensure the track is flat, the way groundwater and rainwater flow over and through that section of land will change.

"We have water sitting in places we've never had water sitting this year," noted board member Will Fabel, referring to the Madison Valley's particularly wet spring that led to extensive standing water in low places. "We need to make sure that water stays where it should be."



An architect's conception of what the Sheridan track might look like. (FILE ILLUSTRATION)

The "track" Sheridan will be replacing is currently little more than a grass area surrounding the football field, as Wetherbee showed in photographs in his presentation.

The school's track team runs the 100-meter dash on a long, flat stretch of lawn. The new facility will allow for the school to host district track meets, as well as offer a space for community use that would offer dog-free walking. It will feature a six-lane track with an eight-lane sprint straightaway along one side. However, due to the area of the space where the track will be located, it will be the standard 400 meters in length, but will not be a legal track for state records, as it will be too oblong in order to fit in the space.

"I don't know that I've been to any Class C school that doesn't have at least some kind of a track," noted Wetherbee. He utilized the example of Lambert High School in Richland County, which recently renovated their track facility. Lambert has an enrollment of 44 students, Wetherbee said. Sheridan has an enrollment of 49, which means the new facility for

Sheridan is not a unique endeavor. As the project moves forward, the football field will also be re-surfaced, new pits for shotput, discus, pole vault and long jump will be installed, and the stadium lights may be replaced.

Other business

At their July 10 meeting, the Sheridan school board also:

- Heard an update from district clerk Rebecca Larsen on Sheridan's annual audit, which was returned with no findings, which means a fiscal success for the district. Moving forward, Larsen said the district will continue "trying to find new ways to increase the integrity of having only two or three people handling the money." Superintendent Wetherbee said it was the best audit he's seen in his tenure.
- Approved the hiring of Leticia Shrenk as Sheridan's new head cook. Shrenk has worked with the school in the assistant cook position and will take over as head cook for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Approved new policies that

offer a way to determine when to cancel school activities due to air quality once fire season rolls around. The board settled on a metric of whether or not the Sheridan "S" on the hillside was visible from the school, a distance of about three miles. This, coupled with online air-quality monitoring systems, will be used to ensure student-athlete safety at practice and health at school-sanctioned events.

• Adjusted a few of the school's policies and forms. The board adopted a slightly adjusted form for renting equipment and spaces from the school for private events and read over weight room and open gym liability forms to ensure student safety in school facilities.

• Revised the language of forms limiting staff-student interactions via social media to ensure that technology is used appropriately and only for school-related contact. In the future, the final say will rest with superintendent Wetherbee as to whether particular instances of social media use are acceptable.

TWIN from A1: Town council looks at storm drain system, again hears school issue

DCNR's rules for temporary uses. Councilman Matt Greemore asked about the capacity of the well.

Puckett told him 40 gallons per minute, a flow which should be sufficient to run the 10 toilets—a use of about 6.5 gallons per minute—along with livestock water needs, which will vary.

"There will be nothing running constantly," Puckett said. "At peak use, there won't be a lot of pressure and there could be a rotating service, but the good news we have water."

In a related item, the Fair Board in June asked council to remove a water meter in Riverside Park and bill all the water going to the fairgrounds and the park under a single metered reading, paid for by the county.

Greemore was against this. He said the town's water system was based on the number of users involved, and dependent upon the number of meters connected to the water system. If the council were to remove one water meter, others also would request to have water meters removed—just that evening another request for two homes to be monitored under a single meter instead of two meters was presented to council.

Greemore said that when the water system was installed, he

and McLean squinched the numbers on the cost of water down as far as they could, spreading these costs out among users via the number of meters involved.

Greemore explained that pulling a meter out would increase the cost of water to users across the system—everyone would pay a little more as a result of a meter being removed.

Councilman Joe Wilauer said he'd defer to Greemore's expertise in this area.

Initially, Holbrook was against this, but after Greemore's explanation, he'd changed his mind.

6th Ave. project

The council also visited with two representatives of the Twin Bridges school board on the proposed 6th Avenue sidewalk, curb and storm water runoff collection project.

The town would like to install a town-wide curbing, sidewalk and a storm water collection system, to prevent ponding on city streets and other areas when heavy rains or melting snow sticks around.

The town is looking at acquiring state money for this \$1.5 million effort.

The initial proposal for this would begin at 6th Ave., and since the school is the biggest landown-

er along this stretch of the proposed project, the school board's approval would determine where the town might start the effort.

If the school board approves, the project is a big one, with construction starting in the spring of 2019, according to Mayor Tom Hyndman. The town's share of the project would be \$45,000. The state Department of Transportation (MDT) would cover the lion's share, and the school would need to cover some of the project as well.

If the school board doesn't approve of the plans, then the town would begin a smaller, phased out project.

The school board members said they would relay the information about the project to the board. They urged the council to share as much information as possible with the board so board members might make a wise decision.

The board meets July 17.

Fence issue

Hoyt and Patty Walker returned to the council for the third month in a row to again argue their position on the disputed fence between their property and Four Rivers Fishing Company's property.

The fence has been a bone of contention between the Walkers

and Four Rivers since it was installed earlier this year.

The Walkers told council they want the town's fence ordinances enforced, saying the fence is still not in compliance with town rules because the portions of it still standing are too high, and it is still on their property—this despite portions of the fence being chain-sawed down after the Walkers had a survey of property boundaries done which showed the fence was on their property.

Four Rivers disputed this survey and vowed to have a survey of their own done.

Council has not received a copy of either survey, and the disagreement has gone into the court system.

Greemore told the Walkers that the council was still waiting on advice from the town's attorney, to see if the town's fence ordinances read the way the Walker's see it, or the way Four Rivers sees it.

Patty Walker told the council she was "done" with them, and said council could visit her to see the survey, but she wouldn't bring the survey to them.

At the end of the meeting, one resident asked the council resolve the Walker—Four Rivers fence issue, to get it finished before someone has a heart attack over it.

FOUNDATION from A1: Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation charts course for donations

ety of paths to utilize the bank building space, from offices and administrative space to storage or event space. But for now, it remains up to the board of trustees to decide what will happen there. Sheridan real estate agent Jim Kaatz managed both properties for the anonymous donor who gave them to the foundation, overseeing the property transfer to the hospital at no charge to the Foundation.

Moving forward

The Foundation may also be determining future uses for some other spaces in the future, but that is not yet certain. The hospital district plans to transfer the

old hospital facility to Sheridan into the Foundation's control, but decisions would not be made as to what to do with the space until that transfer is certain and complete, which could be several months.

"We will have to make some plans when that transition occurs," says Gilman. "We'll have to make a decision about what would be the best thing for the community, in support of the hospital, for that building." Gilman also notes that whatever the fate of the old hospital building, it couldn't be used for office space or as part of the hospital, which will be self-contained in its new facility.

In the meantime, the Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation continues the philanthropy that has been so strong in allowing for the new hospital in the first place. A variety of the hospital's clinics and waiting rooms have already been sponsored and named by both private donors and organizations, including 15 memorial benches purchased for \$500 each, which will be placed around the hospital. Several naming opportunities are still available, including everything from furniture in the main lobby and clinic waiting area to the hospital's new helicopter pad.

- Ribbon Cutting -

The Ruby Valley Medical Center's ribbon cutting ceremony and open house will take place on Saturday, August 18 at 11 a.m. There will be an appreciation barbecue and dance at the Hamilton Ranch Round Barn in Twin Bridges on Wednesday, August 22 at 4 p.m., to celebrate the community that made the new facility possible.

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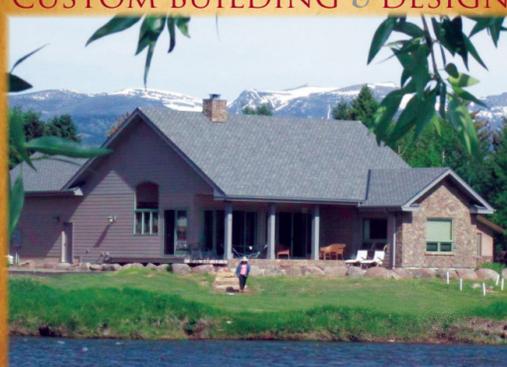

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Sheridan water rates could increase

Changes would bump bill about \$17.50 per household

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SHERIDAN – Water rates in Sheridan may soon be changing.

The town council is looking at raising the rates it charges for water.

The council approved a “resolution of intention” to change water rates at its July 9 meeting.

However, before the new rate system becomes final, the council will hold a public hearing on the rate increase on Aug. 13, at 6 p.m. at the Sheridan High School Library, during its regularly scheduled council meeting.

Current system

Under the current rate system, Sheridan charges the following rates for water:

Each water user is charged a monthly base rate of \$30, plus a multiplier based on the size of the supply line, plus a usage charge for how many gallons of water are used.

For example, homes with a ¾-inch line, pay a base rate of \$30. Their multiplier is 1. Those with a 1-inch line pay a base rate of \$30 plus a multiplier of 1.79, equaling \$53.70. Those with a 1.5 inch line pay \$210, using the multiplier of 4. A 2-inch supply line has a multiplier of 7.14 and the base rate is \$214.20.

The current usage charge is \$1 per 1,000 gallons of water per connection. Use more than 1,000 gallons and a proportionate charge is added.

Proposed changes

What the council is proposing will bump the base water rate to \$45.

The multipliers will remain the same, although a 3-inch line now has a multiplier of 16, for a base rate

of \$720 per month.

The council also intends to bump usage charges up some, based on the number of gallons used.

- Up to 20,000 gallons would be charged \$1.25 per 1,000 gallons.

- 20,000 – 40,000 gallons of use would be charged \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons.

- 40,000- 60,000 gallons of use would be charged \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons.

- And more than 60,000 gallons of use would be charged at \$2 per 1,000 gallons.

This change would take place in September, if finalized by the council.

The resolution of intention approved by council also allows council to bump water rates again, after an annual review of the costs involved in operating the system. These rates must be vetted during another public hearing on the proposed changes.

For the average homeowner with a ¾-inch water supply line using 10,000 gallons of water per month, according to the resolution, the increase in costs would be about \$17.50, or a jump of almost 44 percent.

The average household uses about 6,000 gallons of water per month, according to town water records.

Mayor Bob Stump noted that these rates are similar to what Helena residents pay: \$30 base rate, plus \$1.10 per 1,000 gallons, plus sewer rates, a total of about \$63.

“In the end, the bill is about the same as ours,” he told council.

The rate increase was largely brought about by Sheridan’s water supply wells drying up, and the need to find new water sources.

Sheridan has five wells, but just one is producing water, and according to Stump, voluntary conservation methods aren’t making a big enough dent in usage, despite water restrictions in place since last July.

Stump said irrigation – not bathing or drinking water – was the biggest use of water in the community.



Mayor Bob Stump administers the oath of office to Emilie Saylor at the July 9 council meeting. Saylor fills a vacant council seat. (J. TAYLOR)

More water?

Council also discussed acquiring Indian Creek water rights.

Stump said the town has certain rights on the creek, and wondered if it would be possible to use these, to augment the current supply problems.

Stump said he’d looked at an old, no longer used, town water facility on the creek, visited the headgate and a spring house, a couple of miles upstream. These might represent two 50 gallons per minute water resources the town could tap, he told council.

Stump said about nine years ago, the state Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) asked the town to sever connections to these lines because animals got into the water source and drowned. One lady in the audience recalled how, many years ago when the town used Indian Creek water, her water smelled “skunky,” and it turned out that a skunk had gotten into the supply and drowned. Stump also noted that a cow had fallen into the water supply and drowned.

Stump said the town would

need to treat this water, because it is surface water.

He said he received a figure of about \$2 million to hook back up and use these water sources. There were also issues with water lines crossing seven additional properties.

Councilman Mike Walter said the town should preserve its rights to this water source.

Councilman Rahn Abbott believed the cost of acquiring this water would make it cost prohibitive, and wondered about its potability. He suggested keeping the water source as a dry hydrant resource since it ran close to the county road.

Other business:

- Council also formally seated a new member, Emilie Saylor. Saylor fills Paul Kramer’s vacant seat.

- David Stout of the Ruby Conservation District and Watershed Council proposed that the watershed district and the town co-host meetings related to water supply problems.

- Council approved a cost of living wage increase for town employees of 3 percent.

Community Briefs

Pluck and Stamina: The Life of Pioneer Photographer Evelyn Cameron

VIRGINIA CITY - On Thursday, August 9, at 7pm, the Elling House Arts & Humanities will present an historic portrayal by Mary Jane Bradbury of pioneer photographer Evelyn Cameron, entitled “Pluck and Stamina: The Life of Pioneer Photographer Evelyn Cameron.”

Evelyn Flower Cameron traded a life of English wealth and privilege for a tiny homestead cabin in the austere, rugged badlands of eastern Montana.

She soon learned the art of glass-plate photography as a way to support the Cameron’s struggling pioneer homestead. For the rest of her life, she rode horseback many miles, carrying her camera around her waist and her wooden tripod in a gun scabbard, documenting expansive and beautiful Western landscapes along with the homesteaders, shepherders, ranch families and immigrants who lived there.

Cameron produced some of the first photographs of North American birds, and was an early proponent of prairie and wildlife conservation.

Historic interpreter Mary Jane Bradbury brings Evelyn to life through living history as well as a look at some of her outstanding photographs.

A gifted storyteller, Mary Jane Bradbury draws on over 25 years as an actress, speaker, educator and author to bring history to life. Bradbury’s passion for history, education, and performance merged when she created her speaking business, “A View of the Past,” dedicated to inspiring audiences of all ages by bringing to life compelling stories from history. She has presented her unique storytelling to schools, museums, corporations and historic venues throughout the Rocky Mountain west.

‘Those Who Came Before’

THREE FORKS - Missouri Headwaters State Park in Three Forks is hosting a talk, “Those Who Came Before” with Lyndel Meikle on Saturday, July 21, at 7p.m.

The “unsettled and unexplored” lands that became Montana were neither unsettled nor unexplored, says Meikle. Yet a random sampling of young Americans reveals many have the impression that before the Louisiana Purchase there was nothing in the middle of America but an uninhabited stretch of land which inconveniently divided the east and west coasts.

The phrase “first settlers” is often applied to those who arrived in Idaho and Montana Territories in the 1860s. Even as late as Montana’s statehood in 1889, immigrants felt the need to claim to be “first.”

However, there were many

who came before. Sacajawea was, perhaps, one of the best known, but there were others. It was not an unknown territory the people of the tribes who learned the land; its trails, its seasons, the animals and plants which sustained them. There were the Canadian trappers and traders. There were those who searched for gold. Each, in their own way prepared the way for those who came after them.

Meikle is a retired Park Ranger at Grant-Kohrs Ranch, blacksmith and historian. Her career spans four decades with assignments in Yosemite NP, Fort Point National Historic Site and Alcatraz.

The presentation will take place behind the park office. Please bring your own chairs and stay to enjoy a marshmallow roast following the program.

For more information call the park office at (406) 285-3610.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Chelsee Mahsman

PHOTO COURTESY OF R. COLYER

Chelsee Mahsman is the manager of the Right Angles framing gallery in downtown Ennis, joined the Chamber of Commerce board this year, volunteers as secretary of the Ennis Arts Association and coordinates Main Street Mingles—events that allow the community and local business owners to come together over refreshments and foster deeper relationships.

But that’s only her more recent volunteering endeavors. Mahsman has lived in Ennis all her life, leaving only to attend college in Colorado. But from her earliest memories, her mother would take her to Madison Valley Manor to interact with and visit the residents.

“She just instilled in me such a love for people, and it showed me that the more you put into a community, the more that community is going to grow and flourish.”

When she had kids, Mahsman knew she’d do exactly as her mom did. Every week, she takes her two young daughters to the Manor, just like her mom did 20 years ago with her. She did FCCLA and 4-H in high school, so service has never been far from her mind. When she left for interior design school, she liked Denver, but it never felt like home.

“I just love this community so much,” she says of her home in Ennis. “I wish I could do more.”

School nurse approved for Ennis

Budget presentation offered to board

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ENNIS—The Ennis School board made some sizeable approvals at their Thursday, July 12 meeting that will provide for some exciting new offerings in the upcoming school year, all while keeping the district’s budget in mind.

School nurse

At last month’s meeting, Madison Valley Medical Center’s Allen Rohrbach presented the opportunity for Ennis Schools to enter a partnership with the hospital in order to provide a part-time school nurse on a year-by-year contract basis. With universal support across the school board, a second look was taken at the district’s budget, and the motion to approve such a partnership passed unanimously.

“I think it does nothing but benefit our kids, and that’s one of our main goals,” said board member Julie Funston. Drew Henrich called it a “win-win.” Benefits of the partnership included a streamlined system for student-athlete physicals and concussion testing, easy access to the hospital in emergency cases and reduced instances of students going home in the middle of the school day due to illness.

The total cost of adding the nurse will be around \$26,000, split equally between Ennis Schools and Madison Valley Medical Center, meaning about \$13,000 for each party. The nurse would be on campus for four hours every day of the school year, as well as potentially present at sporting events like football games. The board’s approval means that MVMC will begin advertising

to fill that position in time for the 2018-2019 school year to begin.

The board also approved an addition that has been in the works for several months now: the creation of a softball team to join Ennis’s athletics pantheon. A community fundraising effort to raise the necessary starting funds (which include uniforms, equipment, a scoreboard and some field alterations) successfully raised about \$18,000, enough to get the endeavor off the ground. The board voted to begin advertising to fill the position of head softball coach and to create a committee to get the necessary field adjustments underway before winter.

Budget

Superintendent Casey Klasna offered a budget presentation in response to an earlier board request for additional education.

The board is tasked with approving the district’s new budget at next month’s meeting and requested more information to ensure that they were prepared to make those decisions. Klasna delineated between voted and permissive budgets, the former of which are approved by taxpayers, the latter by the board members themselves. He also explained the ways in which federal and state budget amounts are set via both average number of belonging (ANB, a general term for student enrollment) and basic entitlements, which are statewide amounts set that are the same amount regardless of student body size.

Ennis’s general allotments are expected to rise slightly for the 2018-2019 school year due to climbing enrollment. The expected enrollment for the upcoming year is 399, the continuation of a steady increase; the student body has grown from 342 in the past five years. But with the new expenses associated with a new sport and the addition of a school nurse, the board still has budget lim-

itations to keep in mind.

Other business

In other business, the board also:

- Heard an update on the construction of expanded campus storage and the existing student weight room. Since masons were difficult to find over the Fourth of July holiday, construction is slightly delayed, but the project is still on track to be completed by its deadline of August 20, putting the construction complete before the start of the new school year.

- Voted to explore further options before choosing an outside facilitator for consensus bargaining between the teachers’ union, school district, board and other parties. At last month’s meeting, Mike Redburn of Redburn Consensus Partners offered his services and was well received by the board. Especially with the new expenses approved elsewhere on the agenda, the board decided to explore their options before making a decision.

- Approved the hiring of Kayla Way as the new fulltime director of adult education. Way has been a part-time assistant director for several years and will take over as director for the 2018-2019 school year.

- Accepted the resignation of Patty Kneeland, a paraprofessional aide. The district will begin advertising to fill that space.

- Approved the hiring of Dana Pulliam as the new Ennis High School administrative assistant and Ali Terrell as a summer school teacher.

- Clarification -

The names of two Madison Duathlon participants illustrated in a photo caption should have read Carrie Egging and Tyler Behm of West Yellowstone.



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OPINION

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

Regarding the Memorial Service for Andy DeBona...

Thank you to the wonderful town and people of Ennis. To John and Kris Hauck, Bill Warren, Jon Kimmel, Barb Pearson and so many others for the planning of the service and logistics to make it happen at the Memorial site. (Being the place where one could usually find Andy, either spraying for a few weeds, replacing applications for bricks or just relaxing and chatting with visitors about the history and

construction of the Memorial.) Lastly, to all who of you who attended the service, thank you for the support. It meant so much to me. I will be forever grateful!

Chris DeBona, Palm Desert, Calif.

Editor:

Our campaign has been knocking on doors and talking with people throughout District 71 for months now. We hear often that people don't like the divisiveness and anger that is

dominating politics and our governments.

During the President's recent rally in Great Falls, some people saw a campaign speech while others saw and heard something entirely different. When meeting with people at their doors Saturday, I met a woman who got tears in her eyes when she described what she heard - the President belittling upstanding American citizens and other sovereign countries in the guise of patriotism and national strength. What disturbed my friend most was

the image of children in the audience learning that belittling and bullying others was appropriate behavior in daily discourse. She heard the audience cheering for even more divisiveness.

These are not our values. These are not the values we want our children to embrace.

As a country, and as parents, we must model tolerance and respect for others. We need to insist our elected public officials to do the same. It doesn't cost a dime to be polite.

Jay Frederick, Ennis

We Are Not Pocahontas

As Indians growing up in our local communities, we know that Montanans have diverse political values. We understand and appreciate those differences. One of our state's special attributes is that it is home to seven Indian reservations and 12 tribes. Our culture, traditions, and history are interwoven into the fabric of the treasure state and we take pride in calling this place our home. This is what makes Montana unique among the 50 states of our Union and what shapes the issues and direction of our political discourse.

On July 5, 2018 President Donald Trump gave a speech in Great Falls in which he repeatedly used the name "Pocahontas" as a way to express his displeasure of Senator Warren's claims of being Indian. As an initial matter, in no way does our caucus believe that it is acceptable to make false claims about one's native heritage. Such claims harm Indian people, and if anyone's claims to native heritage are false, they should be held accountable.

But the real issue is this. Many Montanans may not understand why Trump's particular use of Pocahontas' name is disparaging to Indian people. Some might even believe that Trump "only" intended to bully Sen. Warren individually and that his remarks do not disparage native people generally. However, what Trump did was take the name of a real Indian person (whose history has already been distorted beyond recognition in popular culture) and transformed it into a racially bigoted epithet. This is plainly unacceptable and beneath the dignity of the office of the president.

Trump's language is not just offensive—it has real and tangible consequences on Indian people, including our youth. The American Psy-

chological Association has identified that "ethnic minority children's academic and social development, self-esteem, and personal feelings of efficacy" can be negatively affected by racism. This is of great concern to us, as American Indians have the highest rate of suicide in Montana.

Native Americans are living human beings with real names and histories. We are not caricatures and stereotypes. We are not props in popular media. We are not romanticized Disney film characters. Pocahontas was a real person with a real name.

Generations of Indian and non-Indian people have worked tirelessly to foster historical and cultural awareness in Montana. That's why we ask our friends and colleagues to denounce racially bigoted language such as Trump's. When Indians—especially Indian women—are used as props for a political agenda, call it out. It takes all of us to protect a baseline of common decency.

Regardless of what we say in this letter, we know many Montanans will continue to support Trump. But such support does not require adopting Trump's language, which does nothing more than place roadblocks in the community of ideas that Montanans have worked so hard to build. It is our belief that we can and should create a better example and a healthier community for future generations.

Submitted by the Montana American Indian Caucus:

Rep. Shane Morigeau, Sen. Lea Whitford, Rep. Bridget Smith, Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy, Rep. Sharon Stewart-Perego, Sen. Jason Small, Sen. Frank Smith, Rep. Rae Peppers, Rep. George Kipp III, and Rep. Susan Webber

OBITUARIES

Dorothy Allene Gates
July 11, 2018

Dorothy Gates passed into the hands of her Savior on Wednesday July 11, 2018. She was born in Madison, Florida on October 19th, 1930 to Benny DeLoy Wells and Berta Lenora Johnson Wells.

She spent her childhood years in Madison, Florida with her parents and 3 brothers Raymond, Carlton and B.D. (Bo) Jr. Her first marriage blessed her with her first daughter, Rhonda Lajeane in 1950. Shortly after her divorce, she met George Schabarker. Their marriage resulted in the birth of their other two children, Lenora Christina (Tina) born in 1954 and Gayle Fred in 1956.

The majority of their married life was spent in Montana, mostly in the Madison Valley. After separating from George, she married Henry (Hank) Madison Gates, with whom she lived happily in Montana for the rest of their lives. They were long time members of Rocky Mountain Baptist Church. Dorothy loved gardening, the outdoors, mountain flowers, and especially cooking. She always

had a batch of cookies on hand to offer to anyone who came through her door. She was a cook at Ennis Schools for over 12 years. She enjoyed working with the public as well as the ranch life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, husband Hank, son-in-law Richard Brown, granddaughter Amber Howard, as well as several nieces and nephews. She is survived by her children Rhonda Schabarker, Tina (Jim) Watson, and Gayle (Helen) Schabarker, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. "The cookies are baked, the journey is done, safe in the hands of Christ Jesus, rest in peace!"

Funeral Services were Saturday July 14 at Rocky Mountain Baptist Church in Ennis. Internment followed in the Meadow Creek Cemetery in McAllister, MT. Donations can be made in her name to Rocky Mountain Baptist Church or St Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Robert B. Goggins
July 9, 2018

Robert B. Goggins, 94, of Ennis, MT, passed away on July 9, 2018.

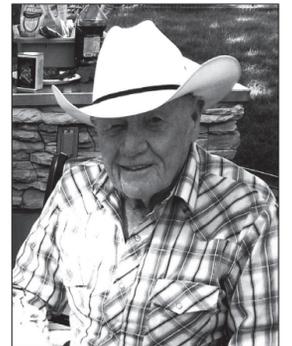
Born in Brooks, MT, on May 28, 1924, Bob was the third of John and Pearl Cook Goggins' seven children. He and his five brothers and one sister grew up in the Clark's Fork Valley near Fromberg, and stories of the antics of the Goggins boys are still told today.

After graduating from Fromberg High School in 1942, Bob worked a variety of farming and ranching related jobs. One of those was for an apiary that sent him to the Harlowton area to work bees. A cute redhead named Cora Amdor working at the local soda fountain caught his eye. He asked her for a date the day after she graduated from high school and they were married that fall on October 30, 1946. This began an epic adventure that spanned the next 71-plus years.

Bob and Cora worked for several prominent Hereford breeders where Bob was the herdsman. His keen eye for cattle and stockmanship skills ensured his show strings were always top of the line. He and Cora bought their first registered Herefords in 1955 and bought the home ranch in Ennis in 1959. Through the years, he raised high quality Hereford cattle, selling bulls into all the Western states. He also judged many state and national Hereford shows and was president of the Montana Hereford Association for two terms. His name was synonymous with honesty and integrity.

Bob grew up in a time when you couldn't just go buy new machinery or parts and he had an inventive mind and a skill for making things work even better than their original design. His creativity even led to him owning a patent for one of his inventions. He was an incredibly progressive cattleman and was an early adopter of new technologies in the beef cattle industry.

In addition to ranching, Bob owned the Cibola 8 mining company and enjoyed gold mining in



the North Meadow Creek area. He served on the Ennis Rodeo Association board as well as the Farm Service Agency board. Bob was well known for his keen wit, faith, and unflinching optimism.

Family was of utmost importance to Bob and Cora, and they raised their children to work hard, making work on the ranch fun. Bob enjoyed life and will be greatly missed by his family which include his wife of 71-plus years Cora, children Betty Goggins, Bob (Terri) Goggins, Janet Endecott, Jim (Shelly) Goggins, and Pat (Michelle) Goggins, grandchildren Coralee (Chad) Butterfield, Rachel Endecott, and Coy (Valene) Goggins, great-grandchildren Aaron and Marlee Butterfield, sisters-in-law Babe Goggins, Millie Goggins, Sue (Gary Foust), and Alice (Don) Crum, and brothers-in-law George Ellinghouse and Bill Amdor.

We would all be well served to live by Bob's motto of "make definite plans, but keep them flexible". Celebration of life services will be held on Monday, July 16, 2018 at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Ennis. Rosary at 10:00 and Mass at 10:30 with luncheon to follow. Donations in Bob's name can be made to Madison Valley Medical Center, PO Box 993, Ennis, MT 59729 or to Saint Patrick Church, Madison County Catholic Community, PO Box 17, Sheridan, MT 59749.

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Harrison School Board stays busy during summer vacation

HARRISON—The Harrison school board held its monthly meeting on Monday, July 9, where a variety of topics were discussed. The board conducted several matters of proactive business in preparation for the 2018-2019 school year.

Clerk recognized

The board began by recognizing district clerk Judi Ward, who attended the Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO) conference in Billings back in June. Ward was the only official at the conference who had been present for 35 straight years, receiving a certificate of "perfect attendance" for her dedication to her position.

Students recognized

The board also recognized Harrison High School's three

senior students who took the Advanced Placement (AP) environmental science exam this past spring. All three had passing marks, including one student who had only been in the AP class for half the school year. Only 8.5% of the over 100,000 students nationwide who took the exam earned the maximum score of five, but two seniors from Harrison joined that small group. The three students who took that exam will be able to transfer that success into college credits if they choose to stay in-state for college.

Booster Club lauded

Additionally, superintendent and principal Fred Hofman recognized the Harrison booster club's success with their Fourth of July fireworks sales. The fireworks stand raised over \$3,000

leading up to the Fourth, funds which Hofman noted "go straight to our students, and that's not just in athletics."

Administrative business

The board conducted several pieces of administrative business, including approving the recommendation not to renew the contract of head cook Jenny Collins.

The board also approved the re-hiring of more than a dozen substitute teachers from the 2017-2018 school year, voting to continue using their services for the coming school year.

The board also:

- Noted that Harrison School will be hosting its annual basketball camp for students in 1st through 8th grades from July 17-19.
- Heard a technology update

from Spanish, art and technology teacher Andi Christensen, who noted that the school has 130 computers for student use, as well as 35 iPads and two tech labs. Christensen said that Harrison will likely need to replace its schoolwide server, which provides Internet and saves student work, within the next year or two, a project that would likely cost around \$5,000. The board unanimously agreed that would be a project better undertaken before the need became desperate, and agreed to consider that need in upcoming meetings.

- Discussed the replacement of a Suburban used for transporting students to and from activities and sporting events. The board approved using \$35,000 to purchase another vehicle with a five-star safety rating to supplement the transportation the school has and to allow for the transportation of a greater number of students.



"Angel Eyes" a scratchboard artwork by Linda Short

Scratchboard art demo

VIRGINIA CITY - Artist Linda Short, of Art with an Edge, will be demonstrating her work in scratchboard and other mediums at the Dancing Buffalo Gallery, located in the Depot, in Virginia City, July 28 from 5 - 7 p.m.

Short will be bringing extra panels of her work in

scratchboard, and demonstrating the process of this art form. Light refreshments will be served.

The Short demonstration will take place on the same day as The Road Agent Rally and the Chuckwagon Cook-Off in the park adjacent to the gallery.

DISTRICT COURT ROUNDUP

- Joseph Dominic Shackleton appeared before the Madison County District Court on Monday, July 16 for a rescheduled initial appearance. Shackleton is charged with a fourth or subsequent instance of operating a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol content higher than the legal limit of 0.08 percent.

- Kymberlie Alyssa Saunders made her initial appearance on charges from late May. Saunders is charged with criminal distribution of dangerous drugs for a marijuana sale she set up via social media. She is also charged with four counts of criminal possession of drug paraphernalia for marijuana grinders, plastic bags and other items found in her possession, and one count of attempting to obstruct a peace officer, for falsely telling officers that she had a medical marijuana card.

- Josiah Michael Parton appeared for a continuation of an initial hearing that began last week. He is charged with the corresponding crime to Saunders', having been the purchasing party in Saunders' sale of marijuana. Parton is charged with felony solicitation of criminal distribution of dangerous drugs and misdemeanor possession of dangerous drugs. He is also charged with four counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Robert Petty, IV, appeared for a hearing to revoke a suspended sentence. Petty was found guilty of two counts of criminal privacy in communications and two counts of violation of an order of protection. He was initially charged with felony intimidation for

threatening phone calls regarding a custody dispute over his children. The intimidation charge was later dropped, as were four additional counts of privacy in communications (all six counts of which concerned threatening or lewd text messaged) and three additional counts of violation of an order of protection. Petty was fined and sentenced to a suspended period in jail, the suspension of which the court now seeks to revoke.

- Dalton Furie Depaoli appeared for a sentencing hearing for crimes committed back in 2013. Depaoli was charged with felony aggravated kidnapping and felony aggravated assault, and later found guilty of the assault charge while the kidnapping charge was dropped. He was later convicted of probation violation and the initial deference of his sentence was revoked. Depaoli was required to register as a violent offender and was later arrested again for additional probation violations, which led to the current additional motions to revoke his deferred sentence.

- Boyd van Fleet appeared for a status conference for crimes committed in 2015 and 2016. Van Fleet initially pled not guilty to three felony counts of theft, including the theft of a horse and business records from a Madison Valley ranch. He was also charged with felony removal of livestock from Montana without inspection and felony branding, for the same stolen horse. Van Fleet did not appear in court, which led to a warrant being issued for his arrest.

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Madison County DISPATCH

July 8 - 14, 2018

July 8 - DUI in Ennis; Disturbance in 4700 Blk, US Hwy 287, Ennis; Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 84, MM 11, Norris; Citizen Assist in 300 Blk N. Main St., Ennis; Medical Aid on US Hwy 287, MM 19, Cameron; Medical Aid on US Hwy 287, MM 11, Cameron; Trespass Complaint in 100 Blk Golf Course Dr., Ennis; Disturbance in 200 Blk W Grizzly St., Ennis; Medical Aid on Wisconsin Creek Rd., Sheridan.

July 9 - Accident on MT Hwy 41, MM 43, Twin Bridges; Animal Complaint on Redfield Ln., Twin Bridges; Disturbance in 100 Blk W. Cover St., Virginia City; Traffic Complaint at River View Campground, Cameron; Accident on MT Hwy 84, MM 11, Norris; Citizen Assist in 4900 Blk US Hwy 287 N., Ennis; Theft Complaint on Wisconsin Creek Rd., Sheridan; Fire Call on Axolotl Lakes Rd., Ennis.

July 10 - Wildlife Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 13, Virginia City; Animal Complaint at US Hwy 287 & Bear Creek Rd., Cameron; Suspicious Circumstances in 200 Blk S. Main St., Twin Bridges; Abandoned Vehicle on Jeffers Rd., Ennis; Threats on Tuke Ln., Sheridan; Citizen Assist in 200 Blk W. Grizzly St., Ennis; Accident on N Ennis Lake Rd., MM 1, McAllister; Wildlife Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 43, Ennis.

July 11 - Burglary in 100 Blk Sterling Rd.,

Norris; Medical Aid in 200 Blk Bayers Ln., Twin Bridges; Welfare Check in 400 Blk W. Hugel St., Ennis; Abandoned Vehicle in 300 Blk US Hwy 287 N., Ennis; Citizen Assist on Two Springs Rd., Ennis; Accident on White Rock Ln., Silver Star; Animal Complaint at MT Hwy 287 & Wisconsin Creek Rd., Sheridan; Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 84, MM 11, Norris; Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 41, MM 23, Twin Bridges.

July 12 - Medical Aid on Indian Creek Rd., Sheridan; Accident on US Hwy 287, MM 10, Cameron; Suspicious Circumstances in the Town of Sheridan; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, McAllister; Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 30, Sheridan; Alarm Call on Comleyville Rd., Ennis; DUI on MT Hwy 84, MM 2, Norris.

July 13 - Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 16, Nevada City; Citizen Assist in 200 Blk McCollum Rd., Cardwell; Animal Complaint in 400 Blk S. First St., Ennis; Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 17, Nevada City; Medical Aid on Sheep Creek Rd., Cameron; Theft Complaint in 200 Blk W. Hamilton St., Sheridan; Welfare Check on Hayfield Loop Trl., Ennis; Disturbance on Parsons Ln., Sheridan; Welfare Check in 100 Blk S. Boulder Rd., Cardwell; Welfare Check in 500 Blk Centennial Dr., Sheridan; Disturbance in 200 Blk N Jackson St., Virginia City.

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Continuous Conservation Reserve Program Enrollment

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WASHINGTON, DC - As part of a 33-year effort to protect sensitive lands and improve water quality and wildlife habitat on private lands, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will resume accepting applications for the voluntary Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Eligible farmers, ranchers, and private landowners can sign up at their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office through Aug. 17, 2018.

FSA stopped accepting applications last fall for the CRP continuous sign-up (excluding applications for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and CRP grasslands).

This pause allowed USDA to review available acres and avoid exceeding the 24 million-acre CRP cap set by the 2014 Farm Bill.

New limited practice availability and short sign up period helps

ensure that landowners with the most sensitive acreage will enroll in the program and avoid unintended competition with new and beginning farmers seeking leases. CRP enrollment currently is about 22.7 million acres.

ly applied will be asked to reapply using the new ranking criteria. Producers with pending applications will receive a letter providing the options.

About CRP

In return for enrolling land in CRP, USDA, through FSA on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), provides participants with annual rental payments and cost-share assistance.

Landowners enter into contracts that last between 10 and 15 years. CRP pays producers who remove sensitive lands from production and plant certain grasses, shrubs and trees that improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and increase wildlife habitat.

The new changes to CRP do not impact the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, a related program offered by CCC and state partners.

Producers wanting to apply for the CRP continuous sign-up or CRP grasslands should contact their USDA service center.

To locate your local FSA office, visit <https://www.farmers.gov>. More information on CRP can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov/crp.

2018 Signup for CRP

For this year's signup, limited priority practices are available for continuous enrollment. They include grassed waterways, filter strips, riparian buffers, wetland restoration and others.

FSA will use updated soil rental rates to make annual rental payments, reflecting current values. It will not offer incentive payments as part of the new sign-up.

USDA will not open a general sign-up this year, however, a one-year extension will be offered to existing CRP participants with expiring CRP contracts of 14 years or less. Producers eligible for an extension will receive a letter with more information.

CRP Grasslands

Additionally, FSA established new ranking criteria for CRP Grasslands. To guarantee all CRP grasslands offers are treated equally, applicants who previous-

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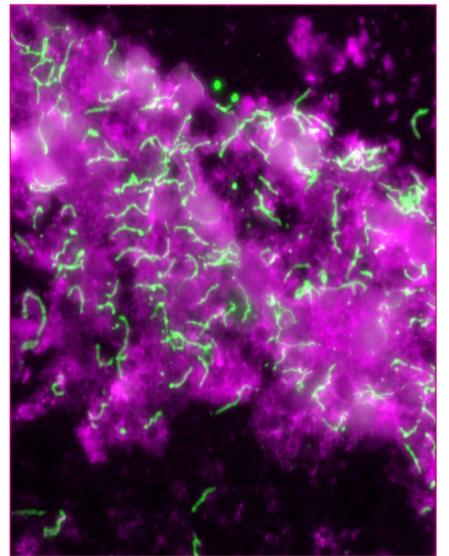
MISSOULA - University of Montana researchers Dan Drecktrah and Scott Samuels were recently awarded \$449,998 from the National Institutes of Health for the first year of a five-year project to study the bacterium that causes Lyme disease.

They will work in conjunction with Meghan Lybecker of the University of Colorado - Colorado Springs. Lybecker earned her Ph.D. from UM in 2007.

Together they will investigate the "Regulation of glycerol utilization in *Borrelia burgdorferi*." With an estimated 300,000 cases annually, Lyme disease is the most prevalent vector-borne illness in the United States. It results from infection with the spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi* transmitted via the bite of a tick.

The objective of their work is to understand the regulatory mechanisms that allow *B. burgdorferi* to respond and adapt to varied carbon sources in tick-to-mammal transmission and in Lyme disease pathogenesis, which will lead to improved diagnostic, prevention and treatment strategies. The long-term objective is to alleviate the human disease.

Drecktrah also recently received nearly \$260,000 in NIH funding for his project titled "Metabolic regulation during the two-host life-cycle of *Borrelia*." In this project, he will investigate a novel signaling pathway that regulates the interaction of *B. burgdorferi* with its tick vector. The long-term objective of this project is to understand the unique strategies and mechanisms *B. burgdorferi* uses to persist in the tick and transmit to mammals.



Immunofluorescence microscopy of *B. burgdorferi* infected fed nymph midguts. Spirochetes (green) were visualized by indirect immunofluorescence microscopy using polyclonal antibodies against *B. burgdorferi* and tick epithelial cells (magenta) were stained with wheat germ agglutinin-Alexa Fluor 594. (MICROGRAPH BY DAN DRECKTRAH).

Conservation important to ag producers, survey says

By Cora Fox, Center for Rural Affairs

OMAHA - Many farmers and ranchers value the opportunity the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) offers to enhance their existing conservation efforts, according to a survey we completed last year. Eighty-seven percent of respondents, all living in an area with a strong agricultural presence, stated CSP should be supported as a priority in the farm bill.

We recently released, "A farmer's view: a look at the Conservation Stewardship Program," which analyzes these survey results and examines the efficacy of CSP in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The ques-

tionnaire was distributed to 4,799 farmers, and 829 responses were received.

CSP is the largest federal conservation program by acreage that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service administers. The program differs from other working lands programs in that it rewards farmers and ranchers for performing conservation and also provides a path for them to increase levels of conservation for their entire operation.

Survey respondents reported positive changes to soil health, water quality, and other natural resources, which indicate the program is working as it should. Conservation enhancements chosen by farmers and

ranchers are meant to address priority resource concerns that are not confined to a single farm or ranch, but rather impact the surrounding region. With enhancements that reduce erosion and prevent water runoff, CSP helps protect our most valued, and shared, resources.

With CSP, farmers and ranchers can access greater levels of conservation, see advantages of those practices, and value the education and financial support to help achieve these conservation benefits. This demonstrates the reassuring conclusion that CSP is working as it should.

To view the report, visit cra.org/publications/AFarmersViewOfCSP.

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Senior Center to host open house

\$150,000 project complete, brings more space, services

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ENNIS—The Ennis Senior Center has been working on renovations, additions and updates for months, and now the project is finally complete.

To celebrate the new space—and with it, many new opportunities—the center will be hosting an open house on Saturday, July 21, from 1-4 p.m.

The project

The project has been extensive, funded by a \$75,000 grant from the Lions Club International Foundation, says Lynn Foreman, president of Ennis Senior Center, Inc.

That grant was matched by \$75,000 fundraised locally.

“The Lions Club International gives grants all over the world,” says Foreman. “And they said that our work and our reporting was some of the best they’ve seen.” The renovated center holds a commemorative plaque in its foyer, recognizing the Foundation for their support and hard work.

The kitchen is virtually the only section of the senior center that remains the same from the pre-renovation facility.

The area where the foyer and entry desk used to be is now expanded meal and activity space for visitors to the center, with a new foyer added on to allow for easier access and less crowding.

The center’s old air conditioner was replaced, and there is now additional storage space for both the center itself and for community groups who hold events there, like the Peacemakers Quilt Guild.

There is also a brand-new



The right-hand side of the Ennis Senior Center’s main room used to be where the entry and reception desk were located. With a \$75,000 grant from the Lions Club International Foundation and matching funds raised locally, the center was able to add an external foyer and make many other improvements to its facility, allowing for more space and services for visitors. (R. COLYER PHOTO)

space toward the back of the center that Foreman says will serve as a sort of senior services center. In that area, community members who visit the senior center will be able to get help with things like filing taxes, registering for Medicare and accessing routine medical needs like blood pressure checks. The new space will allow for more privacy and greater offerings than the old senior center could accommodate, according to Foreman.

The grand tour

The senior center’s open house on July 21 will feature a tour of the remodeled facility, as well as refreshments. Directors from the Lions Club International Foundation will also be there to see the finished product that resulted from their grant. The senior center’s next project—and the last element of the remodel—will be fundraising to resurface the facility’s parking lot.

Montana’s Green Party unhappy with being removed from ballot

Greens vow to fight against two-party corruption

HELENA - On Monday afternoon, July 9, 1st District Court Judge James P. Reynolds ordered the Montana Secretary of State to remove the Montana Green Party (MTGP) from ballot. In response to this ruling the MTGP issued these statements:

“We are extraordinarily disappointed in Judge Reynolds’ decision,” said Dani Breck, MTGP Coordinator “The court has determined that the biased opinions of paid Democratic operatives su-

persede those of trained elections officials. It has allowed the Montana Democratic Party to violate the rights of the more than 7,000 voters who signed the Montana Green Party petition as well as those of the candidates they represent. It is a direct affront to the state and county officials that we voters have chosen to ensure our elections process remains fair and open. The Montana Democratic Party’s deep-pocketed effort to suppress the vote in Montana has, for the moment, succeeded. The Montana Green Party, however, understands that it is not only our right, but also our duty as citizens to do everything we can to stand up against such efforts.”

“The Montana Green Party will continue to fight against two-party political corruption and for open elections free of corporate control,” said Steve Kelly, US Senate Candidate. “While Judge

Reynolds’ strict adherence to the letter of the law can be admired, it is indeed an injustice when the rights of over 10,000 Montanans to “petition the government for a redress of grievances” against the corruptions of the two-party system are abridged.”

“Disqualification of just 43 petition signatures based on subjective handwriting comparison or on errors in complex and ambiguous clerical procedures, and ordering the removal of several earnest and qualified candidates from the public ballot, is truly an insult and an injury to the thousands of Montana citizens who took a stand and asked their government for a new solution,” said Doug Campbell, US House. “I look forward to this argument for the people being re-heard on appeal, and this seemingly un-Constitutional judgment overturned.”

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Sage Grouse Program seeking public comment on proposed mitigation system documents

HELENA – The Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program is seeking public comment on two documents setting forth a draft approach to Montana’s Mitigation System for Greater Sage-Grouse.

The Habitat Quantification Tool Technical Manual describes the proposed mathematical approach for estimating the impacts of development or the benefits of a conservation project, respectively.

The Policy Guidance document describes how the results of the Habitat Quantification Tool calculation would be applied by the Program, the Montana Sage Grouse Oversight Team, and other parties engaged in sage-grouse conservation.

These two documents are available for review and download. Visit <https://sagegrouse.mt.gov/Team> under the heading

“Mitigation.”

Public comment may be submitted through standard mail to Carolyn Sime, Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program, Montana DNRC, PO Box 201601, Helena MT 59620-1601.

Written comments must be postmarked no later than August 5.

Public comment may also be submitted electronically using the Public Comment Web Tool located at <https://apps.dnrc.mt.gov/pubcomment/>.

Click on the word “active” in the left column for the document you wish to submit comment.

Electronic comments must be submitted and received by 11:59 p.m. on August 5, 2018.

The Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program works to sustain viable sage grouse populations and con-

serve habitat, enabling Montanans to maintain control of their lands, wildlife, and economy by avoiding a listing under the federal Endangered Species Act.



Above: An adult male sage grouse displaying during spring breeding season. Madison County has a number of sage grouse leks, although bird numbers are not what they have been in the past. (MT FWP PHOTO)



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Twin Bridges groups working together to update memorial playground

New playground equipment to go up after Madison County Fair

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TWIN BRIDGES—Ruby Valley area Kiwanis, Rotary, 4-H and fairgrounds groups are working on extensive additions and updates to the Aubrey Broksle Memorial Playground at the

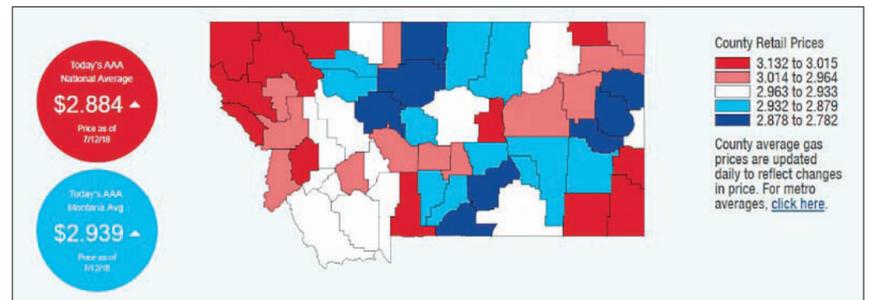
Madison County Fairgrounds, and are beginning a community fundraising to cover the last costs of the project.

The playground equipment was designed by Florida-based company BYO Recreation and is custom-designed for this project. The total cost of the project is \$22,000, and the Kiwanis Foundation donated \$12,000 to get the ball rolling. Twin Bridges hopes to generate the remaining \$10,000 through community donations of time, money and construction labor.

“There will be a lot of in-kind volunteer work provided

by the 4-H club and the Rotary club,” says Frank Colwell, a Twin Bridges real estate broker and Rotarian. “It will be a great new addition.”

The new playground equipment should be delivered to Twin Bridges by the end of July. Construction and setup will take place after the Madison County Fair concludes in mid-August. Donations to the project can be made through the Kiwanis Foundation, Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges Rotary or the Star Busters 4-H Club.



State gas prices steady despite strong demand

Motorists seeing \$2.76/gal. at 56 percent of gas stations nationwide

HELENA, Montana, July 12, 2018. Montana's gas price average is \$2.939, which is half a penny more expensive on the week. Today's gas price average is a penny cheaper than last month, but 61 cents more expensive than the same time last year.

“Demand for gasoline this summer remains very strong,” said Michelle Donati, spokeswoman for AAA Montana. “This, along with rising crude

prices, caused prices to rise in 30 states this week. However, Montana is among a dozen states to see prices remain stable.”

Alabama and California hold the lowest and highest average price for the lower 48 states at \$2.551 and \$3.660 per gallon.

Montana metro prices are listed from lowest to highest in the chart below:

GasPrices.AAA.com provides comprehensive gas price data and insight to motorists and journalists. The Top Trends page

allows visitors to sort data in various ways, including the ability to query gas prices at the state metro level. Each state touts county gas price averages via a state heat map. Motorists can find current gas prices along their route with the free AAA Mobile app for iPhone, iPad, and Android. The app can also be used to map a route, find discounts, book a hotel, and access AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at AAA.com/mobile.

City	Today's price	Change from last month	Last year's price
Great Falls	\$2.792	+1.3	\$2.100
Billings	\$2.856	-2.7	\$2.313
Missoula	\$2.995	-1.4	\$2.357
Montana	\$2.939	-1.0	\$2.326
National	\$2.884	-3.1	\$2.257



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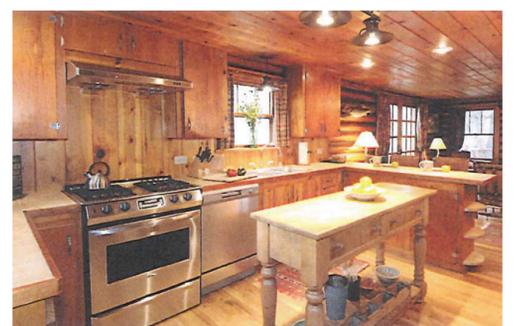
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Mule Deer Foundation completes Robb-Ledford habitat project

Ghosts of the Madison MDF chapter banquet coming to rodeo grounds July 28



Above: Members of the MDF team who completed the Robb-Hanford project. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Several Mule Deer Foundation (MDF) chapters from across Montana converged on the Robb-Ledford WMA earlier this month to help Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) complete an ongoing effort to improve sagebrush grassland habitat critical to area mule deer herds.

Using hand loppers and chainsaws, volunteers removed conifers that were beginning to shade out large tracts of sagebrush grasslands.

This project was part of a larger effort by local MDF Chapters to improve and enhance intermountain and sagebrush grasslands across southwestern Montana in hopes of reversing a continual decrease in mule deer populations.

Such habitat provides a critical food source for mule deer almost

year around but most importantly in the winter months.

Thus far in 2018, MDF Chapters have contributed \$70,000 to habitat enhancement work in SW Montana.

Want to help continual habitat efforts? Support the local Ghosts of the Madison Chapter banquet.

The banquet will be held Saturday, July 28 at the Ennis Rodeo Grounds.

High-end firearms, outdoor gear, and home accents will be in abundance.

The Chapter will also raffle off several fishing trips, a wall tent package, and a complete Sitka Gear package.

Doors open at 4 p.m., dinner will be served at 6 p.m., followed by the Live Auction at 7 p.m.

For tickets please visit us online (muledeer.myeventcenter.com) or call Shanna at (406) 600-7085.

MDF is the only conservation group in North America dedicated to restoring, improving and protecting mule deer and black-tailed deer and their habitat, with a focus on science and program efficiency.

MDF is a strong voice for hunters in access, wildlife management and conservation policy issues. MDF acknowledges regulated hunting as a viable management component and is committed to recruitment and retention of youth into the shooting sports and conservation. Please come support us next weekend in Ennis!

Potential new market to join Ennis this summer

By Barbara Hoag
ENNIS—There will be no local farmer's market in Ennis this summer, a disappointment to many. It doesn't seem that the Ennis community has been quite able to support a market at this point.

Trinity Church is exploring the possibility having its own summer market. The market

would take place in the parking lot in front of the Community Garden. It could sell fresh produce from the garden as well as bread and other items that have been sold at the local Farmer's Market in previous years. Church members are hopeful that other gardeners will join them and add their produce to the market, and perhaps others from the commu-

nity. Church members are thinking about starting the market in mid- to late July, have it open every Saturday morning between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns or ideas about this, contact Margaret, Rachel or Judy H. or Barbara H. at 406-682-4032 or 406-868-9951.

USDA-NRCS Montana Offers Funding for Conservation Gardens, High Tunnels

BOZEMAN – The US Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications for grants to establish community gardens, pollinator gardens and seasonal high tunnels through the Montana NRCS Conservation Garden Project.

Proposals will be accepted from eligible entities for projects located in Montana, including city or township governments, county governments, special districts, state governments, nonprofit organizations, independent school districts, institutions of higher education, and Federally recognized Native American tribal governments.

The NRCS has funding available for the Montana NRCS Conservation Garden Project as follows:

- Grants up to \$4,000 will be available for a community garden. Funds are to be used for garden supplies which can include tools, seed, fertilizer, soil and soil additives, irrigation materials and garden materials. Technical assistance by NRCS staff will be available to help determine site, slope, placement, etc.
- Grants up to \$3,000 will be available for pollinator gardens. NRCS will provide technical assistance based on pollinator specifications.
- Grants up to \$6,500 will be available for construction of a seasonal high tunnel. NRCS specifications for the construction of a Seasonal High Tunnel will be followed.
- Grant applicants may request funding for a combination of the choices above: community garden, pollinator



garden and seasonal high tunnel.

Applications for the Montana NRCS Conservation Garden Project are due by Aug. 10, 2018. The Notice of Funding Opportunity is available at www.grants.gov. The Opportunity number is USDA-NRCS-MT-18-01, and the title is Montana Conservation Garden Project. Applicants must have a DUNS number and an active registration in SAM. Questions can be directed to Lori Valadez, (406) 587-6969.

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What Should You Do With an Inherited IRA?

Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) are quite popular. At the end of 2017, investors owned nearly \$9 trillion in IRA assets, according to the Investment Company Institute, a trade association of U.S. investment companies. Given these numbers, it probably wouldn't be surprising if you inherited an IRA someday. But what should you do with it?

First of all, you'll need to be aware of some basic rules. If your parent, or anyone other than your spouse, leaves you a traditional IRA – one in which contributions are typically tax-deductible and earnings can grow tax-deferred – you can transfer the money into an "inherited IRA," from which you'll need to take at least a minimum amount of money – technically called a "distribution" – each year, based on your life expectancy. These distributions are taxable at your regular income tax rate. If you've inherited a Roth IRA, you also must take these minimum payouts, but the amounts won't count as taxable income, because your parents, or whoever left you the IRA, already paid taxes on the contributions that went into it. (To make sure you fully understand all the guidelines on distributions and taxation of inherited IRAs, consult with your tax advisor.)

It's also important to understand how your inherited IRA will fit in to your overall financial strategy. Consequently, you'll need to address these questions:

- *How much should I take out each year?* As mentioned above, you must take a distribution of at least a minimum amount from your inherited IRA each year – if you don't, you may be subject to a 50% penalty on the amount you should have taken. But you can take out more than the minimum. In deciding how much to take, you'll

need to evaluate a few factors. First, of course, is whether you need the extra money to help support your regular cash flow. It's possible you have other pools of income from which to draw, and, in some cases, it may be advantageous for you to tap these sources first. Another consideration is taxes – if you've inherited a traditional IRA, the more you take out each year, the bigger your tax bill may be.

- *Should I keep the same investments?* Inheriting an IRA doesn't mean you're stuck with the original account owner's investment choices. You can change the investments to align with your goals and risk tolerance, both of which may change over time.

- *How does the inherited IRA fit in with my overall financial strategy?* You'll need to consider how your newly inherited IRA fits in to the "big picture" of your financial strategy. Are you adding redundancies? If you keep the inherited IRA largely intact, how will it affect your current investment mix? Could the added income from required distributions change your retirement calculations or even enable you to retire earlier? You may want to consult with a financial professional about these and other questions related to your inherited IRA.

The person who left you an IRA worked hard for that money and thought enough of you to pass it on. Consequently, you'll want to respect this inheritance – and get the most out of it for as long as you can.

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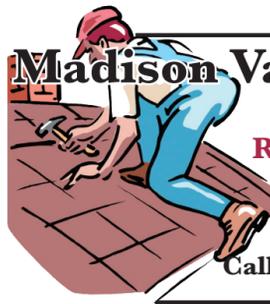
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One dead in single-vehicle rollover
 NORRIS—One man died in a rollover accident last Monday, July 9, on Highway 84, between Harrison and Norris.
 Just before 4 p.m. that afternoon, a Kenyon-Noble truck was heading east toward Bozeman after dropping a load of freight in Ennis, according to Montana Highway Patrol.
 For an unknown reason, the driver of the truck drifted to the right, then over-corrected to the left, causing the truck to cross into the oncoming lane and off the road before rolling. No other vehicles were involved in the crash.
 Both Madison and Gallatin County ambulances responded to the accident, as well as Ennis Ambulance, Ennis Rural Fire Department, Gallatin Gateway Fire Department and Montana Highway Patrol.
 The driver of the truck was transported via ambulance to Bozeman Deaconess hospital, where he was pronounced dead later that evening.
 Montana Highway Patrol noted that neither alcohol nor drugs was a factor in the accident, nor was speed.

4th of July Rodeo Parade was a record-breaker for crowds

ENNIS – According to the Ennis Chamber of Commerce, records were broken during the 2018 4th of July Rodeo Parade, even though the holiday fell in the middle of the week.
 Most businesses saw an increase in sales on Monday, Tuesday, and during the 4th of July. This was an exciting year because over 5,000 plus people attended the parade. For the overall day, there was an estimate of over 10,000 people who attended the different events around the Madison Valley.
 The Ennis Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out at the firework stand, the t-shirt stand, the 50/50 Raffle, and the parade set up. Also, a special thanks to our T-shirt



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PANORAMA

People and Carnivores looks at coexisting with bears

100 people visit Cliff Lake Schoolhouse to learn about bears and avoiding conflicts with them

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CAMERON – About 100 people gathered under a big white tent at the Cliff Lake Schoolhouse, along the Madison River, near Sportsman’s Paradise, on Thursday evening, July 12, to learn how they might coexist with the 718 grizzly bears currently roaming the Yellowstone ecosystem.

Following some pizza and beverages, People and Carnivores Conservation Director Steve Primm and Danielle Oyler, Education Coordinator with the Wildlife Management Institute’s Southwest Montana Bear Education Working Group, began their pitch for living with grizzlies.

The focus was keeping both people and bears safe. Oyler’s emphasis was building the knowledge and skills to deal with bears.

She shared the natural history of grizzly bears, talked about becoming more aware of the presence of bears, and described some techniques for handling bear encounters.

Grizzly natural history

Montana has two kinds of bears, grizzlies and black bears.

Black bears are quite numerous and are often mistaken for grizzlies, due to the color variations in the coats of all bears.

Black bears can range from a cinnamon and almost blond color to coal black. Oyler pointed to the two mounted black bears behind her, noting that the smaller of the two, a 125-pound female, was a three-year-old with the classic black coloring, while the larger, cinnamon-colored bear, was a male of 225 pounds.

Grizzlies also range in colors from brown to “grizzled,” brown hair with blond tips.

The best ways to differentiate grizzly from black bears is to focus on three traits:

- Size - Grizzlies are usually larger than blacks. The mounted grizzly behind Oyler weighed 560 pounds, she said. But this isn’t always so.
- Humped shoulder blades - Grizzlies are diggers, with prominent shoulder blades. Black bears climb.
- Dished-in face - Black bears tend to have elongated snouts and pointy ears.

The annual cycle of a grizzly’s life begins when the bears emerge from winter hibernation – usually in March in the Yellowstone ecosystem, Oyler said. The earliest she has seen grizzlies is Feb. 14, Valentine’s Day. These grizzlies are lethargic and sleepy, Oyler said. One Yellowstone bear she observed, ate from a bison carcass for 20 minutes, then slept the rest of the day.

These early bears are looking for greenery and winter kill carcasses, and they know year-to-year where to find early foods, and teach their young these places.

Spring and early summer grizzlies are focused on mating. May through July is grizzly mating season. A fertilized egg in a female grizzly may not implant until the bear enters hibernation again: If the bear is healthy, the egg will implant and she will bear young; if not, the egg doesn’t implant. This is one of many reasons grizzly numbers are small.

A mamma grizzly with cubs is a dangerous circumstance, Oyler said. Bears will fiercely protect their cubs if they believe them in danger. Most cubs stay with Mamma for two hibernation periods, Oyler said.

Fall is the time when Oyler said people must really put their “bear brains” on, the time when encounters can become very dangerous.

Autumn grizzlies are experiencing hyperphagia, a ramped up (natural) desire to eat as much as they can, to gain weight for winter hibernation. Bears will consume 20,000 calories per day, and spend 20 hours a day foraging for food in the Yellowstone ecosystem. With hunters afield, and the gut piles of deer, elk and pronghorns available, the potential for trouble increases.

Grizzlies, Oyler said, are usually most active at dawn and dusk.

However, female grizzlies with cubs, may spend more time roaming around at midday, especially during warm summer weather, to avoid other predators, including male grizzlies, who will kill cubs.

All bears, especially grizzlies, have decent vision and hearing, about equal to a human being, she said.

However, their sense of smell is “amazing,” their most valuable asset. Grizzlies see the world through their noses.

To gauge this, she said, grizzlies can smell seven times better than a dog – dogs possess hundreds of thousands of chemo receptors that enable them to scent things from far away and decipher specifics about what they scented – and 100 times better than a human being.

Grizzlies can live as long as 20 years in the wild.

Bear aware

Becoming more aware of the presence of bears can help people avoid bear problems, Oyler told the crowd.

Part of this is recognizing that bears are all around, and the presence of a bear is best revealed by the sign it leaves behind: tracks, scat, markings.

Oyler discussed how to tell grizzly from black bear tracks: The base of grizzly toes align, black bears have a toe out of alignment and an arch-shaped array of toes. Also, grizzly tracks should reveal the bear’s five long claws.

Bear scat ranges from small to large and varies season-to-season, also depends on what the bear is eating. However, it generally looks like human scat, but is often chock full of seeds, grass and animal fur. Knowing what bears are eating can help people avoid problems by avoiding those areas: If bear scat shows lots of huckleberries, for example, stay out of the berry patches.

Bear rubs, usually found on larger trees, are signposts to other bears and will usually show claw marks on a rub tree.

Bear beds look a lot like a deer bed, but will have scat in them, Oyler said.

Other grizzly sign includes stumps and logs rolled over to look for insects, dug up ground around gopher holes, roots, corms and squirrel middens from bears looking for food.

Bear encounters

Both of Montana’s bears can cause problems for people. Yet according to Primm, the likelihood of being killed by a grizzly is really quite slim. He said 1.45 people are killed by grizzly bears in North America annually.

Most bear encounters, Primm said, are defensive actions by the bear: The bear is protecting its cubs, a food source or believes itself to be threatened.

Bears being defensive will show this in their body postures and behavior. The bear may huff, pop its jaws, groan or moan, slap the ground with a paw and even bluff charge. These are the signs of a stressed out bear, Oyler said. She recommended standing your ground in these circumstances, having bear spray ready, and using it if the bear came within 30 feet (10 yards). When the bear is gone, has disengaged from the attack, back away from the scene and report it to the US Forest Service or law enforcement.

Far less common is the predatory bear; it views a human as prey. This bear is locked on to you, it will stalk you, circle around, follow.

Avoiding bear encounters is a matter of being aware and pro-active thinking, Oyler said.

• Location – Think bear in areas that have water, along trails that bears also like to use to travel, during strong winds, in heavy vegetation and in areas where bears might forage, like berry patches.

• Make noise – Loud human voices and clapping can alert bears and send them skedaddling. Metallic cans filled with stream pebbles can be rattled to produce noise, too.

• Stay alert – Be in tune with the environment around you. Take note of changes in sound, scents, the activity of other animals. If a bunch of vultures, ravens, crows, magpies or eagles are circling over an area, there could be an animal carcass – and a bear – nearby.

• Travel in groups – Oyler recommended three or more people in a group. In Yellowstone National Park, 91 percent of bear attacks happened to people traveling solo or with a partner. In groups of three or more, this figure was 9 percent.

• Horses – Primm said horse and rider tend to intimidate most grizzlies. He recounted the time when he ran a grizzly off a carcass when traveling with a packstring of 10 horses and mules, two people and some dogs. However, he emphasized that a good, safe horse could outrun a bear, so long as the rider stayed deep in the saddle. An inexperienced rider with a spooked horse could be in trouble.

• Dogs – Oyler and Primm recommended that dogs be kept close and in control around bears, because some loose-running dogs will harass a bear and actually bring the bear back to the owner.

• Bear spray – Oyler and Primm recommended bear spray for anyone going into the backcountry, and one of their primary missions was showing the group



- Top: Danielle Oyler, of Wildlife Management Institute, and Steve Primm, of People and Carnivores, share their bear knowledge. The bear behind is a mounted grizzly.

- Above and left: This series of photos shows how participants were trained to use bear spray and practiced on a “charging” plywood bear silhouette.

Above: Martha Sellers, of People and Carnivores, explains how to prepare for the bear “attack” and use bear spray, actual bear spray cans without the capcaisin deterrent

Left (three stacked photos) : This sequence shows how two ladies reacted to a bear attack. Their efforts, spraying low, would likely have been successful on the real thing.

- Below left: Participants examine an actual grizzly back foot, to learn about tracks.

- Below right: Oyler demonstrates one of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest bear proof cooler available from the U.S. Forest Service (J. TAYLOR PHOTOS)

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Your body has a bone to pick with you about your diet

Good bone health shouldn't be overlooked

OAK PARK, ILL - Most people know that when you look for a house, you want a place with "good bones." In other words, if the structure of the home is in good shape, most people feel they can fix up the rest. If a home doesn't have good bones, the rest of it doesn't matter.

The same can be said of your body. If you don't take care of your bones, the rest of your body will quickly fall into disrepair.

"Taking care of your bones doesn't require a lot of maintenance, but that doesn't mean it should be overlooked," says Dr. Victor M. Romano, a board-certified orthopaedic surgeon and author of Finding The Source: Maximizing Your Results - With and Without Orthopaedic Surgery (www.romanomd.com).

"Just a little moderate exercise and eating some of the right food and drinks is all that is required."

Vitamin D, for example, is important for the absorption of calcium and aids in improving muscle strength and balance,

Dr. Romano says. A deficiency of Vitamin D can cause soft, thin, brittle bones. It's also associated with depression, Parkinson's disease and seizures. Moderate weight training is always recommended to keep bones strong, even for senior citizens.

Dr. Romano recommends that instead of taking calcium pills, the best way to get calcium into the body is with a healthy diet. He suggests a few ways to add calcium to your diet to keep bones healthy:

- Start the day with calcium-fortified orange juice.
 - Cook cereals with skim milk or almond milk (instead of water) or add two tablespoons of nonfat dry milk.
 - Spread low fat cream cheese on bread or toast instead of butter or margarine.
 - Add low-fat cheeses to sandwiches, salads and pizzas.
 - Add sardines to salads or sandwiches.
 - Include higher calcium greens, such as spinach, broccoli and kale, in your salad.
 - Enjoy low-fat or fat-free yogurt with berries for dessert.
 - Make smoothies with frozen fruit, fortified orange juice and low-fat or fat-free yogurt.
- "A poor diet can lead of a lot of health complications, but poor bone density is usually overlooked by many people trying to get healthy," Dr. Romano says. "Getting enough Vitamin D and calcium in the diet is well worth the effort."



One key to good bone health is eating a diet composed of foods that naturally have more calcium in them, including spinach, broccoli and kale. (Halfpoint/stock.Adobe.com)

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Madison Valley Manor news ...

The residents at Madison Valley Manor have been having fun in the sun. On the July 6 residents held their annual Craft Fair, lunch and bake sale. There were 11 vendors from here and as far away as Deer Lodge. The residents were busy shopping at the craft fair as well as enjoying their lunches outside. Residents also had a couple of picnics. The monthly birthday party was held with the Tune Tangles playing their favorite tunes. There were no residents that had birthdays this month but one lady that has been helping residents at the manor for many years Doris Daems (pictured) got a birthday song and congratulations and one of the youngest volunteers Kaycee Hanson (Pictured with Robyn Reed) also had a birthday for us to celebrate. (Submitted photo)



Maintaining Good Health throughout the Golden Years

(StatePoint) You are never too old to enrich your physical and emotional well-being; and staying active and engaged in life can help you maintain wellness over time.

To encourage happy, healthy and productive golden years when older adults are able to pursue their hobbies and passions, consider these tips from Cigna-HealthSpring, one of the nation's largest providers of Medicare plans.

- Get an annual exam. Annual visits are critical for identifying potential health issues early, as well as maintaining a relationship with your primary care physician. During this visit, your doctor can establish a plan based on your age, gender and health status for the vaccinations and health screenings you need, such as mammograms, cholesterol screenings and colorectal cancer screenings. Medicare and Medicare Advantage cover certain types of annual exams at no extra cost. Check with your plan for details.

- Take medications as prescribed. Your drugs were prescribed for a reason. It is important to adhere to your medication regime and take medications as prescribed. Some drugs can cause harmful interactions, so make sure your doctor knows everything you take, including over-the-counter drugs.

- If you smoke, stop. Smoking is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the U.S. It's never too late to quit, and the benefits of doing so are almost immediate, according to the American Cancer Society. Keep in mind that parts of Medicare cover smoking cessation counseling and prescription medications.

- Get some exercise. Regular exercise can help older adults stay independent and prevent many health problems that come with age. Many Medicare Advantage plans offer exercise programs designed specifically for older adults at no extra cost. If your plan has a program like this, make sure to take advantage of it.

- Have some fun! Be sure to make time for activities you enjoy and seek out others who also enjoy them. The social interaction is good for you.

"We are constantly inspired by stories of older adults reinventing themselves later in life in meaningful ways, from running marathons to mentoring young people to painting for the very first time," said Brian Evanko, president of Cigna-HealthSpring. "The key that unlocks all of this is maintaining your physical and emotional health and well-being through the years."

Five reasons why getting outside is good for you

Summer is here and families will spend more time outside dining, playing, relaxing, and gardening as the weather improves. And while they may enjoy being outside, they may not know that getting outside is also good for their health. The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) outlines five health benefits of getting outside:

- Reason #1: Your lawn can make you happier! Our stress levels fall within minutes of seeing green spaces. Knowing and experiencing nature makes us generally happier, healthier people.

- Reason #2: Getting dirty is good for you! Mycobacterium vaccae in soil mirrors the effect on neurons that Prozac provides. Give your kids a pair of gardening gloves and have them work with you in your green spaces for a hefty dose of Vitamin N(ature) and G(reen). People who spend time gardening and have direct contact with soil feel more relaxed and happier.

- Reason #3: Exposure to natural settings may be widely effective in reducing attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder



(ADHD) symptoms in children. Children gain attention and working memory benefits when they are exposed to greenery.

- Reason #4: Living landscapes help people and pets be healthier. Playing outdoors increases fitness levels and builds healthy, active bodies. Research also shows that children reap numerous health, social and personal benefits from spending time outside playing.

- Reason #5: Your lawn pro-

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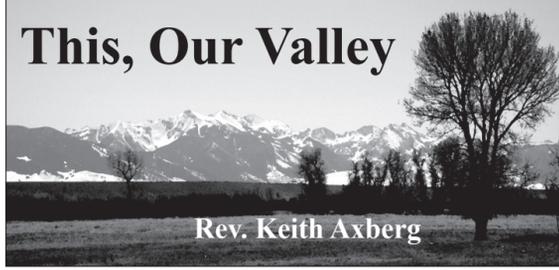
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This, Our Valley



Rev. Keith Axberg

"We're all only fragile threads, but what a tapestry we make"
— Jerry Ellis

Ah, the joys of retirement.

I held my a trusty tape measure against a piece of wood, made a magical mark, measured a second time (as any wood-working professional would), confirmed the measurement was true and accurate, then proceeded to cut the door trim with my miter saw at an angle set for the proper number of degrees. When finished, I carried and tested the finished product against the door frame and — voila! It was too short. It seems I mitered the board in the wrong direction from my mark. Uff-da!

It's ironic being a man who worked some thirty three years for a Jewish Carpenter from Nazareth (the carpenter — not me) and finding myself with all that experience still being able to make that sort of mistake. What a life! The double irony is that I don't

recall ever cutting a sermon too short!

But life moves on. One can't stop trying just because things don't work out as planned the first time and, to be honest, I know my skills with wood and saws well enough to confess I actually figured something like that would happen, so I made sure I had extra wood on hand!

Hah! Take that, o ye Fates!!!

I don't mind admitting failure. Oh sure, there was a time I would have swept the sawdust under the rug and denied ever making an error like that, but that was so long ago the Allosauruses who might have tattled on me have gone the way of all the rest of the dinosaurs. And besides, it's possible I've grown wiser. What's the fun in hiding the funny things we mortals do, anyway?

I'm sure it isn't funny to the tree that gave it's all so I could trim the doorway in our home, but I managed to put the scrap lumber to use for smaller trim pieces that were also needed, so all was not lost. I have come to realize that life is too short to sweat the petty stuff. As someone once said, "Those who've never made a mistake have never done anything."

The fact is there was nothing wrong with the door trim or baseboards in our house — or the spare bedrooms, to be more precise — but they don't match the rest of the trim in the house which was updated prior to our buying it. We thought it would be nice to finish the update. Note: I use the term "we" quite loosely, but let's not quibble over details. The fact is that left to my own devices, I would prefer to lean on my Lazy Gene (but misplaced it during the move).

So anyway, there's work to do, although it is work of a different

sort. I now have the time to practice doing things I've not done much of, and that is a nice change of pace, although the pace is quite glacial and needs to be timed with a calendar rather than a stop watch (and I slow down even more if anyone stops to watch me — I'm not fond of having an audience when playing with sharp objects like saws and drills, nails and hammers, and the like).

One of the pleasant things about doing my own honey-do woodwork is I can admire the greater skills of genuine carpenters. The good news is it was professionals who did the public spaces in our home, and the areas upon which I have been toiling away are and will be hidden away from the rest of the world (except maybe horror house movie makers — here's a shout out to Hollywood).

That's as it should be. While I know I shall improve over time (gaining experience along the way), I also know I will never be perfect. That job, thankfully, belongs to God.

In the meantime, I continued to measure multiple times and by the time I got to the last bit of trim, I had gotten the angle on doing miters a mite better and faster. And where my splices are sloppy, I have discovered the joy of wood putty (but I'll save that story for another time).

Until then, enjoy your summer. May you never be board (sic) here in this, God's valley. I know I won't be!

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COMMODITY INSITE: As low as you can go

BY JERRY WELCH

Over the past several months I have been touting loudly that inflation has finally arrived and the commodity markets per se were poised to do much better in 2018 and beyond. Few have been as bullish and optimistic about commodities as yours truly. Consider some of my past comments and ramblings.

My newspaper column on March 25, was entitled, "Haunted By Markets: Stick A Fork in Deflation" On June 1, the column titled was, "A Super Cycle Has Arrived." In my column from June 8, I wrote, "There is no doubt in my mind that the best environment for investing in and speculating with commodities in over a decade is at hand and it will last for years." On June 22, my column title was, "The Year 2018 Is Similar to 1998." It was in 1998 that commodities per se carved out a major low and tripled in value over the following seven years. And on July 6, the title to my column was, "Bull Markets Ahead."

I have been a wild-eyed bull towards commodities since late March and unfortunately, thru and including this week, my forecasts were flat out wrong. I do blame, however, the weakness with commodities on the Trump tariffs and trade war with China that kicked into gear in ear-

ly March. No longer do supply-demand fundamentals determine prices for the US ag-markets. Values are now set by tweets and press releases coming from the White House, China, Europe or where ever.

The weakness with the commodity markets has been so swift and severe, Bloomberg News posted a piece entitled, "The Rout in Commodities Can No Longer Be Ignored."

Here is the opening paragraph to that article: "Plunge, tumble and rout are overused by the financial media to describe a market in decline, but such superlatives would not be out of place to describe what's happening to commodities. The Bloomberg Commodity Index of 25 raw materials ranging from oil to copper to cattle dropped as much as 2.80 percent on Wednesday, the most since 2014, before closing at its lowest level since December. That brought the gauge's decline to 8.88 percent from this year's peak in late May."

And second paragraph states the following. "If one thinks of raw materials as a sort of early warning system — copper is frequently called the metal with an economics Ph.D. because it often tracks the health of the world economy — then commodities are sending an incredibly dis-

tressing signal. Their performance is far worse than the relatively modest 1.05 percent drop in the MSCI All Country World Index of equities over the same period, which probably speaks more to the widespread belief among stock investors that leading central banks will stop talking about monetary tightening and continue flooding the world with cash at the first sign that the budding trade war between not only the U.S and China but also between the U.S. and its allies is causing real trouble."

"There is growing concern among market participants that the trade war will affect the real economy and put the brakes on global economic growth," Commerzbank analysts, including Carsten Fritsch, said in their daily report.

This week, all commodity markets did a swan dive. Soybean prices hit a new, 10-year low. Copper, a leading indicator for commodities as well as the stock market fell to one year low. Crude oil endured the worst one-day decline in two years, a drop of \$3.50 a barrel. Hog prices slumped to new contract lows. And the CRB Index that is to the commodity markets as the Dow Jones is to the equity markets dropped to a four-month low. It has been one ugly week. Actually, it has

been an ugly four and a half months ever since the White House embarked on a trade war with China.

But here is a glaring conundrum in light of the collapse with hard assets. At mid-week it was announced that U.S producer prices increased more than expectations in June amid gains in the cost of services and motor vehicles, leading to the biggest annual increase in six and a half years. Thus, as commodity values, hard assets slumped 8.8 percent from the best levels of May, inflationary pressure actually increased.

The Producer Price Index does exclude food and energy. Still, the food and energy markets and commodities per se are poised to move higher to sharply higher into 2019 and beyond. All my work continues to suggest that bull markets will soon evolve when it comes to commodities. In fact, the lows posted this week may have been as low as any commodity will go for some time to come.

Montana State Parks, your next family adventure awaits

By Martha Williams
Director of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

As I stood at the confluence of the Clark Fork and Blackfoot rivers recently, I was again reminded of how lucky I am to live in Montana with its abundance of outdoor opportunities.

A wonderful part of my job as director of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is traveling around the state to enjoy public lands and check in on the resources we steward. Earlier this summer, it was my pleasure to participate in the dedication at the grand opening of the Confluence at Milltown State Park.

The evolution of the park

wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of many Montana citizens and the partnerships among several local, state, federal and tribal agencies.

It started decades ago with the studies and efforts to remove a dam and 3 million tons of contaminants. Two-and-a-half miles of river channel were built along with the floodplain of the Clark Fork River. And a new state park was conceived and planned to tell the story of rivers, trails and human and natural history.

Today, Milltown State Park is more than 600 acres along four miles of riverfront and miles of trail; it's about the confluence of history, people and our resources.

The hard work is over, and now

it's time to get outside and enjoy what we created together.

But let Milltown State Park be just a starting point as you plan your summer activities. After all, it is just one jewel among many in Montana State Parks system.

Plan a visit to Bannack State Park. Bannack Days, which is July 21 and 22, is the ultimate summer family activity for experiencing what Montana was like during the 1860s.

And as you make your summer travel plans, don't forget to use the online campsite reservation program. Just click on the big yellow box in the right corner of the Montana State Parks website and take the guessing out of planning your next family adventure. You can reserve

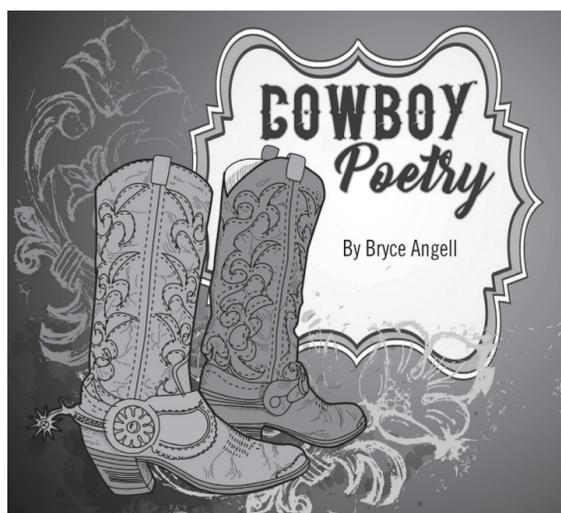
a campsite up to nine months in advance at 20 parks across Montana. We even have yurts, cabins and tipis that make for a unique camping experience.

While you're out there, don't forget to take photos and share them on our recently launched Montana State Parks Adventure Challenge website. The Adventure Challenge is an exciting new partnership with the Montana State Parks Foundation that focuses on getting people out and exploring our incredible state parks while competing to win awesome prizes. Learn more at myadventurechallenge.com.

So, get out there this summer and enjoy your state parks, where the outside is in us all!



Martha Williams
Director of Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks



Good Horse Ginny

One night while I was riding home old Ginny took a tumble. Flew past her head and hit the ground, left sittin' there to grumble.

I only saw one end of her. She took off on a run. My coat was flappin' in the wind. She even had my gun.

Well Ginny wasn't known to be the tamest of her bunch. It looked to be a lonely night, an absolute wrong hunch.

Now some would say to be on foot ain't really all that bad. But my cowboy boots were

plumb worn out. They're all I'd ever had.

Each step was worse as pine cones kept a jabbin' in my toes. I wondered if the trail was marked. Well only heaven knows.

That night I had my pocket knife, not much for self-defense. Why did I let her get away? Could I really be that dense?

And then I heard a noise ahead. I recognized the sound. He grunted as he moved ahead. He'd have me in one bound.

I wondered if he saw me. "Heaven help me!" I did pray. But then it stopped as bears will do, prob'ly eyeing his next prey.

Was I about to be a meal? My feet weren't plantin' roots. This time I couldn't feel the pain from worn-out cowboy boots.

The creature was so doggone close I almost felt his breath. I was runnin' like a rabbit. Dang near had me scared to death!

Just call me almost dinner,

then I heard a horse's whinny. I turned and took a look in back. There stood my good horse Ginny.

I'd have to say I sure was glad to see that worthless nag. She'd found her way back to me, now had earned my right to brag.

I'd said that I was really scared, but I was just pretendin'. 'Cuz I knew that horse was comin' back and now we're on the mendin'.

COMICS & PUZZLES

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Throat clearer
- 5 Pinball boo-boo
- 9 Moment
- 12 Transcending (Pref.)
- 13 Distant
- 14 Weep
- 15 Key with a left-pointing arrow
- 17 Khan title
- 18 Them
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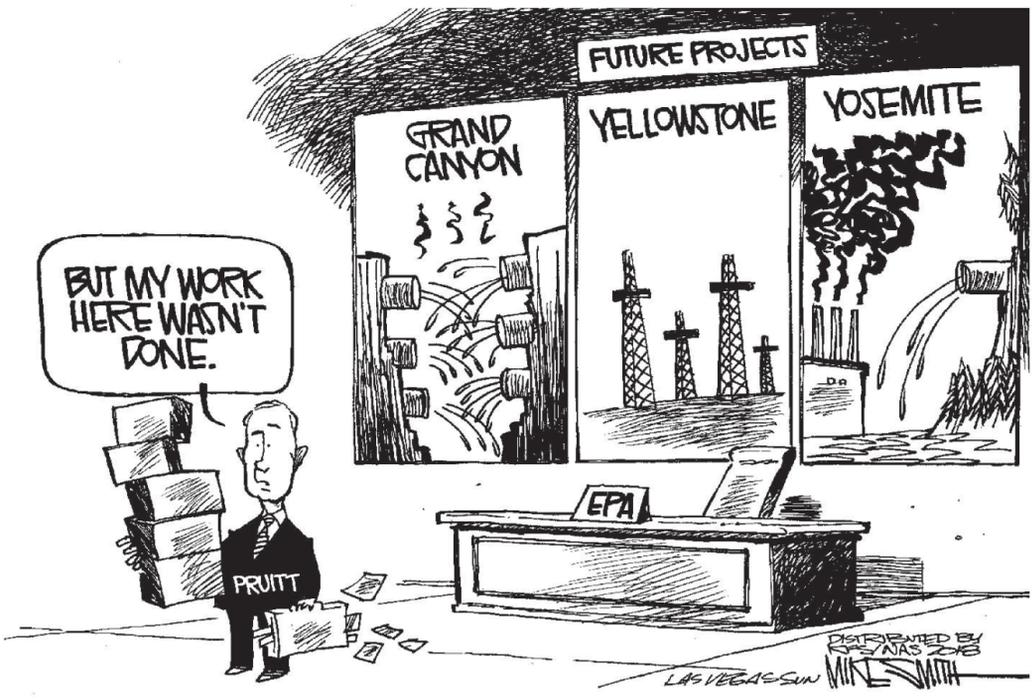
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The Cardwell School seeks a PT teacher's aide for the 18-19 school year. 7:45 am until approximately 12:00, 5 days per week. Pay DOE. Please email cardwellclerk@gmail.com.

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The Madison Valley Rural Fire District, Ennis, MT is accepting applications for a part-time Bookkeeper/Clerk. This position is responsible for completing accounts payable and accounts receivable, payroll, month end journal entries, provides monthly financial reports to the Trustees at regularly scheduled monthly meetings, prepare agendas, attend Board meetings, take notes and prepare draft minutes for approval, submit quarterly and annual reports to State and Federal Government, perform other clerical duties as assigned. Experience with government accounting, knowledge of Montana State BARS System, 2018 QuickBooks, Word, and Excel, approximately 20-25 hours per month, with additional hours when reports are due, quarterly. Salary placement depending on experience. Submit application (link to form: <http://www.madisoncountymt.gov/documentcenter/view/643>) to Madison Valley Rural Fire District, PO Box 849, Ennis, MT 59729. Closing date 5:00 p.m. on August 3, 2018. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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JULY 19, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF: FAYE J. WATKINS, Deceased. Cause No. DP-29-2018-12 That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to CINDY SCHOBERT, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 9305 N. Clarkview Place, Hayden, ID 83835-8506, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

Dated: June 19, 2018 /s/ CINDY SCHOBERT Personal Representative STATE OF MONTANA) :ss COUNTY OF MADISON) CINDY SCHOBERT, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says: That she has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of her knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana. /s/ CINDY SCHOBERT Personal Representative SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 19 day of June, 2018. /s/ JANET R. COOKSON Notary Public for the State of Montana Residing at: ENNIS, MT My Commission expires: January 30, 2021 Personal Representative's Attorney: Karen McMullin Post Office Box 55 Ennis, MT 59729 Telephone: (406) 682-7878 Pub. July 5, 12, 19, 2018) km MNAXLP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF: DONALD FRANK NOVICH, Deceased. Cause No. DP-29-2018-8 That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to SHAUN SHARI NOVICH, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, C/O HARSHBARGER LAW FIRM, 336 Waterloo Rd., Whitehall, MT 59759 or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

Dated: June 25, 2018 /s/ SHAUN SHARI NOVICH Personal Representative C/O HARSHBARGER LAW FIRM 336 WATERLOO RD. WHITEHALL, MT 59759 Pub. July 5, 12, 19, 2018) HLF MNAXLP

NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 9, 2018, the Town Council (the "Council") of the Town of Sheridan, Montana (the "Town"), adopted a Resolution of Intention of the Town of Sheridan, Montana to Modify the Basis on Which Water Charges are Imposed and to Adjust Rates for the Users of the System. The Town has determined to undertake certain improvements to its municipal water system (the "System") and anticipates issuing a series of water system revenue bonds to fund a reserve for the bonds, and to pay costs of issuance. The Council has determined it will be necessary for the Town to collect sufficient revenues to pay debt service on the bonds, and other outstanding bonds, to pay the costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the System, and to establish appropriate reserves.

The Council has determined it is in the best interests of the Town to modify the basis on which water charges are imposed and adjust the rates and charges for the use and availability of the Systems.

The Town currently charges users of the System a monthly rate and charge for water service based on an equivalent dwelling unit ("EDU") methodology. The Council charges users of the System a monthly flat rate of \$30.00 per EDU (the "Base Rate Charge"), as follows:

Diameter	Cost per EDU	Multiplier	Base Rate Charge
3/4"	\$30.00	1.00	\$30.00
1"	\$30.00	1.79	\$53.70
1 1/2"	\$30.00	4.00	\$120.00
2"	\$30.00	7.14	\$214.20

In addition to the Base Rate, the Town currently charges users of the System a monthly water usage charge of \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons consumed per connection or proportionate charge for gallons of water consumed in excess of any 1,000 gallon increment (the "Usage Charge").

Effective as of the with the September 2018 billing water billing, the Town proposes to increase the Base Rate Charge from \$30.00 to \$45.00 per EDU as follows:

Diameter	Cost per EDU	Multiplier	Base Rate Charge
3/4"	\$45.00	1.00	\$45.00
1"	\$45.00	1.79	\$80.55
1 1/2"	\$45.00	4.00	\$180.00
2"	\$45.00	7.14	\$321.30
3"	\$45.00	16.00	\$720.00

In addition, the Town proposes to modify the monthly usage charge for the use and availability of the System, with the charge per 1,000 gallons of water (or increment thereof) to be based each month on the number of gallons of water used per service connection in such month, as follows:

Number of Gallons Used	Cost per 1,000 Gallons or Increment Thereof
0 to 20,000 gallons	\$1.25/1,000 gallons
20,001 to 40,000 gallons	\$1.50/1,000 gallons
40,001 to 60,000 gallons	\$1.75/1,000 gallons
Greater than 60,000 gallons	\$2.00/1,000 gallons

As an example, a user using 30,000 gallons of water would be charged a Proposed Usage Charge of \$40.00 (20,000 x \$1.25/1,000 = \$25.00, plus 10,000 x \$1.50/1,000 = \$15.00). Effective with the September 2018 billing, the

monthly charge is proposed to be the sum of the Proposed Base Rate and the Proposed Usage Charge (such sum, the "Proposed Monthly Charge").

For a user with a 3/4-inch service connection using 10,000 gallons of water a month, the Proposed Monthly Charge represents an increase of \$17.50 per month over the current Monthly Charge (or approximately 43.75% percent).

On August 14, 2018, commencing at 6:00 p.m. at the Sheridan Elementary School Cafeteria, 211 Madison, in Sheridan, Montana, the Council will conduct a public hearing and pass upon all protests against the proposed water rate increase.

Further information about the proposed rate increase may be obtained by contacting Ginger Galiger, Town Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Sheridan, at (406) 842-5431.

Done by Order of the Town Council of the Town of Sheridan, Montana, this 9th day of July, 2018.

/s/ Ginger Galiger Town Clerk-Treasurer Pub. July 19, 26, Aug 2, 2018) tos MNAXLP

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REQUEST FOR FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

The Madison County Floodplain Administrator has received a Floodplain Development Permit application request from Casne & associates on behalf of Mark Holmes for an access road in the Jefferson River flood prone area in Section 6, T 2 N, R 5 W, PM. The proposed 0.2 mile road would stretch from the existing bridge across a side channel of the Jefferson River on the north side of Tract E Subdivision to a proposed home site. The 12' wide road will be constructed 2' above base flood elevation with side slopes of 3:1. Three 24" diameter culverts will be installed. The project is located at approximately 105 Primrose Lane. A description of the proposed project is available for review at the Madison County Planning Office, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City, MT 59755. Comments concerning the above request should be directed to the Madison County Floodplain Administrator via mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755; by phone to (406) 843-5250; by fax to (406) 843-5229; or email to cfechter@madison.mt.gov. Comments will be received through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 3, 2018. In the event of a substantial comment or protest to the issuance of the permit, the Madison County Floodplain Administrator may hold a public hearing to determine whether the permit shall be issued. Charity Fechter, Floodplain Administrator Madison County Pub. , 19, 2018) mcpb

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Madison County Board of Commissioners is accepting sealed bids, until Tuesday, July 31, 2018, at 1:00 p.m., for the following items:

- 1 1995 Chevy Pick-up Vin #1GC-GK29K9SE263876
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- *161,000 miles

*Front End Damage Due to hitting a Deer Deliver bids to: Madison County, 103 W. Wallace, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755. Bids will be opened on July 31, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at the regular Commission meeting in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana.

Pick-up can be inspected at the Harrison Road Shop, Harrison, MT. Impala can be inspected at the Madison County Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana. If you have any questions or wish to schedule an inspection, please contact the Commissioner's Office at 406-843-4277 or via email at madco@madisoncountymt.gov.

Both vehicles are sold "as is", no warranty or guarantees. Madison County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Pub. July 19, 26 2018) mcc

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NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCIES

The Board of Commissioners has two vacancies on the Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, two vacancies on the Harrison Fire District Board, one vacancy on the Sheridan Fire District Board, two vacancies on the Twin Bridges Fire District Board, one vacancy on the Twin Bridges Mosquito District Board, and two vacancies on the Madison Valley Cemetery District Board. If you are interested in filling any of these vacancies, please contact the Commissioners' Office at 406-843-4277, or by email at madco@madisoncountymt.gov. PDF application forms can be found on the county website at https://madisoncountymt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/833

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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.

State foundation conveys \$1M McFarland Curatorial Center to Heritage Commission

VIRGINIA CITY - The state History Foundation has served as the steward of a 1997 cash donation that built the McFarland Curatorial Center in Virginia City. The foundation recently conveyed the building to the Montana Heritage Commission.

Completed in 1999 at the cost of approximately \$1 million, the McFarland Center has served as the conservation lab and repository for thousands of artifacts related to the history of Virginia City and Nevada City, Montana.

The building, its contents, and its fixtures will now all become property of the State of Montana as a result of the transfer.

The State already owns the land beneath and around the building.

The building was made possible by a gift from Ruth McFarland in memory of her husband Lee.

Since its completion, the center has been operated by the Montana Heritage Commission, the agency that manages state-owned proper-



Left: The McFarland Curatorial Center exterior. Right: Artifact storage area at the center.



"The Montana Heritage Commission is very appreciative of the donation and collaborative relationship with the Montana History Foundation. The donation of the McFarland Curatorial Center will be a huge asset to the historical site of Virginia and Nevada City which houses over 1.2 million Americana artifacts," said Elijah Allen, executive director of the Montana Heritage Commission. "The McFarland Curatorial Center will be used to repair, preserve and help educate the public on Virginia and Nevada cities history for future generations. A very big thank you to the Montana History Foundation for their continued efforts to help enrich, educate and preserve Montana's history and heritage across Montana."

ties in Virginia City and Nevada City as well as Reeder's Alley in Helena.

The original donor, Ruth McFarland, died last year.

In honor of her wishes that the building be owned and held in per-

petuity by the State of Montana, the History Foundation recently conveyed the building to the Montana Heritage Commission.

"We are delighted to make this gift to the people of Montana," said Bill Jones, chair of the board of

directors of the Montana History Foundation. "The McFarland family made a very significant gift over 20 years ago and they were very pleased with the completed project. We are delighted to fulfill our promise to convey this beautiful

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AREA SENIOR MEALS

Ennis Senior Center

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

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- Friday, July 20 - Broccoli beef over rice and egg roll, dessert, pinochle at 12:45 p.m.
- Monday, July 23 - French onion soup, salad, dessert, mahjong at 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 24 - Cheesesteak, sweet potato fries, dessert, play pan at 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 25 - Turkey dinner with stuffing, veggies and cranberries, dessert mahjong at 1p.m.
- Thursday, July 26 - Chicken salad sandwich, chips and fruit, dessert
- Friday, July 27 - Shrimp tacos, beans and corn salad, fruit, dessert, pinochle at 12:45 p.m.

Ruby Valley Food Pantry, Sheridan

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Meals on Wheels, Sheridan

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

Virginia City Café

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

- Tuesday, July 24 - Grilled ham and cheese, soup, dessert
- Thursday, July 26 - Pot roast with carrots, potato roll, dessert.
- Tuesday, July 31 - Cheeseburg, fries, dessert.

Twin Bridges Senior Center

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

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- July 23 - Pepperoni Chicken Breasts, Pasta, Caesar Salad, dessert
- July 25 - BBQ Ribs, roasted potato, veggie, fruit salad, dessert
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Avoid summer Repair and Paving Scams

HELENA – Home repair and improvement scams flourish in warm weather or in the days following natural disasters.

The Montana Department of Justice's Office of Consumer Protection reminds Montanans choose wisely when selecting a contractor to do paving, roofing, or remodeling projects.

"Become a well-informed consumer," Attorney General Tim Fox said. "Be wary of drive-by contractors and storm chasers; learn more about the high pressure sales tactics they apply. Taking a few minutes to learn some helpful tips from my Office of Consumer Protection can help you avoid being taken advantage of this summer," Attorney General Fox added.

Tip-offs to fly-by-night paving or storm chasing repair swindles include individuals who:

- Refuse to provide a written estimate, contract or references.
- Offer very low bids.
- Use high-pressure sales tactics.

tics.

- Arrive in a vehicle that does not have a company name, address, or phone number on it.
- Claim they just finished a job nearby and have materials left over so they can do your job for a discount.
- Have the ability to "start immediately" on your project.

When hiring a contractor, remember to:

- Research similar projects. Learn the best way to complete it and how much it should cost;
- Research which licenses and permits are required for the project. Demand in writing who will be responsible for obtaining the licenses and permits;
- Consider local, reputable contractors;
- Get at least three written bids. If you don't feel comfortable with a bid, don't be afraid to say no.
- Check references.
- Contact the Montana Office of Consumer Protection to see if

any formal complaints have been filed against your potential contractor;

- Don't believe what you read in a contractor's ad. Check for yourself to make sure a contractor has a license, insurance, and is bonded;
- Ensure the contractor is registered to do business in the state by checking on-line at www.mtcontractor.com or by calling the Montana Department of Labor at (406) 444-7734; and
- Avoid payments of advance fees. Demand a written contract that includes: Start and end date of project, payment schedule, a list of materials (quality grade, and cost), any guarantees or warranties, and details about the project.

To report an attempted scam, call your local law enforcement agency or the Montana Department of Justice's Office of Consumer Protection at (800) 481-6896 or (406) 444-4500, or visit <http://dojmt.gov/consumer>.

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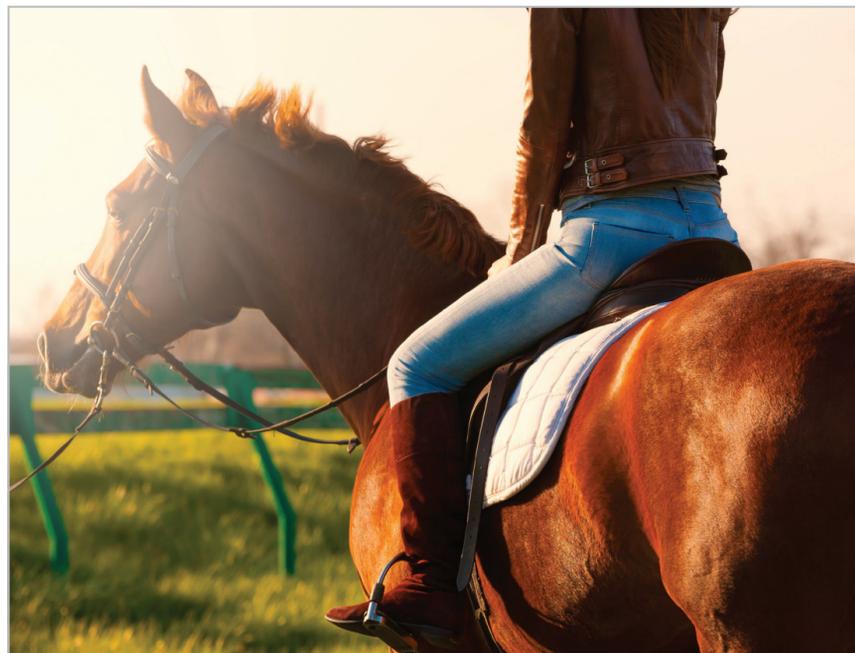
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Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park Events

WHITEHALL— Montana State Parks invites the public to explore Montana history, “get batty” and enjoy some music this summer at Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park. Here’s a look at what’s going on:



MONTANA STATE PARKS

• On Friday, July 20 at 8 p.m., learn about “Montana Before Horses” with Shane Doyle. The indigenous people of Montana developed a unique hunter-gatherer trade culture that became one of the most successful and iconic in world history. For more than 13,000 years, the tribal societies of Montana flourished without the services of horses, achieving an astonishing wealth and prosperity by learning and sharing from one another in ways that far exceeded the layman’s understanding of how diverse northern Plains tribes lived side by side. Shane Doyle, Ed.D, is a Crow tribal member who grew up in Crow Agency, Montana. Shane holds a Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction, and recently completed a post-doctoral appointment in genetics with the University

of Copenhagen, Denmark. He is currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Bozeman-based Extreme History Project, the Montana Arts Council, and the Governors Parks in Focus Committee. Shane has starred as a lead actor and consultant for the History Channel’s “Lost Treasures of the Little Bighorn Battle,” set to premiere in the summer of 2018.

• On Saturday, July 21 at 9 p.m., join Park Ranger Julia Smit for an evening bat walk to investigate the nighttime activity of the park’s bats as they hunt for mosquitoes and other insects. See what echolocation calls look like with a bat detector, and hear their ultrasonic calls lowered down to a frequency audible to the human ear.

• On Sunday, July 29, from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Music by the Caverns takes place with performances from local musicians. The day will begin with a non-denominational Gospel Sing-Along from 10 – 11 a.m., followed by musical performances from a variety of artists. The lineup includes:

- 11 a.m. - Left for Dead; David Zimmerman and Brian Rumsey playing old-time music on banjo and fiddle
- 12 p.m. - Feast-R-Famine; Bill Feaster playing delta blues on steel guitar and harmonica
- 1 p.m. - Kali Armstrong playing original songs about nature
- 2 p.m. - Terry Murphy & Donna Weldon playing classic country music

• 3 p.m. - The New Clancy Minstrels; Ron Hull, Dave Cogley, and Steve Strock playing folk, country, and bluegrass on guitar, mandolin, and banjo

• 4 p.m. - Monty Montgomery playing rockabilly music

• 5 p.m. - To Be Determined

• 6 p.m. - open jam Session

A second Music Day is scheduled for August 25 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Performances will take place at the campground pavilion. There is no cost to attend. Donations from both Music by the Caverns events will help purchase additional seating for outdoor park events.

For more information call the park visitor center at (406) 287-3541, or visit stateparks.mt.gov.

MSU research could improve snowpack monitoring, runoff forecasting

BOZEMAN — As a record snowpack across much of Montana fills streams and floods parts of the state, a Montana State University researcher is exploring ways to improve how forecasters monitor the amount of water contained in snow across the landscape.

Kevin Hammonds, assistant professor in the Department of Civil Engineering, received a \$250,000 grant from NASA in March for a study that could have widespread implications for municipalities, farmers and ranchers, and engineers who manage reservoirs.

The research will take advantage of specialized tools in MSU’s Subzero Science and Engineering Research Facility in the Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering to measure how microscopic changes in snow crystals affect how snowpack is quantified remotely by aircraft and satellites.

“It became apparent to me that we’re set up really well at MSU to do this work,” Hammonds said.

Currently, snowpack forecasters rely on a relatively small number of ground-based sensors and must extrapolate across large areas, which can cause inaccuracies. NASA is in the early stages of developing a network of aircraft and satellites for measuring snowpack across entire landscapes using radar. But for that to work, those measurements need to be calibrated to the actual conditions on the ground, according to Hammonds.

“Our timing is perfect,” he said.

Other researchers in MSU’s world-renowned snow science program have likened snow to a shape-shifter whose microscopic properties change with the weather. Extended periods of cold can cause a snowpack to take on the consistency of granulated sugar, while a single cold night can frost the surface with feathery ice crystals. Be-

cause snow characteristics could change radically in a matter of hours, it’s difficult for researchers to compare aerial observations with ground conditions.

“In the lab here, we can control all those variables,” Hammonds said.

The Subzero facility includes snow-making equipment and a cold room where humidity and other variables, including the temperature of the ceiling and floor, can be precisely controlled to mimic natural conditions. Hammonds’ team will replicate various snowpacks and then measure the snow’s water content with a radar sensor like the one used for NASA’s aerial studies. Hammonds is working with a local company, Flat Earth Inc., to develop the radar tool for the lab.

Hammonds will also use powerful microscopes in the Subzero facility to study the composition of individual snow crystals, providing further clues about how a snowpack’s smallest details could affect how it is

measured at a landscape scale.

Ideally, the results would produce algorithms that would be used to calibrate the data from NASA’s aircraft and satellites, Hammonds said. The research could even influence the kinds of sensors that go on future spacecraft, he said.

According to Jerry Stephens, head of the civil engineering department, the research could be very useful in Montana and other western states in predicting annual runoff and associated flood or drought concerns.

“This study takes advantage

of MSU’s world-class snow and ice research facilities, as well as Kevin’s extensive background in ice research,” Stephens said, adding that since Hammonds joined the department last year, he has broadened and strengthened MSU’s snow science program.

Hammonds’ research is being funded by NASA’s New (Early Career) Investigator Program in Earth Science. Hammonds was one of 32 researchers selected nationwide from among 141 applicants.

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Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, Virginia City

Meeting the first Monday of each month from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City

Madison Co. Commissioners meet every Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Annex Building.

Ennis Arts Association, Ennis

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

Children's Story & Craft Time for babies, Virginia City

Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Thompson Hickman Library.

Movie Night, Virginia City

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

Open Table Tennis, Pony 7 - 9 p.m.

For all ages and skill levels - Two Tables At the Pony School Info @ 685-3481

Support group, Ennis

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

WEDNESDAYS

Tennis, Ennis

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

TOPS, Ennis

Weekly weigh-ins are at 8:30 a.m. Meetings at 9 a.m.

MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299

Books and Babies, Ennis

Baby Bistro, Ennis

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

Grief Support Group, Ennis

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

Angelwings ministry, Sheridan

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

THURSDAYS

MV Women's Club FIRST THURS OF EA. MONTH

September through May at noon at the Madison Valley Baptist Church.

MV Manor Auxiliary Meeting, Ennis SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH

1 p.m., Madison Valley Manor SunRoom

Madison Meadows Ladies Golf Assn. Thursday play 9 a.m. (morning league) 5:30 p.m. (evening league), May - Sept.

FRIDAYS

Tennis, Ennis

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

Story Time, Ennis

Pre-K to Grade 2, 11 a.m. Madison Valley Public Library. 682-7244.

Live Music, Ennis

Willie's Distillery hosts live music in the tasting room, 5:30 p.m.. See the weekly ad on this page for performers.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Live Music - Norris

7 p.m.

Farmers' Market, Twin Bridges

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Andrew Jackson Davis—Montana's First Millionaire, Laurin

The Elling House Arts and Humanities Center with the Virginia City Preservation Alliance, sponsor their fifth series of history programs in 2018. Learn about A.J. Davis, a banker and lesser-known contemporary of Butte's notorious copper kings. Admission by donation, 6 p.m. at Linderman Cabin at Robber's Roost.

Friday, July 20
Mr. E's Magic Show, Virginia City

Join us for magic, music and mayhem! Mr. "E" will entertain and educate you with illusions, music, laughter and fun! All ages welcome, 1 p.m. at the Thompson-Hickman Library.

Evening of Art, Ennis
Black Jack Ranch Gallery, Gallery 287, Cattleman Gallery and Artists on Main will be participating in the Gallery Walk. Come meet our featured artists and enjoy refreshments! 5 p.m. in downtown Ennis.

Wee Dog, Virginia City
Bale of Hay Saloon: Philipsburg Brewing pouring beer starting at 5 p.m. Tom Susanj playing the best mix of music to drink beer to at 9:30 p.m. Kick-off to Dog and Grog the next day. Don't miss it!

Saturday, July 21
Copper K Fiber Festival, Whitehall
July 21 & 22, vendors and workshops 8-5 on Saturday and

8-4 on Sunday! Copper K Barn, 786 Point of Rocks Road, Whitehall.

Kids Fishing Derby, Twin Bridges
Fishing derby for kids 14 and younger. Prizes for fish and free burgers and hot dogs. This is a rescheduled event! Lori's Pond, Hwy 41, Twin Bridges. Starts at 10 a.m.

Senior Center Open House, Ennis
See the new expanded facility and enjoy some light refreshments! 1 p.m. at 315 W. Main Street

Dog and Grog, Virginia City
Microbrew Festival under the Big Tent! High noon to 7 p.m. Some of Montana's best beer and the famous Grog Dogs! Music by Bozeman's own Left on Tenth.

Cowboy Poetry and Music, Cameron
Cowboy poets and musicians will perform at the historic Bear Creek Schoolhouse. A traditional ranch dinner, plus beer and wine, available for purchase. Come enjoy this uniquely western entertainment and a Montana summer evening at the base of Sphinx Mountain! 636 Bear Creek Loop, 5:30 p.m. Free admission.

Chad Ball Band, Virginia City
Butte's own Chad Ball Band will entertain and fascinate everyone with their music! Bale of Hay Saloon, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 24
Madison County Democrats Meeting, Virginia City
The Madison County Democratic Central Committee will hold its monthly meeting at the Thompson-Hickman Library. 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 25
Brown Bag Lunch, Butte
The Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives continues its Brown Bag Lunch series with a presentation by Max Counter and Joe Bryan titled "Copper Connections: Butte, Chile, and the Anaconda Copper Company." Presentation at noon at the Archives, 17 W. Quartz Street.

Thursday, July 26
SUP Land/Water Fitness Class, Ennis
Paddle and Pilates on stand-up paddleboards on Ennis Lake. 75-minute classes every Thursday at 7 a.m. Call or text Christine at 406-600-6379 to reserve your spot!

"Sacred Dog: The Journey" book reading, Virginia City
Southwest Montana native Thomas Savage will read excerpts from his book "Sacred Dog: The Journey," at the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center. Admission by donation and open to the public, 7 p.m.

Friday, July 27
Floating Flotillas & Fish Fantasies, Twin Bridges
Come join the fun in Twin

Bridges! July 27 & 28 at the Madison County Fairgrounds. Pasture golf and street dance Friday evening, river parade and more on Saturday.

Christmas in July Bazaar, Twin Bridges
Friday 2-5:30 p.m. and Saturday 12-5 p.m. Do your Christmas shopping early! 201 9th Ave. E in Twin Brides.

Kilted Man Concert, Ennis
Friends of the Madison Valley Public Library presents a free family concert featuring Mathew Gurnsey, "The Kilted Man." Mathew will perform traditional Irish and Scottish music; the concert will be outdoors on the library lawn, weather permitting, 5 p.m.

Saturday, July 28
Scratchboard Art Demonstration, Virginia City
Artist Linda Short of Art with an Edge will be demonstrating her work in scratchboard and other mediums at the Dancing Buffalo Gallery in the VC Depot, 5-7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

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