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Slices of pie await dozens of eager participants in the Nevada City Museum's Summer Celebration pie eating contest - no hands allowed. Two young volunteers at the Nevada City Museum display the remnants of a successful pie eating contest on Saturday, June 30. (R. COLYER PHOTOS)



Living History welcomes summer in Nevada City

Summer Celebration weekend features sunshine, music, lots of pie

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NEVADA CITY—The living history museum of the Montana Heritage Commission opened for the season during Memorial Day weekend, but the summer season really got into full swing with the museum's annual Summer Celebration weekend June 28-30.

Since the Fourth of July

fell in the middle of a week this year, the museum decided to shift some of the holiday festivities to the adjoining weekends in order to allow more visitors to participate.

The living history program first began in 2003 with only one large event per summer. But as it grew, gained popularity and attracted dedicated volunteers, the educational and interactive programs expanded to monthly, and eventually into the full-summer program that's open seven days a week from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Leona Stredwick is a clerk for Madison County for her day job, but has been involved with the living history program for a decade. She is now one of the museum's senior

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'Something nobody else has'

W. Yellowstone Adventure Series offers chance to make history

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ENNIS - The way Sam Korsmoe sees it, race directors like to call their respective marathons, 5Ks and 10Ks the most beautiful, the most difficult, the most whatever.

But, says Korsmoe, those descriptors are all completely subjective. He didn't want that when he created the Greater Yellowstone Adventure Series (GYAS).

"You can say something is beautiful or tough, but you can't quantify those," says Korsmoe. "The goal was to have a full monopoly: something that wasn't subjective, something that nobody else has, anywhere in the world."

That's where the GYAS came in. It is a six-race series made up of a 5K, two marathons, a duathlon, a triathlon and a bike race, nearly all of them have some kind of claim to fame. Five of the six races take place exclusively on Montana public lands, a resource near and dear to Korsmoe's heart, like many Montana residents.

But that's not the only thing that makes the series unique. The Madison Marathon, set to have its 11th iteration on July 21, is the highest-elevation road marathon in the world,



Four-time Madison half marathon champion David Gregory of West Yellowstone runs atop the Gravelly Range, part of the half and full marathon course put on by the Greater Yellowstone Adventure Series. The Madison and Big Sky marathons will take place on July 21 and 22 this year. (PHOTO COURTESY OF SAM KORSMOE).

never dipping below 8,400 feet and topping out well over 9,000.

The Big Sky Marathon takes place the next day, and yes, more than half the runners in the Madison will run the Big Sky as well. It's the second longest downhill marathon in the world, knocked out of the top spot by a marathon in Colorado, and only by a couple hundred feet of elevation loss. At more than 26 miles long, runners descend more than 3,600 vertical feet.

To highlight and support the public lands on which those two marathons are held, Korsmoe com-

missioned two local artists, Allison McGree and Karen Savory, to design outdoors-oriented art for the race t-shirts. The original pieces will also be auctioned off to the highest bidder, with proceeds split between the artist and the Montana Wildlife Federation.

The Tour de Gravelly, which will have only its second race on August 5, has what Korsmoe thinks is the largest elevation gain in a 30-mile race section—biking from the Madison Valley over the Gravelly Mountains and dropping into the Ruby Valley. At least, he hasn't

found one with more yet.

But wait, there's more. With Korsmoe, there's always more.

The Trifecta

The GYAS began in June with the Water to Whiskey 5K, which usually coincides with the Willie's Distillery's annual spring Pig Pickin' and community pig roast.

The Tour de Gravelly is the first weekend in August, and each of the races is spaced two to four weeks

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Tourism gives county big boost

MHC report says \$45 million generated in county from travel

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VIRGINIA CITY - The Montana Heritage Commission (MHC) recently released a report that tallied the economic impacts it and the visitors attracted to its four historic properties, two local, produced during 2017.

The numbers are pretty incredible.

From a total impact of \$74.6 million - created from auto, food, fuel, lodging and retail spending; along with \$11.9 million in historic improvements and the 2017 \$1.3 million MHC operating budget - Madison County received a total of \$45.3 million in "value" from tourism, according to the study.

Assembling the report

Rob Gilmore, of Circle Analytics - he is also economic development director for Gallatin and Park counties - prepared the

MHC report.

Gilmore explained how the MHC numbers were generated.

According to MHC tallies, some 450,000-500,000 people visited Virginia City and Nevada City during the course of 2017. Their average visit was more than 15 minutes, Gilmore noted.

Using information from the University of Montana's Institute for Tourism & Recreation Research (ITRR), MHC's figures were then used to compute how much money visitors spent during these visits.

With this dollar figure in hand, several "impacts" - essentially money being spent - were generated. These impacts include direct, indirect and induced impacts, which put multipliers on each dollar spent.

Gilmore said the multiplier method of analysis uses an "input-output model" as well as "social accounting" to estimate how each dollar spent is multiplied out.

Say a tourist buys an ice cream cone at the Virginia City Creamery.

Selling this ice cream cone requires the shop owners to purchase milk, cream, sugar and flavorings to go into the ice cream, a cone to hold it, an ice cream freezer to hold the product, a cash register to ring up sales, cleaners to keep the shop tidy, an

accountant to handle bookkeeping, and a slew of other goods and services related to serving that customer an ice cream cone.

The vendors supplying the creamery are also buying goods and services to sell their products. This cycle continues, generating economic activity all the way along this path.

There are also negative impacts - what if the company goes bankrupt and must lay off workers? This has a far-reaching effect on economies, as everyone saw in 2008's recession.

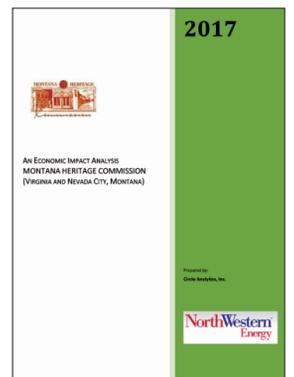
Gilmore said Circle Analytics built a software program to consider all of these quirks and impacts, and this computer model spit out the numbers in the MHC report.

Perspective

So, if MHC is generating nearly \$75 million worth of economic activity for Madison County, how does this compare to other economic activities in the county - agriculture in particular, which the county is proud to proclaim as its leading industry?

To put MHC's contribution to the local economy into perspective, consider the following:

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2012 Economic Census statistics for Madison County (this six-year-old data represents



The Montana Heritage Commission's recently released report on the impact of tourism in Madison County.

the latest economic figures available after checking into several sources, including state agencies; also, it is not influenced by Gilmore's multipliers, these are direct numbers) MHC's economic contribution to the overall county's economics appears quite sizeable.

According to the 2012 figures, more than \$117 million was generated by various overall industries within the county.

By the numbers, here's how they rank:

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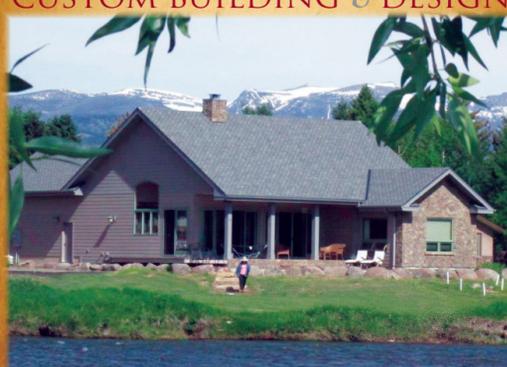
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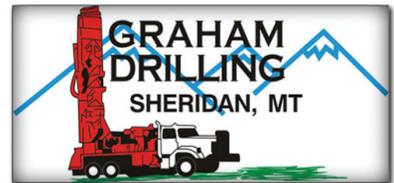


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apart. I'm an avid runner. As such, I know exactly where my mind goes when I think about that time frame. And it sounds like I'm not the only one whose mind went there.

"We have these unique, one-of-a-kind races, and then we thought 'let's leverage this, make it even more of a challenge,'" Korsmo says. "And that's where the trifecta came from."

The trifecta is for the crazies who think that one race just isn't enough.

It begins with the Madison Duathlon, which this year will take place on July 8. The duathlon begins in Ennis, and racers start by biking the 14 miles between Ennis and Virginia City. Then, they'll hop off their bicycles and start running an additional seven miles. At least there's food at the end!

The second leg of the trifecta is that infamous Madison Marathon, on July 21.

Runners come from all over the country just for this race, dubbed by many both the most beautiful they've ever run and the most challenging (but, those are subjective). If you can survive 26.2 miles at the oxygen deficit that comes with 9,000 feet above sea level, you can celebrate making it through two thirds of the trifecta.

The last bit doesn't get much easier, though.

The Madison Triathlon takes place on August 4 this year and is the penultimate race of the series

Adventure series offers athletes chance to make history

just a day before the Tour de Gravelly. One of the few Olympic distance triathlons in Montana, it begins with a 1,200-yard swim in Ennis Lake, transitions to a 23-mile bike along Highway 287 and finishes with a 6-mile run from Harrison into Pony.

Duathlon, marathon, triathlon. If you can do all three, you become a TBA – total badass.

So far, there's only 24 people who can claim that title.

One of those is Lynda Andros-Clay, who has not only claimed a TBA title three times before but in 2018 will also attempt to perform the biggest sweep of all: all six of the GYAS races.

Andros-Clay lives in Bozeman but became a member of the GYAS community as soon as she ran her first of the series' races. She jumped right in for the trifecta and loved the way her fellow athletes immediately welcomed her.

"From the first time I did it, they were so nice and inviting," she says. "It was like 'come join our family.'"

All the people who attempt the trifecta (or the full sweep) have the same mentality: It's not necessarily about how fast you can go, just that you go.

"Just the challenge of it is wonderful," says Andros-Clay. "You don't have to be disciplined in all the events. You just have to put your mind to it, be motivated and you'll be able to do it."

The Madison Marathon is her favorite of the six GYAS races, but it's the camaraderie that keeps her

coming back for more.

This year, there are four new aspiring TBAs attempting to gain the title for the first time. And maybe, just maybe, one very uncertain Madisonian reporter will join. (What have I gotten myself into?)

YESPI

There's one other thing that Korsmo has created because he wanted to take advantage of something nobody else had. This time, that was Yellowstone National Park.

For a decade, Korsmo was the executive director of Madison County's economic development board. For six of those years, he held the same position in West Yellowstone.

"They were trying to diversify their economy and move away from being totally dependent on tourism," he says. "Education was a natural choice, because Yellowstone is such a great laboratory, such a great classroom."

So, the Yellowstone English and Environmental Studies Program International (YESPI) was born. YESPI purchased a building that could host as many as 40 students and researchers at a time, and Korsmo began developing programs for college-aspiring high school students to come to the park and conduct research projects.

He got the program accredited by the Montana University System through Montana Tech in Butte and started using YESPI to allow students the same thing the GYAS allows runners: a chance to

set themselves apart.

"Yellowstone can offer a laboratory for students, and it's the same idea," Korsmo says. "What do you have that no one else has? Education-wise, that's a research project in Yellowstone. That's how you distinguish yourself."

Korsmo hopes students can take the research they conduct and the things they learn to create sustainable businesses modeled off those that surround Yellowstone. As the world's first national park, the protections around Yellowstone mean that from the start, those businesses have had to be conscious of how they conduct themselves. With a master's in international studies from the University of Washington, Korsmo hopes to expand YESPI's reach (and maybe the GYAS race series too) to an international scope. YESPI's students can take local examples like Butte's Berkeley Pit and the successful removal of the Milltown Dam on the Clark Fork River near Missoula and apply the lessons learned there to problems in other places.

"Ultimately, if you have something no one else has, leverage that as much as you can," says Korsmo. "Because that's what makes something potentially successful." Whether that's a marathon at 9,000 feet above sea level or a research project in Yellowstone on a college application, being the only one of your kind really does have its perks.

TOURS from A1: Tourism brings big bucks into Madison County, MHC says

• Retail trade, with 725 employees, resulted in the largest amount of economic activity: \$59 million, in 2012.

• Healthcare, in several categories combined, with 282 employees, came in second, at almost \$24 million.

• Accommodations and food, with 220 employees, were the third largest producers, at nearly \$16 million.

• The professions (lawyer, architect, etc.), with 60 employees, was fourth, generating \$5.5 million.

• Administrative support, waste collection and remediation (how they grouped these together is a mystery), with 94 employees, generated \$4.7 million.

• "Others," with 130 employees ranked sixth, at \$3.4 million.

• Agriculture, forestry and hunting and fishing generated \$2.8 million, with 69 different entities producing agricultural products or hunting and fishing in Madison County, for seventh place.

• Manufacturing, with 69 employees, came in eighth, with \$591,000.

• Art, entertainment and recreation, with just six employees, came in ninth with \$350,000 generated in 2012.

Mining's economic impact in Madison County is not revealed in the Census surveys to keep proprietary information about the companies who do it hush-hush.

Another figure to consider is this one: According to Barb Wagner of the state's Department of Labor, total personal income for Madison County residents in 2016, was \$386.2 million. Personal income, Wagner pointed out, is not a direct comparison to the "economic activity" generated by input models, but it is the most closely related concept available at the local level.

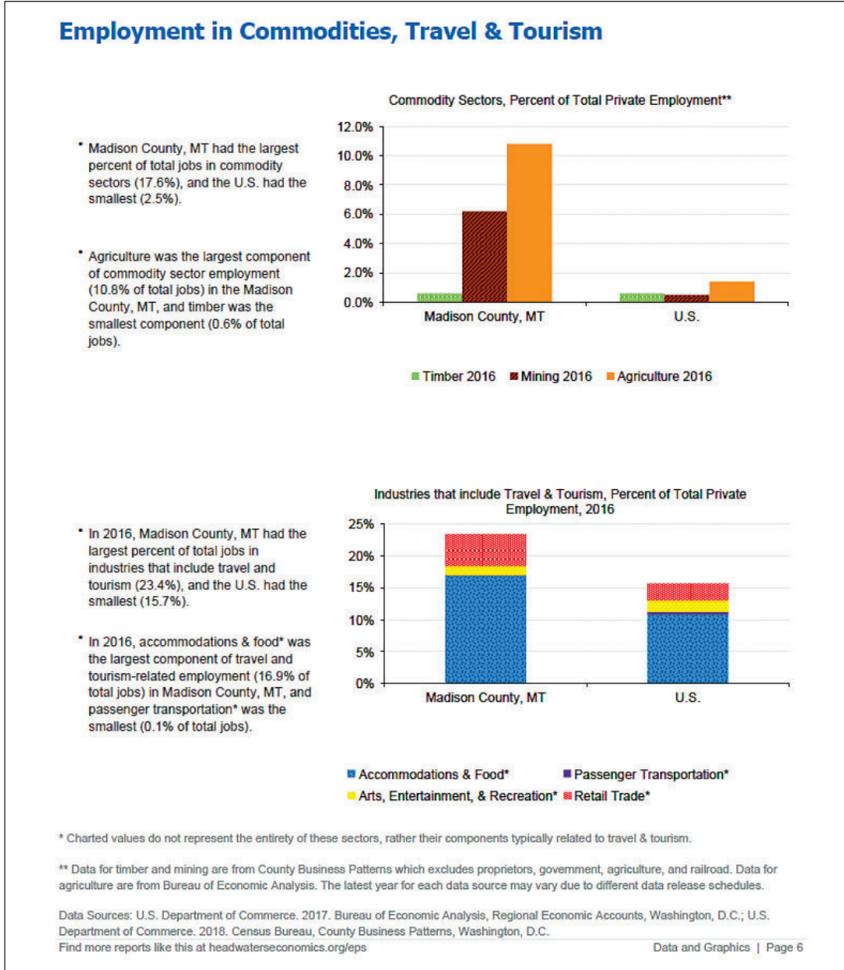
Ken Fichtler, Chief Business Development Officer in Governor Steve Bullock's Office of Economic Development also pointed to the personal income figure of \$386.2 million in Madison County. He also noted that median household income was \$47,617, a bit lower than median state income at \$48,380, and a big drop from the same U.S. household median income of \$55,322.

Figures don't add up?

If MHC tourism is generating some \$74 million per year, and if \$45 million that stays in the county, how do these figures jive with what everyone "knows" about Madison County, that agriculture is its biggest industry?

Emilie Ritter Saunders, Communications Director for the Montana Department of Commerce, is in charge of communicating all things tourism with the state.

Saunders said the Department of Commerce can't verify



the data in the MHC report.

"Circle Analytics (Gilmore's company) prepared the report," she said. "It's his report, his data, we can't verify it."

Gilmore says the multiplier whammies that were applied to MHC's raw tourism spending numbers have not been applied to U.S. Census report numbers, so the numbers are not comparing apples to apples.

"Ag is the biggest commodity industry in Madison County," Gilmore said, "but it's not the county's biggest industry, counting tourism."

Gilmore points to a June 28, 2018 Economic Profile System summary report on Madison County from Headwaters Economics, an independent, non-profit Bozeman research group focused on community development and land management report as proof.

This report shows how employment in commodity sectors – agriculture, timber, mining – represents just a small amount of employment and economic impact in Madison County: Timber operation employment represents just .62 percent of all jobs; non-fossil fuel mining operations, 4.8 percent of all county jobs; and agriculture, almost 11 percent of all county jobs. Together, these three commodities hold just 17.6 percent of all county jobs.

By comparison, travel and tourism represented 23 percent

'Social accounting'

Social Accounting is a technique for measuring economic impacts developed by the Minnesota Implan Group (MIG). It provides a framework for the "predictive Multiplier Model" used in economic impact studies.

Purchases drive the model, and three types of effects are measured with a multiplier:

- The direct effect is the known or predicted change in the local economy that is to be studied. Say DEMCO, Inc. closes. If DEMCO lays-off 39 employees, the manufacturing industry loses 39 employees, and the company no longer has a demand for locally-produced materials needed to produce their product. This affects their suppliers, perhaps trickling down as more job losses.

- The indirect effect is the business-to-business transactions required to satisfy the direct effect. Those laid-off DEMCO employees and DEMCO suppliers may reduce their expenditures in restaurants and shops, changes that affect related industries.

- The induced effect is derived from local spending on goods and services by people working to satisfy the direct and indirect effects. A former DEMCO employee's household income falls.

- Frequency is also considered, whether the event provides a one-time benefit or if the benefit is annually recurring.

Impacts then are the total changes to the original economy as the result of a defined event (Direct effects + Indirect effects + Induced effects = Impacts).

of all jobs in the county – some of what generated that \$386 million in personal income in Madison County.

Under the travel and tourism classification, accommodations and food was the largest element, accounting for almost 17 percent of all county jobs; retail tourism followed; then arts and entertainment; then transportation for tourists.

Even with these numbers,

Gilmore said that agriculture may have a potentially bigger impact overall on the county than tourism, with multipliers of 80 – 90 percent influencing it, when the economics it generates get analyzed and spread out among satellite industries.

But we'll all have to wait until such an analysis is done on this to find out if that is so.

Health Care Association brings Medicaid suit against state

Lower rates likely to impact nursing, assisted living services

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HELENA - A new lawsuit against the state of Montana and the Department of Health and Human Services is being brought by the Montana Health Care Association (MHCA), a non-profit that works with the state's long-term care facilities, along with a group of its over 100 members.

The lawsuit is in response to newly adopted Medicaid reimbursement rates, which cut reimbursements for providers by 2.99 percent. The Department of Health and Human Services initially proposed cuts of 3.47 percent in order to stay in line with statewide budget cuts, but a swift oppositional response from providers resulted in the smaller reimbursement cut. But according to the MHCA, the 2.99 percent cut is still unacceptable.

"The department violated the law when it adopted rules cutting reimbursement rates for Medicaid services in Montana," said Rose Hughes, executive director of the MHCA, based in Helena. "The public is guaranteed a constitutional right to meaningfully participate in these kinds of decisions, but the department never gave us that chance. These rate cuts hurt Medicaid recipients and care providers alike, and the stakes are too high for these kinds of decisions to be made without the public's involvement."

The lawsuit brought by the MHCA and its members seeks to keep the state from applying those lower rates and asks for the difference between those rates and the current ones to be reimbursed to the facilities that provide services to Medicaid patients. As it stands, the cost of services to those pa-

tients is over \$200 per patient, per day, and the new cuts would mean reimbursements of around \$180 per patient, per day.

The department extended the new rates through the 2019 fiscal year. The lawsuit maintains that if proper public comment and review procedures had been followed, the MHCA could have proven that such an extension was unnecessary, as were the cuts themselves. It claims that not showing how the specific reductions were necessary is in violation of the Montana Administrative Procedure Act.

Certain facilities have already had to turn Medicaid patients away due to the new cuts. One such facility is Sheridan's Home Park Assisted Living. Home Park administrator Jason George says that even if the facility had empty rooms, the new cuts would make it difficult for them to admit new patients.

"If we could afford to take everyone, we would," says George. "Depending on the number of residents we have on the Medicaid program, we might not even break even with the reimbursement rates the way they were. We have to limit the number of residents on Medicaid just because we can't afford to do that."

George says that when the reimbursement rate gets cut, it often means facilities have to let staff go. That means it becomes more difficult to care for the residents already there and makes the acceptance of new residents almost out of the question. People need care, but the new cuts mean that it's harder for facilities to provide it. Say a quarter of a facility's patients are on Medicaid (a not unheard-of proportion): When the reimbursement for 25 percent of that facility's patients gets cut, it often means staff have to be released in order to pick up the slack.

"There are over 200 assisted living facilities in Montana, and less than half of them even accept the Medicaid waiver program because the reimbursement is so low to begin with," he says. "It's a very unfortunate thing. Those cuts really affect everyone in the facility."

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interpreters and spends her weekends in full, period-accurate dress, keeping Montana's old-west history alive for visitors to the Madison Valley.

"People are pretty dedicated, not only to the program, but to Virginia City and Nevada City themselves," says Stredwick. "By doing this, you're preserving the history for kids of the romantic notion of the American West."

The interpreters and actors of the living history program are all volunteers, and many have been coming to Nevada City for years every summer to participate. The museum has volunteers from three of Montana's four corners, as well as aides that come from Idaho and Utah just to donate their time and effort. This weekend's Nevada City schoolmistress, Sadie Cathey, just graduated from Bozeman High School but has been coming to Nevada City as an interpreter since she was eight years old. She'll attend Montana State University in the fall to study history, but has every intention of continuing to return to Nevada City during the summer.

"When I was younger, I remember taking etiquette classes here," says Cathey, who has risen through the ranks as a volunteer, beginning as a child actor. "And this morning I just taught my first group of kids." They practiced the alphabet before getting dismissed to join some of the other volunteers for Mrs. V's "light lunch" in the museum's dining house.

Like everything in Nevada City, lunch is prepared just as it would have been in 1865. That means an 1865 stove, serving dishes and authentic, researched and practiced beverage recipes, like this week's strawberry acid tonic, a kid-friendly beverage unlike any soda you've ever tried.

Don't underestimate Mrs. V: her light lunch this week consisted of roast ham, glazed

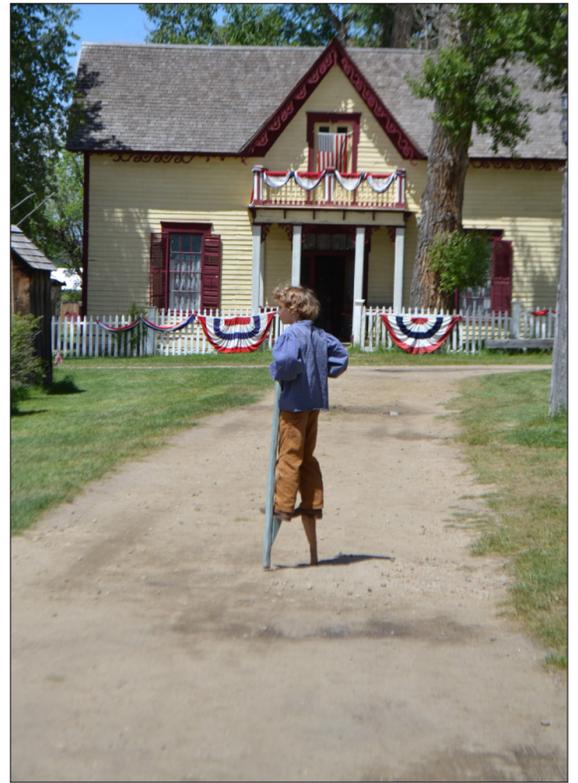
Living history kicks off summer, Fourth of July events

carrots, mashed potatoes and gravy, sliced peaches, salad, pickles and homemade gingerbread for dessert (with whipped cream whipped the old-fashioned way—in jars with the help of some energetic kiddos). But watch out: Mrs. V's only caters to miners, so make sure you have some gold dust on hand to pay for her delicious cooking.

Summer Celebration weekend included extra interpretive programs and some signature Fourth of July-style activities: a pie-eating contest for volunteers and visitors alike, plus three-legged races, egg tosses and keepsake-making opportunities à la 1865—courtesy of Nevada City's weavers, seamstresses and shoemakers.

The living history museum's summer celebration continues this weekend, July 7-8, with their children's weekend.

The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; weekend admission is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children and seniors.



Above: An interpretive volunteer demonstrates walking on old-fashioned stilts during the Nevada City Museum's Summer Celebration weekend. Below: Criterion Saloon and Gambling Hall is where you can meet some unique characters, sip sarsaparilla or take a spin on the wheel of fortune.



Volunteer Spotlight

James Dalton

Nevada City Museum



When James Dalton first visited Nevada City's living history program, it was evening. In the dark, he could see the blacksmith in his shop, his metalwork glowing in the dark building, visible through the museum's grassy courtyard. He knew immediately this was a program he needed to get involved in.

Dalton is a history teacher in Idaho Falls, Idaho, but for two weeks every month for the past nine years, he's been Sheriff Dalton at the Nevada City Museum. He (along with his horses, Gus and Kira) drive up from Idaho Falls twice a month, just to volunteer and keep Nevada City's history alive for summer visitors.

"I call it experimental archaeology," says Dalton. "We experience how things were firsthand. I'm 1865 from head to foot."

And he is. During his time at the museum, Dalton sleeps in the sheriff's office, which is an artifact in itself. He has a working 1860's-era wood stove to heat the place, and a period-accurate cot that he sleeps on, topped with a quilt his great-grandmother made. All for little payment aside from an occasional free lunch. But for Dalton, it's more than worth it.

"It allows us to learn so much about the way things were," he says. "It was something I just knew I had to be a part of."



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Josh is the guy holding the trout.



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OPINION

Editor:

Do you as citizens value how your legislator votes to spend your tax dollar?

If so, you might call your three GOP House and Senate District representatives and ask why their party is requesting a vote to hold a special legislative session which will cost thousands of your tax dollars. Continue asking why the GOP is conducting a request that interferes with an absolute right of citizens to conduct (through great citizen effort) ballot issues, a right that has been in place since 1906.

The Republicans apparently want to interfere with two initiatives, I-185, which would assure Medicaid continuance through a small tobacco tax, and I-186, which concurs with the Montana constitution, Art. IX, Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4 which assure Montanans a clean and healthful environment; I-186 asks for responsible mining cleanup legislation, and that is all: CLEANUP.

These are the same Republicans that so overestimated the 2017-2018 revenue that drastic cuts had to be made to every department and the needs of Montana citizens. These same majority party members also rejected any TEMPORARY tax revenues that would have helped balance the budget, namely tobacco tax and a fair and equitable small tax on those making over \$500,000 a year.

The interference with citizen's initiatives is unprecedented, and of all the goofy things, the issues have YET to be voted on this fall! Nevertheless, the GOP continues an assault on Montana citizens' rights. If the ruling Republicans had fairly exercised their responsibility of working with the minority party and the Governor at the last session, to present an honest financial situation, these initiatives would probably have not been thought necessary. Now that Montanans are doing what the legislature should have done, the GOP (repeat the majority ruling GOP) should NOT vote for an expensive and unnecessary special session. Please contact your legislator and urge a no vote.

Pat Bradley, Twin Bridges

Editor:

To those skeptics who just can't bring themselves to believe in a person with the integrity, drive and honesty that is Mr. Jon Tester, read on....

What are the Republicans afraid of?

The week or so before Father's Day it was announced on the news from The Montana Broadcasters Association, on NPR that Senator Jon Tester and Matt Rosendale would be meeting for a debate in Whitefish, Mt, on Father's Day.

Within a few days of the announcement came a statement from the Rosendale campaign that Mr. Rosendale would not be attending because the debate was going to conflict with Father's Day.

Rosendale's campaign claimed that Matt was not aware of the date. Well, that is interesting because if Matt Rosendale was not aware of the date, how did he know which date to cancel? He knew because he then decided that he had a conflict.

NBC Fox reported that Rosendale had planned to attend and wanted a 3rd party candi-

date to attend. So why did he cancel?

Chris Mars reported that Rosendale just bailed at the last minute.

But, true to form, our Senator Jon Tester showed up at the venue in Whitefish and had a town hall meeting. He showed up! And he spoke to the people about the issues which concern them. Jon Tester is there when he says he will be there. It doesn't get any better than that. Even if you don't agree with Tester, he showed up to keep the conversations going. And he listens.

NPR noted that two Montana TV stations had announced that Rosendale's campaign was hoping to meet with John Tester for five debates before the November election. Well Mr. Rosendale, you better check your calendar and gird your loins.

Linda Hollifield
Dillon

Editor:

Summer is upon us and traffic is indicating what most already know—it's going to be another great tourism season in northwest Montana. Recent headlines show that many cities are trying to mitigate the crush and diversify their venues so that it doesn't happen all at once.

The recent audit of the Department of Commerce shows that bed tax collections have continued to climb in the state. What it doesn't show, however, is that about half of the collections are from Montanans.

The audit revealed several 'director grants' that have been distributed to entities in Montana without legislative oversight. When asked about the transparency used by the department to give out these grants we learned that there was no competition nor information given to stakeholders to apply for the money. Whoever was in good standing with the director and people in the office got the grants. Is this what we expect for using bed tax money collected by hardworking inn keepers?

Rep. Randy Brodeur, former chair of Audit, asked if the half million dollars given to Fish, Wildlife & Parks was an end run around the appropriations process. We found it was being used for state parks to become more 'bike friendly'. Huh? Can't they pick a site just like you and me?

This half million dollar transfer was twice as much as my bill request for a trade office in Calgary to benefit all sectors of the state, yet there was not a hue nor cry from anyone?

Land trusts received \$42,500 while Uptown Butte got another \$30,000. Adventure Cycling received \$50,000 and festivals/institutes/events got \$51,500. Why wasn't the entire \$684,000 under scrutiny from elected officials or vetted through one of the interim committees? Most disturbing, other than the lack of transparency, was the lack of competitive bidding in the process.

There were also times when the agreements didn't include any specific requirements....i.e. 'Here's the money, go spend it as you want, we promise not to check.' Several expenditures weren't even documented. Oh, my. Guess it pays to know the right people in

the Department of Commerce when they are giving away bed tax money.

Growing bed tax collections show that these should be reaching a more diverse audience than people 'who know people' at this state agency. Unelected government workers need some oversight from the elected officials in the legislature.

I hope that the 2019 session will rein in some of this department gifting and direct the bed taxes to a broader audience. The Legislative Audit Committee is continuing to use the magnifier on how these bed tax dollars are used by prioritizing a future performance audit. We will all be interested in the findings now that this can of worms has been exposed to the sunlight.

Everyone should benefit from the growing bed tax collections paid by all of us as we enjoy the amenities of Montana. It's time for transparency so everyone is on equal footing when applying for 'free' money.

The Legislative Audit Committee is meeting this week in Helena to review other audits of state agencies.

Dee Brown, SD2, Hungry Horse

Editor:

Anyone familiar with rural communities knows that locally-owned businesses are the jewels that make them vibrant. However, in many rural communities, entrepreneurs can struggle to establish new businesses. Often, needed resources and training in business planning are unavailable to aspiring, rural business owners.

A farm bill program, the Rural Micro-entrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP), helps small business owners bridge those gaps. RMAP awards grants to community organizations, who in turn offer rural entrepreneurs crucial support ranging from composing business plans to accessing loan capital.

Although RMAP represents a small piece of the farm bill, it impacts rural communities in a huge way. Unfortunately, this program is on weak footing: if the current farm bill drafts are finalized, RMAP's funding will vanish. Renewing this funding is crucial for not only for rural entrepreneurs, but also for their local economies and the communities they serve.

Small business entrepreneurship is a vital economic development strategy for many rural communities. Locally-owned and owner-operated small businesses are particularly important as large employers in rural areas diminish and take their employment opportunities with them.

Facilitating the development of small businesses puts the economic future of rural communities in the hands of its own members — people committed to its future.

The unique approach of RMAP provides important tools to entrepreneurs and offers an important economic development strategy for rural communities — a big bang for the taxpayer's buck. We urge legislators in the Senate and the House to include funding for this proven program in the renewal of the farm bill.

Anna Johnson, Center for Rural Affairs

OBITUARIES

Shanna Robison

May 22, 2018

On May 22, 2018 the Lord took Shanna's hand and walked her home. Shanna was born in Sheridan on March 7, 1978 to Vern Robison of McAllister and Yvonne Conko of St. Ignatius.

Shanna loved everything outdoors, she hunted, fished, camped and floated the river. At the age of 6 she rode her horse Sky moving cows from the Robison Ranch, in McAllister, to summer pasture near the Idaho border. She participated in the Ennis Rodeo many times. When her mom moved to St. Ignatius, she was fascinated by pow wow, so as a young child she wanted to learn how to intertribal dance as she and her sister called it. Their mother Yvonne Millie Conko-Camel helped them out so they forever called her "intertribal" when they saw her. Even when there were contests, they would

jump out there and dance and we would have to get them off the floor, they had so much fun.

When she was in 4th grade she was named by her class as the "Hopscotch Queen". From 7th grade thru high school Shanna excelled not only academically but in sports playing basketball, volleyball and softball. Shanna was recruited on a basketball scholarship to Northern Idaho College in Coeur D' Alene, Idaho. Shanna moved and continued her sports career playing in the softball league in Missoula where she lived for more than 15 years. She moved home she lived with her mother. Her smile always lit up the room, she was the most kind-hearted person and loved her nieces and nephews, they were her world.

Shanna is survived by her father Vern (Cheryl) Robison, moth-

er Yvonne Conko, sister Teri Burke (Brandon), and brother Austin (Antoinette) McDonald and adopted brother Cyrus Antoine and her God Sister Marisa Torosian. Her nieces Kayden B, Kensey B and Jamie McD and nephew Connor B., her paternal grandmother Kate Robison and by her Special friend/sister Kristen Rohlfleisch-Stevens. She also left behind her dog Charlie, who gave her unconditional love.

Shanna is preceded in death by her brother Clint, Yvonne Jeanette Torosian. Her paternal grandfather Max Robison, Sr., her aunt Jennie Robison and her nephew Will Robison.

Shanna was laid to rest next to her brother Clint in the St. Ignatius Catholic Cemetery.

Thank you extended family for all your love and support, -- Torosian's, Conko's, Camel's, Robison's

Her Pallbearers were Gar Torosian, Tory Torosian, Lee Robison, Brandon Burke, Connor Burke, Charles Robison, Les Rice,



Shanna Robison

Peter Rohlfleisch, Shelly Philpott, Kim Samuels, Arnold Torosian, Mission Basketball 92 -96 & her fellow softball players

A Rosary was held Wednesday May 23 at the St. Ignatius Community Center. Mass was celebrated Thursday, May 24 at the St. Ignatius Catholic Church.

Patrick J. Darby
Memorial Service

Graveside Memorial Services for Patrick J. Darby will be held at the Sheridan Cemetery at 11:15 on July 7th.

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Student data shows Madison County schools in good shape

MADISON COUNTY—The Annie E. Casey Foundation released its KIDS COUNT Data Book for 2018 on Wednesday, June 27. The data book breaks down national numbers and ranks all 50 states as well as Puerto Rico on a variety of criteria to result in rankings for four categories: economic well-being, education, health and family and community well-being.

In the education category, local schools far outperformed the statewide numbers. Sheridan, Twin Bridges and Ennis districts all had proficiency rates considerably higher than Montana's overall rankings, in a year when the state dropped three spots from last year in the nation's overall education ranking, from 17th to 20th.

The Casey Foundation was established in 1948 in Baltimore and is a private philanthropy that uses research to evaluate the status of children in the United States and identify problem areas across those four categories. The foundation then makes grants to help agencies and cities create responses to problems like poverty, poor access to health insurance and good education and lower access to employment opportunities for parents. Montana was ranked 23rd overall in the data book, which is a three-spot jump from where it ranked in 2017. Montana's highest rating of the four major categories came in the family and community sector, where it was ranked 10th in the nation.

Education

The area of education is the one in which the Madison Valley outperforms the state average most considerably. Montana ranked 20th among the states for education well-being; the criteria for that ranking was based off elementary school students' proficiency in reading and language, middle school students' proficiency in math, and overall graduation rates.

Smaller student body numbers in the schools of the Madison and Ruby valleys means that student accountability is much higher, and that its harder for students to fall through the cracks. It should come as little surprise, then, that on-time graduation rates, which statewide are around 84 percent, are closer to 90 percent in Ennis School District and 96 percent in Twin Bridges. Those rates fall nearly 10 percent higher than larger schools in the state, such as Bozeman High School (85 percent) and Missoula's Big Sky High School (83 percent).

Student proficiency in the Madison school districts is where the most marked differences fall between the state of Montana's averages and local numbers. The KIDS COUNT data book looks specifically at fourth-grade proficiency in reading and eighth-grade proficiency in math. Those numbers for the state are 62 percent and 63 percent, respectively, meaning that only 38 percent and 37 percent of those students are performing at or above a proficient level in those subjects.

The local rates of proficiency are much more encouraging. Fourth graders in Ennis, Sheridan and Twin Bridges districts have under-proficiency levels of 42 percent, 48 percent and 29 percent, respectively. On the eighth-grade math scale, Ennis is split 50/50 in terms of proficient students, Sheridan has a 44 percent under-proficiency rate, and Twin Bridges just over half.

These higher rates of proficiency aren't surprising at all, says Ennis superintendent Casey Klasna. He says the communities in the Madison Valley and the faculty in the area mean that student success is always the number one goal. That's just another embodiment of why Montana ranked so high on the family and community spectrum of the KIDS COUNT data collection.

"Our kids get more opportunities than most schools due to community support for our schools," Klasna says. "Our levies pass fairly easily, which brings in revenue to fund programs for kids and teachers." He also credits community organizations like the Lions' Club and Womens' Club for their donations of time, money and support of students, and credits the desirability of the Madison Valley as a home as a draw for excellent teachers, most of whom have master's degrees in education or teaching.

"Our faculty is strong and goes above and beyond for our kids," Klasna says. "They are classified, certified and dedicated, and are always seeking additional development opportunities."

Family and Community

Statewide, many of the criteria have shown at least small improvements over the last year, most significantly in the category of family and community. In two of the key measurements in that category, Montana is one of the top two states in the entire country.

Compared to last year's numbers, the number of Montana children living in single-parent families has fallen by about 5,000, from 28 percent of children to 25 percent. This measure is second only to Utah, where the same rate is only 19 percent. Nationally, around 35 percent of children live in single-parent households.

The number of children in families where the head of household doesn't have a high school diploma also fell considerably, from 9 percent to 5 percent. Montana was tied for the top spot in that category, with the same rate as Wyoming, New Hampshire and Maine.

Health

By far Montana's lowest ranking came in the health category, where it claimed the 46th spot. It's one higher than 2017's ranking, but two of the metrics the Casey Foundation uses to measure health well-being of children hurt the state's rankings.

In 2017, the foundation reported, Montana had the nation's highest child and teenage death rate, at 103 in 100,000. The majority of those deaths occur as a result of unintentional injuries, most of those involving car crashes. The second cause of those unintentional deaths was drowning. Montana climbed slightly from the bottom this year, moving up to 47th, the rate of childhood death falling from 103 in 100,000 to 96.

Each state has its own KIDS COUNT representative facility in addition to the national body, and Montana's is located at the University of Montana in Missoula. The state bodies publish more exact state-specific data, and Montana's state data shows that while it still fares poorly among the states in terms of childhood deaths, it is also seeing a steady downward trend. Total deaths of children under 18 years old has dropped nearly 40 percent since 2000, and car crashes with drivers under 18 have dropped nearly 70 percent.

But, another metric that hurt Montana's childhood health rating this year is a known problem in the state: the number of children and teenagers abusing drugs and alcohol. While the state's 6 percent measurement in this category didn't change from 2017 to 2018, much of the nation did, leaving Montana behind.

The full KIDS COUNT Data Book can be accessed online via the Annie E. Casey Foundation's website. The Montana state data book, which published county-specific data on everything from birth rates to youth court statistics, can be found at montanakidscount.org.

School News

Jenkins Receives Ruth Haak Memorial Scholarship

ENNIS - The Ruth Haak Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Ennis High School senior Josie Jenkins on May 10.

The award will support Josie while she attends the University of Montana Western starting this fall to earn a degree in elementary education. Jenkins has been involved in Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America and has received medals at the state level and a gold medal at the National level. She has also been involved in Big Brothers/Big Sisters Sidekick program and mentored elementary students. While at Ennis High School, Josie was Co-Valedictorian, on the Honor Roll for four years, the National Honor Society, played volleyball, basketball, track and field, and cross-country. She participated in Academic Olympics and starred in drama productions. Jenkins also

found time for community service, and summer work.

The Ruth Haak Memorial Scholarship honors a long-time member of the Madison Valley and West Yellowstone communities. Ruth, a former teacher, had a love of the outdoors, a strong desire to help others and a commitment to community service. She was a co-founder of the Women of the Wilderness (WOW) hiking group and a member of many organizations including the Madison Valley Historical Association, Madison River Foundation, the Madison Valley Ranchlands Group, Madison Valley Medical Center and United Women of West Yellowstone.

The \$1,000 scholarship is a continuing award. If you are interested in contributing to this scholarship fund, contact the school.



Nicolas Raul Luciani

Luciani graduates, receives awards

PENSACOLA, FLA - Nicolas Raul Luciani, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raul Luciani, of McAllister, earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Pensacola Christian College on Friday, May 11. As a result of earning a semester grade point average of 3.9 or higher, Luciani was named to the President's List. Because of high academic achievements, he graduated summa cum laude with honors. Luciani was also selected for Who's Who among PCC students based on scholastic ability, spiritual character, leadership and responsibility. Finally, each year one student is selected among PCC graduates for their academic achievement and high standards to the nursing profession, and is recognized with a permanent plaque on campus. Luciani was selected to receive this award for Nursing Excellence.

Twin Bridges teacher joins Youth Entrepreneurs Initiative

HELENA - Jody Sandru, of Twin Bridges High School, will be participating in the Youth Entrepreneurs (YE) program in Montana this summer. YE is a national program that ignites a passion for business education and entrepreneurship and provides the practical experience necessary to apply it to real-life situations.

While school is out for most teachers, this group of dedicated individuals will begin an effort that could bring significant opportunity to Montana over the next years. Private philanthropy, including a significant gift from Michael Goguen, will enable these teachers to travel and participate in the national training for YE.

In partnership with the Mon-

tana Chamber Foundation and One Montana, YE is part of Envision 2026, the Chamber's 10-year strategic plan. Initiatives under that plan include entrepreneurship and innovation.

"We are beyond excited to be part of a broad collaboration with OPI, private philanthropy and organizations like the Chamber Foundation who understand the imperative of engaging our young people in entrepreneurship as an approach to problem solving," YE Director Liz Marchi said. "I am grateful for the partnerships and support of so many people and organizations in getting to this point."

Learn more about YE at www.youthentrepreneurs.org.



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Madison County DISPATCH

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June 24 - Disturbance in 100 Blk W. Main St., Ennis; Alarm Call in 200 Blk N. Sun West Rd., Cameron; Citizen Assist in 200 Blk Nye Rd., Twin Bridges; Suspicious Circumstances in Alder Gulch area, Virginia City; Accident on US Hwy 287, MM 20, Cameron.

June 25 - Medical Aid in 100 Blk Nevada St., Virginia City; Disturbance in 200 Blk E. Hugel St., Ennis; Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 7, Ennis.

June 26 - Accident on US Hwy 287, MM 22, Cameron; Burglary on MT Hwy 41 N, MM 54, Silver Star; Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 287 & Pennington Rd., Twin Bridges; Welfare Check on Wisconsin Creek Rd., Sheridan; Traffic Complaint on N. Meadow Creek Rd., McAllister; Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 287, Ennis.

June 27 - Accident on US Hwy 287, Harrison; Suspicious Circumstances on N. Ennis Lake Rd., McAllister; Abandoned Vehicle on Wisconsin Creek Rd., Sheridan; Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk S. Main St., Twin Bridges; Disturbance on Ruby Creek Rd., Cameron; Medical Aid in 100 Blk Tobe Rd., Ennis; Suspicious Circumstances in 5500 Blk US Hwy 287 N, McAllister.

June 28 - Trespass Complaint on Hook & Horn Rd., Cameron; Traffic Complaint in 300 Blk S Jackson St., Virginia City; Traffic Com-

plaint on US Hwy 287, MM 5, Cameron; Dog Complaint on MT Hwy 87, MM 8, Cameron; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 60, McAllister; Accident on MT Hwy 287, MM 5, Ennis.

June 29 - Fire Call on US Hwy 287, MM 9, Cameron; Coroner Call in Whitehall Accident in 300 Blk S. Main St., Sheridan; Suspicious Circumstances on Ennis Lake Rd., McAllister; Traffic Complaint in 300 Blk S. Main St., Twin Bridges; Medical Aid in 800 Blk Bauer Ln., Ennis; Abandoned Vehicle on MT Hwy 41 S, MM 17, Twin Bridges; Road Hazard on MT Hwy 287, MM 3, Ennis; Animal Complaint in 200 Blk E. Crofoot St., Sheridan; Suspicious Circumstances in 5300 Blk MT Hwy 41, Silver Star.

June 30 - Disturbance on Mule Deer Rd., Ennis; Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk N. Idaho St., Virginia City; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 13, Cameron; Disturbance on US Hwy 287, MM 51, Ennis; Animal Complaint in 1600 Blk MT Hwy 287, Nevada City; Medical Aid on Barn Owl Ln., McAllister; Welfare Check on Sunrise Loop, Ennis; Medical Aid in 700 Blk S. Second St., Ennis; Trespass Complaint on W. Brown Dr., Cameron; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287 N, MM 50, Ennis; Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 84, MM 9, Norris; Fire Call on Rainbow Point Rd., McAllister.

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Madison Valley Arts Festival Raffle

ENNIS - The Ennis Arts Association will hold the 23rd Annual Madison Valley Arts Festival Saturday, August 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in beautiful Peter T.'s Park on Main Street in Ennis.

In addition to the 48 juried artist booths, there will be live entertainment, delicious food, and face painting.

This annual festival, sponsored by the arts association, will also include a raffle of special donated art pieces. Ticket holders will have the opportunity to win a copper sculpture by Trudi Gilliam, framed photographic print by Gerry Mooney, pottery sculpture by Sue Kinn-Brown, framed fish print by Harvey Eckert, or a beaded bracelet and earring set by Linda Maydak.

Tickets can be purchased now from EAA members, at Right Angles Framing and Gallery, the Ennis Chamber of Commerce office and at the festival.

The generous use of Peter T.'s park is courtesy of the First Madison Valley Bank of Ennis.



Items to be raffled by Ennis Arts Association

All proceeds from the festival will aid the Ennis Arts Association in local promotion of the arts. For more information regarding the festival, visit www.ennisarts.org.

Two locals to join Leadership Montana's Class of 2019

BOZEMAN – Two local people were among the 44 leaders from community, business, education, healthcare, nonprofit and government chosen to participate in Leadership Montana's Class of 2019, the 15th class of the prestigious program.

Sunni Heikes-Knapton, of the Madison Conservation District from Ennis and Haylee Folkvord, of Sacajawea Hotel in Three Forks were chosen to participate in the program.

Leadership Montana exists to develop leaders committed to building a better Montana through knowledge, collaboration, and civility.

The organization is a 501(c) 3 non-profit and is supported by the generous individuals, foundations and businesses across the state.

Leadership Montana presents an annual seven-session program of leadership development, education

and opportunities for networking and collaboration.

This year's class will begin in September at Big Sky for the orientation and retreat and conclude with a graduation ceremony in Billings in April of 2019. Other program sites this year will include Philipsburg, Butte, Hamilton, Missoula, Helena, White Sulphur Springs, Great Falls, and Glasgow.

"The participants of our incoming class truly represent the best of Montana," said President/CEO Chantel Schieffer. "We are excited to welcome class members from all corners of the state, representing both large and small Montana communities, as well as new and traditional industries that are vital to the Montana economy."

To date, there are nearly 600 graduates of the program representing over 60 communities across the state. Leadership Montana alumni

serve in key leadership positions in businesses, education, government, healthcare, non-profit organizations, and community boards.

Other regional participants include

Bozeman - Andi Baldwin – Profitable Ideas Exchange; Jay Fischer – Morrison Maierle; Julie Jackson – U.S. Bank; Carl Nystuen – DA Davidson & Co.; Penelope Pierce – Gallatin Valley Land Trust; Danielle Scharf – Sanderson Stewart; Clark Sherman – Saint James Episcopal Church; Andrea Surratt – City of Bozeman; Bridget Wilkinson – Bozeman Area Community Foundation

Butte - Courtney McKee – Headframe Spirits; Sheri Jarvis – Sheri Jarvis Art & Design

For further information about the program, visit our website at www.leadershipmontana.org, or contact our office at 406-577-2727.

Clarification

Some small errors in the June 21 issue need to be clarified:

- Janice Carmody was not a member of one of the Cardwell school's last graduating classes. Her mother was; the school closed in with 1930s and students then began attending the high school in Whitehall.
- The blacksmith's shop referred to in the piece was

moved from the Gilstrap Ranch in the South Boulder area, not from Boulder, Montana.

- The organization that donated \$12,000 to install a new piece of playground equipment at the Aubrey Brokise Playground in Twin Bridges was the Kiwanis Organization of Montana, not Twin Bridges Kiwanis.



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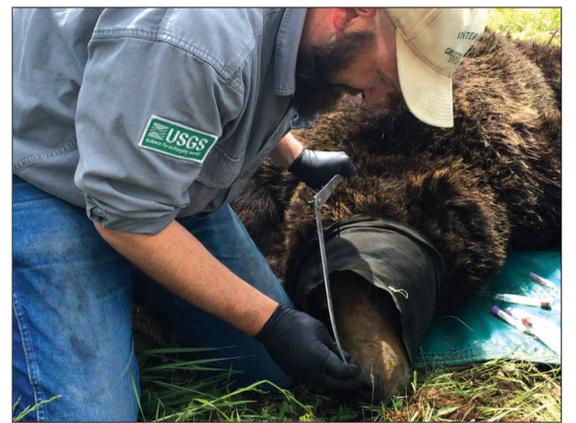
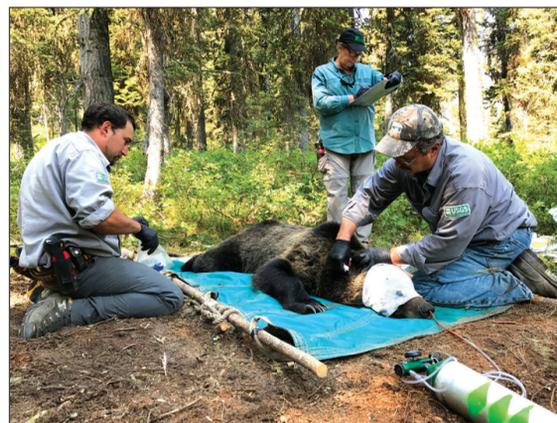
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Grizzly bear dead after eating pesticide near Great Falls

GREAT FALLS – A sub-adult grizzly bear in north-central Montana died Monday, June 11, after getting into insecticide in an open garage. The female bear was about 11 miles northwest of Carter, which is between Fort Benton and Great Falls. The female had been seen in previous days traveling with a sibling bear. The sibling is still believed to

be in the area. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks bear specialists are attempting to trap the second bear, which has been getting into pet food and grain spills south of the Teton River. The bear that died was about 143 pounds and died within hours of ingesting several different kinds of insecticide. The carcass will be taken to FWP's

wildlife health lab in Bozeman to confirm the cause of death. FWP has received several reports in recent weeks of grizzly bears out on the plains east of the Rocky Mountain Front. Bears in search of food can get into grain spills, garbage, pet food, bird seed and other attractants. FWP bear specialists recommend that people make sure any attractants are

put away or cleaned up to prevent bears from being drawn to homes. FWP also recommends safely scaring away bears that come near homes. For example, using a vehicle and loud noises to scare away bears from homes are good techniques that can keep people safe. However, the bears must be uninjured in the process because they are still a federally protected species.

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FWP co-authors award-winning paper on methods for mapping wildlife corridors

VIRGINIA CITY - A Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) biologist was a co-author of a report that won the Outstanding Paper Award in Landscape Ecology from the U.S. Regional Association of the International Association for Landscape Ecology.

The paper, titled "Connecting models to movements: Testing connectivity model predictions against empirical migration and dispersal data," was based on the research of Montana State University doctoral graduate Meredith McClure, who was the lead author of the paper.

Co-authors included Robert Inman, carnivore and furbearer coordinator for FWP, and Andrew Hansen, McClure's adviser and professor of ecology in MSU's College of Letters and Science.

"We are all honored that the research was recognized as significant," Inman said.

The paper compares two methods for mapping wildlife corridors using migratory elk patterns and wolverine dispersal patterns as case studies.

"The central goal of this paper was to examine how well two predictive models — circuit theory and least-cost path — are identifying the corridors used by animals," McClure told the MSU News Service. "We learned which type of movement each model is better at predicting, and that can help us choose the right tool for the job and map wildlife corridors more accurately."



According to the MSU News Service, the research showed that the circuit-theory models were more effective at predicting wolverine dispersal as wolverines mature and seek their own habitat away from their parents' territory. By contrast, McClure found that least-cost path models proved to be slightly more accurate at anticipating the annual migratory paths of elk.

"Landscape level connectivity is a major conservation challenge for the 21st century," Inman said. "Secretary Zinke's recent focus on migration routes is part of that, as is movement between patches of public lands for low-density species like wolverine. These are big picture, long-term, expensive conservation actions, and research like this will help make the best use of precious conservation dollars by zeroing in on the most important wildlife travel routes."

This information was used locally by Madison County to do some planning work.

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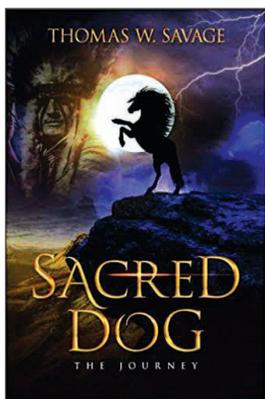
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"Sacred Dog" book reading

VIRGINIA CITY - On Thursday, July 26, at 7 p.m., the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center in Virginia City, will host author Thomas Savage, reading from his second published book, "Sacred Dog: The Journey".

The Lakota words sunka wakan mean horse; the literal English translation is sacred dog. This story is about the epic life of one such sacred dog whose fight for survival in the brutal high deserts of Nevada leads him on an unbelievable journey. Live the incredible experiences of Son of Banshee, as he leads his herd of wild mustangs through the unforgiving wilds of Nevada. At every turn, his life is a battle against not only the brutal land in which he and his herd lives, but a relentless struggle also to elude the capture of man. Though his life is one of constant strife, the stallion finds freedom in the darkness of

night. In his dream world, he is the warhorse of the great Sioux war chief, Talking Bear. Their passage creates a bond between them that is timeless. Admission is by donation and open to the public.



DISTRICT COURT ROUNDUP

The Madison County District Court held four hearings for three defendants on Monday, July 2:

- Joseph Dominic Shackleton was seen for his initial appearance and arraignment for a fourth or subsequent incident of DUI. If convicted, he would be required to be admitted into a correctional program for up to two years and could face a fine of up to \$10,000.
- Peter William Miller made an initial appearance, charged with strangulation of a friend or family member. Miller was arrested in April for attempting to strangle his partner in a private residence, and face a sentence of up to five years in jail and a fine of up to \$50,000.
- Carol Ann Feist made an initial appearance

for a second petition for revocation of a suspended prior sentence. Feist, found guilty in 2015 of deceptive practices for stealing, using a credit card not her own, one count of attempted theft of labor or services and issuing bad checks, received a 10-year sentence, which was suspended 60 days. She was later arrested for probation violation, which resulted in a petition to revoke her suspended sentence. In 2016, Feist was charged with tampering with evidence, presenting a fraudulent letter of recommendation to the court and perjury for lying under oath during a criminal proceeding. She was found guilty of evidence tampering and received a suspended five-year jail sentence, but probation violations led to an additional petition to revoke that suspension.

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Livestock transportation bill approved

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Cattlemen are lauding the introduction of a bill that seeks to reduce the regulatory burdens on haulers of livestock and insects - agriculturalists.

On Wednesday, May 23, Senators Jon Tester (D- MT), Ben Sasse (R-NE), Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND), Jerry Moran (R-KS), Joni Ernst (R-IA), John Hoeven (R-ND), Tina Smith (D-MN), Pat Roberts (R-Ks), Rand Paul (R-KY), Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Doug Jones (D-AL) introduced the "Transporting Livestock Across America Safety Act (TLAAS)."

This bill seeks to ease the burden of far-reaching Hours-of-Service (HOS) and Electronic Logging Devices (ELD) regulations for haulers of livestock and insects.

"We asked, and Congress answered," said US Cattlemen's Association Transportation Committee Chairman Steve Hilker. "This is a historic moment for livestock and

insect haulers to finally be afforded needed flexibility in the restrictive Hours-of-Service (HOS) rules. We commend this bipartisan group of Senators, led by Sen. Sasse, for working with the industry towards a common-sense solution."

"Thank you to everyone who has put in many hours, many miles and many late nights to get this piece of legislation brought forth to the Senate floor. We look forward to working with the Senate - and the House - to get the Transporting Livestock Across America Safety Act across the finish line," he continued.

Transporting Livestock Across America Safety Act (TLAA) Fast Facts:

- Providing that HOS and ELD requirements are inapplicable until after a driver travels more than 300-air miles from their source. Drive time for HOS purposes does not start until after 300-air mile

threshold.

- Exempts loading and unloading times from the HOS calculation of driving time.
- Extends the HOS on-duty time maximum hour requirement from 11 hours to a minimum of 15 hours and a maximum of 18 hours of on-duty time.
- Grants flexibility for drivers to rest at any point during their trip without counting against HOS time.
- Allows drivers to complete their trip - regardless of HOS requirements - if they come within 150-air miles of their delivery point.
- After the driver completes their delivery and the truck is unloaded, the driver will take a break for a period that is 5 hours less than the maximum on-duty time (10 hours if a 15 hour drive time).

Highway Patrol's public opinion survey

HELENA - The Montana Highway Patrol is conducting a public opinion survey with the help of consulting company, OrgVitality.

The purpose of the survey is to seek proactive input from the public regarding Patrol operations.

"Other states such as Colorado have received impactful feedback from surveys such as this. We hope to emulate their success and use the data to help inform our choices moving forward in a way that improves the quality of our services and public interactions," says Colonel Tom Butler, Chief Administrator of the Montana Highway Patrol.

The public can access the survey from the following link: <https://rpt.orgvitality.com/MH-PSurvey>

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Registration now open for Montana Farm-to-School Summit at UM

MISSOULA - Registration is now open for the 2018 Montana Farm to School Summit, "Cultivating Connections," which will be held Sept. 13-14, at the University of Montana.

The conference is co-hosted by Montana State University's Montana Team Nutrition Program.

Summit participants learn and share how schools and programs are cultivating connections across Montana through the core elements of farm to

school - serving local foods, school gardens, nutrition, agriculture and food education.

Workshops, field trips and networking opportunities will provide inspiration, ideas and resources. Anim Steel, co-founder of Real Food Challenge, will provide an inspiring keynote address that is also open to the public. The conference features presenters from across Montana and the country.

All individuals interested in farm to school programs are

encouraged to attend, including food producers and food businesses, school and summer food service personnel, afterschool program coordinators, teachers, school administrators, preschool and childcare providers, parents, students, farm to school practitioners and groups that support farm to school efforts.

Continuing education units will be available through the Early Childhood Project and the Office of Public Instruction's teacher and school nutrition pro-

fessional programs.

Farm to school programs aim to improve child nutrition by helping children understand and experience where their food comes from.

For more information and to register visit <http://www.montana.edu/mtfarmtoschool/summit.html> or call Aubree Roth, Montana Farm to School coordinator, at 406-994-5996 or email aubree.roth@montana.edu.

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Bayers Hereford Ranch celebrates 100 years

Byron Bayers recalls a ranch life well lived

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Byron Bayers

rest of his family's interest in the ranch off across a span of years from the 1940s on.

Byron's memories of the Round Barn are of cattle sales where hundreds of people would come from all over the West to seek out his family's purebred Herefords, and his wife, Pauline, with help from other women, would host these huge feeds to fill the bellies of 500 to 1,000 prospective buyers.

It was what ranch wives did in those days, he said.

They met in college, he said, brightening, and she was a local girl who worked in a clothing store in Twin Bridges. They met in college, married, and raised three children of their own, Jill, Kathy and Rich.

He looked away, at Pauline's picture on the wall, remembering his wife, gone three years now, how they'd been married on July 4, 1953, then her long struggle with Alzheimer's. Another wave of sadness washed over his face.

Early years

When asked about his early years on the ranch, he talked about helping his father run the ranch, and how, as a young man, he went to the University of Montana, like his father, recruited more for his athletic abilities in football, track and sprinting – he was a champion in high school – and earned a business administration degree.

This education would serve him well as he assumed control of the ranch, later.

First, however, Korean conflict (1950-53) had to be dealt with.

Byron wanted to join the Air



Purebred polled Bayers Hereford Ranch Herefords (FAMILY PHOTOS, USED BY PERMISSION)

Force to serve his country, principally so he could learn how to fly, he said. However, his eyesight wasn't sufficient to fly Air Force jets or planes, so, because he'd been involved in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) in college, he was sent to lead a group of Air Force soldiers manning a radar station in Yaak, Mont.

The radar station was part of the Cold War's Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line, a series of radar stations strung latitudinally across Canada and Alaska's far northern Arctic, with subsequent lines of radar station further south along the Canadian and U.S. border. The idea was to give an early warning against incoming Soviet bombers. DEW line stations could scramble fighter jets to stop the bombers from reaching the U.S.

The Yaak radar station was located on a mountaintop between the Montana, Idaho and Canadian borders, and Byron recalled 10-foot snow depths, and fellow soldiers going batty in the remote, snowy country. He didn't mind, coming from a ranch background.

Byron said he stayed in the Air Force reserves for 16 years.

He eventually got to fly... but on his own, not through the Air Force.

He ended up charting 3 million flying miles and 10,000 hours of flying time across the 55 years he flew. He also sold airplanes for a time – until he had to choose between the ranch and selling airplanes.

The ranch, the Herefords, won out.

Cattleman

Byron's life revolved around Hereford cattle.

He was inducted into the American Hereford Association's Hereford Hall of Fame in October of 2017.

Auctions at the Round Barn sold Bayers cattle into 38 states, and several foreign countries – Uruguay, Hungary, Mexico, Canada, even Africa during the last half-century.

His father bred the polled Herefords he started with into horned Herefords, later Byron raised both horned and polled Herefords.

Up through the 1970s, the Hereford business was booming. Byron sold a \$50,000 bull in 1972, the highest priced bull to sell at auction at that time. Several Bayers Hereford Ranch bulls became foundation sires for other Hereford herds.

The ranch produced more than 25,000 purebred Herefords

At one time, the Bayers Ranches included three Montana locations and 800 registered cattle.

Show Herefords also became important during the 1960s and 70s, with Byron serving as a judge at most major Hereford shows in the U.S. He said he even judged some of John Wayne's Herefords, that Wayne had a big ranch near Flagstaff, Arizona where he raised Herefords.

Cattle were also a family affair.

Pauline was named Montana Hereford Woman of the Year in 1992, and she served as director of the church choir, and played viola with the Butte Symphony for more than 15 years.

In 2008 Byron was given the Canadian Ambassador Award from the Canadian Hereford Association.

Future

"Ranching is a tough deal, tough for kids to get into ranching or farming into these days, unless they have the family connection," Byron said.

Bayers dispersed much of his Hereford herd in 1990 after a lease and some key employees were lost, but he couldn't quit the cattle business, and eventually built a herd of about 100 polled and horned cows. Ehlike Herefords of Townsend, Mont., bought this second herd in 2015.

The ranch will continue to operate a commercial purebred Hereford herd with the same basic philosophies that were maintained in the registered operation and one portion of the ranch remains in family hands, he said, but no one is interested in raising cattle these days, he said, because they can't financially do this any more.

"That's not good news, but it's the way it is."

This isn't going to thwart the centennial party, though.

Byron smiled when he talked about all the good food visitors to the ranch could expect. Cookies, cakes, donuts and the same stew recipe that the family used for Hereford sales in the past, he said were coming.

For more information about the celebration, contact Byron at (406) 684-5465.

TWIN BRIDGES – Byron Bayers, 88, sat in the easy chair in his living room on the ranch his parents began, a little flustered by all the preparations that were needed to pull off the 100th anniversary of Bayers Hereford Ranch.

The ranch is hosting a centennial celebration to honor its 1918 founding by Art C. and Elizabeth Bayers, Byron's parents. The Bayers Hereford Ranch has the oldest continuous Hereford herd in the state. And the celebration will take place on Saturday, July 7, from 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the Round Barn, located at 175 Bayers Lane, about 1.5 miles north of Twin Bridges. A complimentary replica sale will take place then and lunch will be served at 12 noon.

Emotions washed over Byron's face as the memories flooded back in answers to questions posed about the upcoming event.

Round Barn

He smiled, recalling how, as a boy, he played in the Round Barn on the ranch – perhaps its most prominent landmark today.

The barn was built in 1882 by Noah Armstrong, for the Doncaster Stable and Stud Farm. At that time it had three floors, an automatic windmill driven watering system for the horses, feeding chutes, an indoor track, and stalls for 24 thoroughbreds. One of Armstrong's horses, Spokane, won the 1889 Kentucky Derby; another, Lord Raglan, came in third in the 1883 Kentucky Derby.

All of that was neat history, Byron said, but the horse end of the barn only lasted 10 years, and those were not his recollections of the barn.

His father bought the Doncaster Ranch with its Round Barn in 1933, fixed it up because it had fallen into disrepair, and later converted it into a cattle barn, for show cattle and a place where the Bayers Ranch could host Hereford cattle sales.

Art Bayers brought purebred Hereford cattle and bulls to the Jefferson Valley, and Byron said that up until about 30 years ago, most of the valley, much of western Montana was not black Angus cattle country, as it is today, but Hereford country.

He said his father was originally an Iowa farm boy. But he went to college, got a six-month degree in business and started working in a bank as a cashier. (Part of his employment hinged on playing ball for the bank team, however.)

Art got into cattle later, after buying some polled (hornless) Herefords from Henry Kuhlman in Nebraska. He began raising registered cattle in Lavina, Montana, north of Billings.

Art was also a homestead agent and when Elizabeth and her sister traveled from Illinois to Montana in the Jefferson River valley, he handled their transactions, later marrying her. Together, Art and Elizabeth had five children, Byron, the youngest, and Helen, Beatrice, Jeanne, Bertha and Wanda.

Byron was the only one of the five children who was interested in sustaining the ranch, his sisters – all gone now, he said, a wave of sadness sweeping his face – married professional men, bankers and doctors.

As the only son, he bought the



The Bayers family: Jill, Kathy, Pauline, Byron and Rich

Foot-stompin' barn dance brings Ruby Valley together

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ALDER - Renata and Larry Nichols were joking, laughing, heading down Anderson Lane, towards Ruby Dell Ranch's 1875-built Larrabee buggy-horse barn on Saturday evening, June 30.

Carrying their contributions for potluck dinner table, they were greeted at the entrance by Barb Pearson, organizer of the event, and Jim Anderson, Ruby Dell's owner.

"If you haven't met anyone in the Ruby Valley, this is the place to do it," Larry said, anticipating a night of socializing and fun awaiting inside the barn.

Pearson explained that the "old-fashioned, Western, foot-stompin' barn dance and potluck supper, the first of the year, was continuing event held at Ruby Dell Ranch, that the ranch had been a dance location since the barn was cleaned in 2012.

Anderson explained that the old, two-tier barn had once been used to raise "buggy horses," Morgan horses, who pulled light, simple, two-person carriages during the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Looking at the short stalls, he

believes the barn was a nursery for mares and their colts, as the colts were weaned from momma's milk. Some 1,000 horses came through the barn, he said.

Anderson's grandfather bought the property during the 1930s, he said, and the barn came with it.

Since that time it has hosted a wedding – Anderson officiated, and he and Pearson also provided the music for the event, he said – as well as other barn dances.

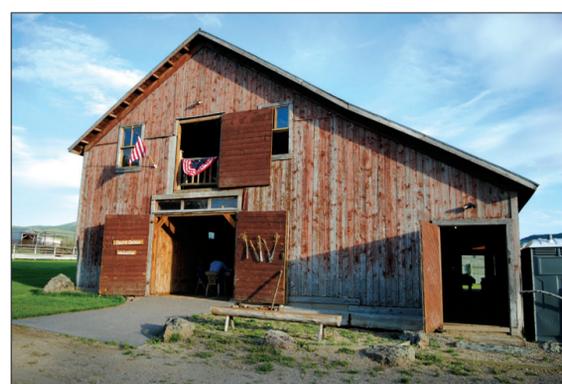
The order of the evening was eat, then dancing.

While dishes clanked and conversation flowed on the barn's first floor, the hayloft is where the dancing would take place. The rafters were festooned with Christmas tree lights, and a sound system, drums, guitars, and violin awaited musicians and crew.

After dinner, the loft came alive with the gentle rhythms of good country music – George Hamilton's 1963 hit, "Abeline" kicked off the music.

Families – mom, dad and kids of several ages, from infants to teenagers – shared the evening and the music, with fun had by all.

Pearson said more barn dances are planned, with another coming up on Labor Day.



Scenes from a Barn Dance...

Above: The Larrabee Barn dates back to the 1870s on Ruby Dell Ranch.
Left: Eat first, dance later - a potluck supper kicked off the evening of fun and socializing
Right: Dancing time... Will Koehler and his daughter Josephine shared a dance.
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HEALTH & WELLNESS



Tips for diabetics

Getting prepared for hot summer weather

By Janet Howard-Ducsay RN, Certified Diabetes Educator, Ennis, Montana

ENNIS - Summer is fast approaching. We are all thawing out from the winter and looking forward to recreating with visitors and family. A few helpful hints for persons with diabetes can make it a safe and fun filled season.

- Persons with Diabetes react differently to the summer heat. Certain diabetes complications, such as damage to blood vessels and nerves, can affect your sweat glands so your body can't cool as effectively. The inability to cool yourself down can change your glucose control.

- High body temperatures from excessive temperatures or poor cooling can lower blood sugar. More frequent blood glucose

testing is important. Symptoms of heat stroke and low blood glucose are very similar.

- Sunburn can raise blood sugar. Wearing a good sunscreen, sunglasses, and a wide brimmed hat and clothing with sun protection are all helpful tools. Warm skin absorbs insulin faster, while dehydrated skin absorbs insulin more slowly. The closer you can keep your injection site to normal temperature and hydration, the better. Unusual glucose fluctuations in the summer may be the result of altered insulin absorption.

- Heat can damage insulin, other medications, and test strips. The Joslin Clinic advises people to keep their insulin cool, but not on ice. If you take medicines with you while you're away from home, get a cooler bag to keep your medicines and test strips in. Extreme heat or cold can affect test results and degrade diabetes drugs. Insulin should be no warmer than 85 degrees. FRIO cooling cases make a great product for insulin storage.

- Summer shoes can affect feet. Summer footwear such as sandals, flip-flops, water shoes or going barefoot expose feet to injury, including burns from hot sidewalk or injury from stepping on sharp object in sand or grass. Feet swell due to the summer heat and blisters and calluses may form which is detrimental to persons with diabetes. To be safe, always wear shoes, and check your feet carefully at the beginning end of each day.

- People with diabetes are more prone to dehydration. Be thoughtful in how you are replacing your fluids. Sugary drinks are not the best choice and will elevate your sugar and caffeinated beverages further dehydrate you.

- Summer time is when we all love to be active and exercise more. Be cautious of the temperatures outside. Consider indoor activities (try to get by a picture window for our beautiful views) that can be just as much fun or moving your exercise to the cooler mornings or evenings.

Have a great summer by adding these health tips to your routine.

HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUES

Proposed 2019 health insurance rates disclosed

HELENA – State Insurance Commissioner Matt Rosendale made Montana health insurance companies' proposed 2019 individual and small group market rates available to the public on June 29.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana is proposing no overall average rate change for the roughly 18,500 Montanans covered on their plans in the individual market.

Blue Cross is proposing an average decrease of 4.9 percent for the roughly 25,000 Montanans covered by their small group plans.

PacificSource is proposing an average increase of 6.2 percent on the approximately 12,700 Montanans covered by their individual market plans, and a 1.8 percent average in-

crease on their small group plans. About 19,200 Montanans are covered by PacificSource in the small group market.

The Montana Health CO-OP is proposing average rate increases of 10.6 percent in the individual market, and 4.6 percent in the small group market. The CO-OP currently insures about 23,300 Montanans in the individual market and about 240 in the small group market.

Among those three companies, 64 different plans will be available for Montanans in both the individual and small group markets. Additionally, 30 more small group plans will be offered by UnitedHealthcare and WMI off exchange only.

Under Montana law, the insurance commissioner's office will now review the proposed rate changes for accuracy and justification. The commissioner's office does not have authority to reject the rates unless they are unfairly discriminatory. Rates will be finalized in August after the rate review process is completed. The proposed rates released today do not affect Montanans who get their health care coverage through a large employer or a government program like Medicare or Medicaid.

Because Congress repealed the Affordable Care Act's individual mandate in the tax reform bill, Montanans will not be penalized with a tax if they choose not to purchase ACA plans for 2019.

Although public comment is only required on rate increases over 15 percent (15%), the insurance commissioner's office will accept all public comment related to proposed 2019 rate changes.

Public comments can be emailed to CSIPublicComment@mt.gov through July 27, 2018.

The commissioner's office will then compile the comments and forward them to the relevant insurance companies to consider before rates are finalized in August.

Instructions for submitting public comment and the companies' explanation of their rate changes can be found by visiting <https://csimt.gov/your-insurance/health/2019-rate-filings-and-rate-review/>.

Montana Health CO-OP remains most affordable option, despite increases

HELENA (June 29, 2018)— In the spirit of empowering consumers to make the best healthcare decisions for their families, Montana Health CO-OP CEO Richard Miltenberger announced today specific details on rate changes planned for 2019.

The announcement comes the day after the Office of the Montana State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI) announced aggregate numbers across the

state's health insurance providers.

Even with the CO-OP's increase, its proposed 2019 rates will remain the lowest in the state for most consumers, and members will not experience any major coverage, product or network changes, he said.

"It's a victory for Montanans, and a victory for free competition over monopoly," said Miltenberger. "Our consumer-based CO-OP has witnessed the impacts of bloated

cost estimates from for-profit companies, which have hindered the ability of those needing affordable coverage to buy it. The for-profit insurers are being forced to make a long-overdue correction, and that is good for everyone."

Miltenberger added that Montana Health CO-OP remains committed to serving customers by providing the most affordable high quality coverage on the market.

For example, Miltenberger

said the CO-OP has reduced administrative overhead from 12.9 percent in 2014 to a projected 6.5 percent this year.

"As a nonprofit insurance company, we are dedicated to providing the best coverage at the best rates to everyday Montanans," Miltenberger said. "We are happy to see that, once again, we will be the lowest cost individual plan insurer for 2019."

Smart Tips to Keep Your Grill Clean and Safe

Summer time is grilling time

(StatePoint) Nothing beats barbecues, block parties and al fresco dining. For your family's safety and for the sake of your grill, here are some pointers on keeping that grill well-maintained all season.

Visual Check

Ensure your grill is still in good working order after the off-season by giving it a once-over. Remember to turn off the gas and tank valves before getting started. Check whether all of its components are intact, including gas hoses. Also, determine whether the tank is full.

Keep in mind that many grills come with a warranty, and you may be able to replace worn out parts without needing to buy a brand-new grill entirely.



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Quick Clean-Up

When it comes to the grates, experts recommend using tools that allow you to skip the brush and the elbow grease to save some time and energy.

"Spray a concentrated multipurpose cleanser over your grill's grates evenly, wait a few seconds to give the grease time to break down, then gently wipe the area down with a sponge," says TV contractor, Jeff Devlin, who uses Mean Green on his

grill. The spray, which was recently named by Real Simple Magazine as the Best Multipurpose Spray, is available at Walmart and other retailers.

Other Considerations

A deep clean is important once or twice a season. However, after each use, you can keep debris and build-up from becoming a bigger problem with a quick spot clean. One important area you don't want to ne-

glect is the bottom of the grill, where ash and grease build-up is likely to occur. Scrape out this section regularly.

You can better protect your grill from the elements and guard against rusting by covering it after each use. If possible, use the cover provided by the manufacturer, as its designed to best fit your grill.

This season, take great care of your grill. With the right tools on hand, you can streamline your routine.

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THIS, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg



“People are what they believe” – Anton Chekhov

I was outside watering my tomatoes when I heard what I was sure was a rabid grizzly bear beating the bushes in my neighbor’s yard. It’s hard to describe a sound, but suffice it to say that if you have seen any wild grizzly movies on the silver screen (“Night of the Grizzly” and “The Edge” come immediately to mind) you will know the ominous sound of a

beast single-mindedly wanting to have you for breakfast – or dinner.

Well, that was the sound I heard over in the corner of the yard as I was tending to my veggies (which are doing very nicely, I should add). I looked up from my hydrating duties to see what was causing such a crunchy commotion just in time to see a mighty bough break off from the neighbor’s fir tree and come crashing down onto the fence separating our two properties.

The good news is that the bough was crib-less, so no “rock-a-bye” babies fell as the incident unfolded. Also, while it had been my intention to water plants and bushes where the tree limb fell, I hadn’t gotten that far, so this baby did not have his noggin cracked by the aforementioned falling bough.

After confirming that I was still in one piece and whole in both life and limb (and heart continued beating within my own trunk – although it wasn’t beating about the bush), I went and got my wife to tell her what had happened. After all, she is the branch manager of our home. The two of us trundled over to our neighbors to let them know about the damage to the fence we shared.

I thought the tree belonged to him, but as it turns out, it belongs to yet another neighbor who, while friendly enough, de-

When the bough breaks

clined any responsibility. “The tree is on my side of the fence,” he said, “but it was planted by someone else and is actually on the property line, so it’s not mine.”

Ah, who says good fences (or walls) make for good neighbors? Some knot-head, no doubt.

Anyway, it didn’t matter to me who the tree belonged to and, the fact is, the damage to the fence was minimal. My neighbor and I took a couple of saws and loppers to the offending yard waste and laid waste to the trespassing vegetation. We chopped and lopped everything down to size in about an hour, and then loaded everything into my pickup, hauled it to the landfill and dumped it. A few days later we replaced the broken stringer and reinstalled the fence boards and, voila, all was made whole once again.

I do worry the tree will continue to shed limbs, for it does not appear to be a healthy tree. It has a number of dead branches holding on for no good reason except to keep the world in suspense. There hadn’t been any wind the day that one big bough broke, but I give gravity credit for its fall. It had no choice; it was the Law (of gravity).

I won’t lose any sleep over the matter. No one was injured. The incident gave me a chance to get to know my next-door neighbor a lot better as we worked together. I got to at least meet another neighbor I had not known at all, and I suspect I will get to know him and his wife better as the law of gravity continues to be rigorously enforced in our neighborhood. He may deal with his tree; he may not. We’ll cross that bridge when we come to it. The tree

is sick, to be sure, but it is also short enough it is highly unlikely it will convert our home into a treehouse any time soon.

I will admit that fences help delineate property lines, but I wonder if they truly do promote neighborliness. It took a broken fence to discover who my true neighbor is.

A fence may give the illusion of security, but I dare say it’s only an illusion. Not only did a mindless fir crush it, but squirrels cross it all the time as they plunder Nature’s Market for their daily bread!

I’m glad God broke the fence. I’m especially glad it was God and not a grizzly here in this, God’s valley.

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COMMODITY INSITE: Proud to be an American

BY JERRY WELCH

With the Independence Day, July 4th at hand it seems appropriate to put on hold talk about the Big Four: stocks, bonds, currencies and commodities. Instead, this week I would like to suggest a handful of movies to watch before or after any planned picnic or fireworks to watch. Certainly, the movies I selected will garner some moans, groans but hopefully a few hoorahs as well.

America has always been great contrary to what some would have you believe. Even before our independence and still a colony of Great Britain we enjoyed the highest standard of living in the entire world. And if you doubt that for one second, pick up a history book and learn about the past.

America was carved out of the wilderness and came into being by an enormous amount of self confidence, a long rifle and a broadaxe. And that leads me to an Independence Day movie well worth watching entitled, The “Last of the Mohicans” from 1992. In one scene, Duncan, an English Captain barking out to Cora the heroine, says, “And who empowered these colonials to pass judgment on England’s policies, and to come and go without so much as a “by your leave”?” Cora quickly responds with fire in

her eyes. “They do not live their lives “by your leave”! They hack it out of the wilderness with their own two hands, bearing their children along the way!”

Another movie to enjoy is, “1776” a 1972 American musical drama film from the book of the same name by David McCullough. Portions of the dialogue and some of the song lyrics were taken directly from the letters and memoirs of the actual participants of the Second Continental Congress.

Here are a few of my favorite quotes from “1776.” John Dickinson speaking about the American colonists, “Fortunately, the people maintain a higher regard for their mother country.” Benjamin Franklin quickly replies. “Higher, certainly, than she feels for them. Never was such a valuable possession so stupidly and recklessly managed, than this entire continent by the British crown. Our industry discouraged, our resources pillaged... worst of all our very character stifled. We’ve spawned a new race here, Mr. Dickinson. Rougher, simpler; more violent, more enterprising; less refined. We’re a new nationality. We require a new nation.”

And while John Adams, Benjamin Franklin

and Thomas Jefferson wait outside the Chamber, Mr. Thomson is reading the Declaration of Independence to Second Continental Congress this conversation takes place.

John Adams. “There’s nothing to fear; it’s a masterpiece. I’m to be congratulated.” Dr. Benjamin Franklin appearing surprised says, “You?” John Adams waving at Thomas Jefferson says, “For making him write it.”

Another Independence Day film to watch is, “The Patriot”, starring Mel Gibson from the year 2000. The movie is worth watching just to see the hero on horseback holding a battered, patched up American flag waving in the wind ride to head of ragtag army of colonists-soldiers on the way to fight the British.

Here is a list of other patriotic movies to watch that will make you proud to be an American. “Saving Private Ryan” from 1998. “Lincoln” from 2012. “Rocky IV” from 1985. “Yankee Doodle Dandy” from 1942. “Born on the Fourth of July” from 1989. “Forrest Gump” from 1994. “Glory” from 1989. “Miracle” from 2004.

Do not shy from the movie “1776” despite being a musical. The film is loaded with towering historical figures that founded our nation. The

film “Miracle” is about the 1980 United States Ice Hockey team and their coach that united the entire nation following a miraculous win over the Soviets at the Olympics. The film, “Yankee Doodle Dandy” is about George M. Cohan and his place in musical theater history because he wrote, “Over There, “The Yankee Doodle Boy” and “You’re A Grand Old Flag” over the course of his life.

Once all the movie watching has been done, or, before if you wish, find a copy of, “1776” by David McCullough. He wrote, “The year 1776, celebrated as the birth year of the nation and for the signing of the Declaration of Independence, was for those who carried the fight for independence forward a year of all-too-few victories, of sustained suffering, disease, hunger, desertion, cowardice, disillusionment, defeat, terrible discouragement, and fear, as they would never forget, but also of phenomenal courage and bedrock devotion to country, and that, too they would never forget.”

The movies above will make you proud to be an American. And never let it be said that America was never great.

The promises you make to yourself

BY BRYAN GOLDEN

You make promises to others but what promises do you make to yourself?

Making appropriate commitments to yourself is essential for guiding your life in the direction you desire. If you don’t take care of yourself, no one else will.

Start with a belief in yourself along with recognizing that you have inside you what it takes to achieve your goals. Without this belief, your mind becomes programmed to prevent you from reaching your goals and will actually attract negative things you don’t want.

Promise not to compare yourself to others. Whatever someone else has or doesn’t have is irrelevant. You should

be monitoring your progress towards your goals. All that matters is where you are compared to where you want to be.

Promise to appreciate family and friends. Be thankful for those who are there when you need them. Show your gratitude by being there for them. True friends are there through good and bad times. Always be sure you reciprocate.

Promise to always make the best of whatever circumstances you are facing. You can’t always control what happens but you do have control over your response. Learn from the past and move forward. Avoid repeating mistakes.

Promise to appreciate each day. Maintain an attitude of

gratitude for all of the good things in your life. Focus your energy on today while planning for the future. Don’t lament the past.

Promise to be self-reliant. Your life is your responsibility. You are responsible for where you are and where you are headed. Don’t blame anyone else. It’s up to you to fix mistakes you have made. Look in the mirror to remind yourself who’s in charge.

Promise to learn, grow, and improve. Education is a lifetime pursuit. There is always room for improvement. Study examples of successful people as well as learning what to avoid from those who fail. Keep your mind open to new ideas

from all sources.

Promise to achieve your goals. Use the simple three-step plan. First identify your goals. Next formulate a plan for achievement. This entails breaking your plan down into small steps of manageable size. Now take action. Start with the first step and then take the next one. Keep going until you reach your destination.

Promise to get back up when you fall or stumble. Setbacks will arise on the road to success. Failure only occurs when you give up. Get back on your feet, shake yourself off, and keep taking the next step. Reassess your strategy as needed. It’s OK to change direction when appropriate.

Promise to help others. You can get anything in life you want by helping enough other people get what they want. There must not be any ulterior motive for the help you provide. Don’t ask for or expect anything in return.

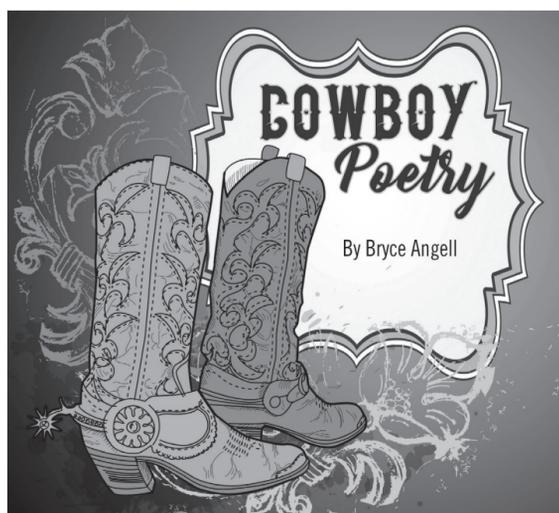
Promise to maintain a positive attitude. Your mind is a magnet which attracts what you think about. Positive thoughts attract positive circumstances and people while negative thoughts attract negative. Monitor your attitude and immediately take corrective action when it starts to turn negative.

Promise to be ethical and honest. Never act to harm anyone. Besides being wrong, taking advantage of people will

boomerang right back at you. Do the right things because they are the right things to do.

Keep these promises to yourself. If you are not OK, your ability to help others is diminished. As a result, the quality of your life is reduced. Your well being is paramount. It’s not selfish. Taking care of yourself does not detract from others.

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Our Pledge

When I was only six years old and barely in first grade, we stood and pledged allegiance to the flag before we prayed.

And one of us would take a turn reciting The Lord’s Prayer. We all were oh so innocent. We didn’t have a care.

But then the prayer was taken from the schools of this great land. The First Amendment says it’s so. I just don’t understand.

Could the Pledge of Allegiance be the next to vanish

from our schools? Not every school includes it now. Are we a pack of fools?

Some critics say there isn’t time. The Pledge just takes too long. Would they dare to ask some veterans? They’d say that’s just plain wrong.

Are we afraid to speak out? Afraid we might offend someone? The Fathers of this country risked their lives for everyone.

They stood for right and honored God. They bravely took a stand. I wonder how

they’d feel about our “Allergiance” being canned.

This land is still America. That’s what our flag stands for. If this country doesn’t fit your bill, then pardner there’s the door.

When we cowboys get together, and we’re sitting round the fire, we’ll offer our opinions about this country we admire.

Though some of us have differences, on one thing we’ll agree. The Pledge of our Allergiance to our flag helps keep

us free.

I’m proud to see my grandkids keep on pledging to the flag. To hear their little voices almost makes me want to brag.

So I’m asking those who educate. Recite the Pledge each day, and show your love for country. It’s the patriotic way!

Our children will remember, even more than games they played, how they pledged allegiance to the flag when they were in first grade.

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- Famous Families**
- ACROSS**
- Ankle support, e.g.
 - Talk, talk, talk
 - Shakespeare, e.g.
 - Pretend
 - C.E.O.'s degree
 - Printer cartridge contents
 - Smells
 - 16th birthday gift?
 - Undo laces
 - *Film-makers Francis or Sofia
 - *NFL's Archie, Peyton or Eli
 - Famous T-Rex
 - Bud holder
 - "For ____ a jolly..."
 - Like the White Rabbit
 - This hot!
 - In the middle of
 - Acid gritty-textured apple
 - Star bursts
 - Apple's apple, e.g.
 - Provide with ability
 - *Brangelina partner
 - ____ vs. pathos
 - "CliffsNotes," e.g.
 - Dissenting clique
 - Unquestioning ones
 - College party chant
 - Like a wallflower
 - Whiskey without water
 - Scheduled to arrive
 - *Jermaine, Michael, or LaToya
 - *Bobby or Jack
 - ____ acid
 - *O'Shea Jackson Jr.'s father ____ Cube
 - *Donny and ____
 - Revolving mechanism
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- Bar association
- Deserved consequence
- Capital of West Germany, 1949-1989
- Against, prefix
- Horse control
- Fortune-telling coffee remnant
- Go to NPR, e.g.
- Renter's paper
- Pharaoh's cobra
- Judge's pronouncement
- *Kunta Kinte's descendant and author
- Be theatrical
- Bridge of ____, Venice
- Chinatown gang
- *"Blackish" dad's dad
- Brown, Dartmouth and Yale, e.g.
- Naturally, in slang
- *"All the Money in the World" family
- Gloom partner
- *Family with two former Presidents
- Chopin's composition
- Metal detector, e.g.
- New, prefix
- Armed robber, e.g.
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- Related on mother's side
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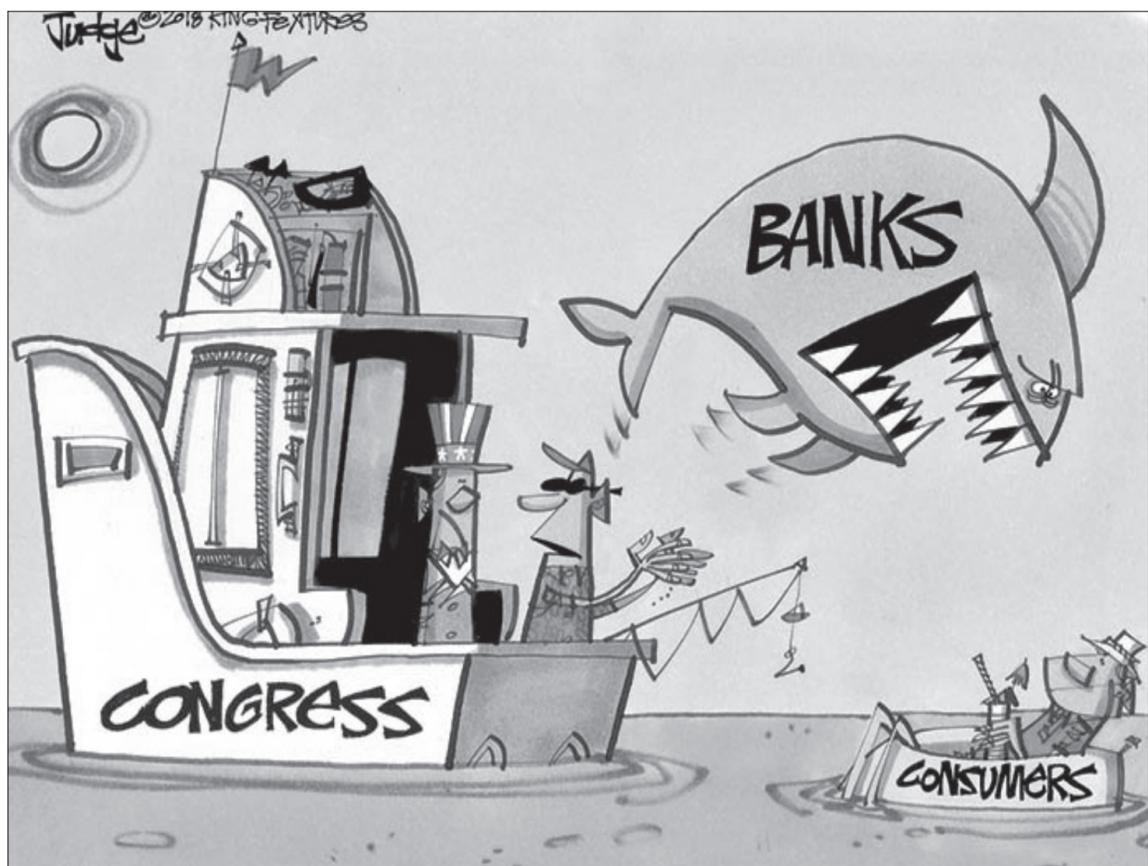


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positions for the 2018-19 school
year:

CLASSIFIED STAFF:
•0.75 – 1.0 FTE Paraprofessional
– Qualified individual will work
within the SPED program; as
well as the Title I setting K-12
and other areas as necessary.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:
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•Asst. HS Boys' BB Coach
•Head & Asst. HS Girls' BB
Coach
•Head & Asst. JH Girls' BB
Coach
•Head & Asst. JH Boys' BB
Coach

•Head & Asst. JH Football Coach
•Head & Asst. JH Track Coach
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•Concessions (W/F) Advisor
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•Cheer Advisor & SDD Advisor

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information and to request a
district application. These
positions may be combined
(example of a paraprofessional
and bus driver) to best suit
the need of the District and
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• Housekeeping/Laundry-Full-time;
• Resident Aide-Full-time/Part-time-CNA Class/Independent Study
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee's Sale on October 18, 2018, 11:00 AM at the main entrance of 100 Wallace Street, Virginia City, MT 59755, the following described real property situated in Madison County, State of Montana:
 Lot 4A as shown and described on the Amended Plat of Lots 4 and 5, Block 3 of Armitage's Deer Meadow Addition to the Town of Ennis, as said Plat is filed in Plat Book 2, Page 142, records of Madison County, Montana.
 More commonly known as 833 South 2nd Street, Ennis, MT 59729.
 Stephen H. Ellis, as Grantor, conveyed said real property to Montana Title and Escrow, Inc., as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Irwin Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, by Deed of Trust on May 1, 2006, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Madison County, State of Montana, on May 8, 2006 as Instrument No. 113142, of Official Records.
 The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows:
 Assignee: Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas as Trustee
 Assignment Dated: November 11, 2009
 Assignment Recorded: November 19, 2009
 Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 133824
 Assignee: Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Accredited Loans, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-QS10
 Assignment Dated: August 21, 2013
 Assignment Recorded: August 30, 2013
 Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 152358
 All in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder for Madison County, Montana
 Benjamin J. Mann is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, State of Montana, on April 25, 2018 as Instrument No. 177580, of Official Records.
 The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to Grantor's failure to make monthly payments beginning July 1, 2016, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the

principal sum of \$316,562.38, interest in the sum of \$28,778.90, escrow advances of \$8,265.24, other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$3,710.46 for a total amount owing of \$357,316.98, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced.
 The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantor. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any.
 Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.
 The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.
 The Grantor, successor in interest to the Grantor, or any other person having an interest in the property, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee's Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee's and attorney's fees. In the event that all defaults are cured the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled.
 The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason. In the event of a bankruptcy

filing, the sale may be postponed by the Trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days.
 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
 Dated this 18th day of May, 2018. Benjamin J. Mann, Substitute Trustee 376 East 400 South, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, UT 84111 Telephone: 801-355-2886 Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST) File No. 52473 Pub. June 21, 28, July 5, 2018) hwm MNAXLP

TWIN BRIDGES SCHOOLS NEPOTISM NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the requirements of § 2-2-302, MCA, the Board of Trustees of Twin Bridges School District No. 7 intends to take action on the following matter at a Board Meeting to be held on the 17th day of July, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Montana Room of the main school:
 The possible employment of Karen Hughes, who is related to current Board member Mike Hughes, for the position of 2018-19 Administrative Secretary.
 If you have any questions, comments or objections prior to said Board Meeting, please direct all such inquiries to:
 Joyann Breakall, District Clerk
 Twin Bridges School District No. 7
 Phone Number: 406-684-5656

2018-19 TWIN BRIDGES SCHOOLS VACANCIES

Twin Bridges Public Schools is currently seeking qualified applicants for the following positions for the 2018-19 school year:
CLASSIFIED STAFF:
 •0.50 - 0.75 FTE Custodian - Qualified individual will work outside normal school hours to clean and maintain the Main Gym.
 •1.0 FTE Custodian - Qualified individual will work within the high school and multi-purpose gym, maintaining and cleaning both facilities.
 **Please contact the school at 406-684-5656 for an application or for more details.
 Pub. June 28, July 5, 12, 2018) tbs MNAXLP

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)
 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/ JANE T. 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
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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
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AUDIT PUBLICATION STATEMENT

An audit of the affairs of Sheridan Public Schools has been conducted by Strom & Associates, PC. The audit covered the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The audit also covered the Extracurricular Fund for pupil functions which is included in the financial statements of the District.
 Section 2-7-521, MCA, requires that this publication concerning the audit report include a statement that the audit report is on file in its entirety and open to public inspection at Sheridan Public Schools, and that the Sheri-

dan Public Schools will send a copy of the audit report to any interested person upon request.
 Sincerely,
 Rebecca E. Larsen
 District Clerk
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Notice to Public

The Madison County Airport Board will host a public meeting at the Twin Bridges Airport, Ruby Valley Aviation hangar, to discuss the Master Plan Update and present preliminary aviation forecasting results. The aviation forecasts will aid in the determination of types of facilities necessary to safely accommodate aircraft at the Twin Bridges Airport. The open forum meeting will include a presentation by Robert Peccia & Associates, followed by a question and answer session.

Monday, July 9, 2018
6:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEQ SECTION

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

SURFACE LANDOWNER SECTION

1. When determining the number of surface landowners eligible to request a public meeting:
 a. Multiple parties owning the same parcel of land are counted as 1 landowner.
 b. A party owning multiple parcels of land is counted as 1 landowner, regardless of the number of parcels owned.

2. If you wish to request a public meeting, complete the following and submit to:
 DEQ Opencut Mining Program, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901; Fax: (406) 444-4988;
 Email: DEQOpencut@mt.gov

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

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

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

The following information applies to requests for a public meeting:

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

For DEQ use only:

The landowner is on the list provided with the application pursuant to MCA 82-4-432(2)(e). YES NO
 The landowner is on the list provided for the public notice pursuant to MCA 82-4-432(6)(d). YES NO
 The landowner has previously submitted a Request For Public Meeting form. YES NO
 Initials _____ Date _____

DPHHS wants to hear from Montana Centenarians

HELENA - The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) wants to honor Montana Centenarians during the 50th annual Governor's Conference on Aging September 25-27, 2018. The event will take place at the Radisson Hotel in Helena. Centenarians will be honored at a late afternoon banquet that will begin at 4 p.m. on September 25. DPHHS is asking Montanans who will turn age 100 as of December 31, 2018 or those who are already over the age of 100 to submit their name and a brief profile. All centenarians who submit information will receive a recognition proclamation from Governor Steve Bullock. Montana's 2010 census showed that Montana is home to 175 centenarians and that it is one of the fastest growing segments of our aging population. It is estimated that by 2025 Montana will have 3,000 centenarians.

Centenarians, or friends or family members, are encouraged to supply DPHHS with the following information by August 10, 2018 so they can be recognized. (NOTE: The first five items are required in order to receive a certificate.)

1. Centenarian's name.
2. Contact person (who to send certificate to).
3. Contact person's phone number and email address
4. Mailing address (where to send the certificate).
5. Birth date of Centenarian.
6. Are they a World War II Veteran?
7. Where were they born?
8. If not born in Montana, what is their story on how they got to Montana?
9. What is the secret to their longevity?
10. What has been the most amazing event in their life that they would like to share?

11. What is their favorite quote?
12. Anything else they would like us to know about the centenarian?
13. If planning to attend either of the centenarian banquet, please provide a picture of the centenarian when you send in the information above.

Please send Centenarian information to:
 Governor's Conference on Aging-Centenarians
 DPHHS-SLTC
 P.O. Box 4210
 Helena, MT 59604-4210
 Or email jstoeckel@mt.gov
 Or submit your information online at Montana Centenarian's Program or <http://dphhs.mt.gov/SLTC/aging/centenarians>.

This year's Conference on Aging will be a celebration of Aging in Montana. The conference's mission is to raise the

public's awareness of the state's current senior population, as well as providing lifestyle choices and alternatives for the baby boomer generation which started turning 65 in 2011. The conference theme this year is: "Rock Your Age".

In honor of the 50th annual conference, the theme and events are expected to be filled with energizing and inspiring topics on disrupting aging, wellness, community partnerships, and "rocking" into the future.

Registration for the conference is now open. For more information about the event, including how to register, go to the conference website at <http://dphhs.mt.gov/SLTC/aging/GovernorsConferenceonAging>. Or individuals can call toll-free 1-800-332-2272 and ask for the Office on Aging or call (406) 444-4077.

Lewis & Clark Caverns programs

WHITEHALL - Montana State Parks (stateparks.mt.gov) will host a week filled with fun interpretive events highlighting the history, geology and ecology of Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park, with presentations on July 6, and 7.

- On Friday, July 6 at 8 p.m., enjoy the Summer Campground Speaker Series program "Montana Raptors" presented by park staff member Riley Bell.
- The program will be held in campground amphitheater
- On Saturday, July 7 at 8 p.m.,

join AmeriCorps Member Jake Tholen for "Grabbing Life by the (Prong)horns." Jake will take visitors on a wild ride, diving into the amazing adaptations of pronghorns, also known as antelope, with a hands-on activity.

This is also being held in the campground amphitheater. For more information about these or other events at Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park, call (406) 287-3541.

Accepting Bids for Picnic Catering

3 Rivers Customer Appreciation Day
Ennis Lions Park · Ennis, MT

Saturday, September 8, 2018
 Lunch served from Noon - 2:00 pm

Deadline for submitting bids to 3 Rivers is July 11, 2018

For details, contact
 Susan Wilson
 1.800.796.4567
 ext 4133



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682-4949

Sunday School 9:45am
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 Afternoon Service 1:30pm
 Tuesday Womens Bible Study 6pm
 Wednesday Night Prayer Group 6pm

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



MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Services:
 4:00 P.M. AT ST. JOSEPH'S IN SHERIDAN

Sunday Services:
 11:00 A.M. AT NOTRE DAME IN TWIN BRIDGES
 9:30 A.M. AT ST. MARY'S IN LAURIN
 8:00 A.M. AT ST. PATRICK'S IN ENNIS

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

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Sunday School & Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m.

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 Nathan Nutter, Minister of Music and Youth

Sunday School ~ 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship ~ 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Nights:
 (dinner provided)
 Kids Club (K-6): 5:30-7:30pm
 Youth Group (7-12): 6-8pm

5050 Hwy 287, PO Box 668, Ennis, MT
 Phone 682-4244 SBC
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 Aides for the hearing impaired

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

The Church of Word and Sacrament
 Visitors Welcome

Pastor Ken Stensrud

- Sunday Service 9:00 am
- Bible Study 10:15 am
- Sunday School 10:15 am

Corner of Madison and Armitage St.
 Ennis, Montana 406-682-4910

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 Ennis Branch

Sacrament Meeting
 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School
 11:20 a.m.
R S & Priesthood
 12:10 p.m.

Family History Center
 682-4911, 682-7415, 682-3614
 President Chandler
 682-3020

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Sunday Service & Sunday School 10 a.m.

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 842-5845

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 Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Valley Kids - after school to 6:45 p.m.

Ruby Valley Food Pantry - Saturdays 10 a.m.-Noon

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

Ruby Valley United Methodist Parish
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Reverend Susan DeBree

Office: (406) 842-5934
 Home: (406) 842-7732

Church of the Valley
 Twin Bridges
 Worship & Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Bethel UMC
 Sheridan
 Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Ready Set Grow Preschool
 Contact Julie Russell 842-5876

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 Worship Service 10:30 AM
 Wednesday Ministries
 Kids Club Submerge (K-6) 3:15 PM
 Family Dinner 5:30 PM
 Youth and Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM

Pastor Greg Ledgerwood
 402 Madison Ave - Ennis, MT
 682-4197

Ruby Valley Baptist Church

Tony Shaw, Pastor
 842-5602

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 Worship Service 11 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
 Wednesday Eve 7 p.m.

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www.rvec.org
 Prayer requests:
 682-4199 843-5296 842-7713

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.

- Friday, July 6 - BBQ chicken and corn bread, potato salad, dessert, pinochle at 12:45 p.m.
- Monday, July 9 - Quesadilla and rice, mixed fruit, dessert, mahjong at 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 10 - Kielbasa skewer with veggies and potatoes, dessert, play pan at 12:45 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 11 - BBQ rib sandwich, jo jo potatoes and veggies, mahjong at 1 p.m.
- Thursday, July 12 - Chicken Parmesan, veggies and roll, dessert, "Red Hats"
- Friday, July 13 - Ham-bean soup, salad and roll, dessert, pinochle at 12:45 p.m.

Ruby Valley Food Pantry, Sheridan

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

Meals on Wheels, Sheridan

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

Virginia City Café

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

- Thursday, July 5 - spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic toast, dessert.
- Tuesday, July 10 - Hoagie chicken strip sandwich, salad, dessert.
- Thursday, July 12 - Potato au gratin with ham, veggies, roll, dessert.

Twin Bridges Senior Center

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

- Friday, July 6 - Pan-roasted chicken thighs, rice, chow mien, Jello dessert
- Monday, July 9 - Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed veggies, salad, bread pudding
- Wednesday, July 11 - King Ranch chicken casserole, salad, French bread, caramel apple sundae
- Friday, July 13 - Italian meatloaf, mashed potatoes, lemony green beans, coleslaw, gooseberry fool.

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 10 am

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For those who have a loved one struggling with any type of addiction

Tuesdays ~ 5 p.m.

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Vennis Over The Hill Unity Group

Faced with a drinking problem?
 Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help.

SUN. - 10 a.m., No Smoking,
 Virginia City Library

MON. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking
 WED. - 7:30 p.m., Trinity Church in Jeffers
 FRI. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking

682-3490, 682-7023 Ennis
 843-5352 Virginia City



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 A community gathering:
Grizzly Bears in the Upper Madison
 Thursday, July 12th
 6-8:30pm
 Free Pizza Provided

Learn how to prevent bear conflicts around your property and how to handle and use bear spray.

Cliff Lake Schoolhouse
 40 miles south of Ennis
 Turn on Wade/Cliff Lake Road
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 Follow signs for 1 mile

Please RSVP by July 9th to:
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 or call 406.587.3389

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Sports

McKittrick named track and field coach of the year

ENNIS - The Montana Coaches Association (MCA) named Ennis Boys Class C Track and field coach Wendy McKittrick as one of a number of MCA Coaches of the Year. McKittrick will be honored at the MCA Awards Program, in conjunction with the MCA All-Sport Coaches Clinic, on August 2nd, 2018 at the C M Russell High Auditorium in Great Falls. MCA discontinued their "Special Sports" category at their March board meeting, retroactive for the 2017-18 school year. For that reason Soccer and Swimming were contested on the spring ballot.

Enjoy summer on the water, but be safe, know the rules and Clean, Drain, Dry

HELENA - As boaters flock to the amazing rivers and lakes across the state during summer, they need to keep in mind the new rules aimed at limiting and preventing aquatic invasive species from spreading.

All watercraft coming into Montana from out of state must be inspected prior to launching. Additionally, all watercraft travelling west across the Continental Divide into the Columbia River Basin must be inspected. All watercraft launching anywhere within the Flathead Basin and a watercraft that was last launched on waters outside of the Flathead Basin must be inspected.

To accommodate these new rules, inspection stations are set up across Montana, with the goal of protecting Montana's borders and the Continental Divide.

Also, there are requirements that all watercraft leaving Tiber and Canyon Ferry reservoirs be inspected and, if necessary decontaminated, unless they are part of the Certified Boater program.

These heightened efforts at protecting Montana's waters are in response to the discovery two years ago of aquatic invasive mussel larvae in water samples from Tiber Reservoir.

A sample from Canyon Ferry Reservoir also was found to be suspect for the mussel larvae.

Just like in past years, watercraft owners must stop at any open inspection station they encounter. Typically, these stops are very brief and include a short series of questions about where the watercraft has been and a quick inspection. Watercraft owners can make this process quick and easy if they consistently practice Clean, Drain and Dry:

- Clean all mud and debris from the watercraft and trailer.
- Pull drain plugs and make sure all compartments, bilges and ballasts are drained.
- Dry out your watercraft, including dry wells, storage areas and compartments.
- Following these simple instructions will not only protect Montana's waters, but will also expedite inspections.

In response to the busy weekend, FWP inspection station and enforcement staff will be working hard to make sure everyone knows the AIS rules in place and has a safe and fun time on the water.

Do I need to be inspected?
 Confused about whether or not you need to get your watercraft inspected for aquatic invasive species? Don't worry, the answer is simpler than you might think.

Are you bringing your boat into Montana from out of state? Yes, you need to be inspected prior to launching.

Are you crossing the Continental Divide into the Columbia River Basin? Yes, you need to be inspected prior to launching.

Are you launching on waters within the Flathead Basin and your watercraft was last used on waters outside the Flathead Basin? Yes, you need to be inspected prior to launching.

Are you encountering an open inspection station? Yes, if you have any type of watercraft with you, you must stop and get inspected.

These rules are not just good ideas, they're the law. The three steps of Clean, Drain, Dry greatly minimizes the risk of spreading aquatic invasive species. It also minimizes the time required for inspection at a station.

To find a watercraft inspection station and to learn more, go to CleanDrainDryMT.com or call the FWP Aquatic Invasive Species Bureau at 406-444-2440.

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Cedar Court (Golf Course) - Ennis - \$339,000
 •.526 +/- acres • 4 bd, 3 ba, 2,233 +/- sq ft • well maintained, wrap around decks • community water system, new furnace, new a/c • mature trees, massive mountain views • open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, 3 car garage

W Grizzly St. - Ennis - \$369,900
 • .43 +/- acres • 4 bd, 3.5 ba, 2,496 +/- sq ft
 • immaculate low maintenance • open floor plan, vaulted ceilings • master suite, walk in closet, central air • landscaping, fenced, underground sprinklers

Montana Way - Ennis - \$549,000
 • 1.94 +/- acres • 3 bd, 3 ba, 3,168 +/- sq ft
 • river rock fireplace, open floor plan • massive mountain views, newer log home • equestrian and community center • wildlife corridors

Bull Trail - Ennis - \$564,000
 • 4.66 +/- acres • 4 bd, 3 ba, 2,364 +/- sq ft • Custom home on premier lot • Open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, Live water stream, outstanding views • Stunning stone gas fireplace • views of the Madison Range lots of wildlife

Palisades Riverfront Log Home - Cameron - \$1,399,000
 • 5.85 +/- acres • 3 bd, 4 ba, 3,740 +/- sq ft
 • borders BLM • 3 master suites, beautifully appointed • gorgeous log home, 3 fireplaces • wrap around decks, breathtaking views • overlooks Elk Habitat, 3 car garage + guest qtr.

Horse Creek Rd - Cameron - \$1,900,000
 • 6.89 +/- acres • 5 bd, 6 ba, 5,225 +/- sq ft
 • river and mountain views • granite counters, stone fireplace • wood floors, beautiful finishes • private Madison River fishing, waterfall • fabulous Sun West Ranch

THIS PROPERTY HAS 2 HOMES

Log Home Only (pictured here) \$324,900

Both Homes Sold Together \$489,000

SHERIDAN - Mill Creek Frontage. Sit on the deck and hear the water ramble by as you watch abundant wildlife and mountain views. This 2 property offering presents living & income opportunities. Live in one - rent out the other. 3 car garage, addl 2 bay/wk work space shop, 3/2 home w fenced yard, sprinkler syst, back deck, open spaces, new roof, updated kitchen. Custom log home boasts large logs, 1 bed w/loft and office. Custom kitchen, radiant h, entertainment space in walk out basement. Log home garage has plenty of space for vehicles & toys w/ large shop. Fenced for privacy. Public land nearby to explore multiple lakes and recreation areas. Mature landscaping w/ fruit trees. Log home could be purchased separately but owner will not sell the street side home first. Log home must sell first.

Legion Essay winners...

Earlier this year, Sheridan's American Legion Post 89 completed the American Legion Americanism and Constitutional Essay contest at the Sheridan High School. The 8th Graders were asked -- "With the Bill of Rights in mind, which two do you feel the Founding Fathers would feel are most valuable today (if they could come back to our time)?" The High School students had a choice of two essay questions - (1) The importance of the 14th Amendment and Due Process? or (2) The importance of being allowed to have a case appealed to a higher court within the Judicial System. The first place winners in each category had their surveys forwarded for consideration at the State Level. At the 8th Grade Level, Jenna Nate took first place, Joe Gilman second place and Brook Grow third place. All received a Certificate of Participation and the first place winner received a cash prize. At the High School Senior Level, Harley Sprinkle took first place, Stephen Hamilton second place and Isaiah Galiger third place. All received a Certificate of Participation and the first place winner received a cash prize. Top - High School Winners - with Cliff Morgan-Commander, Stephen Hamilton, Harley Sprinkle, Isaiah Galiger, Mike Morgan-Adjutant. Bottom - 8th Grade winners Joe Gilman, Jenna Nate and Brook Grow.



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THUR 7/26: SHENANDOAH 30TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR
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DANCE SAT 7/28: COUNTRY TRADITION
THUR 8/2: JEANNIE SEELY W/ SPECIAL GUEST TIM ATWOOD [ACOUSTIC]
THUR 8/9: AN EVENING WITH CRAIG MORGAN [ACOUSTIC]
THUR 8/16: MOE BANDY
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**Thursday
July 5**

SUP Pilates Land/Water Fitness Class, McAllister Every Thursday this summer at 7 a.m. Paddleboard Pilates, 75-minute class on land and water. Must have SUP experience. Weather permitting. Call or text 600-6379 to reserve a spot. Kobayashi Beach, Ennis Lake Road.

**Friday
July 6**

Big Tweed and Ventucky String Band, Cameron Ventucky String Band and Big Tweed continue their Fourth of July week festivities at the Blue Moon Saloon. Honky-tonk and country music from 8 p.m. to midnight. Also playing at the Gravel Bar in Ennis on July 8!

**Saturday
July 7**

ECCS Firecracker 5K Fun Run, Ennis Run, walk, skip or dance at this family-friendly 5K. Leaves Madison Square Fit-

ness Center and follows an easy asphalt loop back to the fitness center. All ages and skill levels, plus a 100-yard dash for the kids. Wear your red, white and blue! Registration available at www.eccsmt.weebly.com or at Ennis Community Children's School. 9:30 a.m.

Mike Comstock, Virginia City Mike Comstock playing everyone's favorite classic tunes to party and dance to. Bale of Hay Saloon, 9:30 p.m.

**Tuesday
July 10**

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

**Wednesday
July 11**

Brown Bag Lunch—Fighting Frauds and Scams, Butte A continuation of the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives. Dan Battleson, a Great Falls native, will explain fraud trends, the con artist's playbook, prevention of scams and resources. Dan serves as a state volunteer for AARP. Presentation at 12 noon at the archives; guests encouraged to bring a sack lunch.

Business after Hours, Virginia City Join the Virginia City Chamber for food and beverages in one of our businesses along the main street. 5 p.m.

"Hollowtop Smoke Signals" Reading, Virginia City Author Art Kehler writes from his home in Harrison. This book of humorous essays takes you down home to the 'tri-cities' of Harrison, Pony and Norris and the charms, challenges and misadventures of living in such a rustic but beautiful

place. 6:30 p.m. at the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center. Admission by donation.

**Thursday
July 12**

Book Club Meeting, Ennis The Ennis book club will meet to discuss When We Were the Kennedys by Monica Wood, presented by Martha Crawley. 1 p.m. at the Madison Valley Public Library.

Grizzlies in the Upper Madison Valley, Cliff Lake School House A community gathering discussing and learning about grizzlies and their role in the Upper Madison Valley ecosystem. Join us for discussions, dialogue and free pizza! 6 p.m. at the Cliff Lake School House, off Forest Service Road 8381 south of Ennis.

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

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SUNDAY, JULY 22ND: DAN HENRY
FRIDAY JULY 27TH: LEFT FOR DEAD

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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

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

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

TUESDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

TOPS, Ennis
Weekly weigh-ins are at 8:30 a.m. Meetings at 9 a.m.
MVMC in downstairs conference room.
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Books and Babies, Ennis
Madison Valley Public Library, 10:30 a.m. 682-7244

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

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

Madison Meadows Ladies Golf Assn. Thursday play 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., May - Sept.

FRIDAYS

Tennis, Ennis
9 a.m. til 2p.m., come play tennis at the Madison Meadows Golf Course. All levels welcome.

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

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

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7 p.m.

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