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Evacuation lifted, but California crew continues work on fires

Monument, Wigwam fires continue to burn but weekend weather helps firefighters

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ENNIS—A fire camp big enough to be another Madison Valley town sprang up in Ennis last week as an incident management team from southern California arrived to begin work on the Monument and Wigwam fires.

The crews on the two fires total about 240 personnel, but the camp also includes everything from a shower facility and a contracted caterer to feed all those firefighters to a National Weather Service meteorologist and section heads in charge of safety, finance, fire behavior, medical, logistics and management.

A supply tent has everything from chainsaws and fire clothing to bear spray, and people who can train firefighters to use it. After all, personnel at the camp come from Alaska to Alabama and everywhere in between.

The geographic reach of the team is so large because the response teams around the Great Basin region are all occupied with fires of their own, says Marc Peebles.

Peebles, a fire engine chief in southern California for over 30 years, was redirected from California's Mendocino Complex Fire—the largest in the state's history at over 366,000 acres—to come up to the Monument and Wigwam area.

"There are 44 incident management teams (IMTs) in the United States, and over a hundred active fires on federal lands right now," says Peebles, one of the camp's public information officers. "They're stretched very,



A very large air tanker (VLAT) drops flame retardant on the edges of the Wigwam Fire on Thursday, August 16. (USFS photo)

very thin. But this forest needed an IMT, so the system will find that."

The crew that arrived last week comprises around 45 people and works in the Monument and Wigwam fires in shifts. In places where structures might be threatened, like the Haypress Lakes area that has already been evacuated, there is a 24/7 firefighter presence to ensure the subdivisions stay safe.

"It's chasing timber and it will keep chasing timber," said fire behaviorist Oscar Vargas at an early-morning crew briefing Friday, August 17. The flames are easiest to repress when they cross into grass, so crews work to identify areas of access where they can do that most safely and efficiently.

By the end of last week, neither fire had changed very much. Winds from the southwest pushed the Monument fire against the drainage where it is burning, which meant easier access for crews and suppressed growth.

A red flag warning was in

effect from noon to midnight on Friday, warning of scattered wet and dry thunderstorms that would require careful monitoring. Afternoon sun presses atmospheric humidity down each day, which isn't good news for suppression efforts.

The weekend brought cooler temperatures, but those thunderstorms did roll in, and they started two new fires in the Madison Valley: one near Standard Creek and one near Norris.

Both of those fires were extinguished—the first at less than an acre in size and the second after growing to around 75 acres.

"It's all a big dance," says Peebles. "Putting the right aircraft on the right fire at the right time is really complex. But public lives and property are our top priority."

Even with the larger crew, the ideal resources simply aren't available all the time because of the number of fires burning across Montana and the U.S. this

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Sheridan's water rate hike approved

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SHERIDAN — Sheridan town council unanimously approved a water rate hike following a public meeting on Tuesday, August 14.

The new rates will go into effect in September's bill, and bump the base water rate from \$30 per month for all water users to \$45 for a three-quarter-inch line. Rates for larger lines will also increase: \$80.55 for a 1-inch line, \$180 for a 1½-inch line, \$321.30 for a 2-inch line and \$720 for a 3-inch line.

In addition, monthly use charges are increasing: Residents who use up to 20,000 gallons per month will be charged \$1.25 per 1,000 gallons, a jump of 25 cents from the previous rate. Additional use will cost more: 20,000 – 40,000 gallons of use will cost \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons; 40,000 – 60,000 gallons will cost \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons and more than 60,000 gallons will cost \$2 per 1,000 gallons.

The increase goes against some of the residents who attended the public hearing wishes.

During the public hearing Mayor Bob Stump explained the circumstances behind the rate increase. Sheridan, he said, is faced with water problems.

Sheridan, in 2017, a year with yard watering restrictions, used 41 million gallons of water.

Of four existing wells, only one well is producing water for the town, and this well's flow has been reduced over time, down to about 140 gallons per minute.

The town's other three wells no longer produce enough water for the town to use, despite the town's two-year attempts at rehabilitating them. Stump told the crowd of about 35 residents who came to the hearing.

The concern is fire, Stump said.

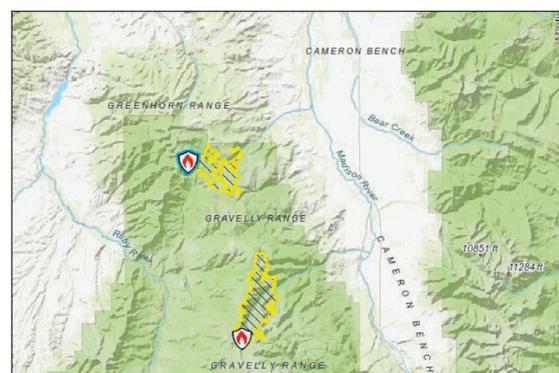
If there is a fire in town, the one well can't produce enough water to give residents drinking, washing and bathing water, and fight the fire. Stump said the town's water tank reservoir was half full, which is why recent prohibitions on lawn watering were instituted.

To resolve this issue, the town council has sought out new sources of water.

The council considered several options, including using an old Indian Creek town water source, but came to the conclusion that a new, deep aquifer well would be the best way to resolve the town's water woes.

The town council believes it found a new source — a 387-foot deep aquifer that can produce more than 545 gallons per minute. A test well tapped into this source, and the plan is to drop a stainless steel screen well casing down into the water to allow as much water as possible to enter

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The locations of the Wigwam and Monument fires.

Fire meeting offers hope, warning

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ENNIS - About 100 people, most of them in the path of the nearly 4,200-acre Wigwam fire, came to a public meeting about it and the 5,400-acre Monument fire held at the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department Station, on Fish Hatchery Road, Saturday morning, August 18.

The meeting was held at the bequest of Southern California Incident Management Team 3, a 57-member group of firefighters, called in by the U.S. Forest Service to manage the two fires last week. The meeting included

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Moonlight Music Festival wows hundreds

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BIG SKY — On Friday, August 17, the opening night of the Moonlight Music Festival, The Mission Temple Fireworks Revival with Paul Thorn & Blind Boys of Alabama had a crowd of hundreds eating out of their hands.

People were swaying, dancing, gyrating, twirling hula-hoops and otherwise getting into the spirit of the rock-gospel-blues-based music Thorn and the Blind Boys were throwing down.

How could Thorn, a former boxer and literal 'son of a preacher man,' miss, living up to his reputation for performances that he claims are like "taking a 6-pack to church."

For example, the Mississippi-raised Thorn opened one number telling the audience how, during a visit to a strip joint in Mississippi, he

got the gospel from a pole-dancer, who made quite the impression on him.

Listening to Thorn tell it, you weren't sure if it was the stripper or the gospel that left the impression. But that didn't stop Thorn and the Blind Boys from laying down a gutsy blues-soul-gospel blend of jams called "Let's Go to The House of the Lord" that grabbed the audience's attention and kept them spellbound for as long as Thorn and the Blind Boys were on the stage.

Somehow, The Blind Boys of Alabama — recognized worldwide as living legends of gospel music — fit right in with the touch of sin Thorn brought to the stage and this blend of sin and salvation came pouring out in music that was

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The Mission Temple Fireworks Revival with Paul Thorn & Blind Boys of Alabama had the crowd up and dancing Friday, Aug. 17. (J. TAYLOR)

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MEETING continued from A1: Saturday meeting gives residents hope, and a warning

Team 3 members, U.S. Forest Service (USFS) personnel, county officials, hands-on firefighters who have been dealing with the blazes and the public.

Those at the meeting came away with a message of hope, as well as a warning.

"I like to hope for the best, and prepare for the worst," Team 3 Commander Mike Wakoski told those listening. "But hope doesn't put out fires. We do."

The calling in of Team 3, Wakoski said, was a result of prioritizing both the Monument and Wigwam fires among a list of other Rocky Mountain fires that he described as "two pages" long. Wakoski said he hadn't seen this much fire activity since 1988, when a large chunk of Yellowstone National Park burned.

When Team 3 was called in, he said, they set up camp at the town rodeo grounds and began "working our butts off," to get a handle on both fires.

He called the county a great partner in aid and planning for fighting these fires, lauding law enforcement and the fire departments as being like family. Building relationships was what firefighting was all about, Wakoski said, vowing to "... say what we're (USFS) is going to do, and doing what we say."

Wakoski and Rick Marinelli, Operations Section Chief of Team 3, updated those at the meeting on the status of the two fires:

- Cooler weather, a little bit of rainfall on both fires and north and north-west winds helped firefighters battle the blazes, Wakoski said.

- Still, as of Aug. 18, the Monument Fire had grown to 5,733 acres – up from 5,400 acres on Thursday, August 16. The fire was considered to be 15 percent contained, a figure up 10 percent from Aug. 16. Currently, according to USFS information, there are two engines, two water tenders and 122 people working on this fire.

- Marinelli said both the northern and southern ends of the Monument Fire have been "anchored," with the help of aircraft. Fixed wing air tankers also dropped retardant along Johnny Ridge – a trouble spot – north of the Monument Fire to help check fire spread, and that Johnny Ridge Road crews are clearing brush and preparing the road for firing operations to burn out ground fuels back toward the main fire. The southern part of Monument Fire burned into Ruby Creek, consuming most available fuel and helping the fire remain "calm." In the southeast section of the fire, crews are scouting opportunities for fireline locations to keep the fire west of Teepee Creek drainage.

- As of Aug. 18, The Wigwam Fire had stabilized at nearly 4,200 acres and was considered to be 10 percent contained, a significant jump from the no containment proffered by USFS information on Aug. 16. Some 11 fire engines, three bulldozers, a water tender and 132 firefighters are currently battling this blaze, according to USFS information. Meanwhile, crews continue to scout for natural barriers and locations to keep the fire on the northeast side of Gravelly Range Road and continue removing brush and fuels from Road 292. A contingency line (a line of bulldozer-opened ground to check the spread of a fire) was constructed on the north side of Wigwam Fire to Haypress Lakes and will continue to Haypress Lakes Trail Road.

- Wakoski said that fighting the Wigwam Fire and preserving property was the main focus of Team 3, largely because it threatened homes in the Shining Mountains subdivision. Eight families had been evacuated from the Haypress Lakes end of the subdivision Sunday, Aug. 12; and nearby portions of the Shining Mountains subdivision were still under a warning that a possible evacuation could be coming.

- Night shift crews were positioned on both fires to patrol, check for spot fires, and provide for structure protection. A Structure Protection Group



Team 3 Commander Mike Wakoski explains the status of the Wigwam and Monument fires to a crowd of about 100 at the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department on Saturday, Aug. 18. (J. TAYLOR PHOTOS)

has been formed to specifically focus on protecting homes and outbuildings threatened by fire. This includes removing fuels from around structures, laying fire hose, sprinkler systems and other actions, especially in the Haypress Lake area, where some spot fires were burning.

- Aircraft – including both fixed wing tankers that drop retardant and four helicopters, used to drop water – are being used to fight both fires, but particularly in Wigwam Creek.

- Wakoski anticipated that Team 3 would have a 14-day stay to fight the fires. After this, the fires would likely be downgraded and handed off to another USFS team. However, this could easily change, because of the complexity of the fires, the influence of wind and weather. Still, Wakoski said, the aim of Team 3, Wakoski said was "full suppression." In order to reach full suppression, Wakoski said, Team 3 scrounged, begged and borrowed "stuff" from other firefighting units in the region. This included the additional aircraft, bulldozers and other equipment.

- County Emergency Manager Dustin Tetrault noted that there were no changes in evacuation notices as of Aug. 18. Wakoski said that in the past USFS had let people go back to their homes when a fire wasn't completely out, and had to evacuate them twice. People were really angry when this occurred, so now USFS insists that things are 100 percent safe before an evacuation is lifted. Tetrault also encouraged homeowners to begin looking at their homes in terms of fire safety. (www.Firewise.org offers many tips to help make this happen.)

- Firefighters also put out two additional fires begun by lightning Aug. 17, Tetrault said. Without fast action by the Harrison and other fire companies the county would be dealing with two additional fires. Sheriff Roger Thompson called this a fantastic job. One fire torched an acre, the other 75 acres.

- Tetrault also noted that with school starting, emergency space would be moved to the Ennis Assembly of God church, and that Red Cross would be on standby if additional help was needed.

- County Commissioner Jim Hart complimented those affected by the fire on their forbearance.

- Looking ahead, as of Aug. 18, USFS information said that favorable cooler, damper weather was helping.

FIRES continued from A1: Wigwam 66 percent, Monument 13 percent contained

month. The IMT puts in orders for the things they need, but can't always pin down when they'll get them.

Resources are so thin in some places that the office trailers the IMT would usually use as their camp buildings are all in use on other fires—and there are a lot of them. Instead, camp is mostly comprised of yurt-like tents and sawdust floors. The firefighters sleep in one- or two-man tents in a designated sleeping area.

"We'd pound this thing to death if we had the resources," says Peebles. "We get resources from all over the U.S., and they'll send us their stuff when they can. But these fires will go out."

Fire Updates

On Monday morning, August 20, the Monument and Wigwam fires were the fifth and sixth highest priority burns in the Northern Rockies region.

By Tuesday morning, August 21, the weekend's cooler weather and Monday's extensive rainfall provided an advantage to crews working on the Monument and Wigwam fires.

A major concern with the Gravelly Range fires is spotting: Because of the nature of the fuels the fire is burning stands of tall, clumped trees, and can throw sparks far enough to jump over fire lines and ignite new hotspots.

Crews worked over the weekend to deter just that, bringing in bulldozers to the challenging topography in an attempt to build lines large enough to contain the fire. A very large air tanker (VLAT) was also dispatched to perform retardant drops along the fire's edges.

The Wigwam Fire, which was zero percent contained on Friday, was 66 percent contained as of Tuesday morning and remains at 4,190 acres.

The Monument Fire had grown to 6,613 acres by Monday morning and was 13 percent contained. By Tuesday morning, this had not changed. To the south, the fire is beginning to run out of fuel, which is good news for fire crews.

So far, no injuries or structural losses have been reported with either fire, but smoke columns were visible from Ennis for most of last week.



Fire crews and personnel listen to Jeff Winger discuss the day's fire suppression strategies at an early-morning briefing on Friday, August 17. The Monument and Wigwam fires saw little change toward the end of last week. (R. COLYER)

For the most up-to-date information on the Monument and Wigwam fires, visit incweb.nwcc.gov. The NICC national situation report can be found at nifc.gov/nicc/siteprpt.pdf.

WATER continued from A1: Sheridan approves water rate hike following public meeting

the pump. The cost to create this well and the pipeline to connect it to town water supplies is about \$1.4 million.

In 2017, the town council received a state grant to help pay for this, but the legislature rescinded the grant when facing a budget shortfall, nixing any help for Sheridan, when the community already spent \$80,000 on the project.

Despite this setback, the town council decided to move forward with the well, and this year received a reinstated \$625,000 Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) grant and believes it will receive other monies from the State Revolving Fund, enough to make up some of the balance if approved.

To get loans to float these grants, however, the town must show that its waters rates can pay for the new well – hence the need for the rate hike.

Working with Montana Rural Water's (MRW) Don Cramer, the town came up with the new rate structure which would include enough of a reserve account to cover the costs of emergency repairs, like a \$20,000 well pump, something previous town councils failed to do when setting water rates. Stump and Cramer said the rates the town intended to charge were in line with what other Montana towns, like Helena charge, and Cramer pointed out that in Chicago, water bills must be high enough to create a reserve to fund an entire new water system should the system crash.

Those against the rate hike didn't like this comparison to Chicago.

"We don't live in Chicago," one woman told Cramer, suggesting that the town do the new well before changing water rates because she didn't like the idea of paying for something she didn't have.

Other residents wondered about private wells in the town, if these could be hooked into the water system.

Stump said there were 57 private water wells in Sheridan, but worried that if these were hooked into the existing systems, backflow from untreated well water could contaminate the town's pure water sources.

Other residents wondered about how agricultural irrigation outside town was influencing town water supplies.

Stump said a farmer he knew outside town was experiencing a decline



Sheridan mayor Bob Stump explains the need for a water rate hike to residents at a public meeting held Tuesday, Aug. 14. (J. TAYLOR PHOTO)

in water resources from his 440 foot deep well. It used to pump out 2,000 gallons per minute, but was now down to 1,400 gallons per minute.

Other residents worried about the timing of the construction, how long it might be till a new water supply is ready; also what happens if the same thing that is wrong with the other wells happens to the one working well the city has. Does Sheridan have a back-up plan?

Stump said this is one of the reasons the rate hike and the new well was needed as soon as possible were these exact concerns.

Other residents suggested the town encourage more water conservation measures until a new source could be made available.

The town council intends to proceed with the new well construction as soon as possible.

MUSIC continued from A1: Moonlight Music festival shakes'em on down for hundreds with gospel, rock, Hornsby offerings on Friday night

easy to get swept away in.

The on-stage rapture continued as Thorn and The Blind Boys performed "One More River to Cross," another blues-based gospel tune that had the crowd dancing, swaying and shakin'em on down, as well as renditions of "Love Train" and "I Saw the Light."

Yet Thorn and The Blind Boys were just warming things up for the next act – the Wood Brothers.

With a light drizzle falling from the sky, guitarist Oliver Wood and bass player Chris Wood and drummer Jano Rix appeared on stage.

Their set, including music from their new album, "One Drop of Truth," started out with some mellow country-rock style tunes, one called "Chocolate on My Toes," then "Happiness Jones" and "Paradise" (a drinking song, but a family song too, said Oliver). But as the set wore on, and the night grew darker, the music evolved into some brilliant and powerful guitar work, mostly from Oliver, later from all three band members. A light show and some powerful rock, had some listeners thinking classic rock as the brothers laid down their own tunes. Like "Luckiest Man" as well as Tom Petty's "Rescue Me."

Chris Wood is a highly talented performer who studied jazz bass at New England Conservatory of Music, and as performed professionally since the early 1990s.

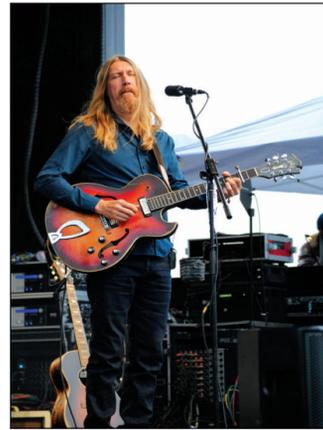
Oliver, likewise, has been a professional musician for about the same amount of time, playing guitar in cover bands before earning a spot in Tinsley Ellis's touring act; later founding King Johnson, a hard-touring band that released six albums of blues-inflected R&B, funk and country. They've been working together since 2006.

The final act of the evening – Bruce Hornsby and the Noisemakers – was the crescendo that had the crowd roaring.

The Virginia-born singer and pianist, a constant in music since his 1986 debut album "The Way It Is," had the crowd up on their feet, pushing against the barriers to the stage with familiar tunes like "Mighty Rainbow."

The festivities associated with Moonlight's Music Fest were not to end Friday, but continued Saturday, with performances by Grace Potter, Chris Robinson Brotherhood, Sam Bush Band and others.

Shuttles carried festival-goers from Big Sky Resort to Moonlight Basin an the music.



The Wood Brothers - Above: Guitarist Oliver Wood, bass player Chris Wood and drummer Jano Rix jam.

Left - Oliver Wood rocks

Below - The Wood Bros. also had the crowd on its feet. (J. TAYLOR PHOTOS)

Above four photos - Paul Thorn and The Blind boys grabbed hold of the crowd and didn't let go until their performance was through. Thorn dedicated a song to the Ansley, the hula-hoop twirler, above right. Others, like the lady lower left, were simply moved to dance by his music. (J. TAYLOR PHOTOS)



Left and above, Bruce Hornsby and the Noisemakers were one of the headliner featured acts at Moonlight Music Fest. Hornsby showed why his music has been popular since in mid-1980s debut. (J. TAYLOR PHOTOS)



Twin Bridge school considers budget

TWIN BRIDGES – Twin Bridges school board met on Tuesday, August 14, but did not approve the 2018-19 school budget.

According to District Clerk JoyAnn Breakall, the meeting proved to be more of an explanatory session on the budget, and the trustees financial summary, a help to new board trustees.

The board will take another crack at the budget on Aug. 21.

However, the board did:

- Approve the athletic and activity handbook
- Approve job descriptions for all employees
- Hire a high school custodian and a part-time student custodian
- Approved a contract for an occupational therapist for the coming year, on an as needed basis
- Approved the purchase of additional defibrillators

Wildlife of the Three Forks Area

THREE FORKS – Missouri Headwaters State Park will host the Summer Speaker Series Program "Wildlife of the Three Forks Area" at Missouri Headwaters State Park on Saturday, August 18, at 7 p.m.

Join Matt Wemple as he discusses the wildlife of the Three Forks area. Combining natural history and interesting facts, the program will talk about the diversity of animals in our region and the challenges they face. Wemple is the final speaker of the season and learn more about our four-legged neighbors.

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OPINION

Editor:

This past week more than 70 news organizations, along with large and small newspapers in our country declared their responsibility to "shine the light of truth on every lie, no matter its origin or its target."

Local Montana papers such as the Missoulian, the Standard and the Madisonian joined this unprecedented step of raising their voices to form a united front against the president's reckless claim that journalists and the news media are enemies of the American people.

His assault against the news profession is an assault against the protection for free speech enshrined in the US Constitution as well as the Montana Constitution.

The president's supporters along with our congressional delegation should acknowledge and also speak out against his dangerous and persistent claims of fake news and his own overwhelming dishonesty.

We should stop counting his documented lies (some 3000+/-) and demand truth from the president of the United States..

Pat Bradley, Twin Bridges

Editor:

I cringe when I hear people say that our constitutional republic was established around the belief in the rule of law.

Actually our republic was established after revolting against King George's or the English Parliament's rule of law. I can guarantee you that is why you do not see the rule of law mentioned in our constitution.

Historically my favorite founder, Thomas Jefferson was considered soft on the rule of law but strong on promoting liberty and Justice for all.

Adolph Hitler was a staunch supporter of the rule of but really did not care at all for Liberty and Justice for all.

Jefferson mentions the way to achieve Liberty and Justice for all in the Declaration of Independence when he mentions juries. Colonial juries were routinely not enforcing King George's or the English Parliament's rule of law. In other words these juries were engaging in what is called jury nullification today.

Criminal juries today still have this power. The problem is today trial court judges tell juries that they must follow the law. This is not just uncon-

stitutional but is a bold face lie on the judges part.

The only thing a jury functioning according to the sixth amendment must be is impartial, following the rule of law is not part of their duty. In this era of politically motivated prosecutions I believe it is even more reason for those impaneled on a jury to realize this.

Dr. W. David Herbert, Esq., Billings

Editor:

After reflecting on the upcoming election for HD71, I have decided to cast my vote for Jay Frederick.

Here's why: not only have I heard him interact with various people on several occasions but I know that he has knocked on countless doors, including mine!

I have been very impressed with the fact that he is willing to spend countless hours getting out and meeting people and listening to them voice their concerns. This alone tells me he has the energy and commitment to ably represent our district in the State Legislature.

He is a hard worker who genuinely cares about the opinions of the constituents. After talking with him, his concern is apparent.

Jay is a vet-important to Montana. He is an avid outdoorsman with thirty years of public service in the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and the U.S. Forest Service-another plus for Montana citizens. I believe that his stewardship experience has given him skills needed to bring together people with varying backgrounds and opinions. He believes in common ground and common sense solutions. Jay believes that government's role is to do BIG jobs that individuals may not be able to accomplish alone: maintain infrastructure; provide a strong system of education for everyone; and maintain and protect our public lands and waterways.

Jay is able to think strategically and is a big picture person i.e what will be best for HD71 and Montana.

He is totally willing to work across the aisle-an attribute valuable at a state and federal level-and sorely lacking at the moment. I am proud to cast my vote for Jay Frederick in the November election and hope you will too!

Mary Van Pelt, Ennis

Stop requiring me to subsidize bad business practices

By Stephen Prince

I'm an employer who pays my workers a living wage-- no one in my plant makes less than \$15/hr. Normally in our capitalist system, paying higher wages would make my business less competitive, simply because a higher median wage costs more. But one thing that has been lost in this whole minimum wage debate is the value that raising incomes for the working classes brings to our federal, state, and local governments. For example, my workers pay more in taxes than those earning the federal minimum wage, and they also rely on government assistance less than their minimum wage counterparts. The federal government, and other taxpayers, benefit from this. But you know who's getting the biggest piece of the pie? My competition.

By not paying a fair wage, my competition is able to undercut my prices, and at the expense of taxpayers. This is not only unfair to me as their competitor, but it's unfair to all of us who pay taxes.

In 2012, 6.7% of full-time workers received food stamps, public housing assistance, or Medicaid. While that might not sound like a lot, that's almost 8.5 million Americans. In a country as rich as ours, we should not have millions of full-time workers leaning on government assistance. The blame for this rests almost entirely on the shoulders of business owners who can only survive by paying poverty wages.

Opponents of a \$15/hr minimum wage point to the fact that only 2.7% of our workforce earns the federal minimum wage of \$7.25/hr, supposedly making

a wage hike inconsequential. However, 41 million workers earn less than \$15/hr, which many researchers have found to be a living wage in the majority of the country. Until something changes, 41 million Americans will continue to struggle to make ends meet, all while those at the top become richer and richer. There is no greater example of this than Amazon, where 10% of employees receive food stamps. Jeff Bezos, their CEO, recently became the richest person in modern history with a net worth over \$150 billion.

Despite a growing economy and booming corporate profits, American wages still haven't gone up in recent years. The free market simply isn't working here. This is where the federal and state governments should step in. The federal minimum wage of \$7.25/hr has lost 9.6% of its purchasing power to inflation since it was instituted in 2009, and, when adjusted for inflation, is \$1.43 less than it was at its peak in 1968. It is up to politicians to require myself and other employers to pay their workers enough where they don't need government aid. Otherwise, employers who do the right thing regardless of legislation will be put out of business by those who undercut them with wages that have not kept up with inflation or the cost of living.

While some may argue that this piece is coming from a place of self-preservation, I beg to differ. I can, as it stands now, lower my wages and be just as theoretically competitive as my competition, but I'd rather run a company where my employees don't have to worry about how

they're going to survive another month, and deep down, my peers feel the same way. All I have to ask when debating this point to other business owners is this: "Can you tell me of it is possible to raise a child, pay for housing, buy groceries-- virtually to just live a life-- on \$7.25 an hour?" The answer is always, "No!" They know the truth, and so do their workers. So why do we let them get away with it? "

We need to hold the Jeff Bezos's of the world accountable for the substantial number of working poor in our country that their business practices are creating. Any business that can't afford to pay a living wage should cease to exist. We should no lon-

ger allow extremely profitable companies whose owners have multiple luxury cars and take several exotic vacations per year to ask our government to subsidize their employees' unlivable wages. It is this inequality and greed, and not simply laziness or ineptitude on the part of workers, that is the source of growing class warfare. We need to put a stop to it, and that starts by voting this November.

Stephen Prince is Vice-Chair of the Patriotic Millionaires, a coalition of high-net worth Americans concerned about the destabilizing concentration of wealth and power in the U.S.

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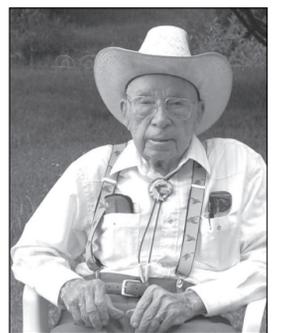
Cecil Clarence Klatt passed away August 17, 2018 at the age of 98. He was born April 20, 1920 in Westport, South Dakota to Louis Klatt and Nellie Hollihan. He grew up along the North and South Dakota border and worked on the family farm. He married Ruth Beecher in Ellendale, North Dakota on July 23, 1944; a union they celebrated 72 years later at the Black Butte Cabin.

From the get go, the young couple's dream was to live in the mountains and Montana had an obvious attraction. Different members of each of their families had lived in Montana as much as two generations earlier. In addition, when Cecil was 18, he returned to the Denton area to work during the summer. He always talked about his adventure, especially riding the empty boxcars.

During February and March of 1946, the newlyweds jumped in their Plymouth and made several two-week recognition trips to Montana with the goal of finding a ranch to buy. Cecil was 26 years old; Ruth, 22. The couple ended up purchasing Ben Lockhart's Ranch on Wall Creek. The Ranch was a popular place and could have been called a "non-profit" guest ranch. Our folks were young and had a continuous stream of friends and relatives who came to stay and sometimes for months.

He considered himself not a "cowboy" but a "cow man," and continued to follow the livestock and grain markets the rest of his life. He was very happy to have lived in the Madison Valley for the last 72 years and had many friends here.

Needing to be closer to town for school, they bought a small house and three acres in Jeffers in 1951. In 1958, the ranch was sold, and Jeffers became home.



After several years of odd jobs, Cecil spent most of the next 30 years working at the Diamond J helping with the many different projects that Pete Combs came up with. The projects ranged from helping run a guest ranch, starting banks, raising pheasants, to taking summer pack trips to the Spanish Peaks. He also had his own guiding business for fishing and big game.

He loved his family and lived for his grandchildren. We referred to him as the "family dispatcher" because he knew and wanted to know what everyone was doing, even distant relatives in Canada. We will miss his connectivity.

Cecil was preceded in death by his wife Ruth, brother Ernest, and grandson Luke. He is survived by sons: Bill (Linda) of Denton, David (Cory) and Richard (Jackie) of West Yellowstone, Grandchildren: Shiloh, Joshua (Amanda), Jacob, Gwen (Chad Kashmir), and great grandchildren: Caitlin, Tanner, Cameron, Addison, Cade, and Clair. Cecil passed away at the Madison Valley Manor. Graveside services will be held at the Ennis Cemetery September 1 at 10:00 A.M. followed by a reception at the Jeffers home.

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FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES



Sheridan Panthers

CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 25 – Jefferson/Boulder
 Sept. 1 – Belgrade (MS also)
 Sept. 8 – Harrison/Pony (MS also)
 Sept. 15 – Twin Bridges (MS also)
 Homecoming week: Sept. 17-22
 Sept. 22 – Butte (MS also)
 Oct. 8 – Big Timber (MS also)
 Oct. 13 – Townsend (MS also)
 Oct. 19, 20 – State in Missoula

FOOTBALL

Aug. 24 – Gardiner, 1pm (A)
 Sept. 1 – Valley Christian (at Alberton), 7pm (A)
 Sept. 8 – Lincoln, 1 pm (A)
 Sept. 14 – Heart Butte, 7pm (H)
 Homecoming week: Sept. 17-22
 Sept 21. – Noxon, 7pm (H)

Sept. 28 – Hot Springs, 7pm (A)
 Oct. 5 – West Yellowstone (Senior Night), 7pm (H)
 Oct. 12 – Lima, 2pm (A)
 Oct. 17 – White Sulphur Springs, 7pm (H)
 Playoff weeks/opponents will be determined following regular season games

VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 24 – White Sulphur Springs, 4pm (A) JV/V
 Aug. 25 – Lone Peak Tournament, time TBA (A) V
 Aug. 29 – Ennis, 4pm (H) C/JV/V
 Aug. 30 – Drummond, 5:30pm (A) JV/V
 Sept. 4 – Twin Bridges, 4pm (H) C/JV/V

JV/V
 Sept. 14 – Lincoln, 3:30 (A) JV/V
 Sept. 15 – Sheridan Booster Tournament, 9am (H) JV/V
 Homecoming week: Sept. 17-22
 Sept. 20 – Lima, 5:30pm (H) V
 Sept. 27 – Granite (Philipsburg), 5:30pm (H) JV/V
 Sept. 29 – Harrison, 5:30pm (H) V
 Oct. 2 – Ennis, 4pm (A) C/JV/V
 Oct. 5 – West Yellowstone, 4pm (H) JV/V
 Oct. 6 – Drummond (Senior Night), 4pm (H) JV/V
 Oct. 11 – Harrison, 5:30pm (A) V
 Oct. 12 – Lima, 5:30pm (A) V
 Oct. 16 – Twin Bridges, 4pm (A) C/JV/V
 Oct. 25-27 – Districts
 Nov. 1-3 – Divisional
 Nov. 8-10 – State



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FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

Ennis Mustangs

CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 25 – Boulder @ Boulder, 9:30am, bus at 7:30am
 Sept. 1 – Belgrade @ Bozeman, 10am, bus at 8:30am
 Sept. 4 – Butte Central @ Fairmont, 4pm, bus at 1:30pm
 Sept. 8 – Harrison @ Pony, 9 am, bus at 8am (JH also)
 Sept. 15 – Twin Bridges @ Twin Bridges, 10am, bus at 9am (JH also)
 Sept. 23 – Butte @ Butte, 10am, bus at 8am (JH also)
 Sept. 29 – Mountain West @ Missoula (TBA)
 Oct. 4 – 7 on 7 @ Helena, 12:30pm, bus at 10:30am
 Oct. 6 – Big Timber @ Big Timber, 9am, bus at 6:30am (JH also)
 Oct. 13 – Townsend @ Townsend, 10am,

bus at 8am (JH also)
 Oct. 20 – State Meet @ Missoula (TBA)

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Aug. 25 – Choteau @ Butte (time TBA)
 Aug 31. – Harlowton @ Harlowton, 7pm, bus at 2pm
 Sept. 7 – Tri-Cities @ Ennis, 7pm (Homecoming)
 Sept. 14 – Absarokee @ Absarokee, 7pm, bus at 2pm
 Sept. 21 – Joliet @ Joliet, 7pm, bus at 2pm
 Sept. 28 – Park City @ Ennis, 7pm
 Oct. 5 – Lone Peak @ Ennis, 7pm (Senior Night)
 Oct. 12 – Twin Bridges @ Twin Bridges, 7pm, bus at 4:15pm
 Oct. 27 – First round playoffs
 Nov. 3 – Quarterfinal playoffs
 Nov. 10 – Semifinal playoffs
 Nov. 17 – State Championship Game

bus at 2pm (C/JV)
 Sept. 22 – Drummond @ Drummond, 2pm, bus at 10am (JV/V)
 Sept. 25 – Belgrade @ Belgrade , 4:15pm, bus at 2:15 (C, JV, V)
 Sept. 27 – Lima (double) @ Lima, 5pm, bus at 12:45pm (V)
 Sept. 29 – Christian Tourney (JV/V)
 Oct. 1 – Butte (double) @ Butte, 3:30pm, bus at 1:30pm (C) Oct. 2 – Sheridan @ Ennis, 4pm (C, JV, V)
 Oct. 4 – Bozeman @ Ennis, 3:30pm (C)
 Oct. 6 – Granite @ Phillipsburg , 2pm, bus at 9:45am (JV, V)
 Oct. 11 – Three Forks (Senior Night) @ Ennis, 4pm (C, JV, V)
 Oct. 12 – Twin Bridges @ Twin Bridges, 2pm, bus at 12pm (C, JV, V)
 Oct. 15 – Belgrade @ Belgrade, 5:30pm, bus at 3:30pm (JV/C)
 Oct. 16 – Harrison (double) @ Harrison, 5:30pm, bus at 4:15pm (V)
 Oct. 24-26 – District @ Manhattan Christian
 Nov. 1-3 – Divisional @ Frenchtown
 Nov. 8-10 – State Volleyball @ MSU

VOLLEYBALL

Aug 24/25 – Choteau Tournament (V)
 Aug. 28 – Sheridan @ Sheridan, 4pm, bus at 2:15 (C/JV/V)
 Aug. 31 – Butte (double) @ Ennis, 2pm (C)
 Aug. 31 – Drummond @ Ennis, 5:30pm (JV/V)
 Sept. 6 – Three Forks @ Three Forks, 4pm, bus at 2:15 (C/JV/V)
 Sept. 7 – Belgrade @ Ennis, 3pm (C/JV)
 Sept. 8 – Granite (Homecoming) @ Ennis, 2pm (JV/V)
 Sept. 10 – Bozeman @ Bozeman, 4pm, bus at 2pm (C/JV)
 Sept. 13 – Twin Bridges @ Ennis, 4pm (C/JV/V)
 Sept. 15 – Sheridan Tourney (C/JV)
 Sept. 17 – Bozeman @ Bozeman, 4pm,

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FOOTBALL

Aug. 24 – Great Falls Central (Mt Tech), 7pm
 Sept. 1 – Tri-Cities Coop (Hobson), 1pm
 Sept. 7 – Harlowton (H), 7pm
 Sept. 14 – Joliet (T), 7pm
 Sept. 21 – Absarokee (H), 7pm (Homecoming)
 Sept. 28 – Lone Peak (T), 7pm
 Oct. 5 – Park City (H), 7pm
 Oct. 12 – Ennis (H), 7pm (Senior Night)
 Oct. 27 - 1st Round Playoffs
 Nov. 3 – State Quarter Finals
 Nov. 10 – State Semi Finals
 Nov. 17 – State Championship

CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 25 – Jefferson/Boulder
 Sept. 1 – Belgrade
 Sept. 8 – Harrison/Pony
 Sept. 15 – Twin Bridges
 Sept. 22 – Butte
 Sept. 29 - Mountain West (Missoula)
 Oct. 4 – 7 on 7, Helena
 Oct. 8 – Big Timber
 Oct. 13 – Townsend
 Oct. 19, 20 – State in Missoula

VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 25 – Drummond Tourney
 Aug. 28 – Lima (T), 5:30pm
 Aug. 31 – Granite (H), 5:30pm
 Sept. 1 – Man Christian (T), 2pm
 Sept. 4 – Sheridan (T), 4pm
 Sept. 8 – Harrison (T), 5:30pm
 Sept. 11 – Lima (H), 5:30pm
 Sept. 13 – Ennis (T), 4pm
 Sept. 14 – Drummond (H), 5:30pm
 Sept. 15 – Sheridan (T), TBA (C & JV only)
 Sept. 20 – Granite (T), 5:30pm
 Sept. 22 – WSS (H), 5pm (Homecoming)
 Sept. 25 – Whitehall (H), 4pm
 Sept. 28 – Lone Peak (T), 2pm
 Sept. 29 – Manhattan Christian Tourney
 Oct. 6 – Harrison (H), 5:30pm
 Oct. 12 – Ennis (H), 2pm
 Oct. 13 – Drummond (T), 4pm
 Oct. 16 – Sheridan (H), 5:30pm (Senior Night)
 Oct. 25 - 27 – District Tourney (Manhattan Christian)
 Nov. 1-3 – Divisional Tourney (Manhattan Christian)
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Harrison Wildcats



CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 21 – Parent Meeting, 6:45pm
 Aug. 25 – Jefferson, 9:30am
 Sept. 1 – Belgrade (JH also)
 Sept. 4 – Butte Central @ Fairmont (Walk through 4pm/ Race 5pm)
 Sept. 8 – Harrison (Home, JH also)
 Sept. 15 – Twin Bridges (JH also)
 Sept. 22 – Butte (JH also)
 Sept. 29 – Mountain West Classic, Missoula (Possible JH)
 Oct. 4 – Helena 7 on 7
 Oct. 6 – Big Timber, 9am (JH also)
 Oct. 13 – Townsend, 10am (JH also – JH will run last)
 Oct. 20 – STATE, Missoula

(A)
 Sept. 18 – Shields Valley (H) 5:30pm
 Sept. 21 – Lima Double Match (H) 5:30pm
 Sept. 22 – West Yellowstone (A) 5:30pm
 Sept. 29 – Sheridan (A) 5:30pm
 Oct. 4 – Drummond (H) 5:30pm
 Oct. 6 – Twin Bridges (A) 5:30pm
 Oct. 11 – Sheridan (H) 5:30pm
 Oct. 13 – Granite (A) 5:30pm
 Oct. 16 – Ennis Double Match (Senior Night) (H)
 Oct. 24-26 – District @ Manhattan Christian
 Nov. 1-3 – Divisional @ Manhattan Christian
 Nov. 8-10 – State Volleyball @ MSU

Homecoming
 Sept. 24 – JH/JV Three Forks (A) 4:00/5:30
 Sept. 28 – Broadwater (H)
 Oct. 1 – JH/JV Broadwater (A) 4:00/5:30
 Oct. 5 – Jefferson (A)
 Oct. 8 – JH/JV Jefferson (H) 4:00/5:30
 Oct. 12 – Columbus (H)
 Oct. 19 – Manhattan (A)

VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 21 – Parent Meeting, 6:45pm
 Aug. 24 – Shields Valley 2pm
 Aug. 25 – Battle of the Big Sky Invitational 9am
 Sept. 1 – Granite (H) 5:30 pm
 Sept. 7 – Drummond (A) 5:30pm
 Sept. 8 – Twin Bridges (H) 5:30pm
 Sept. 11 – West Yellowstone (H) 5:30pm
 Sept. 15 – Sheridan Tournament

FOOTBALL

(Varsity games start at 7pm)
 Aug. 21 – Parent Meeting, 6:45pm
 Aug. 24 – Possible Game
 Aug. 27 – JH/JV Manhattan 4:00/5:30
 Aug. 31 – Loyola (H)
 Sept. 7 – Shepherd (A)
 Sept. 14 – Sweetgrass/Big Timber (A)
 Sept. 17 – JH/JV Sweetgrass (H) TBD
 Sept. 21 – Three Forks (H)



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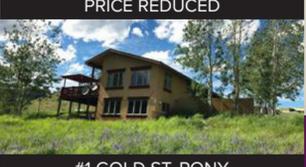


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Alder barn dance returns September 1

ALDER - Barbara Pearson is inviting the public, family and friends to enjoy a barn dance and potluck dinner Sept. 1 at the Larrabee Barn at the Ruby Dell Ranch on 83 Anderson Lane, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The dinner is pot luck --- bring something to share - and the music will be provided by The Ruby Valley Boys and Barbwire. Dancing by 8 p.m., Pearson says. A first wedding anniversary will also be celebrated. For more information, contact Pearson by e-mail at jonemare52@gmail.com.

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Officials, supporters and administrators of Ruby Valley Medical Center cut the ribbon opening the new hospital. Left to right: Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation president Les Gilman, Tiger Munson, Steve Langlas, Jason Davis, Katie Hall, Dr. Warren Swager, John Benedict, Steve Troendle, Carol Braach, Ken Walsh, Tony Simonsen, Rev. Janis Hansen, Jenna Rhoads, Bob Olsen and John Semingson. (SUBMITTED)

Sheridan's new hospital opens its doors

The culmination of 10-year project welcomes the public

REAGAN COLYER
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SHERIDAN—The idea of a new Ruby Valley Medical Center has been in the works since 2008, and this weekend the realization of that idea opened its doors to the residents of the Ruby Valley and the patients it will serve.

The original hospital, built in 1964, is a 17,000 square foot facility. The 2018 version is around 30,000 square feet, built by a loan of nearly \$10 million from the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Program, with an additional \$2.5 million raised by the Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation.

As a nonprofit critical care facility, keeping to a set budget has always been a priority, so the existing facility has held out about as long as it could have without either a remodel or a completely new hospital. Building a new facility ended up costing around \$600,000 less and cutting as much as a year off construction time.

At the grand opening, visitors could tour the new facility, which includes many new and state-of-the-art pieces of equipment, expanded care areas across the board and many elements the hospital has never had before.

New Features

One such element is something so simple it could almost be overlooked, but which makes itself obvious in its absence. The old hospital had no air conditioning; the new one is fully climate controlled.

Some of the biggest changes could be seen in the physical therapy wing of the new hospital. The old one wasn't nearly large enough for the number of patients it served.

"We had one, sometimes two, private treatment rooms," says communications coordinator Debra McNeill of the old facility. "But those also stored a variety of therapy equipment." Patients often had to do therapy exercises in the adjoining hallway.

The new PT wing features over twice as much space as its predecessor, as well as new exercise and rehabilitation machines, a shower and changing room, four private therapy rooms with adjustable beds, and outdoor access for patients.

Another new feature is one that was specifically requested by the residents of the Ruby Valley: a designated specialist wing.

The hospital conducted a survey back in 2011

that polled the community on what they'd like to see from their medical providers and a particular value of the local community was a desire for increased access to specialists like cardiologists, podiatrists and OB-GYNs.

The new hospital houses several private exam rooms specifically designated for specialists like these, who will be available certain days of the week or month according to a schedule yet to be determined.

There is also a new tele-medicine room, which McNeill notes is vitally important in a rural area like the Ruby Valley. She says the tele-medicine service will be invaluable in situations of critical need like mental health crises that would allow a provider to speak directly to a patient without their coming into the clinic.

Grand Opening

Saturday's grand opening was the culmination of three days of celebratory events for the new facility. The hospital hosted a barbecue for employees and their families on Thursday, August 16 and a reception for donors to the new hospital on Friday, August 17. McNeill says the final celebration went "about as perfectly as we expected."

Visitors heard the national anthem sung by Katie Hall and an invocation by Reverend Janis Hansen. Representatives from Ruby Valley Medical Center, the Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation, the Montana Hospital Association and USDA Rural Development were all among the featured speakers.

A LifeFlight helicopter demonstrated one of the first landings on the hospital's new helistop, and visitors were able to meet the pilot and even take a turn in the co-pilot's seat (staying firmly on the ground).

Visitors were then able to take a self-guided tour of the hospital and meet the department heads in their respective areas. Most departments also featured comparison photos of the corresponding areas in the old facility, so everyone could see exactly what a positive change the new construction is.

On first entering, they got a view of the interactive donor wall honoring the dozens of individuals and businesses who donated to the building of the medical center.

Del Bieroth designed and sculpted the decorative wall, which features many of the elements that make the Ruby Valley unique: its ranching, fishing and wildlife in particular. The sculpture is inlaid with two screens that will feature donor lists, images of the Ruby Valley and information about the hospital.

Ruby Valley Medical Center staff began moving into their new space on Wednesday, August 22. For many of them, as for the entire Ruby Valley community, a decade-long goal finally became a reality this weekend.



Artist Del Bieroth with the sculpture he created for the interactive donor wall in the entryway of the new Ruby Valley Medical Center. (PHOTO COURTESY OF DEBRA MCNEILL)



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Grizzly bears being considered for de-listing

Public hearings to be held on this topic in several towns

HELENA – The Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission has approved language for a proposed administrative rule that would codify population objectives for grizzly bears in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem (NCDE).

The decision, made on August 9, sets into motion a public comment period that will run from Aug. 24 through Oct. 26. Public hearings will be held in Kalispell, Missoula, Great Falls, and Conrad. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) staff will explain and answer questions about the proposed population objectives at the hearings and take public comment.

The population objective is for NCDE, which is one of six designated recovery areas for grizzly bears in the lower-48 states.

Grizzly bears in the NCDE are currently listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, although they have met their recovery criteria and may be proposed for delisting in the future.

The NCDE subcommittee of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) released a revised conservation strategy for grizzly bears earlier this summer. This document summarizes the commitments and coordinated efforts made by the state, tribal and federal agencies to manage and monitor the grizzly bear population and its habitat upon delisting.

According to this earlier conservation strategy document, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) says the NCDE grizzly population is steadily increasing, has been for more than 10 years; and, it is expanding into territory that it hasn't occupied in more than 100 years. FWS believes that because of these changes the NCDE population should be reviewed to determine if it has met the demographic criteria to delist grizzly bears as identified in the grizzly recovery plan.

The conservation strategy identifies a demographic monitoring area (DMA) that is home to the core population of grizzly bears in the NCDE.

The DMA is comprised of the primary conservation area (which includes Glacier National Park and parts of five national forests including the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex), and an area identified as zone 1, which is a buffer zone outside the primary conservation area. The objective in this area, as detailed in the conservation strategy, is continual occupancy by grizzly bears, which will require maintaining good habitat conditions and adhering to population criteria.

FWP's proposed administrative rule centers on Chapter 2 of the conservation strategy that details grizzly bear population objectives for the DMA.

The population objective for the DMA aims to continually maintain a population size above 800 bears with at least 90 percent certainty. Effectively, this would mean managing for a population of approximately 1,000 grizzly bears in the DMA.

A draft version of the conservation strategy was open to public review and comment in 2013. Since 2013, more research and analysis has provided the IGBC better information about the grizzly bear population and how it has changed. Public and peer comments also helped lay the groundwork for an improved monitoring approach for the NCDE. These changes are incorporated into Chapter 2 of the conservation strategy.

FWP would work with the NCDE subcommittee to incorporate any potential changes resulting from this public process.

Public Hearings

Sept. 18 – Great Falls, Great Falls College-MSU, 2100 16th Avenue S., 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 19 – Conrad, High School, 308 S. Illinois St., 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 26 – Missoula, Holiday Inn Downtown, 600 S. Pattee St., 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 27 – Kalispell, Flathead Valley Community College, Arts and Technology Building, 777 Grandview Drive, 6:30 p.m.

Comments can be submitted either orally or in writing during the hearings. Comments can also be submitted by mail to Grizzly Bear ARM, Wildlife Division, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, Montana, 59620-0701; or e-mail FWPGRIZZLYBEARARM@mt.gov, and must be received no later than Oct. 26, 2018.

Madison County DISPATCH

August 12 - 18, 2018

August 12 - Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 34, Cameron; Theft Complaint on Garden Creek Rd., MM 2, Alder; Animal Complaint on Tuke Ln., Sheridan.

August 13 - Accident Out of County; Accident on Fairgrounds Loop Rd., Twin Bridges; Welfare Check in 300 Blk Waterloo Rd., Whitehall; Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 21, Alder; Wildlife Complaint in 700 Blk Varney Rd., Ennis.

August 14 - Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 14, Virginia City; Theft Complaint in 300 Blk S Jackson St., Virginia City; Suspicious Circumstances in 300 Blk US Hwy 287 S, Cameron; Animal Complaint on Horn Creek Rd., Cameron; Medical Aid on Toledo Mine Rd., Sheridan; Traffic Complaint at Mill St. & Bieler Ln., Sheridan; Wildlife Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 34, Sheridan; Dog Complaint in 700 Blk S. Third St., Ennis; Suspicious Circumstances at US Hwy 287 & Sterling Rd., Norris; Alarm Call in 300 Blk E. Main St., Ennis; Wildlife Complaint on MT Hwy 41, MM 20, Twin Bridges; Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 41 N, MM 43, Twin Bridges.

August 15 - Accident on US Hwy 287, MM 68, Norris; Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 35, Sheridan; Theft Complaint in 300 Blk S. Jackson St., Virginia City; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 54, McAllister; Suspi-

cious Circumstances at US Hwy 287, MM 66, Norris; Wildlife Complaint on Wisconsin Creek Rd., Sheridan; Medical Aid on Wisconsin Creek Rd., Sheridan; Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 28, Laurin; Civil Service on Wisconsin Creek Rd., Sheridan; Alarm Call on Ennis Lake Rd., Ennis.

August 16 - Medical Aid in 600 Blk Madison Ave., Ennis; Medical Aid at Pennington Bridge, Twin Bridges; Theft Complaint in 300 Blk Main St., Twin Bridges; Accident on US Hwy 287, MM 22, Cameron; Fire Call on North Meadow Creek, McAllister;

Medical Aid on Kokanee Dr., McAllister; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 59, McAllister; Suspicious Circumstances at MT Hwy 41 N & MT Hwy 55, Silver Star.

August 17 - Fire Call on Granite Mountain Rd., Cameron; Fire Call on N. Golden Eagle Dr., McAllister; Alarm Call in 400 Blk Varney Rd., Ennis; Accident on MT Hwy 287, MM 10, Ennis; Medical Aid in 300 Blk E. Main St., Ennis.

August 18 - Accident on MT Hwy 41 S, MM 24, Twin Bridges; Suspicious Circumstances on US Hwy 287, MM 17, Cameron; Warrant Service at MT Hwy 287 & Browline Ln., Ennis; Fireworks Complaint at Grant Mine or Alder Gulch area, Virginia City.

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Rotary Club of Twin Bridges Fair Parade winners

The Rotary Club of Twin Bridges announces the winners for the Madison County Fair Parade as follows:

- Best Of Show - Maize Hutchinson of Twin Bridges.
- Use Of Theme - 1st - Mazie Hutchinson of Twin Bridges; 2nd - Bailey Escott of Twin Bridges.
- In County Float - 1st - Red Hats of Twin Bridges; 2nd - Grand Opening of the new Ruby Valley Hospital.
- Out Of County Float - Jeffrey Family of Taylorville, Illinois (Rotary sponsored).
- Youth Group Float - FFA Group of Sheridan.

- 4-H Float - 1st - 4-H Thank You Buyers, 2nd - Starbusters 4-H Club.
- Commercial Float - 1st - Opportunity Bank of Montana, 2nd - Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- Woman On Horseback - Bailey Escott of Twin Bridges.
- Girl On Horseback - Maize Hutchinson of Twin Bridges.
- Horse Drawn Vehicle - Duke Novich Ranch of Twin Bridges.
- Riding Group - Ramblin Rose.
- Humorous Entry - Good Clean Fun with the Jeffrey Family.
- Walking Entry - 1st - Petting Zoo with Ann Gornick, 2nd - Scooby Doo

- (the Shriners Entry).
- Decorated 4 Wheeler - Play with Gravity.
- Group Of Bikes - Crazy Girls with Ann Kish of Twin Bridges.
- Antique Vehicle - 1st - Dillon Jaycees Fire Truck, 2nd - WWII Dodge with Kitt Dale of Sheridan.
- Classic Vehicle - 1st - Pink Heals SW Montana / Joan Grogan of Dillon, 2nd - 5 Corvettes / Hylight Corvette Club of Manhattan
- Other Entry - 1st - Parade Marshalls Gary & Bennie Clark of the Quarter Circle One Ranch of the Madison Valley

MDT open house on Varney Bridge replacement

ENNIS - The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is conducting an open house meeting on a proposal to replace the bridge on Secondary Route 249 (Varney Road) crossing the Madison River at reference post 7.8 south of Ennis in Madison County.

The open house will be held in Ennis from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 29, at the Ennis Elementary School Cafeteria (323 S. Charles St.).

The public is invited to visit project displays, ask questions and provide comments on the project. Project team members will be available during the open house to discuss the project.

Proposed work includes removal of the existing bridge

and construction of a new bridge with an overhead steel truss superstructure. The roadway approaches will also be reconstructed as needed to match the grade and width of the new structure.

Construction is tentatively planned for 2019 depending on completion of design and availability of funds. New right-of-way and relocation of utilities will be required. MDT staff will contact potentially affected landowners prior to construction regarding property acquisition and temporary construction permits.

Community participation is a very important part of the process, and the public is encouraged to attend. MDT attempts to provide accommodations for

any known disability that may interfere with a person's participation in any department service, program or activity. For reasonable accommodations to participate in this meeting, please contact Jan Nessel at (406) 556-4707 at least two days prior to the meeting.

Opinion, comments and concerns may also be submitted in writing at the meeting, by mail to Jeff Ebert, Butte District Administrator, at the Montana Department of Transportation Butte office at PO Box 3068, Butte MT 59702-3068 or online at: mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml

Please note that your comments are for project UPN 9038 and submit comments by September 29, 2018.

Montana's unemployment rate: 3.7percent

MONTANA - Montana's unemployment rate dropped again for the third straight month, down to 3.7 percent for the month of July. The U.S. unemployment rate was at 3.9 percent in July.

"With Montana's unemployment rate at the lowest in over a decade, and as Montana's economy continues to grow with more good-paying jobs, we have a lot to be excited about," said Governor Bullock. "This is a reflection of our strong business climate and entrepreneurialism, as well as efforts in both the public and private sectors to build a more diverse workforce that's ready to

take on the jobs of today and the future."

Payroll employment posted a gain of 900 jobs in July, for a total of 3,400 jobs added in the last three months. Local government again posted the largest over-the-month growth, with the Administrative Support industry also posting a large increase. Total employment levels posted insignificant growth over the last month, despite increases in payroll employment, indicating workers switching from self-employment to payroll jobs.

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers

(CPI-U) increased by 0.2 percent in July, with most of the increase coming from an increase in shelter prices. The acceleration of inflation continued, with the over-the-year increase in the CPI-U hitting 2.9 percent for the second month in a row. The index for all items less food and energy, also called core inflation, increased 0.2 percent in July, with a change of 2.4 percent over-the-year increase since September 2008.

Unemployment figures are seasonally-adjusted.

Seasonally-adjusted numbers remove the effects of events that follow a more or less regular month-to-month pattern each year. These adjustments make non-seasonal patterns easier to identify. The margin of error for the unemployment rate is plus or minus 0.5 percentage points at the 90 percent confidence level.

All questions relating to the calculation of unemployment rates should be directed to the Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research and Analysis Bureau at (406) 444-4100.

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UM Professor Diana Six made the discovery after studying mature whitebark and lodgepole pines that beetles left alone. (SUBMITTED)

Research finds differences in trees untouched by pine beetles

MISSOULA – A University of Montana researcher has discovered that mountain pine beetles may avoid certain trees within a population they normally would kill due to genetics in the trees.

UM Professor Diana Six made the discovery after studying mature whitebark and lodgepole trees that were the age and size that mountain pine beetle prefer, but had somehow escaped attack during the recent outbreak.

After DNA screening, survivor trees all contained a similar genetic makeup that was distinctly different from the general population that were mostly susceptible to the beetle.

“Our findings suggest that survivorship is genetically based and, thus, heritable,” Six said, “which is what gives us hope.”

In western North America, whitebark pine, a high el-

evation keystone species recommended for listing as an endangered species, and lodgepole pine, a widespread ecologically and economically important tree, have experienced extensive mortality in recent climate-driven outbreaks of the mountain pine beetle.

“Our results suggest that surviving trees possess a wealth of information that can be used to inform our understanding of the genetic and phenotypic bases for resistance and to develop management approaches that support forest adaptation,” Six said.

The study was published July 23 in the journal *Frontiers in Plant Science* and is available online at <http://bit.ly/2PdDW3V>.

Since its publication, it has received nearly 1,000 views.

DISTRICT COURT ROUNDUP

- Kristofer John Hatlee appeared before the Madison County District Court on August 13 for a sentencing hearing on eight drug-related charges from 2017.

In a plea deal, Hatlee pled guilty to felony possession of dangerous drugs for possession of methamphetamine. He also pled guilty to misdemeanor charges of drug possession for marijuana and possession of dangerous drug paraphernalia.

Five other charges were dismissed by the court. For his three guilty pleas, Hatlee was sentenced to three years in the Department of Corrections, six months in jail and several fines. He will also be required to undergo evaluation for chemical dependency.

On Monday, August 20:

- Heidi Laura Berg made an initial appearance for two drug-related charges. She is charged with felony criminal possession of dangerous drugs for methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of dangerous drug paraphernalia for a broken lightbulb and a straw used to ingest drugs.

- Clayton Clark Coulter also made his initial appearance for four felony charges: strangulation of a family member, kidnapping, assault with a weapon and aggravated assault, in addition to a misdemeanor charge of partner assault. All of those charges are associated with a dispute with Coulter's partner back in July.

- Robert Petty, IV appeared for an adjudi-

cation hearing. Petty was found guilty of two counts of criminal privacy in communications and two counts of violation of an order of protection. He was initially charged with felony intimidation for threatening phone calls regarding a custody dispute over his children. The intimidation charge was later dropped, as were four additional counts of privacy in communications (all six counts of which concerned threatening or lewd text messages) and three additional counts of violation of an order of protection. Petty was fined and sentenced to a suspended period in jail, the suspension of which the court now seeks to revoke.

- Jeb Floyd Smithson appeared for a hearing regarding several drug- and traffic-related counts from June of this year. Smithson was charged with felony possession of methamphetamine, misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, unauthorized use of a vehicle not belonging to him, driving with a revoked license and without liability insurance, failure to properly secure license plates and a speed violation on Highway 41. Smithson pled guilty to all counts but was later arrested for violations regarding a GPS unit he was required to wear.

Smithson also appeared for a separate case from later in June. At that time, he was charged with felony theft of a motorcycle, and obstructing a peace officer for providing false information to an officer during a traffic stop later that day.

Harrison school approves 2018-2019 budget

Tax decrease on tap for next year, student numbers up from 2017-18

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HARRISON—The Harrison school board held its last monthly meeting before the start of the new school year on Monday, August 13, and the primary item on the agenda was the approval of the annual budget for fiscal year 2019, which looks slightly smaller than last year's.

“I like the idea of having a noticeable tax decrease for our taxpayers,” said superintendent

Fred Hofman, noting that Harrison didn't vote on any mill levies this year. The total budget, which contained 216.85 mills, was reduced to 209.86.

Hofman noted that some of the school's funds still have some leftover funds in them, and that being frugal this year will lead to the potential for a larger budget in fiscal year 2020.

One expense already approved for the 2019 budget is the purchase of a large SUV to replace one currently used as an e-bus for Harrison District.

That vehicle will cost around \$27,000 of the district's transportation fund, which holds just under \$190,000 but will also provide some reimbursement opportunities as the old vehicle is retired and depreciated.

The board also approved several staffing changes, including hiring a new volleyball coach.

Jaci Nesbit will coach Harrison's volleyball team, which will have nine athletes this fall.

Marcie Clark was approved to fill the position of head cook, and Marsha Atkinson was hired as assistant cook. Clark has served as assistant for several years and is familiar with Harrison's kitchens and system.

As school districts around Madison County gear up for the start of the 2018-2019 school year, the board noted that Harrison will hold its annual back-to-school barbecue on Tuesday, August 21.

The event will begin with an open house from 4-5:30 p.m., followed by the barbecue from 5:30-7 and a parent meeting in the school at 7 p.m.

Other Harrison school board business included:

- An annual review of the school's safety plan, which includes sections on earthquake re-

sponses, active shooter preparedness, fire drills and explosives threats. The plan is posted in various offices around the school.

- The addition of two more students to the middle school. Harrison's student population was 73 last year and has grown to 79 for 2018-2019.

- A superintendent's report from Hofman, which included a potential opportunity for Harrison to add new equipment to its playground. The Bozeman Boys' and Girls' Club is remodeling one of its playgrounds and Harrison is in line to be the recipient of a donation of lightly used equipment. “It sounds like we might be in line if we want it,” said Hofman. “There's nothing for sure yet but we've got a lead.” The transfer of any equipment wouldn't happen until next school year at the earliest.



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Don't get rattled!

Late summer is rattlesnake season: Here's how to keep safe

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ENNIS—As the days get hotter and drier, it's important to watch the ground while hiking, running, horseback riding and walking dogs. The Madison Valley is home to several species of snakes, including Montana's only venomous one: the prairie rattlesnake (also known as the western rattlesnake). Rattlesnakes pose a significant threat to recreators if caught unawares, but when precautions or taken, it's easy to live in harmony with them.

Rattlesnakes prefer open, dry spaces and ponderosa stands in particular, according to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP). Since they like to be in hot and sunny spots, they'll often gravitate toward south-facing slopes or rocky areas where they can stretch out in the sun.

So, how frequently do people actually get bitten by rattlesnakes in Montana?

The answer: often enough for the Rocky Mountain Poison Center to keep track, but not very many considering the number of people who recreate in rattlesnake country.

The RMPC, which is part of Denver Health, oversees poison and venom exposure for Montana, Nevada, Colorado and Hawaii, and reports that Montana has had 153 reported rattlesnake bites since 2008. Of those reports, there have been zero deaths.

"Bites are extremely rare," says Katie Geraci of Montana FWP. "Of the thousands of hunters, hikers and backpackers in the state every year, very few get bitten." The highest bite rate of the last decade occurred in 2014, when a total of 20 bites were reported to the RMPC.

Most of the effects that come from rattlesnake bites are reported as "moderate," but that doesn't make them any more pleasant.

Rattlesnake bites are extremely painful, and can induce nausea and vomiting, severe swelling and, in some cases, gangrene at the bite area.

This data from the Rocky Mountain Poison Center shows rattlesnake bites as reported to Montana's state poison center. Montana sees up to 20 reported bites per year but has not had any reported deaths from the bites. (Courtesy of Shireen Banerji)

Prevent Bites

Fortunately, the most effective way to keep yourself safe from rattlesnake bites is also the easiest: just leave them alone.

"If you see a rattlesnake, tip your hat, detour around it, and keep going," writes Montana FWP. They also advise never to try and capture or kill one, as all that will give you is an angry snake and a much higher chance of being bitten.



The Prairie Rattlesnake (also called the Western Rattlesnake) is the only venomous species of snake out of the ten species in Montana. (MT FWP)

When recreating in a place where rattlesnakes live, be sure to wear boots that cover your ankles, and don't go reaching into brushy areas or holes where you can't see what's inside.

Snakes tend to aim low or for outstretched extremities like hands and forearms, so stay covered up. They can have a strike distance of up to half their body length, Geraci says, so if you see one, make sure to stay several feet away.

There are also specially-designed chaps and boots that snakes can't bite through, if you know you'll be in an area with a high rattlesnake population.

Since snakes nest in secluded places like holes, another area to be aware of is the woodpile.

Snakes often find them appealing as dry, warm nooks and may take up residence between logs or behind piles. Always be careful removing wood and listen for rattles: they'll always make themselves known if they feel threatened.

One more area to be aware of possible snake presence is heavily irrigated areas, Geraci says. Watering of lawns or fields can draw frogs and small mammals, which in turn draws the snakes that like to feed on them.

Protecting Animals

For humans, it's pretty easy to be aware of what to do in snake country, and to identify the places where they're most likely to be found. Pets, especially outdoor animals like dogs and horses, don't often have as much luck identifying where rattlers might be, so owners need to be especially vigilant in protecting pets.

Dogs are about 20 times more likely to get bitten by a rattlesnake than humans are, according to a warning from

the Billings Animal Family Hospital. They're also 25 times more likely to die than humans if they do get bitten.

The easiest way to protect your pet is to keep them on a leash when out recreating in rattlesnake country.

Pets like dogs who like to dig holes can accidentally stir up a slumbering snake if they get too nosy while exploring, so keep an eye on them at all times while hiking or camping.

Many vets also offer a vaccination that can give a pet a boost before drastic measures are needed. Often in shot form, these vaccinations protect animals in case of a bite, allowing much more time to get them to a clinic, especially if the snake encounter happened in the backcountry or out of cell-phone range.

There are also sometimes agility classes that can help dogs learn to avoid snakes, says Geraci. These can be especially helpful for bird dogs, ensuring that they don't try to go after a snake they see instead of a downed bird.

If a pet gets bitten while out and about—or at home—call a veterinarian as soon as possible.

The smaller the animal, the more quickly snake venom will enter the bloodstream, so speed is key in getting treatment.

If you get bitten

Those old wives' tales about snakebite remedies definitely don't work in a real-life bite situation. Tourniquet? No. Sucking out the venom? Absolutely not. In fact, methods like that can actually make things worse and increase the risk of infection.

"Don't cut the wound, don't apply any salves," Geraci says,

as those options can lead to infection and further stress for the victim, which leads to an elevated heart rate and faster pumping of venom through the bloodstream.

"Don't give them any alcohol, aspirin or other drugs, and don't put a tourniquet on the wound, because if it's too tight it could cause gangrene to set in."

Instead, keep the bitten area still, and put it in a splint if possible. It might be the opposite of a natural reaction, but try to stay as calm as possible; movement and exertion only increase blood flow.

Next, take off anything that may be constricting, like bracelets, rings, sleeves or shoes and socks. When transporting a bite victim back to a vehicle or to a medical facility, move slowly and as calmly as possible.

In the end, the most effective protection against rattlesnakes is awareness and common sense. Travel in groups with a reliable mode of communication in case of emergencies, give snakes their space and keep your eyes and ears open.

"Snakes aren't actively going to come into a house looking for someone to bite," says Geraci. "They play an important role in the food chain, helping control the diseases that can be spread by animals like mice and rats. Most people who get bitten are usually trying to capture or kill the snake."

For the most part, she says, rattlesnakes are shy. They probably want to interact with you about as much as you want to interact with them. So leave them to their business and they'll likely do their best to do the same.

Johnny's new shoes

Farrier Kristi Reeves of Harrison loves her work

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TRAIL CREEK — "Most people know me bent over better than face-to-face," says a chuckling Kristi Reeves, while she trimmed the hooves of "Johnny," a big bay quarter horse. "They don't recognize me standing up. But they know I usually wear Wrangler jeans and have a (hoof) knife on the right side," she continued.

Reeves is a farrier, a hard and very necessary job here where cattle ranching, outfitting, trail riding, rodeos, horses and the people who use them all collide.

The Harrison-based woman travels across the county in a specially-built pickup, complete with an iron forge, blacksmith anvil, horseshoeing stands and other gear.

Reeves is a graduate of Montana State University's Professional Farrier Course as well as a member of the Montana Professional Horseshoers Association (MPHA).

With a strong working knowledge of equine anatomy, Reeves strives for expertise in her field, constantly seeking new information and technology about serving both the horses she works with and the clients she serves. She does therapeutic shoeing, shoes to gait faults, offers a balanced barefoot trim, makes custom shoes for every hoof and has the ability to

modify or create shoes for specific results.

Still, farrier work is hard work, often bent over with a horse's hoof between your knees, the horse leaning on you, work.

Hooves are cleaned and prepared for shoeing with a hoof knife, the hoof trimmed with a nipper, the surface to be shoed filed flat, the hoof itself shaped. Johnny had dry, hard hooves, so this took a good bit of effort.

Reeves then sizes up hoof for a shoe, a skill requiring a very well-trained eye.

She hot forges shoes — heats the shoe in an iron forge, and pounds it into proper shape based on the dimensions of the horse's hoof.

Next comes grinding the edges of the shoe to smoothness, so it will do no damage to the horse if he clips himself with a hoof; or other horses, should he step on them.

Reeves applies the shoe to the hoof, and sharp horseshoeing nails, six to a hoof, three on each side, hold it in place. The points of the nails must be bent over, nipped off and clenched into place with a special tool.

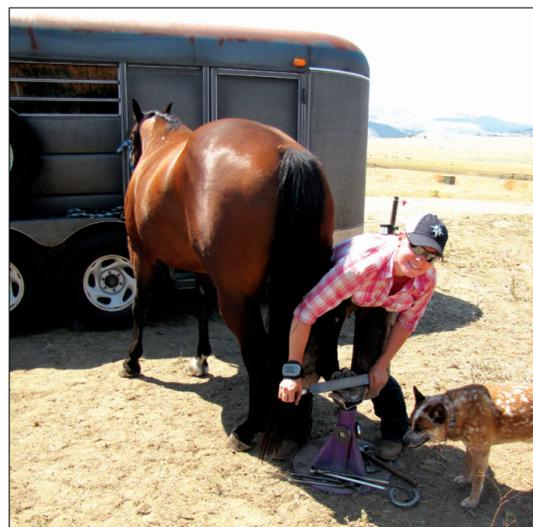
The final steps are smoothing the hoof and nails with a file, and dose of hoof dressing.

Repeat all of this four times, once for each hoof.

Reeves said she enjoys working with horses, making their feet and shoeing needs are well taken care of.

Sometimes her four kids come along, the youngest still in diapers, "to help" she says smiling, recalling an adventure on one farm where the kids got so dirty playing tag with some farm animals they had to be hosed off on the spot.

This, perhaps, is how future farriers are born.



Reeves at work: Above - filing the hoof flat, with Ace, supervising; Below, - Shaping the shoe; Right - Nailed it; Below right - Johnny, a satisfied customer.



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Dairy not linked to death in older adults

At a Glance

- A study of older adults found that long-term exposure to three fatty acids found in dairy foods wasn't associated with overall risk of death or death from cardiovascular disease.
- The findings suggest that consuming full-fat dairy foods after age 65 can have complex effects on health but may not increase the overall risk of death.

By Geri Piazza

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Dairy products like cheese, butter, and whole milk contain saturated fats. Past research has shown that diets with high levels of saturated fats can increase the risk of cardiovascular disease, such as heart disease and stroke. Saturated fats have also been linked to increased mortality rates. Understanding the health effects of dairy fats is challenging because dairy products are complex. They contain many nutrients like calcium that have health benefits.

When we digest dairy foods, the fatty acids from the food travel through the bloodstream. These fatty acids can be used in research studies as biomarkers of dairy fat consumption. A research team led by Dr. Marcia C. de Oliveira Otto at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and Dr. Dariush Mozaffarian of Tufts Univer-



Researchers have been studying the complex effects of dairy fats on human health. (GPOINTSTUDIO/ISTOCK/THINKSTOCK)

sity explored the connections between dairy fatty acids and cardiovascular disease and death. Their work was funded in part by NIH's National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and other NIH components.

The study included nearly 3,000 adults in California, Maryland, North Carolina, or Pennsylvania who were older than 65 and free of heart disease at the start of the study. The participants had physical exams and lab tests, and answered questionnaires. The team assessed three fatty acids that reflect dairy intake (pentadecanoic, heptadecanoic, and trans-palmitoleic fatty acids) in blood samples obtained at the start, at six years, and at 13 years. The

results appeared online in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition on July 11, 2018.

More than 2,400 people died over the course of the 22-year study period. The researchers accounted for demographic, lifestyle, cardiovascular, and dietary factors. They found no significant links between overall risk of death and long-term exposure to the three dairy fatty acids.

Next, the team investigated specific causes of death. More than 800 people died from cardiovascular causes, such as heart attacks and strokes. About 1,600 deaths were from other causes, such as cancer and infection. The team noted a lower risk of death from cardiovascular disease—in particular, stroke—for those with

higher levels of heptadecanoic acid. On the other hand, those with higher levels of heptadecanoic acid had a higher risk of death for non-cardiovascular causes. The other two dairy fatty acids did not have significant links to cardiovascular or noncardiovascular deaths.

The findings support a growing body of evidence that suggests dairy fat does not increase the risk of heart disease or overall mortality in older adults.

"Our results highlight the need to revisit current dietary guidance on whole fat dairy foods, which are rich sources of nutrients such as calcium and potassium," Otto says.



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COMMODITY INSITE: The Asian Crisis vs. the mess in Turkey

BY JERRY WELCH

Over the past four to five sessions, the Dow Jones Industrial Averages fell more than 600 points, gold and silver prices slipped to a one and a half- to two-year low, crude oil prices slumped to a two month low and the CRB Index, that is to the commodity markets as the Dow is to stock markets fell to a six month low.

All in all, stocks as well as commodities have been leaking with most placing the blame on the crisis with Turkey where their currency is literally collapsing.

Note too, even Bitcoin has tumbled badly the past few days with values now off 60 percent in 2018 and down 70 percent from the high posted in December 2017. And at mid-week, Bitcoin traded as low at \$5900, below major support levels I outlined last week. Thus, over the past few days, those long most any market have been wrong.

The last time a similar scenario surfaced, where, "being long was wrong" was in the final years of the 1990's and it was dubbed the Asian Crisis. There is no moniker for the current crisis but I have been dubbing it the, Mess In Turkey.

The reason this new crisis has yet to be giv-

en a name is because most believe what goes on in Turkey will stay in Turkey. Hopefully, they are right but when it comes to markets, no one knows for sure how volatile scenarios dealing with economics will ultimately unfold. The mess in Turkey may be contagious.

Here is a headline from Bloomberg Opinion from a few days ago that blared, "Sick Turkey Contagion Won't Cause an Asian Crisis." Bloomberg argued that the mess unfolding in Turkey is regional and will stay that way. They may be right. Or, they may be wrong. Only time will tell.

It was the Asian Crisis in late 1997 into late 1998 that led to a major low for commodity values.

A low was put in place because values simply collapsed to levels that were hard to fathom. The Asian Crisis was a long, drawn-out affair that laid waste and ravaged virtually all markets.

For example, from Haunted By Markets, in the "Mess In Asia" chapter I penned on November 26, 1997, I stated, "By mid-November, investors and traders all over the world were witnessing a growing scenario of sharp price declines for gold, most world equity markets,

and many Asian currencies. It was more and more obvious that the entire Big Four: stocks, bonds, currencies, and commodities were on the verge of a 'deflationary bust.' In other words, on the verge of a situation where prices for most everything collapses."

The final paragraph of that chapter read as follows, "What investors and traders have been witnessing for the past month and a half is an environment where buying something does not work. What does work and successfully I might add is selling something. Certainly, there are a number of markets and commodities that have very bullish, long-term fundamentals. But markets do not worry or think about tomorrow. Markets worry about today."

But here is the rub. One year later, the intense economic turmoil brought about by the Asian Crisis continued. Also from Haunted By Markets in a chapter entitled, "Asian Crisis Lingers," on November 16, 1998, I wrote the following thoughts and observations:

"My work continues to suggest that 1998 will eventually prove to be the most bearish year since 1929. I have made that bold statement many times over the past six months and thus far, nothing has surfaced to cause me to

change my mind. I remain exceptionally negative to most every market on the board."

"The primary motivating force for the entire Big Four; stocks, bonds, currencies and commodities for the past 12 months has been 1. The Asian Crisis. 2. Fears of deflation. 3. A bearish market psychology. The unfortunate combination of those three negative fundamental forces brought forth a 21-year low for wheat prices, a 10-year low for corn and soybean prices, a 27-year low for hog prices, a 13-year low for crude oil prices and an all-time historic high for U.S. Treasury bond prices."

I am not arguing the mess in Turkey today is even close to doing the damage to stocks and commodities that the Asian Crisis of 20 years ago caused.

What I will argue is you better know your history moving forward when involved in markets of any kind. In my view, the best and only place to learn the history of stocks, bonds, currencies and commodity futures is to check out Haunted By Markets at www.commodity-insite.com. Do take note of the special offer. And do not let history catch you by surprise!

Young@Heart

by Pam Young

If you're a person who has a history of disorganization, you've probably had your share of putting yourself down for it. When you're late (that's just a habit), you're embarrassed and you set yourself up for dirty looks and eye rolls from those who've had to wait for you or maybe your lack of time awareness has caused you to miss the last flight out, or the bus to someplace you wanted to be. When you trip in the dark over stuff you left out in the light (that's just a habit), it can mean a trip to the ER and a self-condemning sermon all the way to the hospital. When you run out of gas (that's just a habit) and you're late to work, you pour more gas on your talent for beating yourself up than you put in your car's tank.

When you bump up against something caused by your disorganized habits, ask yourself what baby step you might take so this bump can get smaller and smaller and in time, disappear? Get yourself into the 21-Day Game. Pick one thing to do for 21 days remembering you've got all the

time in the world to change anything you want to change. (The 21 days is just a segment of time in which a habit is established.) Don't put pressure on yourself. This is just a game you're going to play. There's no contest here. You don't need to prove your worth to anyone. Your reason to change something is so that you'll feel good because of it.

Bury the Hatchet

When it comes to getting organized, the real starting place is to make amends with you. You have to bury the psychological hatchet you've been holding over you for all your past misdemeanors. Give yourself a break! You're the only one who can do it, and all it takes is an apology. Tell yourself:

I'm sorry I've been so mean to you when things are disorganized. You are my best friend and I love you so much. I love how much I do in spite of being disorganized. Look how beautiful the yard is! I'm a great cook and I don't waste food. I'm doing so much right and everything is fine. I want to be more organized and I'd like to

start by going to bed every night for the next 21 days at 9:30 at the latest. That's all. Just a plan that will give me more rest for 21 days.

Going to bed at a regular time may not be the activity you choose to do for the 21- Day Game (it's a good one if you're not getting your rest) instead, it may be to shine your sink, make your bed, floss, walk for 30 minutes, get dressed before breakfast instead of before lunch or dinner, meditate for 20 minutes—you pick what feels right and do it. But pick something now.

Think of the habit you've picked as if it were a sunflower seed you're planting in a pretty pot. When you're actually doing the activity you picked to do for 21 days, think of that activity as watering and caring for the seed. The fertilizer for the seed will come in the form of how kind and positive you treat yourself in those 21 days. The kinder you are to you, the sooner your seed will grow into a full blossom called a habit. If you know anything about gardening, fertilizer is a must to a beautiful garden. If you know anything about YOU, you know that you thrive on kindness.

Recently I heard a spiritual teacher say, "When you compliment someone and thank that person for something, your appreciation for him/her has an effect on you." It works no matter who you appreciate or compliment, so you may as well include you in your appreciation, along with others. Praise yourself throughout each day (fertilizer) you do the activity you've chosen for the 21-Day Game.

Please let me know how you're doing and whether I can share your thoughts with others. Just email me at pam@pamyoung.org.

For more from Pam Young go to www.cluborganized.com. You'll find many musings, videos of Pam in the kitchen preparing delicious meals, videos on how to get organized, lose weight and get your finances in order, all from a reformed SLOB's point of view. Pam's books are also available on Amazon.

Try this 21-Day Game

Getting to the heart of America's diabetes crisis

More than 30 million Americans have diabetes, another 1.5 million are diagnosed with the disease annually

By Ken Thorpe

About 30 million Americans have diabetes, and an estimated 1.5 million more are diagnosed each year. More than 25 percent of seniors have diabetes, and minority populations are at the greatest risk of developing this disease. African Americans, for instance, have a 77 percent higher risk of developing diabetes compared to White Americans. Hispanic Americans have a 66 percent higher risk.

Most meticulously monitor their blood sugar, as they know that failing to keep diabetes in check can damage the kidneys, eyes, and feet. But even so, about 50,000 Americans start dialysis each year because of diabetes-induced kidney failure. More than three million Americans with diabetes experience partial vision loss. And over 70,000 undergo limb amputations

due to diabetic ulcers.

The disease also threatens the heart. People living with diabetes are more than twice as likely to develop a heart problem -- and up to four times as likely to die from cardiovascular disease. Yet half of people living with diabetes aren't aware of this risk.

That needs to change. Educating doctors and patients about the connection between diabetes and heart disease could save millions of lives and billions of dollars.

Type 2 diabetes changes how the body processes glucose -- a sugar found in foods. This results in chronically high levels of blood sugar, which can lead to life-threatening health problems.

People with type 2 diabetes are twice as likely to be hospitalized because of heart problems. And an estimated 68 percent of people with diabetes age 65 or older lose their lives to heart disease.

People with diabetes also often develop high levels of bad cholesterol, low levels of good cholesterol, and high triglycerides -- a situation that is often associated with coronary heart disease. And many struggling with diabetes are also obese, which puts the heart at greater risk.

The combination of diabetes and cardiovascular disease is a major driver of healthcare spending. Diabetes alone costs our nation \$245 billion a year in medical spending and lost productivity. Heart complications account for a quarter of the medical costs.

Raising awareness of this diabetes-heart connection can motivate change that America needs to chip away at the increasing burden of chronic disease.

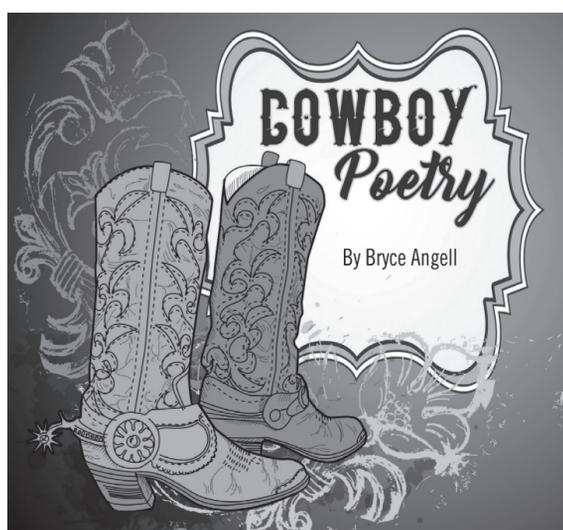
Medical professionals play a crucial role in educating people about the diabetes-heart connection, recommending changes needed to manage diabetes, protect the heart, and following progress.

People with diabetes and their families play a role, too -- supporting healthier, active lifestyles, tracking and managing glucose levels, asking their healthcare providers about diabetes and heart health, and following through on treatment recommendations.

Policymakers can also help. State and federal funds are used to educate the public about diabetes and heart disease. Making sure that efforts to address diabetes or cardiovascular disease effectively raise awareness of the linkage between them would spark impactful action.

Getting to the heart of America's diabetes crisis is long overdue. It's time to make the diabetes-heart connection and save millions of lives and dollars in the process.

Kenneth E. Thorpe is a professor of health policy at Emory University and chairman of the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease.



Hungry Dumb Cowboys

I saddled up old Cyruss. He was ready for a ride. We'd chosen South Boone Trailhead with the creek along its side.

We'd driven for two hours, then we parked next to the stream. I'd waited for this day to come. 'Twas almost like a dream.

My good friend, O'Neal Davis, rode his sorrel, Arab mare. We'd rode this trail so many times. No way to count, I swear.

But this time we dumb cowboys conjured up a brand-

new goal. We took no food just sleeping bags, some worms and fishing pole.

I guess our main ambition was to, "Catch a mess of fish!" We'd have our fill at supper time. Brook trout's our favorite dish.

But those danged old fish were sneaky. They just wouldn't take a bite. Two cowboys would be hungry in their sleeping bags that night.

I wrestled in my Coleman tent and found no way to sleep. I had to find some food to eat

or I'd be six feet deep.

So, I rustled through my bags and found a year-old Snickers treat. A mouse had chewed one end off, but still left a bite to eat.

I split the piece of candy, gave my pardner half the cut. Then popped the piece of chocolate in our mouths down to the gut.

Our tiny piece of Snickers bar was heaven to the taste. Especially for two grown up men whose brains were made of paste.

The morning light came early. We both cast a desperate line. Not a single fish was biting. So, I took that as a sign.

I gave the fishing pole a mighty toss across the creek. I should have kept a piece or two for walking with a stick.

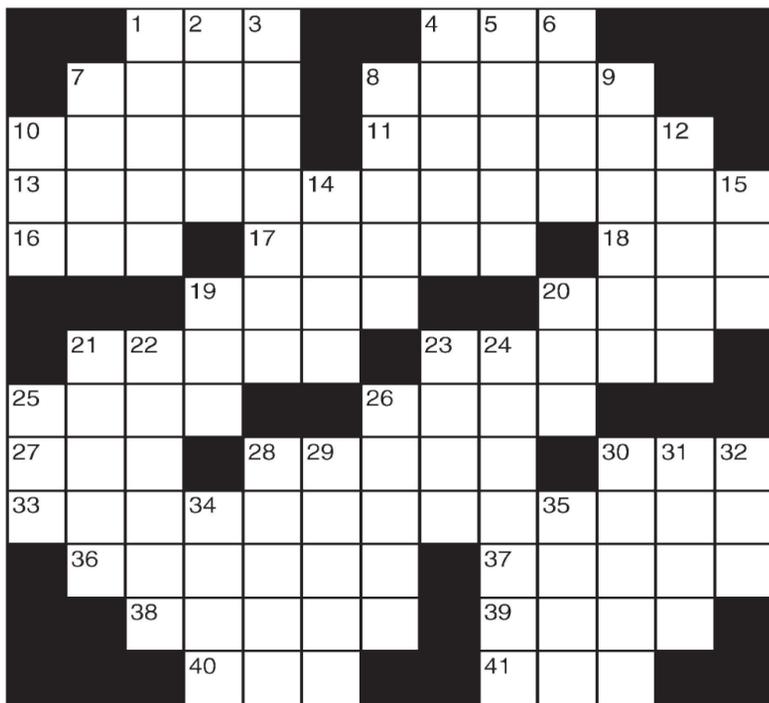
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- 17 Carolers' tunes
- 18 Vast expanse
- 19 Coloring agents
- 20 For fear that
- 21 Corporations
- 23 Paperhanger's need
- 25 Scrawny
- 26 Dull sound of impact
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- 22 Unbroken 32 Raw rock
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- RN-Full-time or Part-time;

Madison County

- Clerk-Clerk & Recorder's Office Short Term Position-September 1, 2018 thru November 30, 2018, Approx. 40 hours per week;
- Ennis Road Crew-Road and Bridge Technician-Full-time Permanent Position; and
- Information Systems Computer Support Specialist-Part-time.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

AUGUST 23, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF: LEONARD K. SJOBERG, Deceased. Cause No. DP-29-2018-13

NOTICE IS GIVEN That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (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 STEPHEN K. SJOBERG, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, in care of his attorney, Ashley Burleson, of Crowley Fleck PLLP, 1915 South 19th Ave., PO BOX 10969, Bozeman, MT, 59719 or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

Dated: July 17, 2018
/s/ ASHLEY BURLESON
Attorney for Personal Representative
STATE OF MONTANA

VS
COUNTY OF GALLATIN
STEPHEN K. SJOBERG, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says: That he has read the foregoing and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of his knowledge and belief, which he believes to be true.

/s/ STEPHEN K. SJOBERG
Personal Representative
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 11 day of July, 2018.
/s/ ASHLEY BURLESON
Notary Public for the State of Alabama
Residing in: Bozeman, Montana
My Commission expires: November 12, 2018 (SEAL)
Pub. Aug 9, 16, 23, 2018)cf
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PUBLIC NOTICE

JDL CONSTRUCTION CO., VS
NANETTE FLOWERS, also known as Nanette Lambertson, and JASON T. FLOWERS; TUESDAY CLARK; WEST ELECTRIC, INC., a Montana corporation; The MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendants,
TO BE SOLD AT Sheriff's Sale on the 29th day of August, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. on the front steps of the Madison County Courthouse, 100 W. Wallace Street, Virginia City, Madison County, Montana, the following described property:
The North 41 feet of Lot 1 in Block 9 of the Townsite of Sheridan, Montana, according to the Amended Plat of the Survey of the Town of Sheridan, as previously recorded in Book 217, page 279, records of Madison County, Montana.
Dated this 2nd day of August, 2018.
/s/ ROGER THOMPSON,
SHERIFF OF MADISON COUNTY
Pub. August 9, 16, 23 2018) mcsd
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PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING

The preliminary budget of The Town of Sheridan, Madison County Montana, has been completed and is on file in the office of the town clerk.
The budget is open for inspection on August 20th and August 27th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Sheridan Town Hall, 103 E. Hamilton Street, Sheridan, Montana.
There will be a public hearing on Monday, August 27th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sheridan Town Hall, 103 E. Hamilton Street, Sheridan, MT., at which time any taxpayer may be heard for or against any art of the said budget.
Ginger Galiger, Clerk
Pub. August 16, 23, 2018) tos
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NOTICE OF FINAL BUDGET HEARING

The Madison County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Madison County Administrative Offices Building, 103 West Wallace, in Virginia City, Montana, to review and finalize the County Budget and Mill Levy Requirements for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.
Tax payers are welcome to review the budget and make comments.
Pub. August 16, 23, 2018) mcc
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Montana Heritage Commission has applied for a Conditional Use Permit for the Meagher Cabin, 208 W. Idaho Street, Virginia City, Montana. Public comment will be heard at the September 6, 2018 council meeting. The

meeting will be at 7:00 pm at the Rehearsal Hall, 316 W. Idaho Street, Virginia City. Pub. August 16, 23, 2018) tovc
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Montana Heritage Commission has applied for a Conditional Use Permit for the Daemes Corbett House, 118 W. Idaho Street, Virginia City, Montana. Public comment will be heard at the September 6, 2018 council meeting. The meeting will be at 7:00 pm at the Rehearsal Hall, 316 W. Idaho Street, Virginia City. Pub. August 16, 23, 2018) tovc
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NOTICE THAT A TAX DEED MAY BE ISSUED

TO: Battin, Barbara F, 3121 Morledge St, Billings, MT 59102-0638; Battin, Barbara, 1101 N 27th St, Billings, MT 59102; Battin, Barbara F, 2727 N Gregory Dr, Billings MT 59102.
Pursuant to section 15-18-212, Montana Code Annotated, Notice is Hereby Given:

- As a result of a property tax delinquency, a property tax lien exists on the following described real prop-erty in which you may have an interest: Virginia City Original Townsite S23, T06 S, R03 W, Block 226, Lot 5. Geo-code: 25-0421-23-3-18-11-0000. Parcel No: 0001003000.
- The property taxes became delinquent on 31 May, 2015.
- The property tax lien was attached as the result of a tax lien sale held on 15 July, 2015.
- The property tax lien was purchased at a tax lien sale on 16 July, 2015, by Madison County Treasurer, PO Box 247, Virginia City, MT 59755.
- The lien was subsequently assigned to LS Samantha Court, LLC, PO Box 97, Corbett, OR 97019.
- As of the date of this notice, the amount of tax due is:
Taxes: \$112.57
Penalty: 1.70
Interest: 9.65
Cost: 359.60
Total: 483.52

- For the property tax lien to be liquidated, the total amount listed in paragraph 6 must be paid by October 23, 2018, which is the date that the redemption period expires or expired.
- If all taxes, penalties, interest, and costs are not paid to the county treasurer on or prior to October 23, 2018, which is the date the redemption period expires, or on or prior to the date on which the county treasurer will otherwise issue a tax deed, a tax deed may be issued to the purchaser on the day following the date that the redemption period expires or on the date the county treasurer will otherwise issue a tax deed.
- The business address and telephone number of the county treasurer who is responsible for issuing the tax deed is: Madison County Treasurer, PO Box 247, Virginia City, MT 59255. Phone: 406 843-4212.
Further notice for those persons listed above whose addresses are unknown:
1. The address of the interested party is unknown.
- The published notice meets the legal requirements for notice of a pending tax deed issuance.
- The interested party's rights in the property may be in jeopardy.
Dated: at 8:00 am this August 14, 2018
/s/Suzanne McDaniel-Deibert
Pub. August 16, 23, 2018) sd
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS. PREPARATION OF PRELIMINARY ARCHITECTURAL REPORT MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA

Madison County is requesting proposals from qualified Architectural firms for the development of a Preliminary Architectural Report (PAR) for the Madison Valley Manor (Manor) in Ennis. Madison County may apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Montana Department of Commerce (MDOC) to construct the next phase of its renovation of the Manor, a 24-hour skilled nursing facility that is owned by Madison County.
The PAR must be prepared consistent with all applicable requirements set forth in Appendix D of the most recent version of the CDBG Application Guidelines for Housing, Public Facilities & Economic Development Planning Grants.
Following pre-design approval, the selected consultant may also be asked at the discretion of Madison County to assist with the develop of a final construction design, prepare construction bid documents, assist in bidding the project, and oversee construction activities, including related grant administration and management.

Consistent with Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968, CDBG regulations governing the grant require that to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for training and employment arising in connection with this CDBG-assisted project will be extended to local lower-income residents. Further, to the greatest extent feasible, business concerns located in or substantially owned by residents of the project area will be utilized.

Disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE's) are encouraged to apply. Copies of the detailed Request for Qualifications (RFQ), including a description of the services to be provided by respondents, the minimum content of responses, and the factors to be used to evaluate the responses, can be obtained by contacting Darcel Vaughn, Administrator, Madison Valley Manor, at (406) 682-7271 or dvaughn@madison-countymt.gov.

Responses to this RFP will be received by the Madison County Commissioners, 103 West Wallace, Virginia City, MT 59755 until 1:00 p.m. on September 7, 2018. Madison County and its agents reserve the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any formality and technicality.
Pub. Aug 23, 30, 2018) mcc
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MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Madison County Planning Board will continue a public hearing on Monday, August 27, 2018 at 6:15 pm in the public meeting room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, Montana.
The public hearing to receive comment on the revised Moonlight Basin Overall Development Plan update proposal is continued from the June 25, 2018 meeting. The proposed plan spans approximately 8,000 acres of platted subdivision and un-platted tracts of land located in the upper Jack Creek drainage on the northern flank of Lone Mountain in Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 2 East; Sections 1-4, 9-12, 13-16, 22-24 & 26, Township 6 South, Range 2 East; Sections 7 & 18, Township 6 South, Range 3 East PMM. The revised proposal would maintain the development cap of 1,651 units

Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on August 27, 2018, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to planning@madisoncountymt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing.
The Overall Development Plan and supplemental information pertaining to this proposed subdivision is available for review at:
•Madison County Planning Office, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City;
•Madison Valley Public Library, 210 E. Main Street, Ennis;
•Big Sky Fire Department, Station 1, 650 Rainbow Trout Run, Big Sky
•http://madisoncountymt.gov/580/Current-Planning-Proposals
Call (406) 843-5250 for more information.
John Fountain, President, Madison County Planning Board
Pub. Aug 23, 2018) mcc
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY IN RE THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR BYRON BAYERS, Deceased. Cause No. DP-29-2018-18
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Kathy Bayers has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the Decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be mailed to the Estate of Byron Bayers, c/o Kathy Bayers, Personal Representative, c/o Berg Lilly, PC, 1 West Main Street, Bozeman, Montana 59715. DATED this 14th day of August, 2018.
/s/ KATHY BAYERS
Personal Representative
Pub. Aug 23, 30, Sep. 6, 2018) bl
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee's Sale on December 12, 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:

A tract of land 100 feet by 100 feet in Lot 6, Block 5 in the Town of Sheridan, Madison County, Montana, described as follows: Beginning at the point 50 feet east of the Southwest Corner of Lot 6, in Block 5, according to the Official Amended Plat of the Town of Sheridan, Montana, thence easterly along the north line of Hamilton Street 100 feet; thence Northerly 100 feet to the north line of Lot 6; thence westerly to a point 50 feet east of the west line of Lot 6; thence southerly 100 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, as previously described in Book 136, Page 387, records of Madison County, Montana.
More commonly known as 212 West Hamilton Street, Sheridan, MT 59749.

David Wade Zahn, as Grantor, conveyed said real property to First American Title Company of Madison County, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Stockman Bank of Montana, its successors and assigns, by Deed of Trust on September 8, 2014, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Madison County, State of Montana, on September 8, 2014 as Instrument No. 157542, of Official Records.
The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows:
Assignee: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
Assignment Dated: May 1, 2018
Assignment Recorded: May 29, 2018
Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 178037

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 July 16, 2018 as Instrument No. 178808, 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 February 1, 2018, 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 \$86,486.45, interest in the sum of \$2,236.02, escrow advances of \$495.58, other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$-80.90 for a total amount owing of \$89,137.15, 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 2nd day of August, 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. 52836 Pub. Aug 23, 30, Sep. 6, 2018) hw
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MADISON COUNTY HOME SCHOOL FAMILIES:

All county Home Schools must notify the Madison County Superintendent of Schools of intent to home school at the beginning of each and every new school year. Home School Requirements: MCA Section 20-5-109 states: "To qualify its student for the exemption from compulsory enrollment under 20-5-102, nonpublic or home shall:

- Maintain records on pupil attendance and disease immunization and make the records available to the county superintendent of schools on request;
- provide at least the minimum aggregate hours of pupil instruction in accordance with 20-1-301 and 20-1-302 (Half-time Kindergarten 360 hrs, Full-time K through grade 3 720 hrs, and grades 4-12 1080 hrs);
- be housed in a building that complies with applicable local health and safety regulations;
- provided an organized course of study that includes instruction in the subjects required of public schools as basic instructional program pursuant to 20-7-111; and
- in the case of home schools, notify the county superintendent of schools of the county in which the home school is located in each school fiscal year of the student's attendance at school." Montana Code Annotated 20-5-109 (2011).

Notify the County Superintendent of the intent to home school for 2018-2019 by September 15, 2018. Please return an instructional hour report at the end of the 2018-2019 school year by June 30, 2019.

Please contact Pam Birkeland to request a home school packet via mail at PO Box 247 Virginia City, MT 59755, call (406) 843-4280, by fax (406) 843-5388 or e-mail at pbirkeland@madisoncountymt.gov. Packet and forms are also available on the county website, <http://madisoncountymt.gov/289/Home-School>
Thank you for your cooperation.
Pam Birkeland, Madison County Superintendent of Schools
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National Forest, BLM issue Stage 1 Fire restrictions

MADISON COUNTY – Fire restrictions have been issued for two elements of federal lands.

National Forest

Stage 1 fire restrictions began for all of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest on August 15.

Stage 1 fire restrictions apply to campfires and smoking. Under Stage 1 restrictions, the following acts are prohibited:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire unless noted in the exemptions below or as designated in the specific closure order.
 - Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
 - Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.
- Exemptions to the above Stage 1 prohibitions include the following:
- Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.

- Persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the device.

- Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.

- Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Under these restrictions, campfires are allowed only in recreation sites within metal/concrete fire pits. The restrictions will remain in effect until there is a significant change in fire danger.

Firewood cutting restrictions are not in place at this time. Firewood cutters are reminded to comply with the fire precaution terms and conditions of their permit.

Fire danger across southwestern Montana is VERY HIGH.

Forested lands at all elevations are dry. Fire management officials are hopeful that by initiating Stage 1 fire restrictions, there will be fewer person-caused wildland fires.

For additional information on fire restrictions, visit the fire restrictions website at www.firerestrictions.us, or contact Forest Service offices located in Dillon, Butte, Philipsburg, Ennis, Wisdom, Wise River or Sheridan.

BLM

Also, the Western Montana Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has issued a fire prevention order.

The BLM's Western Montana District has issued a fire prevention order for lands it manages in multiple counties due to area wildfires.

The order is effective at 12:01 a.m. Aug. 17 and lasts until rescinded. It pertains to all BLM lands lying within the following counties: Beaverhead, Madison, Silver Bow, Deer Lodge, Powell (south of Interstate 90 and Montana Highway 12) and Granite (south of Interstate 90 and east of the Lolo National Forest boundary).

The order prohibits building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire except for those which are within metal fire pits at the following BLM recreation sites: Deadwood Gulch Campground; East Fork Blacktail Deer Creek Campground; Red Mountain Campground; Trapper Springs Campground; BLM designated fee campsites with metal fire pits between Warm Springs and Blacks Ford along the lower Madison River; Kobayashi Beach Day Use Area; Ruby Creek Campground; Palisades Campground; Axolotl Cabin; Henneberry Cabin; Divide Bridge Campground; Upper Divide Bridge; Dickie Bridge; East Bank Campground; East Bank dispersed sites with metal fire pits on the west side of the upper Big Hole River.

The order also prohibits smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter cleared of all flammable materials. For more call (406) 533-7600.



Bartoletti Dental is happy to welcome the newest member of their team, Anna Maria Witham, RDH. She will be joining the dental hygiene team with Lori Day to provide care starting in September. Anna Marie grew up in Sun River, Montana, a small town west of Great Falls, on a farm and ranch. She attended MSU and then went to Pueblo Community College, AAS for Dental Hygiene School. She has been practicing hygiene for 20 years mostly in Butte and Whitehall. She moved to the Ruby Valley 16 years ago with her husband Cleve who is Vice President at Opportunity Bank of Montana in Twin Bridges. Together they have three children August, Stella and Haddon. Welcome Anna Marie to our team at Bartoletti Dental in Sheridan. (SUBMITTED)

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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

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Father John Crutchfield, Pastor

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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, Aug. 24 - Chicken fried steak, roasted potatoes, veggies, dessert, pinochle at 12:45 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 27 - Chicken strips, fries & fruit, dessert, mahjong at 1 p.m.
- Tuesday Aug. 28 - Beef pastie & gravy, salad, dessert, play pan at 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 29 - Hot dog & macaroni salad, veggie sticks, dessert, mahjong at 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 30 - Chef salad, roll, dessert.
- Friday, Aug. 31 - Chicken lasagna, salad & 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.

- Tuesday, Aug. 28 – Cheeseburger, fries, dessert
- Thursday, Aug. 30 – Lasagna with side salad, garlic toast, dessert.

Twin Bridges Senior Center

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

- Wednesday, Aug. 22 - Pork Chops with apples & grits, pan fried kale, jello salad and pound cake.
- Friday, Aug. 24 - Lasagna, garlic bread, Caesar salad, green beans, fresh fruit, cream puff.
- Monday, Aug. 27 - Chicken Strips, pasta salad, fresh fruit salad, dessert
- Wednesday, Aug. 29 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggie salad, apple pie
- Friday, Aug. 31- Roast Beef with Bleu Cheese sauce, oven roasted vegetables, salad & dessert (All meals served with hot, homemade rolls.)

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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- Sunday School 10:15 am

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

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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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Meeting Every Thurs. at 8 p.m., Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges
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Same Time - Same Place

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Bethany Hall, Sheridan
(behind Methodist Church)
Wednesdays ~ 8 p.m.

Vennis Over The Hill Unity Group
Faced with a drinking problem? Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help.

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

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

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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

TOPS, Ennis
Weekly weigh-ins are at 8:30 a.m. Meetings at 9 a.m. MVMC in downstairs conference room. Jeanne, 682-3299

Books and Babies, Ennis
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 Sun-Room

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

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

FRIDAYS

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

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

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Live Music - Norris
7 p.m.

Farmers' Market, Twin Bridges
9 a.m. every.

Friday, August 24
Main Street Mingle, Ennis
Join Plain Jane's Right Angles and the Pic-A-Nic Basket for Main Street Mingle! Plain Jane's will host its first ever fall fashion show with models, music, specials and drawings. Mingle from 4-8:30 p.m., fashion show at 5:30. Fashion, food and fine art where First meets Main.

Saturday, August 25
Willson & McKee Concert, Virginia City
Two voices with Celtic harp, accordion, Irish Bouzouki, guitars, dulcimers, bodhran, bagpipes and lots of fun! The combination of blazing instrumentals, warm harmony vocals, a lot of laughter and a ceilidh dance or two translates to never a dull moment. Admission is \$15 per person at the door or in advance by calling 406-843-5454. 7 p.m. at the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center.

Sunday, August 26
Library Cabaret, Virginia City
Enjoy an entertaining evening complete with dinner, "cigarette girls," silent auction items, and a mystery raffle! All funds raised benefit children's reading programs. 7 p.m. at the Virginia City Elks Lodge.

Thursday, August 30
Community Action Planning Meeting, Ennis
Discuss issues of education, affordable healthcare and housing, and other topics of concern to our community. Madison Valley Public Library, 5:30 p.m. Ages 18 and up.

Friday, August 31
Fly Fishing and Outdoor Festival, Ennis
Friday and Saturday, August 31 and September 1. Join us in Peter T's park for food, music, booths, presentations and activities for all ages! For more information call the Ennis Chamber of Commerce.

Saturday, September 1
Labor Day Horseback Poker Ride, Virginia City
Ride your horse around the hills of Virginia City, picking up cards along the way. Return to the Bale of Hay Saloon for lunch and prizes based on your hands. Begins at 8 a.m., call 843-5700 for more information.

Fan Mountain Frog Dogs, Virginia City
Duo playing groovy, jamming, upbeat music to entertain everyone at the Bale of Hay Saloon. Music starts at 9:30 p.m.

Monday, September 3
Democratic Committee Labor Day Picnic, Virginia City
The Madison County Democratic Central Committee will host its second annual Labor Day picnic in Daylight Park near the Brewery Follies. Food and beverages provided. 12-3 p.m.

Thursday, September 6
Business After Hours, Norris
Norris Hot Springs is hosting Business After Hours! Come network and enjoy the beautiful summer scenery. 5 p.m., 42 MT Hwy 84, Norris.

Friday, September 7
Save our Buildings Benefit, Virginia City
Dinner, silent and live auction to

benefit the Virginia City Rural Fire Department, starting at 5 p.m. Reservations at 406-843-5454.

Sunday, September 9
William B. Thompson: Copper Mines to Arboretums, Laurin
The Elling House Arts & Humanities Center continues its 2018 series of history programs with a lecture on William Boyce Thomp-

son, who revolutionized Western American mining and influenced the mining business from Canada to Africa and used his immense wealth to help the world in many philanthropic endeavors. Presentation by Christina Koch, assistant librarian at Thompson-Hickman Library. 2 p.m. at Robber's Roost Cabin, admission by donation.

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