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The Spirit of Montana

Woman's Club receives recognition from Gov. Gianforte

Governor Greg Gianforte addresses a crowd of Madison Valley Woman's Club members and supporters at Peter T's Park in Ennis, commending the club for its significant role in the community. PHOTO BY JOLENE PALMER

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Montana's Governor Greg Gianforte made a stop in Ennis on the morning of August 10 to present the Madison Valley Woman's Club with the Spirit of Montana Award, a recognition honoring the 100-year-old club's dedication and service to the community.

"The Spirit of Montana Award is given to groups that make a significant contribution to their local community, and that's certainly evident here." said Gov. Gianforte after the presentation under the willows of Peter T's Park. "With the thrift store that they've been operating for 50 years, and the $1 million dollars that's been raised there and given back in scholarships and to other nonprofits in the community. It's the sort of thing we should be celebrating, and that's why I came here today."

The MVWC with its 150-woman membership is the largest official organization of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in the state. MVWC President Cynthia Quirk said

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Violence in Virginia City

Suspect sought in July 10 Pioneer Bar assault

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In an August 6 press release Madison County Sheriff Phil Fortner announced that a national search is on for the main suspect of a July 10 assault at the Pioneer Bar in Virginia City that left one victim with injuries so severe facial reconstruction surgery was required.

The altercation involved several Gallatin County residents, family visiting from out of state and several individuals associated with Heroes and Horses, a veteran rehabilitation program which recently moved into a permanent home on a ranch between Nevada City and Alder.

The suspect, a Heroes and Horses student identified as 35-year-old Christopher Michael Kase of Chandler, Ariz., has a nationwide extraditable warrant for his arrest and was still being sought after as of August 9. He is suspected to be responsible for the aggravated assault which caused such serious injuries that the primary victim, Cody Monaghan, had to be rushed to Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital.

A look at the scene of the July 10 assault. Much of the altercation took place outside of the Pioneer Bar surveillance camera's eye. PHOTO BY JOLENE PALMER

Monaghan's wife, Maggie and brother, Chase were also injured in the incident.

Given the ongoing investigation related to the violent incident Sheriff Fortner and representatives from Heroes and Horses were unable to provide much

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The New Montana Territory

The Madisonian explores growth trends and cultural shifts growth pressures consumer services

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Growth and weather. These are the two main topics of conversation around Madison County. While weather conditions are quantified easily by reading your temperature gauge, windsock or checking your weather app, "growth" as a phenomenon is, while observable, less measurable, at least against those benchmarks available to The Madisonian.

Data from the 2020 U.S. Census bear out the growth we've all experienced in our state from 2010 to 2020, and based on those numbers, Montana will gain an additional seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. Conventional wisdom says that since last year's census was conducted, even more folks have poured into Montana and noticeably into Madison County.

We've all seen the circumstantial evidence: skyrocketing real estate prices, more customer demand on contractors, crowded grocery and hardware stores and fewer parking spaces at public fishing access areas. Since we're not selling admission tickets to Madison County, how do we know how many people are really moving here?

In our series, "The New Montana Territory," The Madisonian is examining all aspects of growth: how it is affecting the way we live, if it will continue and if so, what kinds of planning should be underway.

Consumer companies are on the front-line of growth, fielding more demands from more

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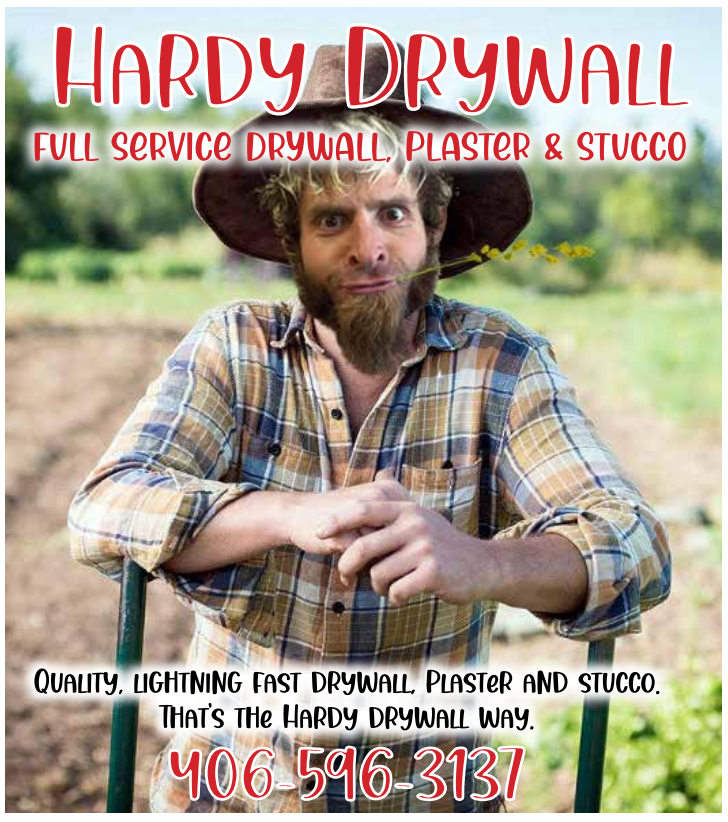
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the award means a lot to the organization.

"As the governor spoke about, it's a great social connection for women in the valley," said Quirk. "We have a lot of people whose families have been here for five generations, and then there are newcomers, so it's a great way for everyone to meet each other."

Ceremony attendees were treated to refreshments, homemade baked goods and an opportunity to chat with the governor.

Following the award ceremony Gov. Gianforte headed to Virginia City to meet with the Montana Heritage Commission for an afternoon discussion on economic development.

Board members of the Madison Valley Woman's Club hold the flag gifted to them by Gov, Gianforte. The flag flew at the State Capitol in Helena on August 4. PHOTO BY JOLENE PALMER

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customers and innovating to meet future expectations from a growing customer base.

Many Madisonians have complained that one daily consequence of growth is too much traffic for the local cellular infrastructure. Dropped calls, no bars and cross-talk are frequent aggravations, and the situation doesn't seem to be improving. When asked if Verizon plans to build more towers to improve service, the company responded with an email from Heidi Flato, a Verizon communications manager.

"We are closely monitoring the situation," Flato wrote. "I know that seasonality can impact our network capacity in certain parts of Montana (tourist attractions, vacation spots, etc.). We are always looking for opportunities to improve our network performance and ultimately the customer experience. However, at this time I don't have any specific plans that I can share."

Verizon doesn't release data on local network patterns "for competitive reasons," Flato wrote, but noted that "as more people are doing more things, in more places, with more mobile devices, we've seen a dramatic increase in voice and data traffic on our network across the U.S. We only expect that trend to increase."

A local company, Madison River Propane, said its sales of propane have increased dramatically and cited sales figures that make the point.

"Our company's sales of propane tanks have skyrocketed," said district manager Danielle Stoker. "In less than eight years, we've gone from selling 100,000 gallons per year to now more than one million gallons."

Dropped call? Are you feeling frustrated by phone? You are not alone. PHOTO BY BETSEY WELTNER

In its relatively short existence, the internet has become essential to many aspects of daily life, spurring debate about whether it should be regulated as a public utility like electricity. 3 Rivers Communications, based in Fairfield, Mont., has seen a rise in new broadband customers in Madison County in the last year, and shared what it found.

"Over the past few years, 3 Rivers has seen a significant increase in the number of customers we serve in Madison County, with most of that growth coming on the broadband internet side," according to Don Serido, 3 Rivers Communications Marketing Director.

Noting that 3 Rivers has the "ability to offer broadband-only service, without requiring a telephone line," Serido provided information that shows significant increases in 3 Rivers' total customers, with sharp growth in its broadband customers, as cited below:

Growth in new 3 Rivers customers (broadband and telephone):

Ennis area – 29% increase (from 1574 customers at end of 2019 to 2028 customers end of June 2021)

Sheridan area – 8% increase (from 904 customers at end of 2019 to 973 customers end of June 2021)

Twin Bridges area - 8% increase (from 425 customers at end of 2019 to 458 customers end of June 2021)

Serido is confident 3 Rivers will meet the challenges of future customer demand because "3 Rivers' network is robust, and fully capable of handling the increase in broadband use in all areas we serve, now and in the future."

Northwestern Energy's planning engineers are staying busy this summer setting up new customers, according to Jo Dee Black, spokesperson for Northwestern Energy.

That growth has been steady over the last five years, according to a summary of new residential accounts provided by Black:

Growth in Northwestern Energy residential accounts, May 2016 – May 2021

County-wide – 6.7%

Ennis area – 17.17%

Sheridan area – 7.29%

Twin Bridges area – 2.88%

In the coming months, The Madisonian will look at the impact of growth and change on other aspects of our daily lives, including government planning and services, school enrollment and traffic.

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further detail into the other parties involved or how the incident unfolded. Pioneer Bar's surveillance camera did capture some of the initial events, but the felony assault on Cody Monaghan took place off-camera outside of the bar.

Cody, who has taken his family out of state while the investigation and search for Kase continues, recently reached out to media outlets to offer his account of the attack from which he continues to recover. He continues to deal with the physical and emotional impact of the event, but to make light of the situation he joked that he's lucky Maggie loves him as much as he does, as his face still shows signs of the traumatic injury.

Cody recalls the evening vividly – a night out in Virginia City with family, taking in a show at the Brewery Follies, followed by a stop at the Pioneer Bar for some drinks and live music before heading home. Minutes after his party grabbed a table, he said, they were confronted by individuals associated with Heroes and Horses.

The altercation began with an encounter between someone from Heroes and Horses and his brother Chase. Video surveillance records capture some of the initial wrestling match on the floor of the bar, but not much is captured beyond that.

Law enforcement officials are currently ironing out the details in the case, but a description from Cody paints a bloody picture where his wife was picked up, shoved off the wooden boardwalk outside the bar and into a car. His brother sustained an ear injury so severe he had to have cartilage stitched back together. A piece of cartilage is still missing from Chase's ear.

Cody, however, bore the brunt of the violence. He said two men came after him, jumping onto his back and placing him in a chokehold. The second man grabbed his arm, and a third man, said Cody, grabbed his other arm, "and they started beating me."

Before losing consciousness Cody recalls falling to the ground. His boot-clad attackers began kicking him in the face. He passed out after witnessing one last thing: his wife being punched on the side of the head in her attempt to defend him. Sometime after that Cody recalls awakening, bloodied. Maggie was there, he said, crying and in fear that her husband had been killed. Their attackers had left the scene.

Witnesses, including an off-duty nurse and someone Cody thinks may have been a doctor, came to their aid before ambulance crews responded and rushed the couple to the Madison Valley Medical Center for stabilization and CT scans for both.

From there Cody was then taken to Bozeman Deaconess where he underwent facial reconstructive surgery for the numerous fractures to his septum and skull. He said he's on the mend but is now dealing with vision issues in his right eye which remains swollen and bloodshot. His vision in that eye is at about 50/20, he said, "But it's getting better."

Maggie has been seeing a therapist to cope with the violence she witnessed. She's also managing vision issues, hers related to focusing and tracking issues following the concussion she sustained during the incident.

The Monaghans now hope that offering an account of their traumatic experience might prevent something like this from reoccurring.

"This can't happen in Montana, this can't happen to anybody, anywhere," said Cody, who grew up in Gallatin County. "Especially in Virginia City. I want people, families to be able to go there and be safe and protected."

The MCSO states that the case remains under investigation and further charges for others involved in the altercation are pending further prosecutorial review.

"Everybody involved was disturbing the peace, they were all fighting," said Sheriff Fortner regarding the possibility of more individuals being charged in relation to the incident.

Questions regarding how or why the fight began remain unanswered.

"With this many people involved, and alcohol involved, there's not one story that's the same," said Sheriff Fortner, who said even with witness accounts that it's unlikely he'll be able to determine who set the assault in motion.

Mark Davis, COO of Heroes and Horses, provided an official statement from the non-profit on the incident, stating in an email, "Our organization has been in contact with law enforcement as they continue to gather all the facts. We are committed to a full discovery of the truth about who was involved and the actual events surrounding what exactly happened that evening. Heroes and Horses values our community and remains committed to our mission of redefining the relationship between challenge and purpose."

WILDFIRE WATCH

Some Goose Fire closures lifted, Beaverhead County fires persist

Extreme fire behavior produces a fire whirl in this late-July photo of the Trail Creek fire, while firefighters were actively engaged in suppression efforts. INCIWEB IMAGE

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Good news for recreationalists in Madison County – areas of public lands, waterbodies and campgrounds in the Cliff, Wade and Elk Lake areas of Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest in southeastern Madison County have reopened to the public. Nearby closures necessitated by the 7,522-acre, 80% contained Goose Fire do remain. Visit the Forest's Facebook page or check InciWeb's Goose Fire page for up-to-date information.

To the west in Beaverhead County the Alder, Trail Creek, Christensen and Black Mountain Fires continue to burn. All four fires saw little growth for the start of the second week of August despite strong and erratic winds in the area.

The largest of the Beaverhead County blazes is Trail Creek Fire which since its start July 8 has blackened 35,897 acres in lands 20 miles west of Wisdom, Mont. This fire of unknown cause was 23% contained as of August 9 with 137 firefighting personnel on board.

The 10% contained, 11,655-acre Alder Creek Fire also ignited on July 8. Alder Creek residents remain under Stage 1 evacuation orders, with 339 firefighters battling the fire's spread as of the 9th. The cause for this blaze remains unknown.

The nearby Christensen Fire, 12 miles west of Wise River, Mont., was 0% contained and mapped at 8,575 acres as of August 9. The blaze of unknown cause started July 16. Eighteen firefighters were assigned to this fire as of the 9th.

Black Mountain Fire ignited via lightning on July. The fire was mapped at 1,042 acres as of August 9 with 32% containment. A team of 52 firefighting personnel were assigned to this blaze located 13 miles south of Jackson, Mont.

Closures related to the four Beaverhead County fires remain in place, including: Big Hole National Battlefield as well as North and South VanHouten, Miner Lakes, Twin Lakes, May Creek and Divide Bridge Campgrounds and surrounding Forest Service lands.

While no new significant fires have ignited in Southwest Montana recently several new starts were logged in the southeastern part of the state on August 8. For more information on Montana's wildfires visit https://www.mtfireinfo.org/. For more in-depth local and national reports visit inciweb.nwcg.gov.

Covid cases on the rise in county, state

County nursing home facilities unaffected for now

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According to the Montana State Library Covid-19 dashboard, as of August 9 the state had 395 new cases. Madison County had 16 active cases, three of those new.

Since the pandemic began the state has recorded 118,270 cumulative cases, 826 of those in Madison County. Eight total deaths related to the virus have been reported in the county.

Flathead County, with 535 active cases, had the most active cases in the state as of the 9th, 28 of those being new cases. Cascade County had the most new cases, logging 70 new and 276 active. Missoula County wasn't far behind with 65 new cases and 205 active.

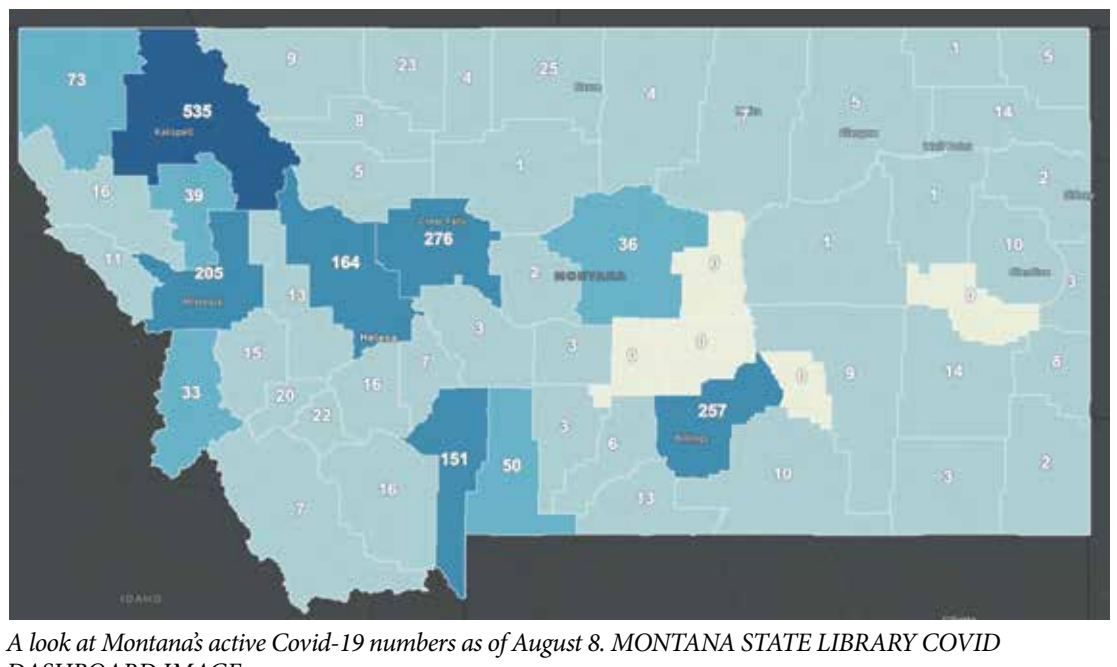
According to Tobacco Roots Mountain Care Center Nursing Home Administrator Gail Nelson there are no current Covid-19 cases at the county's two facilities. Nelson provided a Covid-19 update to county commissioners with at their August 10 regular meeting, stating that while the nursing homes are currently not dealing with an outbreak yet, they're preparing for one.

"We are currently planning for a surge in Covid," Nelson told the commissioners. "We can see it everywhere, it's coming and it's only a matter of time."

Nelson said all but one resident is vaccinated. She's even had vaccine wary staff change their minds, receiving the vaccine as they've seen the Delta variant's impact.

The nursing homes are continuing with visitation, said Nelson, but are using masks indoors and outdoors and social distancing as much as possible. Weekly surveillance testing for vaccinated staff and residents as well as twice a week testing for those unvaccinated is being performed.

Nursing home department heads are currently creating a surge plan, looking at staffing, PPE needs and addressing the reality that some of the extra funding they'd received during the first outbreak will likely not be available this time around.



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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

ANSWER THE CALL

Local volunteer groups keep us safe

By THE MADISONIAN STAFF

It's a rare conversation these days that doesn't eventually lead to either the hot, dry fire season we're in the midst of or the rapid growth of our county. Both topics go hand in hand when considering emergency services. Whether it be an accident in the mountains during recreation, a structure fire or countless other scenarios--volunteers, our friends and neighbors, are often the first on the scene to protect life and property in these unfortunate events. As the population grows, the demands on these departments grow. Will you answer the call to help?

Firefighters respond to a blaze earlier this summer in the Madison Range. PHOTO COURTESY BIG SKY FIRE DEPT.

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OBITUARIES

Fred Anderson
October 13, 1933 - July 29, 2021

Fred Anderson, a long-time resident of Whitehall, passed away peacefully in his sleep at the Homestead in Rexburg, Idaho on July 29, 2021 with his family by his side. John Frederick Anderson was born on October 13, 1933 to Hans Anderson and Marie Margaret Mikkelsen Anderson and was the oldest of 5 children. His first childhood home was in Fish Creek and his family later moved to Waterloo. It was in Waterloo that Fred met his wife of 64 years, LaDawn Layne. LaDawn and Fred were married in Whitehall on October 15, 1955 and made Whitehall their home where they raised 12 children.

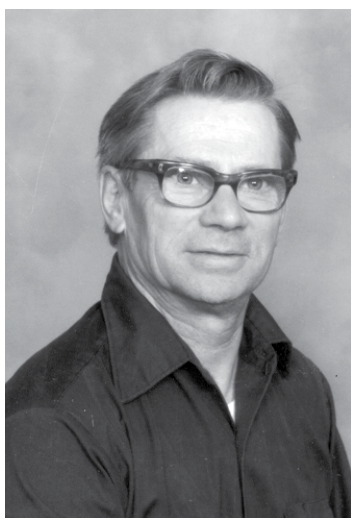
Fred made a living over the years as an electrician, working in the Butte mines and eventually driving semis. He and LaDawn purchased "Pete" in 1983 and went into business on their own. Anderson Livestock Hauling began hauling cows, traveling as far east as Nebraska and many trips west to Washington. Eventually Fred expanded and hauled landscape rocks and fencing logs with his flatbed and ice to West Yellowstone with his refrigerated trailer in the summer. Fred and LaDawn enjoyed traveling together in "Pete" and Fred drove semis until he was 81 years old.

Fred is survived his children, Barbara Anderson, Peggy (Bob McClellan), David (Erin) Anderson, Susan (Paul) Siddoway, Jeanette (John) Barrick, Nancy (Scott) Johnson, Amy (Bill) Davis, Brenda Anderson, Beverly (Roger) Gout, Gordon (Cami) Anderson, Daniel Anderson, his brother, Bill Anderson, sister Phyllis Heinz, 26 grand children and 38 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife, LaDawn Anderson, their infant son Frederick Anderson, his parents Hans and Marie Anderson and his sisters Johanna Anderson and Sally Jorgensen.

Funeral services for Fred will be held Saturday, August 21, 2021 in the Whitehall LDS Chapel at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive visitors from 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Don Hawley



Don Hawley, 91, of Big Timber, Mont., passed away peacefully in his sleep on July 19, 2021.

Born on a chilly Christmas day on the home place in Turtle Lake, N.D., Don was the 4th of 6 sons born to Charles and Carolyn Hawley. He was raised on the ranch and learned to work hard, have patience and see things through. After graduating in 1945, Don continued his education at Trade School, taking auto, truck and tractor mechanics. From here he was drafted into the Army (motor pool) where he worked on auto, trucks, tanks and planes, years later becoming a pilot himself. He married Carolyn Anselm while stationed in Alaska. They had three boys-Pat, Paul and Jack.

After his service in the Army, Don again went to Trade School taking sheet metal, heating and ventilation. He worked in this field in Billings, Mont., also becoming a plumber and picking up some carpentry. In 1969 Don was married to Esther Thatcher who had one grown daughter-Helen, and two young daughters-Vicky and Kathy. Together they raised five children, eventually retiring in Alder, Mont. After Esther's death in 2004, Don lived 10 years in Tenino, Wash. He came to Big Timber in 2015 to be closer to his family. He loved Big Timber and met many wonderful people. He happily lived out his life here, passing away in warm, sunny July.

He is preceded in death by his parents Charles and Carolyn Hawley, his wife of 35 years Esther Hawley, three older brothers-Bill, Bob and Dick Hawley. He is survived in death by two younger brothers Jim and Jack Hawley, his 3 sons-Pat (Sue), Paul and Jack (Peggy Abby) Hawley, 3 daughters-Helen Kanode (Carl), Vicky Schwartz (Bill) and Kathy Kenner (Jim Ellison), 14 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren!

Don was a positive thinker, kind and generous. He loved to work and help others, he also loved blueberries and icecream. Above all, he loved his family.

Later there will be a private service in Alder, Mont. Memorials can be made in Don's name to Heart's and Hands Hospice, P.O. Box 1228, Big Timber, MT 59011. Condolences can be made to the Hawley Family, P.O. Box 303, Big Timber, MT 59011.

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We would like to express our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love, all the wonderful help and to everyone who was there to help honor and celebrate the life of Larry. A special thanks to Jason, Kathy, Verta, Dean and Brenda, Ann, Kelly Jo, Nay, Sharon, Jody, Jaicee and all of the friends who helped with setting up, cooking and serving the barbeque and taking down tables and chairs after the service and barbeque. Also, thanks to everyone who brought and shared delicious food for the barbeque.

To Pastor Ben who traveled from Jackson Hole, Wyo., to officiate, Ericka and Lloyd who did readings, Megan who did the video tribute and Mark and Mikayla who sang. . .thank you from the bottom of our hearts. . . you all made the memorial service extra special. Thanks for the phone calls, cards and expressions of love and condolence. We appreciate each and every one of you and will be forever grateful for the amazing and wonderful community we are so blessed to live in.

God Bless,
Niki Martin
Troy and Mary Martin
Morgan and Megan Martin

The family of Kathy Flick would like to thank the staff at the Ruby Valley Hospital/ Medical Center for the loving, kind, and compassionate care they provided to our mother over the past years and especially the last week of her life. We truly appreciate your care and dedication to your profession, your patients and their families and loved ones. We are blessed to have such a wonderful facility in the Ruby Valley.

The Flick, Miller and Kaatz families

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We received ticket purchasers from Madison, Butte/Silver Bow, Gallatin and Jefferson Counties!

The **first prize winner** was **Ron Fuller** of Whitehall Body Shop, who won the mandolin.

The **second prize winner** was **Kate Smith** of Whitehall, who won handmade pillow and blanket.

The **third prize winner** was **Pam Styren** of Bozeman, who won the dog basket.

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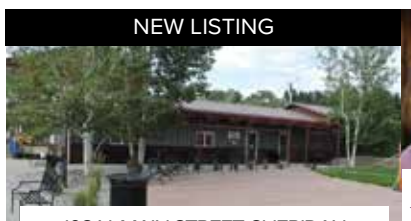

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MADISON COUNTY DISPATCH

IN AREAS WITH LOW CELL SERVICE, A TEXT MESSAGE MAY BE SENT TO 911 IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

AUGUST 1, 2021

- A traffic stop was conducted in Norris.
- An animal complaint was made in Norris.
- Several traffic stops were conducted in Ennis.
- Another animal complaint was made in Norris.
- Vandalism was reported in Ennis.
- A motor vehicle accident was reported in Sheridan.
- An animal complaint was made in Cameron.
- A welfare check was conducted in Harrison.
- A another animal complaint was made in Cameron.
- An agency assist took place in Whitehall.
- A traffic stop was made in Cardwell.
- A motor vehicle accident occurred in Sheridan.

AUGUST 2, 2021

- A citizen was assisted in Ennis.
- An agency assist occurred in Big Sky.
- A VIN/Vehicle check was conducted in Alder.
- A neighbor dispute was reported in McAllister.
- A dog complaint was made in Sheridan.
- A VIN/Vehicle check was conducted in Twin Bridges.
- A traffic stop was conducted in Virginia City.
- Scam crimes were reported in Cameron.
- Suspicious circumstances were reported in Whitehall.
- Trespass was reported in Cameron.
- A traffic stop was reported in Twin Bridges.
- A citizen assist occurred in Twin Bridges.
- Several traffic stops were conducted in Ennis.
- A rescue was conducted in McAllister.
- Another citizen was assisted in Ennis.
- Fire-smoke reported in Ennis.

AUGUST 3, 2021

- A standby to assure the peace was conducted in Ennis.
- Follow up was initiated in Silver Star.
- Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis.
- A traffic complaint was made in Ennis.
- Several traffic stops were conducted in Virginia City.
- Several traffic stops were conducted in Ennis.

AUGUST 4, 2021

- A citizen was assisted in Twin Bridges.
- Several traffic stops were conducted in Ennis.
- Hazards on the road were reported in Silver Star.
- A citizen was assisted in Twin Bridges.
- A traffic complaint was made in Ennis.
- Vandalism was reported in Norris.
- Suspicious circumstances were reported in Melrose.
- Suspicious circumstances were reported in Melrose.
- Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis.
- A dog complaint was made in Sheridan.
- A motor vehicle accident was reported in McAllister.
- A motor vehicle accident was reported in Ennis.
- Abandoned property was reported in Norris.
- Abandoned property was reported in Ennis.

AUGUST 5, 2021

- Many traffic stops were conducted in Ennis.
- A traffic complaint was made in Ennis.
- An animal complaint was made in McAllister
- A traffic stop was conducted in Sheridan.
- An agency assist was conducted in Willow Creek.
- A citizen was assisted in Twin Bridges.
- Follow up was initiated in Sheridan.

AUGUST 6, 2021

- An agency assist was conducted in Big Sky.
- Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis.
- Several traffic stops were conducted in Ennis.
- An ambulance was called in Ennis.
- Hazards were found on the road in Ennis.
- A welfare check was conducted in Twin Bridges.
- A traffic stop was conducted in Alder.
- An animal complaint was made in Ennis.
- An animal complaint was made in Sheridan.
- Many traffic stops were conducted in McAllister.
- A traffic stop was conducted in Sheridan.
- A motor vehicle accident occurred in Ennis.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in Twin Bridges.
- More suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis.
- Burglary was reported in Sheridan.
- A death was reported in Sheridan.

AUGUST 7, 2021

- A traffic stop was conducted in McAllister.
- A traffic complaint was made in Norris.
- A traffic stop was conducted in Ennis.
- A traffic stop was conducted in Norris.
- Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis.
- An agency assist was conducted in Sheridan.
- A prisoner was transported to Bozeman.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 220 calls for service between Aug. 1 - Aug. 7.

Concealed carry permits and fingerprinting services available by appointment only. Call 406-843-5301 to schedule.

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Block Management program information available starting Aug. 10

Submitted by MT FWP

Hunters will be able to obtain the 2021 Block Management Area (BMA) program information beginning Aug. 10. Hunters are encouraged to request their 2021 BMA Access Guide online and download or print individual BMA maps at fwp.mt.gov/BMA.

By utilizing the FWP website fwp.mt.gov/BMA, hunters will have instant access to the Access Guide and up-to-date BMA maps and rules for every individual BMA enrolled in the program.

"Obtaining these individual BMA maps and rules via our website are key to successfully utilizing the BMA program as not all rules or instructions for obtaining landowner permission are listed in the overview guide," said Jason Kool, Hunting Access Bureau Chief. "The website will also feature a list of BMAs that are restricted or initially closed due to fire danger."

Hunters may also obtain individual BMA maps at permission sign-in boxes, or via phone, walk-in, mail or email request to FWP at the contact information below.

Also, like in previous years, some BMAs may have varying dates they are taking hunter reservations. While reservations cannot start before Aug. 22, some BMA reservation start dates will be scattered throughout the season to better accommodate hunter demands.

"Hunters should check their Access Guide or view the individual BMA map and rules to determine when or if a given BMA will start reservations," said Kool.

Fish, Wildlife, & Parks urges hunters to use caution due to extremely dry conditions and to extend a "thank you" to all Montana landowners who collaborate on access opportunities that benefit wildlife and public hunters. The Block Management program, through partnerships formed with private landowners, government agencies and conservation organizations will provide access to more than 7.1 million acres of private and isolated public land for the 2021 hunting season.

Hunting Access Program Contact Information:

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Region 2: fwprg22@mt.gov; 406-542-5530

Region 3: fwpr3bmp@mt.gov; 406-577-7888

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Region 6: region6.access@mt.gov; 406-228-3700

Region 7: fwpr7bmp@mt.gov; 406-234-0930

Helena: LndSportRelations@mt.gov; 406-444-2612

Dry, hot conditions call for special consideration when living with wildlife

Submitted by MT FWP

Hot, dry conditions put stress on many of our wildlife species. More than 70 percent of Montana is experiencing severe drought conditions. You can help avoid conflicts with wildlife by following these suggestions:

Keep food and attractants away from bears. Most of Montana is bear country.

- Heat and drought will likely reduce the amount of plants available to bears in the wild, increasing the chance they come near homes in search of easy food, such as garbage.
- Store garbage, pet food, barbeques, and livestock grain inside a building or certified bear-resistant container.
- Remove your bird feeders and hummingbird feeders when bears aren't hibernating.

Help birds and bears by putting feeders away in summer.

- Bird feeders can be a threat to birds this summer. To prevent the spread of disease, such as salmonella, bird enthusiasts should remove their bird feeders for the summer or clean the feeder regularly.
- Clean your feeders with warm, soapy water. Disinfect with a 10 percent bleach solution to kill the bacteria. Rinse the feeder and allow it to dry completely before using it again. Disinfect your birdbaths as well.
- If you live where there are bears, bird feeders should only be used from December to March. One pound of bird seed contains over 2,000 calories, making it irresistible to bears.

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- Many young animals appear helpless, but can survive without parental care.
- Wild animals have an amazing capacity to recover from injuries without human intervention.
- Catching wounded or even orphaned animals can cause more damage than good if done inappropriately.

Heat and drought are also hard on fish. Anglers can help reduce stress for fish by following these practices when catching and releasing fish, though fish may still die.

- Fish during the coolest times of day, where permitted.
- Land the fish quickly.
- Keep the fish in water as much as possible.
- Remove the hook gently. Using artificial lures with single and barbless hooks can make hook removal faster and easier.
- Let the fish recover in water before releasing it.

For information on river closures and restrictions, look online at FWP's Restrictions & Closures webpage.

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Twelve talented artists created inspired works of art by painting, block printing, decoupaging, computer imaging and sculpting ceramic bunnies to decorate Adirondacks chairs. The chairs are simply stunning. The Foundation and Medical Center are humbled by the support of the community. Thank you to the artists and each of the bidders for their generosity and to the local businesses for their kindness in displaying the chairs: Gallery 287, Trenz, Madison River Fishing Co, RiverStone Gallery, Saddles & Co, Madison Valley Bank, Ennis Library, Nearly New, and Red Mountain Mercantile.

The on-line auction raised **$34,240** to purchase a new 4x4 ambulance. Congratulations to the lucky bidders that are showcasing these beautiful chairs on their decks and porches.

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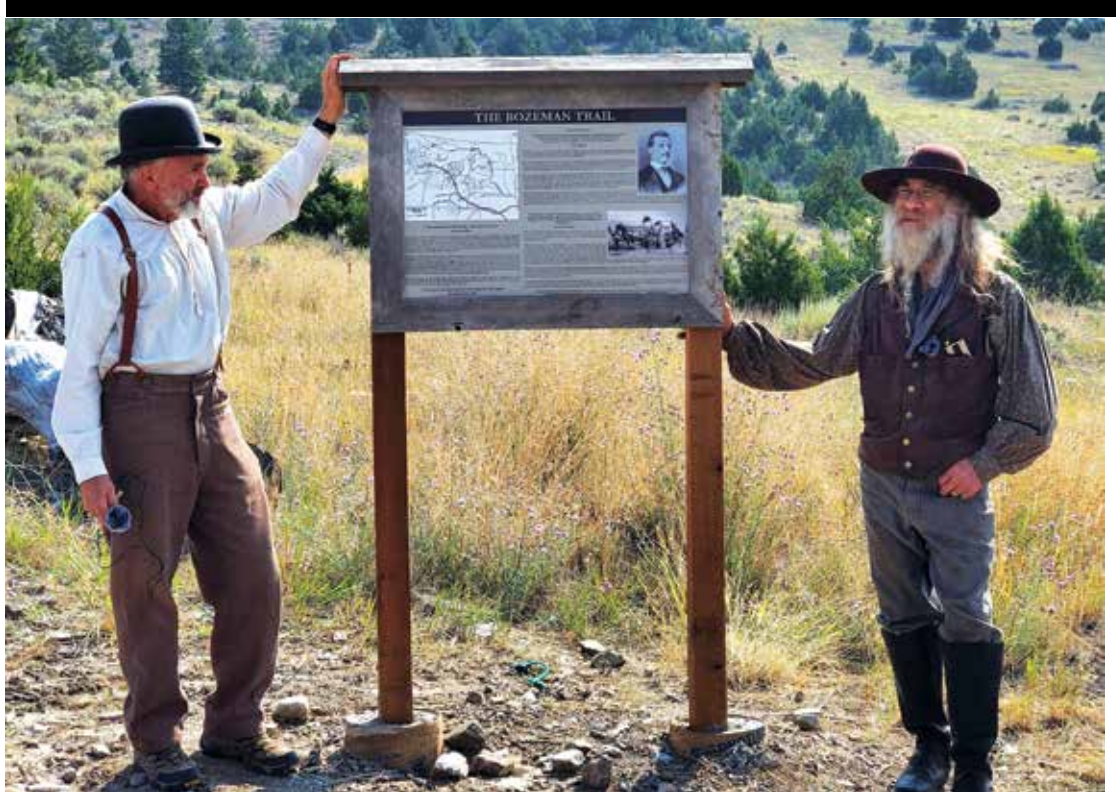

(LEFT) The Virginia City Preservation Alliance recently dedicated a new commemorative sign marking the point at which the historic Bozeman Trail ended at the edge of Virginia City. The sign is located at the approximate terminus point where the Bozeman Trail entered Virginia City; a point now just beyond the present-day center softball field fence line. Between 3-5,000 emigrants travelled over the Trail between 1864-1869, in the hope of finding a new—and more prosperous—life for themselves. PHOTO COURTESY PAT JACOBS

(RIGHT) Chris Munson shows off some beautiful biscuits cooked up during the Chuckwagon Cookoff in Virginia City. He shared with the folks celebrating the Bozeman Trail signage dedication. PHOTO COURTESY PAT JACOBS

Thank you Ennis

The Ennis Arts Association (EAA) wants to thank the Ennis community for their amazing support of the 25th Annual Madison Valley Arts Festival which was held at Peter T's Park on Main Street on Saturday July 31. The wind and rain that appeared around 3:30 p.m. put a damper on the event and so the EAA Members Raffle drawing took place a bit earlier than planned. And the winners are:

Donna Erickson, Helena, won the Bison Gourd by Margie Reck.

Lori Humphrey, Bozeman, won 'Tatanka Sunbath' a framed gicleé by Carleton McCambridge.

Barbara Roger, Ennis, won the Felted Hobbit by Jennifer Doney.

Donna LaBelle, Ennis, won the Pottery Bowl by Barbara Bunge.

Trish Shepherd, Mission Viejo, CA, won the Quilt by Kathy Olkowski, donated by Barbara Gillispie.

Susan Barney, Ennis, won the Quilt by Kathy Olkowski, donated by Barbara Gillispie.

Thank you to all the people who purchased raffle tickets, attended the festival and bought art items! Many thanks to 1st Interstate Bank, Madison Valley Bank, Ennis Chamber of Commerce and The Pharmacy for their support of the raffle display and ticket sales. Thank you Madison Valley Bank for the use of Peter T's Park which is the perfect and most picturesque venue. Thank you to all the juried artists, Tune Tanglers, Ennis City Ramblers, The Li'l Hogpit food truck, the Presbyterian Ladies Bake Sale and all the volunteers for helping to make our 25th Annual Madison Valley Arts Festival a huge success. Proceeds from the festival will allow us to give back to the community with donations to the Ennis Science Fair, Madison County Fair, two Madison County Scholarship Recipients, Shakespeare in the Schools Program, and the Madison Valley Public Library. Thank you!! Learn more about the EAA here: https://ennisarts.org/

Low water levels at Hebgen reservoir due to drought conditions.

To protect lower Madison River fisheries by maintaining safe river temperatures, NorthWestern Energy is releasing water from the Hebgen reservoir.

Property owners in the Hebgen Lake area and recreationalists who use the reservoir should **anticipate low water levels through the end of the year.**

- Be aware of shallow water around docks that may make loading and unloading boats difficult.
- Use extra caution navigating the shallow reservoir.
- Check current water levels and flows and river temperatures at madisondss.com.
- Keep an eye out for algae blooms that look like pea soup or spilled paint. If an algae bloom is observed, report it at hab.mt.gov.

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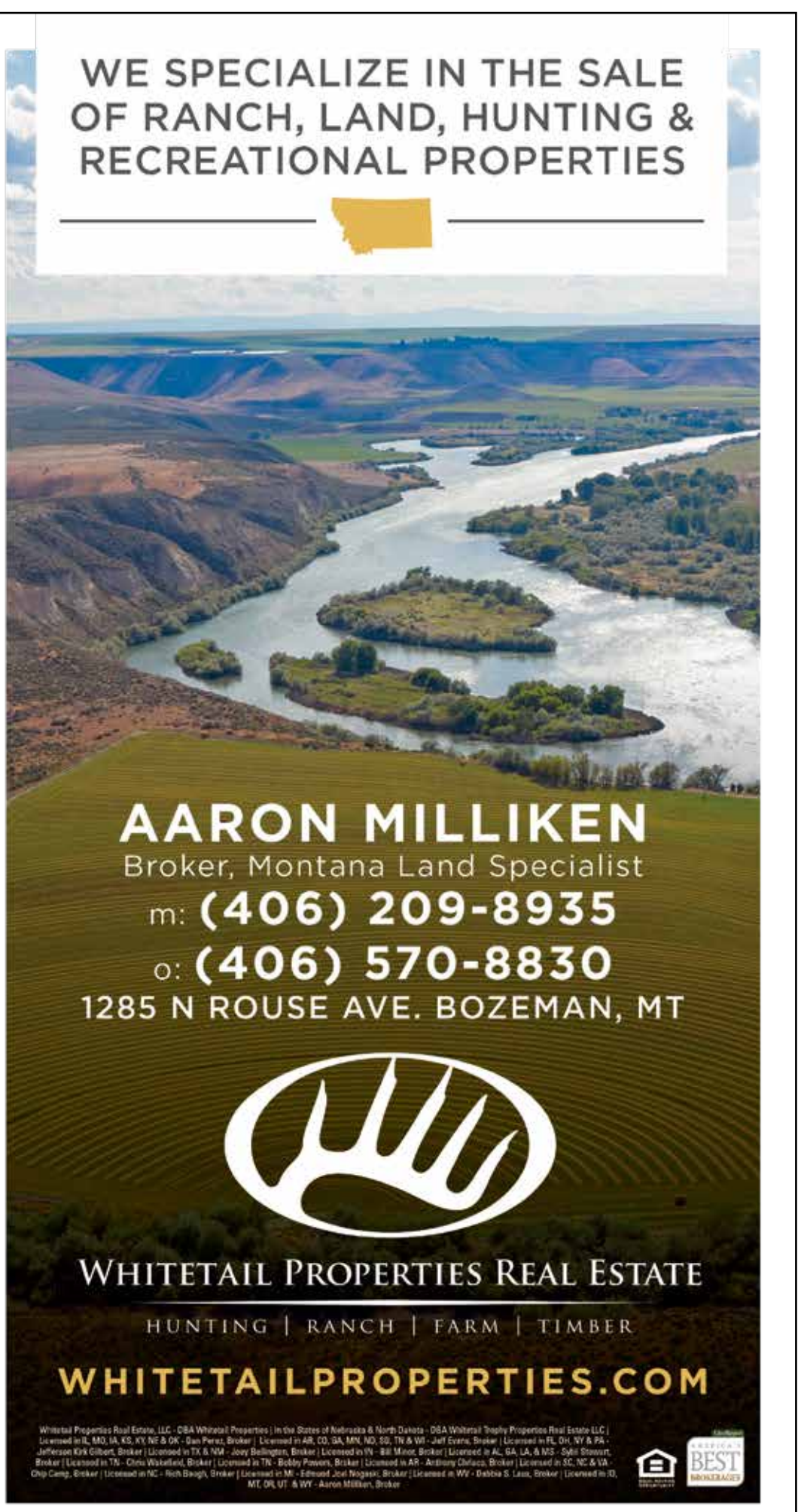

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Upland Game Bird Enhancement program projects access guide available online starting Aug. 11

Submitted by MT FWP

The upland game bird season is less than one month away, and hunters will soon be able to refer to the Projects Access Guide, published annually by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks' Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program (UGBEP).

Beginning Aug. 11, hunters can view and download the new guide and maps online at fwp.mt.gov. Click UGBEP Projects Access Guide.

The UGBEP Projects Access Guide may also be ordered online.

The guide contains all active projects administered through the UGBEP including Open Fields, habitat management leases, food and cover plots, CRP enhancements, shelterbelts, and grazing systems. These project types are located in all FWP regions and designed to enhance upland game bird habitats on lands open to free upland game bird hunting when permission to hunt is secured.

The guide includes tables listing all habitat projects and maps that depict locations of private and public land projects enrolled in the UGBEP. Tables provide hunters with project-specific information such as project location, acres, and the method to contact landowners for permission. FWP reminds hunters to obtain landowner permission before hunting private lands in Montana.

Printed access guides will be available at FWP headquarters and regional offices late August. Hunters can also request a copy of the access guide via FWP's website. FWP will begin mailing guides to hunters the week of Aug. 16.

Due to current dry conditions and high fire danger throughout Montana, hunters may encounter UGBEP project closures or restrictions. Hunters can check the Projects Access Guide online for current information.

FWP extends its thanks to all partners who collaborate on habitat conservation and access opportunities that benefit wildlife and hunters. Through partnerships formed with private landowners, government agencies or conservation organizations, UGBEP enhanced nearly 330,000 acres of habitat while providing close to 700,000 acres of access to upland game bird hunters.

For more information, contact Debbie Hohler, UGBEP Coordinator, at: 406-444-5674, or by email: dhohler@mt.gov.

FWP to conduct final rotenone treatment of North Fork of Spanish Creek

PROJECT WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE STREAM MILES FOR WESTSLOPE CUTTHROATS IN GALLATIN DRAINAGE

Submitted by MORGAN JACOBSEN

This month Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks fisheries staff will be conducting a rotenone treatment of the North Fork of Spanish Creek.

This is the third and final rotenone treatment as part of a multi-phased project to remove non-native fish and restore native westslope cutthroat trout to the North Fork of Spanish Creek. Rotenone is a naturally derived substance commonly used in fish restoration efforts that is toxic to gill-breathing animals and breaks down quickly in the aquatic environment.

Westslope cutthroat trout are native to Montana but have experienced substantial declines in distribution and abundance throughout their historical range due to habitat degradation and hybridization with rainbow trout. However, the results of this restoration project will more than double the number of stream miles occupied by westslope cutthroat trout in the Gallatin River drainage.

The rotenone treatments are scheduled to begin Aug. 11 and could last until Aug. 14. Non-native fish will be removed above a constructed barrier on private land several miles upstream of the Spanish Creek Road.

Signs will be posted within and around the treatment area during and immediately following treatment.

The South Fork of Spanish Creek, accessed from the trailhead at the end of the Spanish Creek Road, will not be impacted by the treatment.

Biologists set to begin grizzly bear captures for research purposes in the South Madison And Gravelly Ranges

PUBLIC REMINDED TO HEED WARNING SIGNS

Submitted by TODD WOJTOWICZ

As part of ongoing efforts required under the Endangered Species Act to monitor the population of grizzly bears in the Yellowstone Ecosystem, the U.S. Geological Survey, in conjunction with Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, is working to inform the public that pre-baiting and scientific capture operations are once again about to begin within the Gravelly and Madison Ranges of Montana. Biologists with the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team (IGBST) will begin work in southwest Montana beginning August 17th and will continue through August 30th. Capture operations can include a variety of activities, but all areas where work is being conducted will have primary access points marked with warning signs. It is critical that all members of the public heed these signs.

Monitoring of grizzly bear distribution and other activities are vital to ongoing recovery of grizzly bears in the Yellowstone Ecosystem. To attract bears, biologists use natural food sources such as fresh road–killed deer and elk. Potential capture sites are baited with these natural foods and if indications are that grizzly bears are in the area, culvert traps or foot snares will be used to capture the bears. Once captured, bears are handled in accordance with strict safety and animal care protocols developed by the IGBST.

Whenever bear capture activities are being conducted for scientific purposes, the area around the site will be posted with bright warning signs to inform the public of the activities occurring. These signs are posted along the major access points to the capture site. It is important that the public heed these signs and do not venture into an area that has been posted. For more information regarding grizzly bear capture efforts call the IGBST hotline at 406-994-6675. Information about the grizzly bear research and monitoring is available from the IGBST website: https://www.usgs.gov/science/interagency-grizzly-bear-study-team

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Grace Community Fellowship dedication

HISTORIC BARN BECOMES OFFICIAL CHURCH BUILDING

Grace Community Fellowship is celebrating years of work and dedication as this historic barn becomes and official church building. PHOTO COURTESY TAMMIJEANNE LANDIS

Submitted by TAMMIJEANNE LANDIS

Grace Community Fellowship {GCF} is celebrating our church dedication with a service and fellowship on Sunday, August 22, 2021 at 2 p.m. The church is located at 14 Stagecoach NW Ln. Sheridan, MT 59749, which is in Laurin, 8 miles south of Sheridan.

The church's Pastor and wife, Tom and Sheri Luksha, after 20 plus years of service and hard work are seeing their vision for a one-hundred-year-old barn becoming an official church building. Its transformation has involved not only a lot of time but a lot of other churches sending mission teams, a lot of families spending their vacations to work, a lot of individuals seeing the vision with the Luksha's and joining them to work or pray or support by other means.

This is an exciting time for all involved, and people are coming from all over the country to help GCF celebrate and dedicate this building to the continued service of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and the people in this beautiful valley.

If you need more information call 406-842-5915. Please come celebrate this dedication with us!!!

Ladies Golf

Etta Paoli, Linda Frantz and Eileen Obernolte chat before morning golf. PHOTO COURTESY DEBBIE SIMPLER

Submitted by DEBBIE SIMPLER

August 5th was a fine morning to play golf. The skies were clear and the air was cool. The 12 morning ladies played "Par 3, Par 5, Pick a Par 4". In this game, players counted all par 3s, all par 5s, and one par 4 picked by the player at the start of the game.

Morning Winners:

1st Place: Julie Pearce

2nd Place: Eileen Obernolte

3rd Place: Toni Baggett

The Evening Play was curtailed due to weather. Six ladies came to play and decided to play their own ball in regulation play. Those six ladies were able to play around the weather and ended their game with some of the best weather of the summer.

Come join the ladies on August 12th when the morning and evening leagues will play "O-N-E-S". The ladies will play a regulation game. Scoring will be adding all the holes that start with "O" (one), "N" (nine), "E" (eight), and "S" (Six, Seven). Players will then subtract 1/2 of their handicap.

Reminder: Anyone can play three times to decide whether to join the league. To play each week, ladies need to call the golf club (406 682-7468) by Wednesdays at 3 p.m. each week for Morning Play and by noon Thursdays for Evening Play. Play will be held on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.. All levels of play are welcome to participate either or both times of play.

Find us on Instagram: Madison_Meadows_Ladies_Golf

Pastor Reynolds to be installed & ordained

Submitted by LUCY ENNIS

Mary Grace Reynolds will be installed and ordained at Madison Valley Presbyterian Church on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 3:00. A lunch will be served before the service from 1:00-2:30. Everyone is invited. We expect dignitaries from our Presbytery as well as members and friends of Madison Valley Presbyterian Church to attend. This is the first installation service since our church was founded.

Mary Grace is a 2021 graduate of Union Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va., and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Before moving to Ennis she called herself a "rockytop" from Tennessee. She has been serving as pastor since June and is enjoying all of our Montana pleasures – hiking, kayaking, climbing, fishing as well as serving our church family.

Occasions of ordination and installation have to do more with the ministry of the whole church than with any individual. Those ordained and installed to office fulfill a particular role in the larger ministry of the church. After installation one may serve as Presbyterian pastor in any location. Ordination in the Presbyterian Church encompasses more than those who are called to preach and teach the Word. The church also has an interest in how that Word is heard and received and followed into the world. This ceremony will see Pastor Reynolds vow to uphold these ideals. We at Madison Valley Presbyterian Church are delighted that with this ceremony Mary Grace will be made our official pastor.

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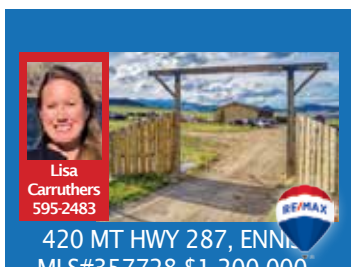
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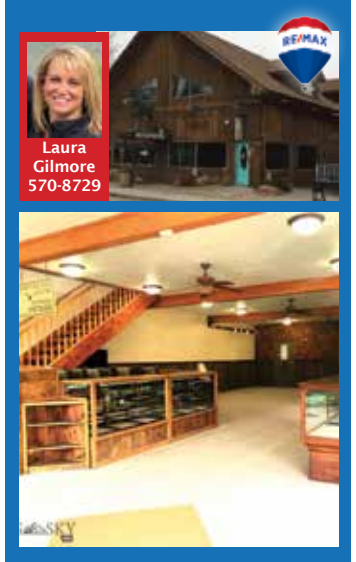
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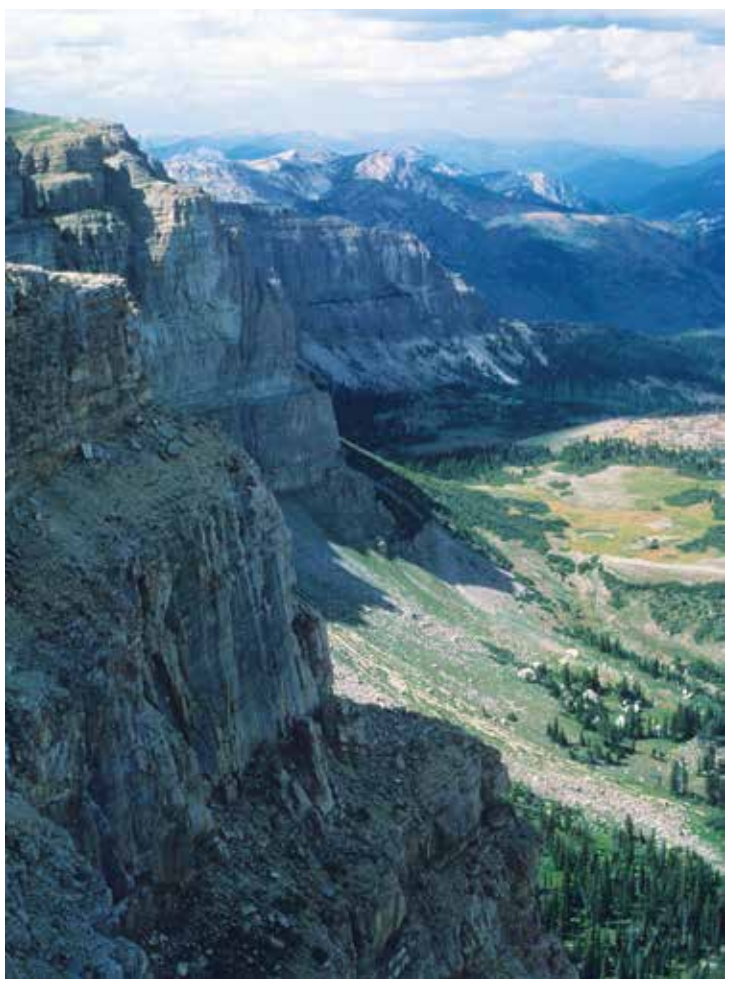
THE SCAPEGOAT STORY: PART 1



Looking north from the top of Scapegoat-Halfmoon Meadows in center. PHOTO BY RICK & SUSIE GRAETZ

Red Mountain from Flesher Pass. PHOTO BY RICK & SUSIE GRAETZ

By RICK AND SUSIE GRAETZ, The University of Montana

When any swath of land enters the National Wilderness Preservation system it is cause for celebration. On August 20, 1972, Congress passed Public Law 92-395 and Montana's Scapegoat north of Lincoln gained this lofty designation. Now is a time to look back with great pride, for the Scapegoat is a special case. This is a citizen's Wilderness, and it became reality in the face of stiff U.S. Forest Service opposition. The protection gained was the result of an immense amount of public outcry and involvement. Voices from both sides of the political aisle lined up to support it.

The struggle is a colorful and heart-warming story. If it hadn't played out, the nation would have lost forever a cherished piece of her heritage.

When compared to other Montana wilderness topography, the Scapegoat doesn't quite stack up as high on the majestic scenery scale, as it features only one geologic masterpiece. Simply put, it is a pleasing wilderness, provid¬ing easy access and a wonderful wild country experience. Well before it garnered national attention, generations of folks from Lincoln, Helena, Great Falls, Missoula and other nearby Montana communities found enjoyment and solitude in what was known to all as the Lincoln Backcountry. Its unroaded and untrammeled character added to the rugged individualism of those who chose Lincoln, an isolated place up until the late 1950s, as home.

The original Lincoln Backcountry was a 75,000-acre stretch of undeveloped Helena National Forest admin¬istered lands. The boundary reached south to within 12 miles of Lincoln and on the north touched the fabled Bob Marshall Wilderness. The 240,000-acre designated Wilderness of today sprawls over an area straddling the Continental Divide and reaching out to the inner segments of the southern Rocky Mountain Front. A landscape designated on its own as a wilderness, it is part of the greater Bob Marshall country consisting of the Scapegoat, Bob Marshall and Great Bear wilderness areas. This, the crown jewel of America's wild assets, contains 1.5 million priceless acres of protected mountains, meadows, and forests and almost one million acres of surrounding de facto wilderness.

Scapegoat's dominant feature and the destination of most foot and horse travelers is its namesake, Scapegoat Mountain, a 9,204-foot-talllimestone reef. The peak itself is merely a bump on the magnificent three-mile-long massif honeycombed with caves. The reef's walls are sheer on almost all sides with access to the plateau restricted through the Green Fork drainage on the east and a few places on the west side. This somewhat level strip then rises on the north end to 9,079-foot Flint Mountain, the northern tip of the Scapegoat formation.

In the Green Fork, a stream pours out of the wall like a faucet. The cave behind it is reported to be about two miles long.

Half Moon Park, a beautiful place to camp, is immediately below the-north and east side of Scapegoat Mountain. Here, an old burn has opened views to the east. A great experience is to be snug in your tent when a summer storm is passing through. The thunder is amplified as it ricochets off the more than 1,000-foot-high walls of the amphitheater, creating a booming, percussion symphony.

Access to the Scapegoat is usually from the east by way of Elk Pass, the Dearborn River, Smith Creek or the Benchmark area. From the south and west side, approaches to the mountain and plateau are from the Danaher, the North Fork of the Blackfoot River and Lincoln. The Dobroda Creek headwater area, reached by trail from the North Fork of the Blackfoot Valley, offers one of the better ways to climb Scapegoat from the west. The same route also passes Tobacco Valley and McDonald Meadow, two scenic places south of the Southern end of Scapegoat Mountain.

Day walkers, horseback riders and weekend backpackers favor 9,411' Red Mountain, the highest summit in the Scapegoat and in the Bob Marshall country, and Heart Lake on its north side. The trailhead is reached by a road up Landers Fork, a tributary of the Blackfoot River east of Lincoln. Caribou Peak and Big Horn Lake, on the Continental Divide, are two other prominent Scapegoat landmarks. Several trails approach the peak and lake. One up the West Fork of Falls Creek on the Rocky Mountain Front is the most used path.

A scramble up 8,401-foot Crown Mountain on the Rocky Mountain Front off of the Benchmark Road out of Augusta is rewarded by a great view of almost the entire bulk of Scapegoat Mountain and a good portion of the wilderness.

Three important waterways are born in the Scapegoat. Just south of the "summit bump" of Scapegoat Mountain, a spring gurgles Out of the plateau's porous limestone and commences the Row of the Dearborn River. The Sun River gathers its initial waters from the northeast side of Flint Mountain. Below the southern perimeter of the Scapegoat wall, Dobroda and Cooney creeks join to send the North Fork of the Blackfoot on its way to connect with the main river in the Blackfoot Valley.

According to Cecil Garland, "patron saint" of the Scapegoat, the prairie and Rocky Mountain Front around Augusta were at one time almost overrun with sheep. The sheepherders who summered their herds in the mountains named almost everything in the area, including Scapegoat Mountain.

Over the years, the small town of Lincoln became known as a base of operations for commercial packers and guides and an entry into the Lincoln Backcountry and Bob Marshall Wilderness. By word and deed, the regional and national reputations of the outfitters grew, and so did that of the land they worked in.

As the Lincoln District Ranger and the Supervisor of the Helena National Forest, two enthusiastic users and stewards of the Backcountry, who had both been on the job for nearly 20 years, prepared to retire in the late 1950s, new plans were being laid in the Forest Service Regional Office in Missoula to develop a system of roads that would open this special landscape to timber harvesting and campground construction. One could say the "custodial" era was ending and the "management" period was about to start.

In response to this threat, the Lincoln Backcountry Protection Association was formed to try to stop the development. Cecil Garland, who became the association's president in 1962, operated a hardware and sporting goods store in Lincoln and had worked four summers as a campground foreman for the Forest Service, resigning when he realized he could not pursue his goals from within the agency. Cecil would be primarily responsible for the Scapegoat Wilderness Act of 1972.

Garland remembers his reaction to the possible implementation of the development plan. *"a young Forest Service engineer came into our store in Lincoln and told me the USFS had abandoned a full survey of the road to the Lincoln Back Country and was now running only a flag line in their haste to build the road and quell the opposition. This young engineer in despair also told me that a bulldozer was sitting at the end of the road.*

I knew that time was short and called Congressman Jim Battin ... I poured out my heart to him in a most pleading and earnest manner. He must have understood for he said he would help me ... Battin then phoned Regional Forester Boyd Rasmussen and asked if he could have ten days to see what was going on up at Lincoln. Mr. Rasmussen replied no, the bulldozer was ready to go. Whereupon Congressman Battin told the Regional Forester that, 'By God, we had better have ten days. ' At this time, I believe the tide turned in our favor. "

Continue reading about this history in next week's edition.

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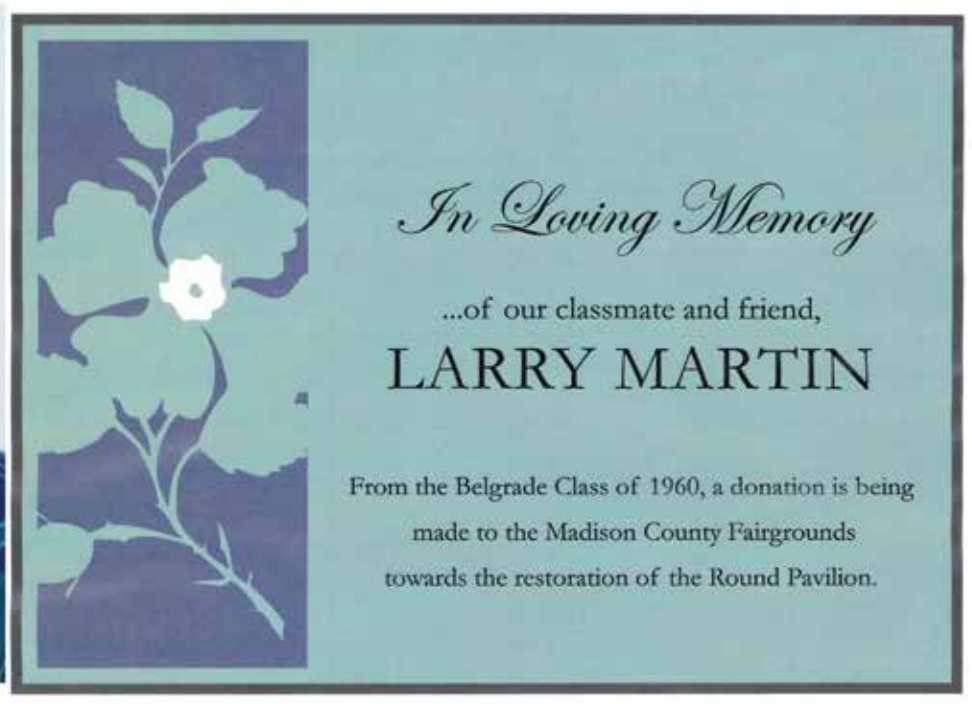

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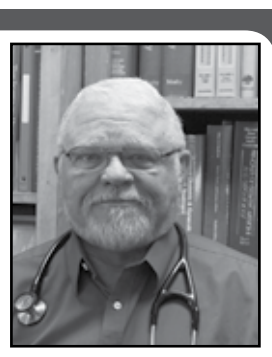

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Q: What is a Dowager's Hump?

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Thursday

Sunny skies. High 87F. Winds NE at 10 to 15 mph.

Friday

Plentiful sunshine. High 88F. Winds ENE at 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday

Sunshine. High 91F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday

Mostly sunny skies. High 89F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph.

Monday

Partly cloudy skies. High 82F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph.

Quote of the Week:

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TWIN BRIDGES NATIVE TAKES BUCKLE IN CHEYENNE STEER-WRESTLING

NEWT NOVICH SHINES IN WYOMING

Twin Bridges native Newt Novich takes bull by the horns in Cheyenne. PHOTO BY JACKIE JENSEN

Bulldogging. PHOTO COURTESY NEWT NOVICH

Frontier Days winner: Newt Novich with parents Shadeen and Jay Novich. PHOTO COURTESY NEWT NOVICH

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By BETSEY WELTNER
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"It ain't dying I'm talking about, it's living. I doubt it matters where you die, but it matters where you live." - Augustus McCrae played by Robert Duvall in "Lonesome Dove"

At the "daddy of all rodeos," Newt Novich took top standing in the roughest of all competitions: steer wrestling. The Twin Bridges native beat out 132 other cowboys who were willing to race a horse at top speed, lean over to grab a steer by its horns, then jump off and bring the 500-pound animal to the ground in the fastest time. Novich did it in 5.1 seconds, tying the arena record at last week's "Cheyenne Frontier Days" in Wyoming, billed as "the world's largest outdoor rodeo."

Born and raised on a ranch in Twin Bridges that has been in his family since the 1920s, Novich, 28, says he "grew up with rodeo in my life since I was little." By the time he was 18, Newt had turned pro and carried a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) card.

Newt's father, full-time rancher Jay Novich concurs. "He started in junior high, went all through high school competing," the senior Novich said, adding an understatement: "He's had some success."

The Madisonian caught Newt in between events on the Montana rodeo circuit, driving from Sidney to Bozeman. After Bozeman, he heads to Sand Point, Idaho, then to Great Falls.

Asked how he keeps physically fit and mentally sharp while following a grueling travel schedule, Novich admitted that "the road does beat you down."

He says he tries to get in practice sessions on days off and eats healthy – which is not always easy. "You learn which gas stations have the best food," he laughed. The longest drive so far has been from Kissimmee, Fla. to Idaho.

Novich says he ended up as a steer wrestler or "bulldogger" after trying bull riding and team roping. "Steer wrestling fit me a lot better," he explained. "I played full back and linebacker in high school."

Steer wrestling is not just about upper body strength. It also demands aerobic capacity and leg strength. "You're wrestling a big animal," Novich explains.

What's next for Newt Novich?

"I'm aiming for the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas in December," he said. "This is the 'Superbowl' of rodeo where the top 15 steer wrestlers, based on total season wins, will compete for number one."

Between now and December, Novich expects to be on the road. "It's fun," he says. Especially for someone who has been "bound to be a cowboy since the beginning."

Given the intensity of the PCRA circuit this summer, Novich doesn't expect to compete in the Madison County Fair and Rodeo, although he has ridden in the Twin Bridges rodeo many times over the years.

According to Hazer Novich, a cousin who grew up in Twin Bridges, "Newt and I rode in the county fair together when we were small. He's been on a horse his entire life."

Hazer, 29, a photographer/videographer who lives in Hamilton, says "it's ironic that my name is 'Hazer' because it's always been clear Newt would be the one to make a name for himself in rodeo. He's lived rodeo his entire life. Growing up, nothing mattered to him more than rodeo."

Since the two boys, born one year apart, were named after characters in "Lonesome Dove" (Hazer's real name is "Augustus"), it's perhaps inevitable that Newt would rise to the top of a sport that involves steers. The classic western novel by Larry McMurtry tells the story of a cattle drive from Texas to Montana in the late 1870s.

"Rodeo was in our blood," Hazer says, "and we grew up on stories around rodeo and ranching."

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HEALTH CAPSULE
UNDERSTANDING HEART INFLAMMATION

Submitted by NIH

Inflammation is your body's response to infection or injury. Ongoing inflammation can cause many serious health problems. When it affects your heart muscle, it's called myocarditis.

Myocarditis can affect small or large sections of the heart muscle. Severe cases may cause abnormal heart rhythms or make it harder for the heart to pump blood. That can lead to heart failure.

Symptoms of myocarditis can include chest pain, fast or abnormal heartbeat, shortness of breath, and swelling in your feet or legs.

Viral infections are a common cause of myocarditis. Other infections can also cause the condition. These include bacteria, fungi, or parasites.

Myocarditis may also be a part of an autoimmune disease. This happens when your body's disease fighting system, called the immune system, mistakenly attacks and destroys your own cells.

Certain medications can also put you at risk for myocarditis. A health care provider can diagnose the disease with a physical exam, blood tests, and tests of your heart function. The cause of the disease will determine your treatment.

Mild cases of myocarditis might only require rest, close monitoring and follow-ups with the doctor. More severe cases may need medication.

If you're diagnosed with heart inflammation, it's important to follow your treatment plan and receive follow-up care. Talk to your health care provider if you have any concerns about your heart health.

Learn more about myocarditis.

Growing number of COVID-19 cases and circulation of the Delta variant prompts call to the public to get vaccinated sooner rather than later

Submitted by CHRISTIE TRAPP

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare urges all unvaccinated residents 12 years and older to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The COVID-19 Delta variant is rapidly spreading across Montana with cases already reported in Beaverhead County.

"The COVID-19 Delta variant is spreading rapidly across the country accounting for about 80% of the new COVID infections. The areas with the most Delta variant cases are those with lower vaccine rates. Medical studies show that people who have completed the two dose vaccine series from Moderna or Pfizer, have about 88-90% effectiveness against the new Delta strain. A more staggering medical study shows that 99.5% of the deaths from the new Delta strain are in unvaccinated people. I would urge those who have not yet been vaccinated to reconsider and get vaccinated. The vaccine will not only protect you but will also protect your loved ones and our community," said Dr. Greg Moore, Chief Medical Officer, Barrett Hospital & HealthCare.

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare and local public health officials are very concerned of community transmission, especially among unvaccinated people. In part, this is due to the widespread COVID- 19 Delta variant, which is substantially more transmissible than previous forms of the COVID-19 virus.

Vaccines remain the most powerful tool in the fight against COVID-19, including the Delta variant. Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 helps prevents severe illness, hospitalization, and death; it also helps reduce the spread of the virus in communities. For more information on how to get a free vaccine, visit: www.facebook.com/Beaverhead-County-Public-Health-Department-103596501206480

Snakebite first aid

By JANET HOWARD-DUCSAY RN CDCES, Ennis

Hiking, backpacking, and taking our dogs for a walk are favorite activities in Montana during the warmer months. Snakes also enjoy the warmer weather, so we should all be prepared in the unexpected event of snakebite.

From the early days, there are myths and folk tales about how to treat snake- bites. It is essential to apply the best first aid and rapid treatment to preserve healthy tissue and save a life.

Snakes can actually strike about one-half to two-thirds of their body length. When hiking, try to stay out of the thick brush and walk on as clear a path as possible. Snakes' venom glands are fuller during the warmer months resulting in a more damaging bite. If a snake bites you, the following symptoms can occur:

- Significant swelling at the sight can begin in 15 minutes
- Bruising, redness that rapidly extends
- Facial numbness
- Nausea, vomiting
- Headache, blurred vision, and fainting
- Increased heart rate

It is essential to seek medical attention for all snakebites. Snake venom spreads quickly and efficiently through the lymphatic system. Immediate medical attention is vital to preserving the tissue around the bite and the limb. Treatment is key:

- Get to a safe area
- Remove any tight fitting clothing, rings, watches, jewelry, bracelets if the bite is on an extremity
- Remain calm to avoid increased heart rate
- If possible, keep the extremity or bite area below the level of the heart
- Wash area to remove the venom from the skin
- Time and date the bite
- If help is not immediate; apply a loose, dry dressing and splint to reduce movement

The myths and folk tales we must avoid:

- **DO NOT** apply a tourniquet. It will cause more tissue damage and reduces the venom from being diluted in the bloodstream.
- **DO NOT** cut the wound in any way or suck on the wound
- **DO NOT** apply ice or immerse the wound in water
- **DO NOT** apply electric shock to the bite
- **DO NOT** take any pain relievers or drink alcohol as a painkiller.

Do not wait for symptoms to present themselves. Seek medical attention for all bites. Hospitals will determine the need for anti-venom, which is injected at the sight of the bite to neutralize the venom and it's toxicity. Anti-venom is created from different snakes to be generic for all pit vipers, including rattlesnakes, copperheads, and cottonmouths. If at all possible, have a description of the snake for the health care team. Do not pick up the snake. Do not handle a venomous snake, not even a dead or decapitated head.

Many people enjoy the company of dogs on hikes or just watching them run in the field. There are critical first aid tips to help if they suffer snakebite. Dogs are naturally curious, especially puppies. Bites may be on their face, neck, or legs. Observing for symptoms is essential. Trying to find small puncture wounds may be very difficult on our furry animals. Symptoms to watch for:

- Trembling, shaking, or twitching of muscles
- Diarrhea and/or vomiting
- Unsteadiness or weakness in hind legs
- Excessive salivation, drooling, frothing at the mouth
- Bloody urine
- Paralysis

It is essential to try to access veterinary care immediately if possible. Venomous snakebites in puppies can lead to death within an hour unless emergent first aid is given.

- Get to a safe area with your dog
- Keep both you and your dog calm
- Call the Vet to make sure they have necessary anti-venom
- Rinse the wound if visible to remove the venom from the skin
- **DO NOT** use a tourniquet to restrict blood flow
- If feasible, apply a loose immobilization bandage to avoid the dog licking the area and moving the limb
- The same, earlier mentioned **DO NOT** list applies to dogs too.

Snakebites of any kind will be painful, cause swelling, and cause severe infection. Responding quickly and calmly to seeking medical care can reduce the amount of tissue and nerve damage.

Sturdy, full-coverage footwear that protects high above the ankle is essential for hiking. Be well aware of your surroundings, clear thick brush, hike with a friend, have a satellite phone, or confirm cell service. Enroll your dog in a rattlesnake aversion-training course. This avoidance training can help your pet recognize the scent, sight, and sound of a snake.

Review these tips as your planning your next outdoor adventure. Stay safe!

Hope for the Caregiver
A COLUMN FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS

Are you paddling upstream?

By PETER ROSENBERGER

Imagine watching someone paddle upstream against a rushing river. The scene might cause us to shake our heads in concern over the mental stability of a person trying such a thing.

Yet, all too many family caregivers attempt that very task while fighting the unstoppable (and often raging) current of Alzheimer's, autism, addiction, or a host of other chronic impairments.

Far from paddling on a lake, caregiving often seems like riding class-five rapids. Before embarking on any white-water trip, good river guides give instructions about not panicking, wearing the proper attire, and moving quickly to keep the raft from flipping when approaching obstacles.

Those same guides will also tell you to enjoy the ride and the scenery along the way.

As caregivers of loved ones with chronic impairments, we can either exhaust ourselves fighting the current —or better position ourselves to move with the water. Caregiving is a bumpy ride. We might as well settle in, wear comfortable clothes, and go with the flow.

And (to our astonishment at times), we can even discover beauty along the way.

Peter Rosenberger, a 30+ year caregiver, is the host of the nationally syndicated radio program, Hope for the Caregiver. He and his wife, Gracie, live in Madison County and Peter serves as the director of music for Madison Valley Baptist Church.

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COLUMNS

COMMODITY INSITE : And hope for the best

By JERRY WELCH

The most difficult question to answer when investing or speculating is this: When to get out? The answer to that question, regardless if you are exiting the market with a profit or a loss is the same. There is no answer to that question. Getting out of any market position, liquidating down to the sleeping point is a personal matter plain and simple. Again, there is no pat answer as to when to exit an open market position.

Honestly, I am asked that question daily, and I mean daily. "Should I get out and take the loss? Should I get out and take the profit? My answer is always the same. I say, "You either get out or sit tight. You cannot do both. And I cannot answer your question!"

More often than not, however, I reply to that question by saying, "Hey, you know how you make big money in the marketplace? They usually answer by quickly saying, "How can I do that? I say, "By being stubborn." And without fail I go on to say, "Do you know how to lose big money in the marketplace?" They usually answer just quickly by saying, "How does that happen?" Again, and without fail I say, "By being stubborn!"

There you have it. There is no easy answer telling an investor or trader when to exit a trade that has profits or a loss. When investing or speculating the greatest amount of money to be made is by being stubborn. By the same token, the greatest amount of money to be lost is by being stubborn.

For the past decade cryptocurrencies have garnered so much press it leaves me breathless. There are countless tales of someone that bought into a cryptocurrency such as Bitcoin, Ethereum, Litecoin, Cardano,Polkadot, Stellar, Chainlink, Binance Coin, Tether and Monero just to mention a few and they made a fortune. Some, however, lost a lot of money.

From Investopedia, "Did you know BTC (Bitcoin) beat the 2020 returns of gold and the S&P 500? And there's a slew of altcoins making similarly exciting moves in the market. You can find them on eToro, the world's leading social trading platform. For a limited time, if you make $1K in trades, eToro will give $."

Well, here is a cryptocurrency tale I can spin that is true. For months I listened to talking heads and celebrities on television and a few " teenaged money managers" touting a cryptocurrency called, IRON Titanium Token or TITAN. It languished for the longest time at well under $.50 each but on June 1, rose a tad over $68. But then came the crash. On that fateful day and after trading north of $68 it fell to a tad over zero. This week, TITAN is trading at $0.000000577 each. Not quite at zero but close enough if you are still long the market.

Be stubborn and make a fortune! Be stubborn and lose your money! What does all that suggest? It suggests investors and traders should follow my two main rules. Rule 1: no one knows for sure what any market will do. Not for sure they don't. Rule 2 comes from an old Chinese saying and I quote, "Zông shì shìyòng tíngzhî." For those that forgot their Mandarin Chinese lessons from high school the saying simply means, "Always use a stop."

For the grain complex this was an interesting week. It was exactly one year ago when grain prices bottomed on the first Friday in August and quickly headed north. The complex rallied into the second quarter of 2021, thanks to heavy export sales to China and a host of other countries in need of grain. It was a demand rally and a classic at that.

In recent weeks, I have touted the potential for grain prices to embark on a, "price rationing rally" for a variety of reasons but in particular because U.S. supplies of corn, soybeans and spring wheat are razor thin. My lean remains that of a bull and I fully expect history to repeat itself moving forward as it did a year ago this week.

The unfolding, "price rationing rally" with grains will be a demand led bull market. The only place left in the entire world to buy needed grain and in particular, for corn, where there will be a madcap scramble to secure large quantities is here in the U.S. After all, corn prices in China are $10 a bushel and in Brazil, $8.50. In the U.S., front month corn futures are $5.55 a bushel. Will history repeat itself with grain prices rising into the second quarter of 2022 similar to a year ago? The data and timing are certainly bullish grains.

Try to maintain a bullish bias moving forward. But because yours truly is bullish does not mean I will be correct. Thus, follow that old Chinese saw, ""Zông shì shìyòng tíngzhî." And, of course, hope for the best.

Estate planning aspects of Brands

This is the ninth in a series of articles focusing on estate and legacy planning.

By Kaleena Miller, Madison-Jefferson County Extension Agent, kaleena.miller1@montana.edu and Marsha Goetting, MSU Extension Family Economics Specialist, goetting@montana.edu

Have you re-recorded your brand yet? Brands are re-recorded every 10 years. 2021 is the opportunity for you to examine how your brand is titled. A brand is an important component of any estate plan. When a brand's owner dies, a key factor in determining who inherits the brand — and livestock bearing it — is how the brand was recorded.

Ranchers who have multiple owners on a brand need to be aware of the differences in inheritance between a brand recorded as "joint tenancy ownership with right of survivorship" and one recorded as "tenants in common," said Marsha Goetting, MSU Extension family economics specialist. When one of the multiple owners dies, Goetting explained, the inheritance results may be different than expected.

"Joint ownership with right of survivorship — sometimes referred to as 'joint tenancy' or 'joint tenancy with right of survivorship' — is a form of co-ownership in which two or more persons own the same property," Goetting said.

Under that arrangement, when one of the owners dies, their share passes to the surviving joint owner or owners who continue to own the brand and livestock bearing the brand. The last surviving joint tenant owns the brand and all the livestock on which it appears, explains Kaleena Miller, Madison Jefferson Extension Agent.

For example, three siblings who are considering rerecording a brand in their names indicate themselves as joint owners. If one dies, their ownership passes to the two surviving siblings. Each survivor would then own 50% interest in the brand and livestock. Similarly, if there was only one surviving sibling, that sibling would own the brand and all the livestock on which it appears. In this example, a deceased sibling's children would not inherit any interest in the brand or cattle because the title was between the three siblings.

If two or more people own a brand as tenants in common, however, there is no automatic right of survivorship for the remaining tenant or tenants in common, Goetting said. If a sibling died, the sibling could leave an inheritance in a written will to a child consisting of the 1/3 undivided interest. In addition, co-tenants may give away their undivided interest while living. The other two siblings would then keep their initial one-third each interest intact.

"Brand owners should know exactly how their brand is recorded with the Department of Livestock before they automatically rerecord," Goetting said. "An attorney can advise and assist a person in drafting a will to assure the brand and the livestock on which it appears pass to the persons wanted on death."

Additional information is in the MSU Extension MontGuide, "Livestock Brands in Montana: An Important Component of an Estate Plan." The publication can be found at https://store.msuextension.org/publications/FamilyFinancialManagement/MT201805HR.pdf. Printed copies can be requested from the Madison-Jefferson Extension office at 287-3282.

Ranchers can re-record their livestock brand online or by mail. The fee if $175 per brand. The website for the Brands Enforcement Division is https://liv.mt.gov/Brands-Enforcement/Brands-Re-Record-2021 Keep in mind that you cannot transfer and re-record your brand for one fee. The re-record fee is $172 and the brand transfer fee is $200.

A WRANGLER'S RECKLESS WRITINGS

By Bryce Angell

A Sleepwalker's Night

I'd started walking in my sleep, one summer, every night. At twelve years old I must have looked, to some, the strangest sight.

The year was 1965, back in the Yellowstone. We'd rode in on the horses and were darn sure all alone.

My father was the guide in charge. He understood my plight. He told the men, "We gotta keep him in his tent all night."

He said, "We'll tie a rope, around his tent, then hang a bell. And if he tries to sleepwalk, that old noisy bell will tell."

The cowboys also pitched their tents in front of my tent door. For sure there weren't no way I'd do a sleeping walk explore.

That night, right after dinner, when the horses were all fed. I zipped my tent, then climbed into my homemade sleeping bed.

I could hear one cowboy snoring loud. I must have closed my eyes. Then woke up feeling chilly to one heck of a surprise.

I stood out by the river only wearing underwear. I'd walked out in my sleep and wondered how did I get there?

I must have cut the tent rope. Had my pocketknife in hand. I took a step and promptly made a faceplant in the sand.

No flashlight made it darker than the inside of a cat. I figured camp was close and hoped to hear some cowboy chat.

But the night was dark and quiet, so I sat till first daylight. Then eyed my tent and sleeping bag, a heaven's welcome sight.

My sleeping bag was toasty warm. I hadn't closed my eyes. When I heard one cowboy holler, "People die in bed you guys!"

I didn't tell a single soul about my frightful night. But I slept with Dad's old flashlight taped around me nice and tight.

NATURAL RESOURCE NEWS

GROWW Program- Ennis School Garden

Submitted by RAEYA GORDON, Madison Conservation District

The GROWW program is a collaborative effort to promote youth education on topics such as agriculture, gardening, the outdoors, and the importance of our water, soil, and wildlife resources. In 2011, Madison Farm to Fork, The Madison Conservation District, and the Ennis School District came together to create the program with support from the community and the hard work of volunteers. Since then, GROWW has been serving Ennis by providing educational opportunities such as the Good Thymes Camp, Greater Yellowstone Adventure, and the Ennis school garden. The school garden is an essential aspect, serving as an outdoor classroom for students and proving a space for kids to get their hands dirty and develop gardening skills, familiarity with plants, and learn about the natural cycles that take place all around us. The Good Thymes camp utilizes the school garden to create a hands on experience for all participants. Students get the chance to identify plants, learn about the growing process, and maybe even taste some of the delicious produce! The camp offered 3 sessions this summer, each a week long. The sessions are spread throughout the summer, but all spots were filled by early May this year. For More information about the Good Thymes camp, you can visit the GROWW website @growprogram.org or the Good Thymes Camp Facebook page.

This summer, Carolyn Baker has joined the program as the new GROWW coordinator and a valuable addition to the community. Carolyn has extensive gardening experience and a love for learning and sharing knowledge that will be an incredible asset to the garden and to the school. The garden has been bustling with volunteers, community members enjoying the space, and Carolyn as she works to prepare the garden for the students' return. Outdoor classes will be held in the garden, where students will have the opportunity to experiment and taste the foods they grow. This summer there is a variety of fruits, veggies, herbs and flowers scattered throughout the garden. If you are interested in seeing what the garden has to offer, you're welcome to come check it out. Most plants are labeled, making it fun and easy to identify what's growing. It is located on the East side of the school and you are encouraged to bring your kids and enjoy the space. It is important to note that school will be starting on August 25th. All are welcome to explore any time before that date, but please restrict your visits to weekends once school has begun.

As summer comes to an end, some of the most important work begins. Students will be a part of the harvest, learning to dry herbs and collect seeds from flowers for next spring. Next they will break down the garden, removing weeds and anything that's gone to seed before mulching. Some old plant growth will be left to provide habitat for mason bees and butterflies, but much of the plant material will be composted. Lastly, they will learn about composting and how to use this year's waste to create a rich nutrient source for next year's harvest!

This garden has benefited from volunteers for many years, and in return it provides a vibrant space to be enjoyed by all. If you're interested in continuing this legacy of community involvement, volunteers would be extremely helpful in the upcoming process of harvesting and breaking down the garden. While volunteering, you will have the opportunity to taste, smell, and experience what has grown this summer. If you don't have time to donate, old gardening tools, plants, seeds, and other gardening materials can always be put to good use! You can call Janet Dochnahl, the program supervisor (406-682-4463), or email Carolyn Baker (grow@ennisschools.org) with questions about how you can get involved. Other supporters of the GROWW program include the Madison Valley Women's Club, Madison Valley Ranchlands Group, and the Ennis Art Association. The program would not be possible without the support of these organizations and the Ennis community as a whole!

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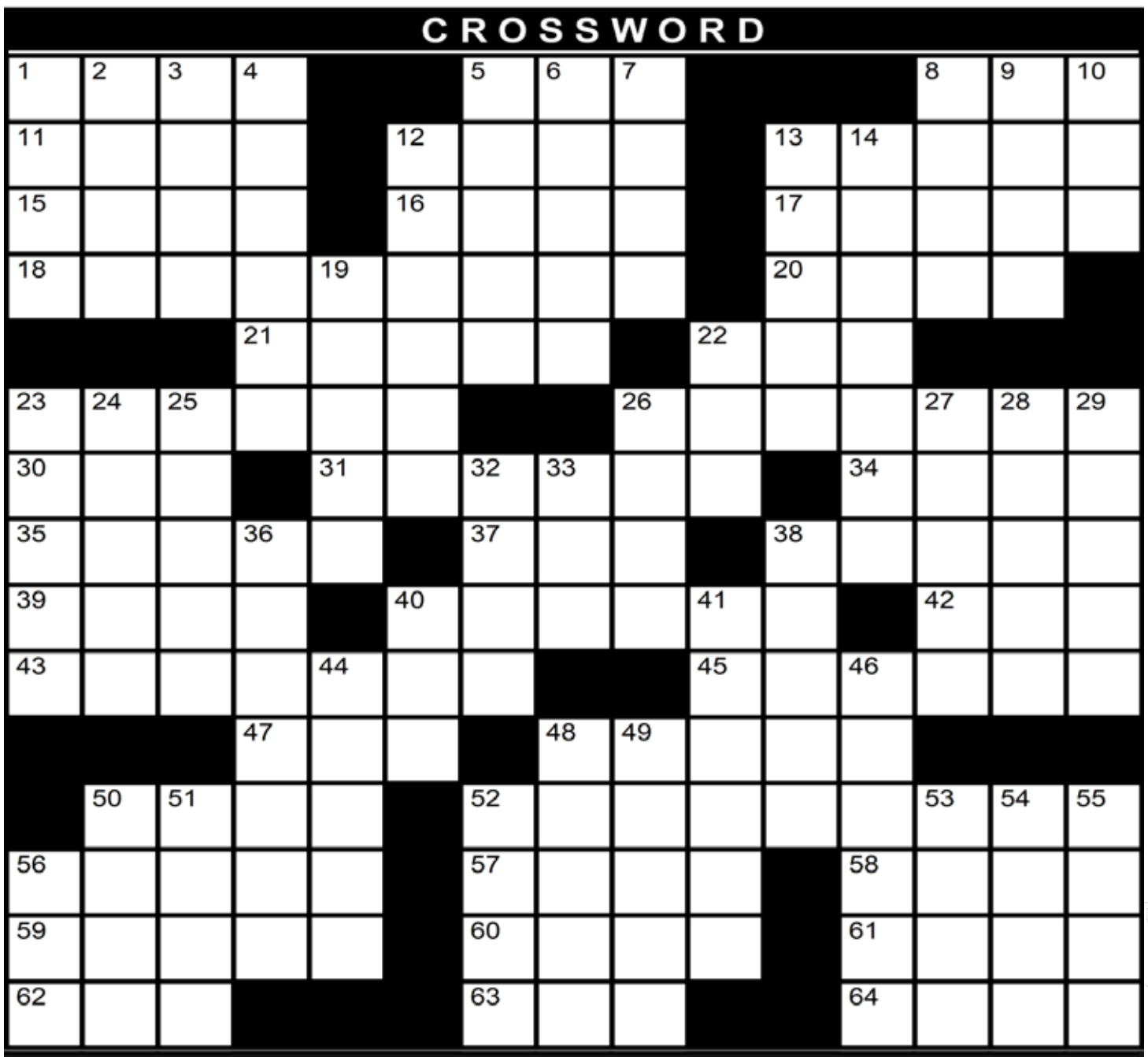

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THEME: FOOTBALL

ACROSS

1. *Sports analyst, ex-wide receiver Randy
5. Dashboard acronym
8. *Depth of an end zone, in yards
11. Fencing blade
12. Weight not charged for
13. Young hog
15. Witnessed
16. Aroma
17. Nary a soul
18. *Line of ____
20. Spanish earthen pot
21. Pinocchio and the like
22. Bean house
23. Antonym of descent
26. Cycle taxi
30. Greek "t"
31. 50-50
34. Not happening
35. Newbies
37. Bert Bobbsey's twin
38. Like a neon sign
39. "Clueless" catch phrase
40. Not a desktop
42. Metal-bearing mineral
43. "Chim Chim Cher-ee" setting
45. Relating to nose
47. Actors' group
48. Sink hole
50. Golf club handle
52. *3-point score
56. Make a canyon, e.g.
57. Not written
58. Racing sled
59. *"Purple People ____" song, inspiration for Vikings defensive line name
60. Like H. C. Andersen's duckling
61. Poet Pound
62. *AFC counterpart
63. Dreaming stage of sleep
64. Daytime entertainment

DOWN

1. Hodgepodge
2. Oil cartel
3. Palm reader, e.g.
4. Old and mentally infirm
5. Weather-related Doppler tool
6. Programs, for short
7. Insignificant
8. Hammer or sickle
9. Europe's highest volcano
10. Born, in bio
12. Marinara fruit
13. Ornamental hair net
14. *Grabbing penalty
19. Breath freshener
22. *Pre-game encouragement
23. Rose oil
24. One's assertion
25. Collectible in a cabinet
26. *Fourth down option
27. Colonoscopy tract
28. Ancient assembly area
29. B in IBS
32. *Start of a football play
33. Goo on a trunk
36. *Scrimmage-related penalty
38. Plant louse
40. Yule firewood
41. By word of mouth
44. Candle shape
46. English in Spanish
48. Mourner's song
49. Camelot, to Arthur
50. Tennis great Steffi
51. College officer-training prog.
52. *Number of downs to get a first down
53. Anis-flavored aperitif
54. Site of Taj Mahal
55. *Lambeau Field jump
56. Poetic "even"

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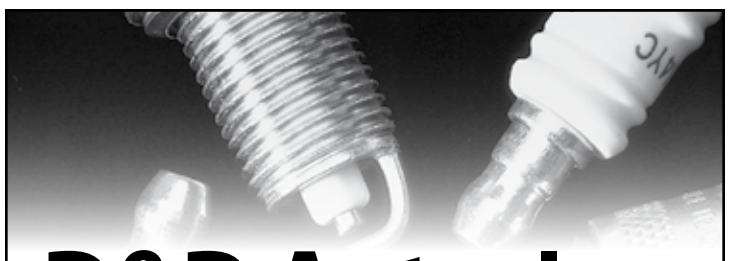

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Ennis Schools is seeking applications for a facility team member to clean and prepare our school. This position is 40 hours/week, offers excellent benefits including personal days, sick/vacation leave, holiday pay, life insurance, and up to $740/month health insurance. Starting pay is $15/hr. Will pay $1 more for boilers license. School year hours are afternoons and evenings Monday-Friday. Summer schedule hours are 7am-5pm Monday-Thursday. Successful applicants are subject to a state and federal background check as well as a pre-employment physical. If interested, please contact Supt. Casey Klasna at 682-4258

HELP WANTED
Sheridan School District No. 5 is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2021-22 school year: Bus route driver, starting wage DOE, 3 hrs./day; Paraprofessionals (classroom teacher's aide and one-on-one student aide), starting wage DOE, 8 hrs./day. Benefits include state retirement, sick and vacation leave. Applications also being accepted for substitute teachers, substitute bus drivers, and head varsity track coach. Successful applicants must pass a state and federal background check. Sheridan School District operates on a four-day school week. Information and employment applications can be found at sheridan.k12.mt.us/employment, or by contacting Rebecca Larsen, District Clerk at 842-5302.

HELP WANTED

MEDICAL MARIJUANA POSITIONS
We are looking for a few good people with experience to work in the medical marijuana industry in Ennis. Positions available in our growing facility and our dispensary. Applicants must have experience in the medical marijuana industry. Badged applicants encouraged to apply. If you do not have a badge in the medical marijuana industry, one can be gotten for you easily as long as the state requirements are met. Equal opportunity employer. Please send resume and salary expectations to cannaconnectionmt @gmail.com.

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- Dietary Aide/Cook, Part and Full-time, Permanent, $15.38 to $19.23 hourly DOE;

Madison County, Virginia City,MT

- Communications Officer, Madison County Sheriff's Office-Full-time $18.25 to $22.46 hourly;
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HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED
Ennis Lumber Company is searching for a self-motivated individual to work in customer service. Candidate will be responsible for top-notch customer service, sales and learning product knowledge. Will train. FT and PT available. Wage dependent upon experience. Please contact Kyle Marsh. Ennis Lumber Company 406-682-3889 5080 U.S. Hwy 287 N. Ennis, Mt. 59729

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Ennis School District #52 is actively seeking applicants for a Bus Route Drivers to join our team for the 2021-2022 school year. Successful applicants must have, or be able to obtain, a commercial driver's license and a Montana school bus driver certificate. This position is 4 hours/day, $17/hr and offers prorated health insurance. Successful applicants are subject to a federal and state background check and must be part of our random testing program as required by DOT. If interested, please contact Superintendent Casey Klasna at 406-682-4258.

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August 12, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, Madison County
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONNA W. DARBY, Probate No. DP-29-2021-36
Luke Berger, District Judge
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Kathleen Darby Mumme has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice said claims will be forever barred.
Claims must either be mailed to Kathleen Darby Mumme, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested at PO Box 363, Pahala, HI 96777, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.
DATED this 2nd date of August, 2021.
BENNET LAW GROUP, PLLC
Lyman H. Bennett, III, Attorney for Personal Representative
BENNETT LAW GROUP
Published Aug. 12, Aug. 19, Aug. 26, 2021
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Town of Sheridan will host a public meeting on Monday, August 23rd at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall at 103 East Hamilton Street in Sheridan. The Town Council is hosting the meeting to obtain public comments regarding the Town's overall community development needs (public facilities, economic development, and housing needs), including the needs of low and moderate-income persons. The Town Council will also seek citizens' views on the activities that should be undertaken to meet the identified needs and their relative priority. The Town may apply for funding from the Montana Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program (federal funding administered by the Montana Department of Commerce) and other state and federal funding sources to deal with local housing, public facilities, or other community needs and would like comments or suggestions from local citizens regarding the Town's needs and the type of projects which should be considered. Comments may be given orally at the hearing or submitted in writing before 5:30 p.m. on August 23rd. Anyone who would like more information or who wants to submit suggestions should contact Craig Erickson, Grant Administrator, (406) 495-6189
CLERK TOWN OF SHERIDAN
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INVITATION TO BID
SECTION 00100 INVITATION TO BID
Separate sealed bids for construction of the Town of Twin Bridges Stormwater Drainage Improvements Project will be received at the office of Great West Engineering at 2501 Belt View Drive, PO Box 4817, Helena, Montana, 59604 until 2:00 P.M. local time on Thursday, August 19, 2021. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The project consists of constructing stormwater drainage improvements along Madison Street and at other select locations in Twin Bridges, Montana. The work includes installing stormwater collection and infiltration structures and grading drainage ditches to those structures. The infiltration structures consist of a manholes, perforated drainage pipe, drain rock, geotextile, and associated appurtenances. Digital copies of the Bidding Documents are available at www.greatwesteng.com or www.questcdn.com for a fee of $20.00. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Current Projects Bidding" tab.
The contract documents, consisting of half size Drawings and Project Manual, may be examined or obtained at the office of Great West Engineering, located at 2501 Belt View Drive, Helena, Montana, 59601, phone (406) 449-8627 in accordance with Article 2.1 of Instructions to Bidders. Required fee of $50.00 per set, which is not refundable. In addition, the Drawings and Project Manual may also be examined at the following locations: Bozeman Plan Exchange Helena Copy Center Butte Builders Exchange Missoula Plans Exchange There will be a Pre-Bid Conference at the Twin Bridges Town Hall, 104 E. 6th Ave., Twin Bridges, Montana, 59754 at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 12, 2021. Interested Contractors are encouraged to attend. Contractor and any of the Contractor's Subcontractors bidding or doing work on this project will be required to be registered with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, PO Box 8011, 1805 Prospect, Helena MT 59604-8011. Information on registration can be obtained by calling (406) 444-7734. All laborers and mechanics employed by Contractor or Subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates at no less than the minimum standard prevailing wages for each classification, which shall be the higher of either the Montana State Prevailing Wage Rates or the Federal Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage Rates. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond payable to the Town of Twin Bridges, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. Successful Bidders shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Insurance, as required, shall be provided by the successful Bidder(s) and a certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided. This project is funded in part or in whole with grant/loan funding from the Town of Twin Bridges and the Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund (SRF). Award of the project will be contingent upon receiving funding and award concurrence from SRF. Bids may only be withdrawn as provided in Section 16.02 of the Instructions to Bidders after the scheduled time for the public opening of bids. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid that is in the best interest of the Owner. All questions about the meaning or intent of the Contract Documents are to be submitted in writing to and must be received by Great West Engineering no later than 12:00 P.M local time on Monday, August 16, 2021. Questions received after this date will not be answered. Oral questions will only be accepted at the Pre-Bid conference. Written comments may be submitted to Ryan Holm of Great West Engineering by mail at: P.O. Box 4817, Helena, MT 59604 or email at: rholm@greatwesteng.com. Interpretations or clarifications considered necessary by Engineer in response to such questions will be issued by Addenda delivered to all parties recorded as having received the Bidding Documents. Only questions answered by Addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect. The Town of Twin Bridges is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Published at The Madisonian, Ennis, Montana, this 5th and 12th days of August, 2021. Joe Willauer, Mayor, Twin Bridges (Title) PO Box 307, Twin Bridges, MT 59754 Published at The Madisonian, Ennis, Montana, this 5th and 12th days of August, 2021.
CLERK TOWN OF TWIN BRIDGES
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CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
Linda Hamilton has applied to the Town of Virginia City for a Conditional Use Permit for a bed and breakfast at her residence, 406 East Idaho Street in the Historical Residential District. There will be a Council meeting on September 2, 2021, at 7:00 pm at the Elks Lodge for any public comments.
CLERK TOWN OF VIRGINIA CITY
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NOTICE CANCELLING PRIMARY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS
Notice is hereby given that in Madison County ALL Primary Municipal Elections to be held on September 14, 2021 HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. Notice will be given at a later date as to the General Municipal Elections to be held in November. Dated this 2nd day of August, 2021. Paula Mckenzie Madison County Clerk & Recorder/Election Administrator
MADISON COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER
Published August 12 & 19, 2021
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION TO ANNEX MADISON COUNTY PROPERTY INTO THE JEFFERSON VALLEY RURAL AMBULANCE DISTRICT
The Madison County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at the Borden's Hotel Building, 103 W. Legion, Whitehall, Montana, to receive public comment on a resolution to annex certain Madison County properties into the Jefferson Valley Rural Ambulance District. The proposed property to be included in the annexation will follow the boundaries of the Madison County School District #47 and Madison County School District #31, at a cost of $29.00 (twenty-nine dollars) per year, which will be imposed on each residential lot or parcel within the special district which contains a dwelling unit and upon developed commercial properties. There shall be no assessment on agricultural or vacant properties with no dwelling and the district is also funded by fees paid for emergency and non-emergency services provided by the district. Copies of the Resolution are available for review at the following locations: Sheridan Public Library (107 E. Hamilton St.), Twin Bridges Library (206 S. Main St.); Ennis/Madison Valley Public Library (210 E. Main St.); Thompson-Hickman Library, (217 Idaho St.), Madison County Commissioners' Office (103 W. Wallace), the Clerk & Recorder's Office (103 W. Wallace), Virginia City; and on the County's website under public/legal notices at www.madisoncountymt.gov . Comments on the proposal are welcome. Written comments may be submitted at the hearing or delivered to the Madison County Commissioners' Office prior to the hearing at P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755; faxed to (406) 843-5517; or e-mailed to madco@madisoncountymt.gov. Written comments must be received by close of the September 16, 2021, public hearing. For more information, contact the Commissioners' Office at (406) 843-4277.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE YELLOWSTONE MOUNTAIN CLUB RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
The Madison County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Courtroom of the Administrative Office Building, 103 West Wallace, Virginia City, Montana, to receive public comment on a resolution to establish the Yellowstone Mountain Club Rural Fire District. Boundaries of the proposed district can be found on the resolution of intent to establish the district. Copies of the Resolution are available for review at the following locations: Sheridan Public Library (107 E. Hamilton St.), Twin Bridges Library (206 S. Main St.); Ennis/Madison Valley Public Library (210 E. Main St.); Thompson-Hickman Library, (217 Idaho St.), Madison County Commissioners' Office (103 W. Wallace), the Clerk & Recorder's Office (103 W. Wallace), Virginia City; and on the County's website under public/legal notices at www.madisoncountymt.gov . Comments on the proposal are welcome. Written comments may be submitted at the hearing or delivered to the Madison County Commissioners' Office prior to the hearing at P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755; faxed to (406) 843-5517; or e-mailed to madco@madisoncountymt.gov. Written comments must be received by close of the September 21, 2021, public hearing. For more information, contact the Commissioners' Office at (406) 843-4277.
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REQUEST FOR BIDS TO CRUSH GRAVEL
Madison County Road District 3 is requesting sealed bids for crushing gravel. Please submit a bid to crush approximately 15,000 to 20,000 cubic yards of ¾ inch minus gravel, including mobilization charges, if any, at the Madison County landfill located approximately 5 miles east of Ennis on the Jack Creek Bench Road, with crushing to be completed by as soon as possible. Bids will be accepted no later than 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, and opened at the regularly scheduled Madison County Board of Commissioners' Meeting on August 24, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Courtroom of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, MT. Bidders must carry liability insurance with Madison County listed as second insured. Please submit bids to Jim Hart, District 3 Road Supervisor, Board of Commissioners, Madison County, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755. Please call 406-843-4277 or 406-596-7227 for any additional information.
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MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY. LAKE CONDOMINIUMS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC, Plaintiff v. LOUIS J. BENSON, DONA JEAN BENSON, and the UNKNOWN OWNERS, UNKNOWN HEIRS, and UNKNOWN DEVISEES OF LOUIS J. BENSON OR DONA JEAN BENSON, and other unknown owners, persons or entities claiming or who might claim any right, title, estate or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in the Complaint adverse to the Plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon Plaintiff's title, whether the claim or possible claim is present or contingent, and DOES 1-25, Defendants. CAUSE NO. DV-29-2020-79. THE STATE OF MONTANA sends greetings to Louis J. Benson and Dona Jean Benson and their unknown owners, heirs and devisees, address unknown. This action is brought to enforce assessments and foreclose a lien on land situated in Madison County, Montana, and described as follows: An undivided 1/50th Time Share Interest in and to Condominium Unit No. 1539 of Lake Condominium, known as Week Number 27. Said condominium is located on Lots 1, 2, and 3A of the Fourth Amended Plat of Custer Minor subdivision, in Madison County, Montana. Together with the undivided interest in the common elements appurtenant to said unit as set out and established in the Declaration of Condominium Under the Montana Unit Ownership Act Pertaining to Lake Condominiums, recorded September 7, 1984 in Book 302, Page 496, records of Madison County, Montana, and as subsequently amended and supplemented by various instruments of record. Said condominium is to be used for residential purposes only. You are hereby commanded to answer the Complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, a copy of which is herewith served upon you and to file your WRITTEN RESPONSE with the above-titled court and serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiff's attorney within 21 days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court this 20th day July, 2021. /s/ CARMIN HILL, DEPUTY CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT. Date: July 20, 2021
OGBURN LAW FIRM, PLLC
By: /s/ Margot B. Ogburn, Attorney for Plaintiff
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MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY. LAKE CONDOMINIUMS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC, Plaintiff v. AMANDA ROSE BURDICK, and the UNKNOWN OWNERS, UNKNOWN HEIRS, and UNKNOWN DEVISEES OF AMANDA ROSE BURDICK, and other unknown owners, persons or entities claiming or who might claim any right, title, estate or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in the Complaint adverse to the Plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon Plaintiff's title, whether the claim or possible claim is present or contingent, and DOES 1-25, Defendants. CAUSE NO. DV-29-2020-83. THE STATE OF MONTANA sends greetings to Amanda Rose Burdick and her unknown owners, heirs and devisees, address unknown. This action is brought to enforce assessments and foreclose a lien on land situated in Madison County, Montana, and described as follows: An undivided 1/50th Time Share Interest in and to Condominium Unit No. 1546 of Lake Condominium, known as Week Number 41. Said condominium is located on Lots 1, 2, and 3A of the Fourth Amended Plat of Custer Minor subdivision, in Madison County, Montana. Together with the undivided interest in the common elements appurtenant to said unit as set out and established in the Declaration of Condominium Under the Montana Unit Ownership Act Pertaining to Lake Condominiums, recorded September 7, 1984 in Book 302, Page 496, records of Madison County, Montana, and as subsequently amended and supplemented by various instruments of record. Said condominium is to be used for residential purposes only. You are hereby commanded to answer the Complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, a copy of which is herewith served upon you and to file your WRITTEN RESPONSE with the above-titled court and serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiff's attorney within 21 days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court this 20th day July, 2021. /s/ CARMIN HILL, DEPUTY CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT. Date: July 20, 2020
OGBURN LAW FIRM, PLLC By: /s/ Margot B. Ogburn, Attorney for Plaintiff
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SUMMONS OF PUBLICATION
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY. LAKE CONDOMINIUMS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC, Plaintiff v. CRYSTAL EDDY, and the UNKNOWN OWNERS, UNKNOWN HEIRS, and UNKNOWN DEVISEES OF CYSTAL EDDY, and other unknown owners, persons or entities claiming or who might claim any right, title, estate or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in the Complaint adverse to the Plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon Plaintiff's title, whether the claim or possible claim is present or contingent, and DOES 1-25, Defendants. CAUSE NO. DV-29-2020-88. THE STATE OF MONTANA sends greetings to Crystal Eddy and her unknown owners, heirs and devisees, address unknown. This action is brought to enforce assessments and foreclose a lien on land situated in Madison County, Montana, and described as follows: An undivided 1/50th Time Share Interest in and to Condominium Unit No. 1543 of Lake Condominium, known as Week Number 49. Said condominium is located on Lots 1, 2, and 3A of the Fourth Amended Plat of Custer Minor subdivision, in Madison County, Montana. Together with the undivided interest in the common elements appurtenant to said unit as set out and established in the Declaration of Condominium Under the Montana Unit Ownership Act Pertaining to Lake Condominiums, recorded September 7, 1984 in Book 302, Page 496, records of Madison County, Montana, and as subsequently amended and supplemented by various instruments of record. Said condominium is to be used for residential purposes only. You are hereby commanded to answer the Complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, a copy of which is herewith served upon you and to file your WRITTEN RESPONSE with the above-titled court and serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiff's attorney within 21 days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court this 20th day July, 2021. /s/ CARMIN HILL, DEPUTY CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT. Date: July 20, 2020
OGBURN LAW FIRM, PLLC By: /s/ Margot B. Ogburn, Attorney for Plaintiff
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NOTICE OF FINAL BUDGET MEETING
On the second Tuesday in August (August 10, 2021), at 7:00 p.m. the Sheridan School District No. 5 Board of Trustees will meet in the Charles B. Murray Media Technology Center for the purpose of considering and adopting the final budget of the district. The trustees' meeting may be continued from day-to-day until adoption of the final budget. Any taxpayer may appear at the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget. The regular August meeting will also be conducted at that time. For further information please contact: Rebecca E. Larsen, District Clerk, PO Box 586, Sheridan, MT 59749 (406-842-5302).
SHERIDAN SCHOOLS
Published Aug. 12, 2021
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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT MADISON COUNTY Leslie J. Adams,Plaintiff, vs.EXCHANGE 05-2840, LLC, and Idaho Limited Liability Company, EXCHANGE SERVICES, INC, and MISTY PETERSON, Individually and as President of Exchange Services, Inc., and ANY PERSON OR PERSONS, both known and unknown, who claim or may claim any right, title, estate, or interest therein or lien or encumbrance thereon adverse to plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon plaintiffs' title thereto, whether such claim or possible claim be present or contingent, including any claim or possible claim of dower, inchoate or accrued, for the purpose of determining such claim or possible claim and quieting title to said real property, Defendants. Cause No. DV-29-2021-46
SUMMONS Judge Assigned Luke Berger
THE STATE OF MONTANA TO THE ABOVE DEFENDANTS: You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action which is filed in the office of the clerk of this court, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon Plaintiff's attorney within twenty-one (21) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service and in the case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. This action is brought to quiet title to the land situated in Madison County, Montana, and described as follows: Tract 1: All of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13,14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21, Block 30, Normal Addition to Twin Bridges, Montana, as previously recorded in Book 48, page 205, records of Madison County, Montana (the "Property"). WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court this 18th day of June, 2021. Clerk of District Court /s/ Carmin Hill, Deputy Clerk
SILVERMAN LAW OFFICE
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BUDGET MEETING NOTICE
The Harrison School Board of Trustees has scheduled the Annual Budget Meeting for the Harrison School District to occur on Friday, August 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the Harrison School Cafeteria. The trustees will meet for the purpose of considering and adopting the final budget of the district and may continue from day to day until the final adoption of the district's budget is completed. Any taxpayer in the district may appear at the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget.
HARRISON SCHOOLS
Published Aug. 12 & 19, 2021
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Sheridan Ward - Visitors Welcome
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Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School
11:20 a.m.
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12:10 p.m.
Mutual (Youth Group)
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Bishop Shaw 684-5255

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Sunday School & Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m.
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Saturday 4pm at St. Joseph's in Sheridan
Sunday 8am at St. Patrick's in Ennis
Sunday 10am at St. Mary's in Laurin
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Friday, August 13 – Caprese Grilled Cheese, Broccoli Salad, Dessert - PINOCHLE @ 12:30
Monday, August 16 – Green Chili Pork Chops, Rice & Black Beans, Fruit, Dessert - MAHJONG @ 1:00
Tuesday August 17 – Orange Chicken, Spring Roll, Veggies, Dessert
Wednesday August 18 – Sheppard's Pie, Salad, Breadstick, Dessert
Thursday, August 19 – Turkey Stuffing, Veggies, Cranberries, Dessert - MAHJONG @ 1:00
Friday, August 20 – Sea Dog, Chips, Fruit, Dessert - PINOCHLE @ 12:30

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SENIOR CENTER, SHERIDAN
The Sheridan Senior Center offers meals for seniors 60 years and older. Seniors may choose to eat at the Senior Center, family style for $4 or have their meals delivered for $4.50 (Meals on Wheels). Meals on Wheels are within the city limits of Sheridan and should be called in by 10 a.m. Contact Shirley Sand at 842-5966. 201 Crofoot Street (the former Ruby Valley Medical Clinic).

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.
Take Out lunch as well as Home Delivery is ready at 11:30 In house meals begin at 12:00 noon.
**** All in house meals are served using social distancing and sanitary measures.
Friday, Aug. 13 - Ham, cheesy hashbrowns, veggie, coleslaw, dessert
Monday, Aug. 16 - Chicken breast in mushroom sauce, rice, angel hash, cookies
Wednesday, Aug. 18 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggie, salad, peach cobbler
Friday, Aug. 20 - Hamburgers, potato salad, chips, chocolate cake
Monday Aug. 23 - Lasagna green beans, green salad, focaccia, dessert
Wednesday, Aug. 25 - Amish haystack dinner, apple pie
Friday, Aug. 26 - Roast Beef, boiled potatoes, 7 layer salad dessert
Monday, Aug. 30 - Breakfast sandwiches, fruit, yogurt, juice

HOLLOW TOP SENIOR CITIZENS
Pony, Harrison and Norris.
The Hollowtop Senior Center is open on Mondays and Wednesdays, serving meals at 12 noon.
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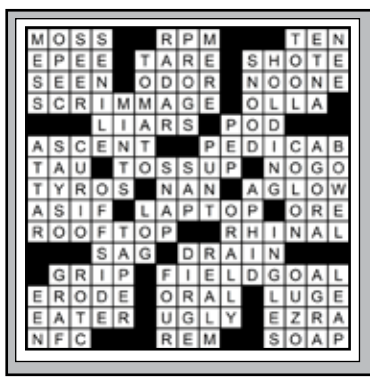
Monday, Aug. 16 - Cook's Choice
Wednesday, Aug. 18 - Chicken Broccoli casserole
Monday, Aug. 23 - Sausage Gravy and Biscuits
Wednesday, Aug. 25 - Pulled Pork
Monday, Aug. 30 - Salad Bar



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Kay Von Bergen was chosen as this year's Parade Marshall after many years of service to 4-H. PHOTO COURTESY KAY VON BERGEN

Submitted by DANA ESCOTT

Kay Marie Cogdill Von Bergen embarked on her lifetime passion in 4-H at the age of 10 as a first year member. Throughout her time in 4-H, Kay was engaged in many activities including sewing and swine. The highlight for Kay as a 4-H member was winning grand champion Berkshire hog at the fair in Butte, with her major competitor being a young man whose family raised Berkshire hogs. She earned her 10 year ring for her years of service and achievement.

In 1966, Kay married Korky Von Bergen and soon had seven children to prepare and supervise at the upcoming Madison-Jefferson County fairs. Throughout her children's time in 4-H, Kay could be found teaching her children and various other 4-H members throughout multiple clubs and counties in leathercraft projects, sheep, beef cattle, dairy cattle, cooking, sewing, photography and horticulture. For at least the month prior to the fair, Kay insisted on her kids practicing while she played "showmanship judge" every evening in the small pasture on the ranch for all seven of her children and any friends and neighbors who stopped by and could use practice in showing animals or breaking them to lead. Her favorite trick was to "goose" the sheep and cattle in hopes of getting them to startle so the kids would have to practice resetting their feet and keeping them from getting away. A highlight of the fair for all teenagers was looking around the fairgrounds to find Kay's camper with the hand painted curtains and Korky's old yellow truck with stock racks parked next to the camper. Kids would often reserve their sleeping bag spot in the old truck a year in advance to be sure they had a place to sleep or get in our of the rain during the fair. If that old truck could talk, a lot of kids today would be shocked to learn of the fun and behavior of the parents and grandparents over the years.

Kay soon became a 4-H leader and 4-H council member, where she was immediately recognized for her artistic expertise, no nonsense approach, organizational skills, ability to work with animals and provide new ideas to improve the fair. Within a few years, Kay was the Superintendent of the Poultry and Rabbit Barn and soon had more geese, ducks, chickens, peacocks, turkeys and rabbits than any small barn could hold. She was instrumental in building on to the facility in order to hold the vast number of birds it required. Many visitors to the Poultry and Rabbit Barn were amazed at the variety of poultry and rabbits. Many had never up to that point seen or heard of the breeds of chickens housed there, such as Frizzles, Cochins, Polish, Cornish

HONORING KAY continued on B10

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THE 2021 LIVESTOCK SALE
AT THE TWIN BRIDGES FAIRGROUND
SATURDAY, AUGUST 14
AT 10:00 AM

- We have arranged for free transportation of your animal(s) to processors in the area. See the list of 2021 processors at the clerk's booth.
- Madison Valley Bank is clerking the 4H/FFA Livestock Sale & will be located in the clerk booth. Before the sale, please pick up your buyer number from the clerk's booth. Breakfast togo bags also available to be picked up from the clerk booth this year.
- When you are done purchasing your animal(s), we ask that you verify purchase at the clerk booth. Credit cards will be accepted this year with a 3% convenience fee.
- **All payments are due on the day of sale.**

Sincerely,
Tiffany Myers,
Secretary, Livestock Sales Committee

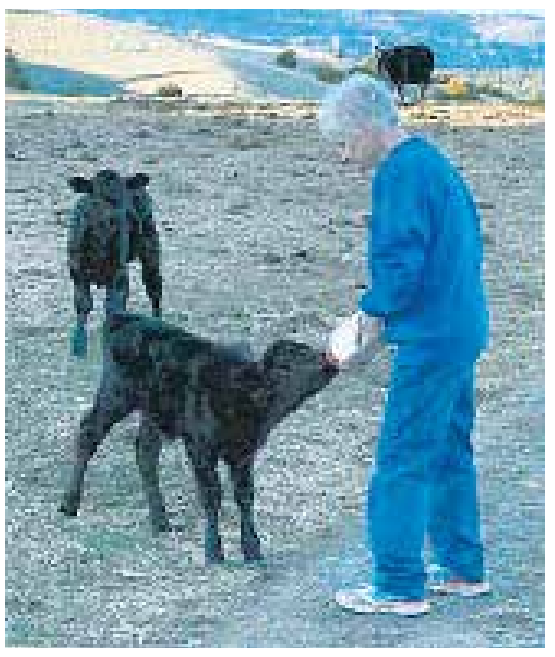
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

HONORING KAY continued from B9

Rocks, Buff Orpingtons and Wyandottes, to name a few. On one occasion, Kay was locked in the cage with the peacocks as a prank by one of the barn workers. She soon got lice from them and had to bathe in the river before going to bed that night.

In addition to making sure of her children had their 4-H projects ready and all were outfitted with white shirts, black/blue jeans, ties and new boots, she then embarked on the task of being the judge for many of the open class and 4-H projects including poultry, leathercraft, horticulture, vegetables, arts and crafts. She was selected as the poultry division judge for the Round Robin competitions. Many little ones took her hand throughout the years to proudly escort her to look at their projects and show off what they had learned from her.

Besides being a 4-H parent, council member and leader, Kay then served on the Fair Board for seven years and assisted with activities such as securing entertainment and carnival rides for the fair, approving building maintenance, securing trees and flowers for the entire fairground, planning the fair and parade, and was in charge of the rodeo for seven years. She received a plaque for 25 years of service to 4-H in 2014 and still has an opportunity to talk with many 4-H members she helped over the years and reminisce on the good times and accomplishments. She enjoyed being at the fair and working with all the kids.



Over the years, Kay taught many young 4-Hers the ropes. Here, she is showing some other young ones the ropes. PHOTO COURTESY KAY VON BERGEN

Kay became the Superintendent of the Poultry and Rabbit barn and was instrumental in expanding the facility. PHOTO COURTESY KAY VON BERGEN

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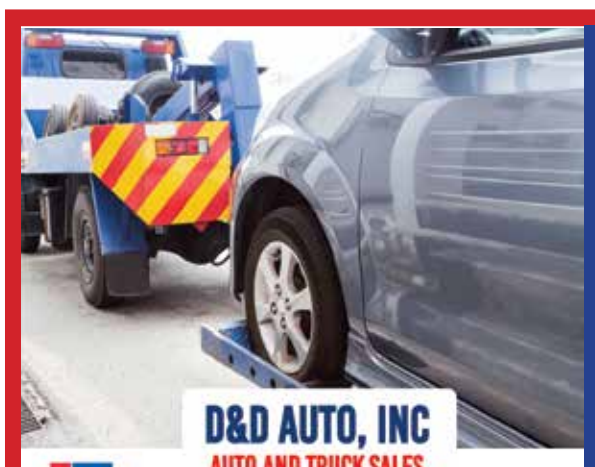

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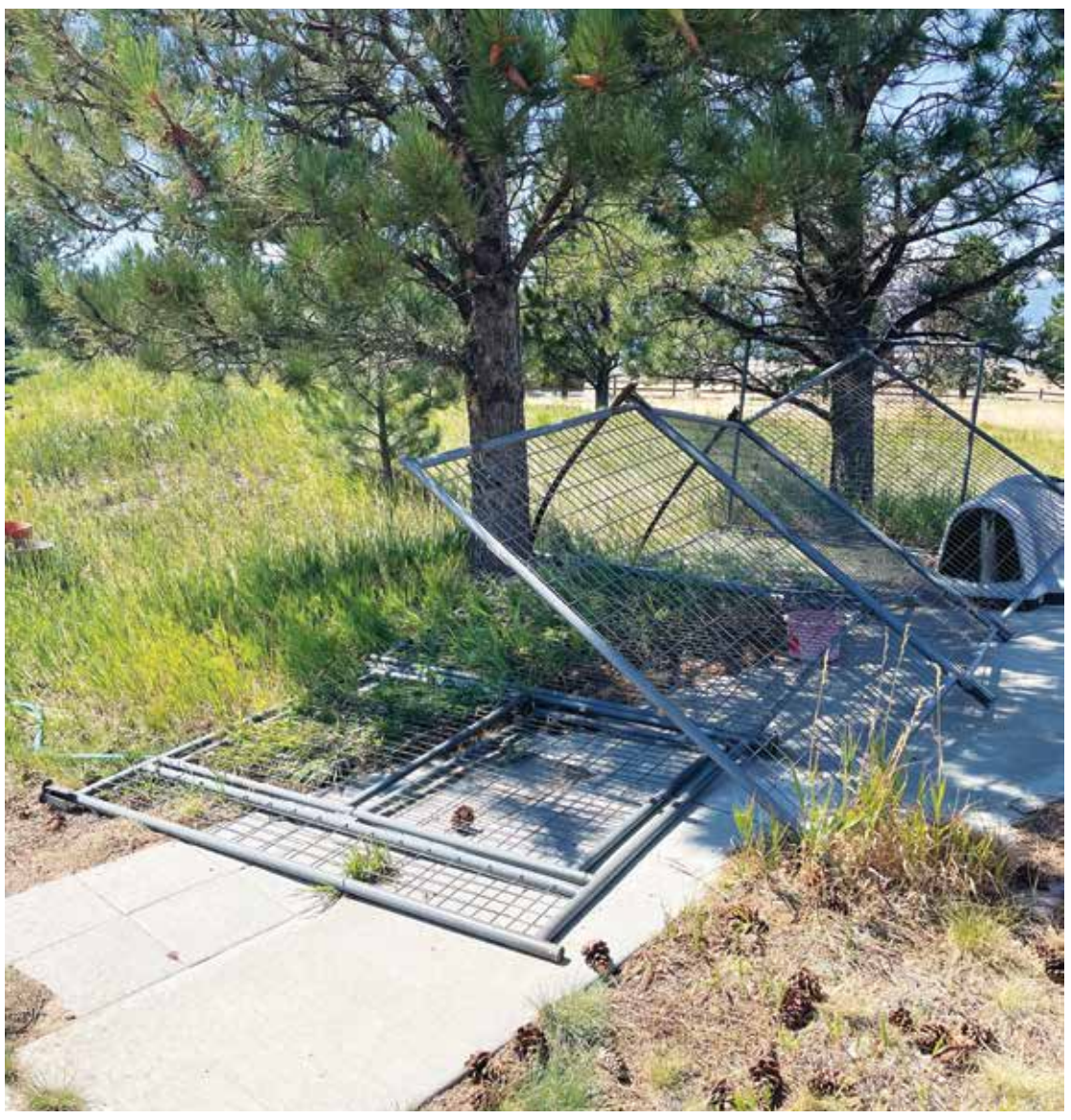
WHAT A WIND!



On Sunday evening, a strong wind blew in, strong even by Madison Valley standards. Reports of the strength of the gusts varied throughout the valley. Luckily, it brought with it some much-needed rain. Evidence of the windstorm can be seen throughout the area—trees down, damaged roofs, lawn furniture askew and even over-turned dog kennels. The wind was strong enough to topple these trees with a 14" diameter trunk near Ennis Lake. PHOTOS COURTESY ELITA JONES

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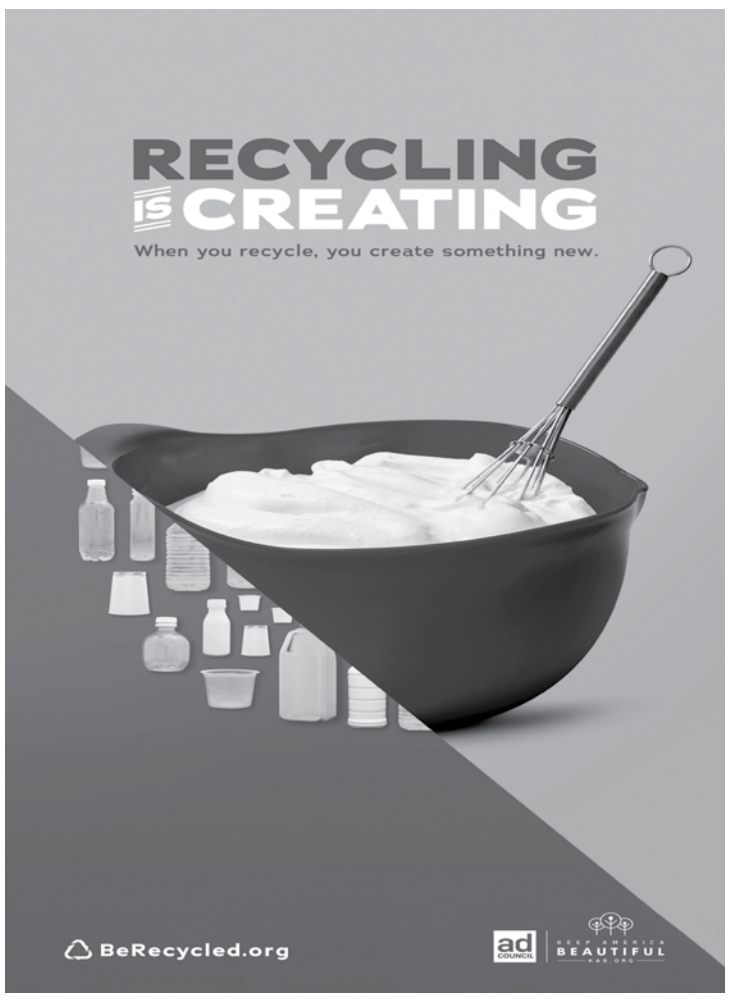


TRAILHEAD COMMUNITY NEWS BOARD

FWP to update Smith River State Park and River Corridor Recreation Management Plan

INPUT FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PUBLIC WILL HELP FORM PLAN

Submitted by MT FWP

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks will soon begin work to update the 2009 Smith River State Park and River Corridor Recreation Management Plan. The plan has served the public and the department well over the years, but a number of management issues have evolved, and warrant a fresh look.

Management issues to be addressed in the plan include:

- Managing use at Camp Baker and deciding whether to discontinue camping there on a permanent basis
- Instituting a system for human waste pack-out consistent with legislative direction
- Examining the permit lottery system to assess options for increasing the odds of people who consistently apply but are unable to draw a permit
- Implementing resource protection measures to mitigate further deterioration of boat camps and riverbank landings

"The Smith River is a true Montana treasure and updating our management plan to consider increased use and impacts is critical to keeping the natural and cultural heritage of the park intact for future generations," said FWP director Hank Worsech. "We look forward to gathering input from the public."

Smith River State Park is a popular floating destination. Trips are allocated through a drawing system, and trip applications continue to increase as do the average number of people in each float group. In 2020, visitation was at an all-time high despite being closed until May 5. The permit lottery drew in 10,866 applications that year, and in 2021 attracted 15,160 applications. This increased use has put pressure on infrastructure as well as the significant natural, cultural, and historic resources that FWP is charged with protecting.

As a first step in updating the recreation management plan, FWP is seeking input from former members of the Smith River Advisory Council and others serving on the new Smith River Planning Advisory Committee (PAC). The PAC members will advise the department on potential management changes. FWP is also conducting outreach to tribal representatives. Once initial feedback on core management issues is received, an environmental assessment will be prepared for public consideration. The Parks & Recreation Board will adopt a final plan based on input from the public and the PAC.

The first of three PAC meetings took place in July, and the planning process is expected to conclude in early 2022. Rulemaking may be needed to implement some aspects of the new plan, most of which would likely occur during the 2023 float season.

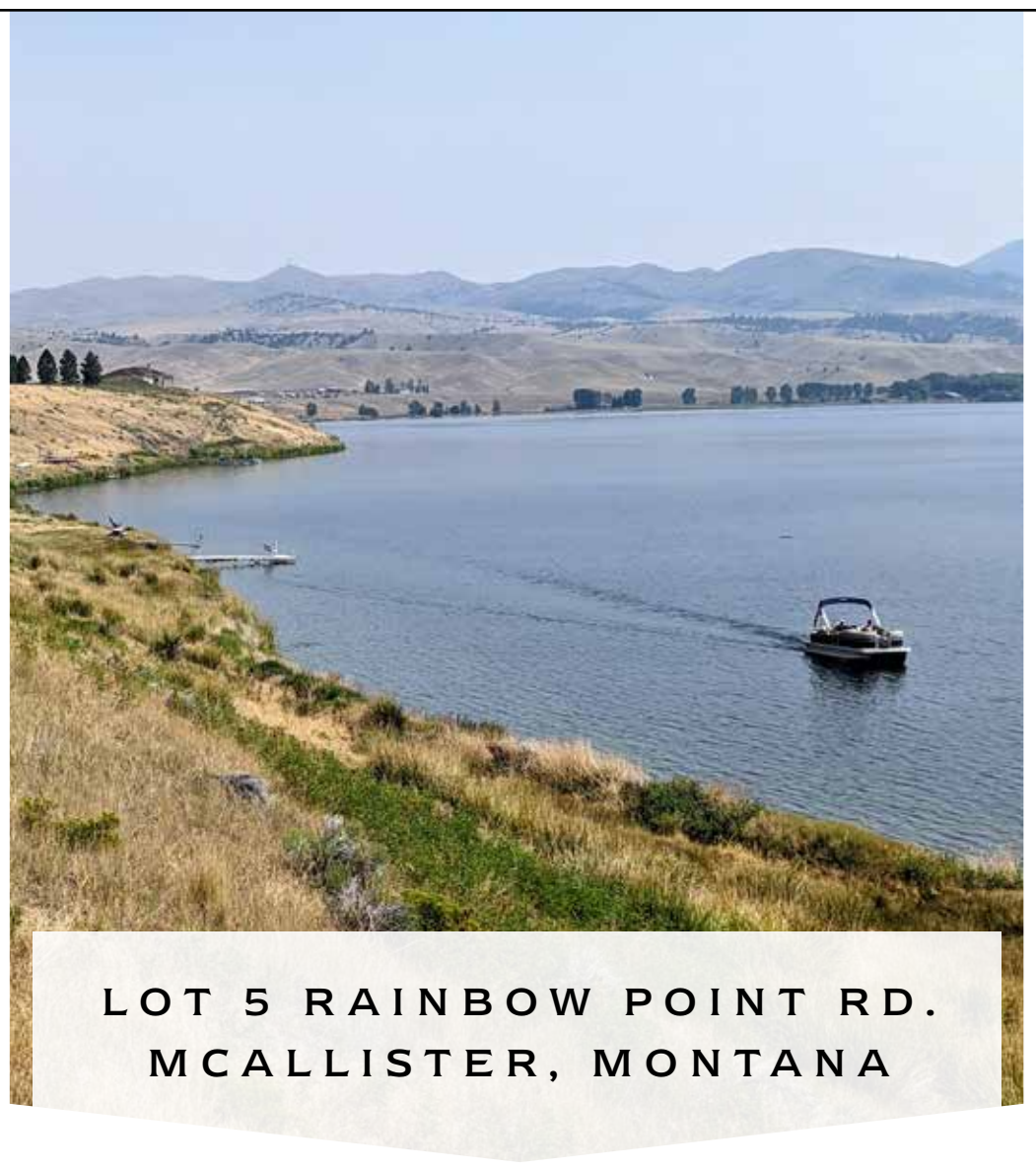
To learn more about the planning process and opportunities to get involved, please visit the Smith River Management Plan web page at fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/smith-river/management. For more information, contact Region 4 Information and Education Program Manager Dave Hagengruber at 406-454-5845 or dhagengruber@mt.gov.

Seeing stars

PHOTO BY JOLENE PALMER

By JOLENE PALMER
news@madisonian.com

If you've driven along Madison County's gravel roads during the day lately, unassuming white flower heads amidst the many roadside sunflowers may have caught your eye. The white blooms are closed during the day, but come dusk these noteworthy native wildflowers known as the tenpetal blazingstar come to life. This herbaceous flower, also known as eveningstar, candleflower or gumbo lily, is drought-tolerant and can be found throughout Montana and beyond. If you know where to find these unique blooms (We're not telling!), make a point to arrive around sunset when you can see the "stars" open right before your eyes



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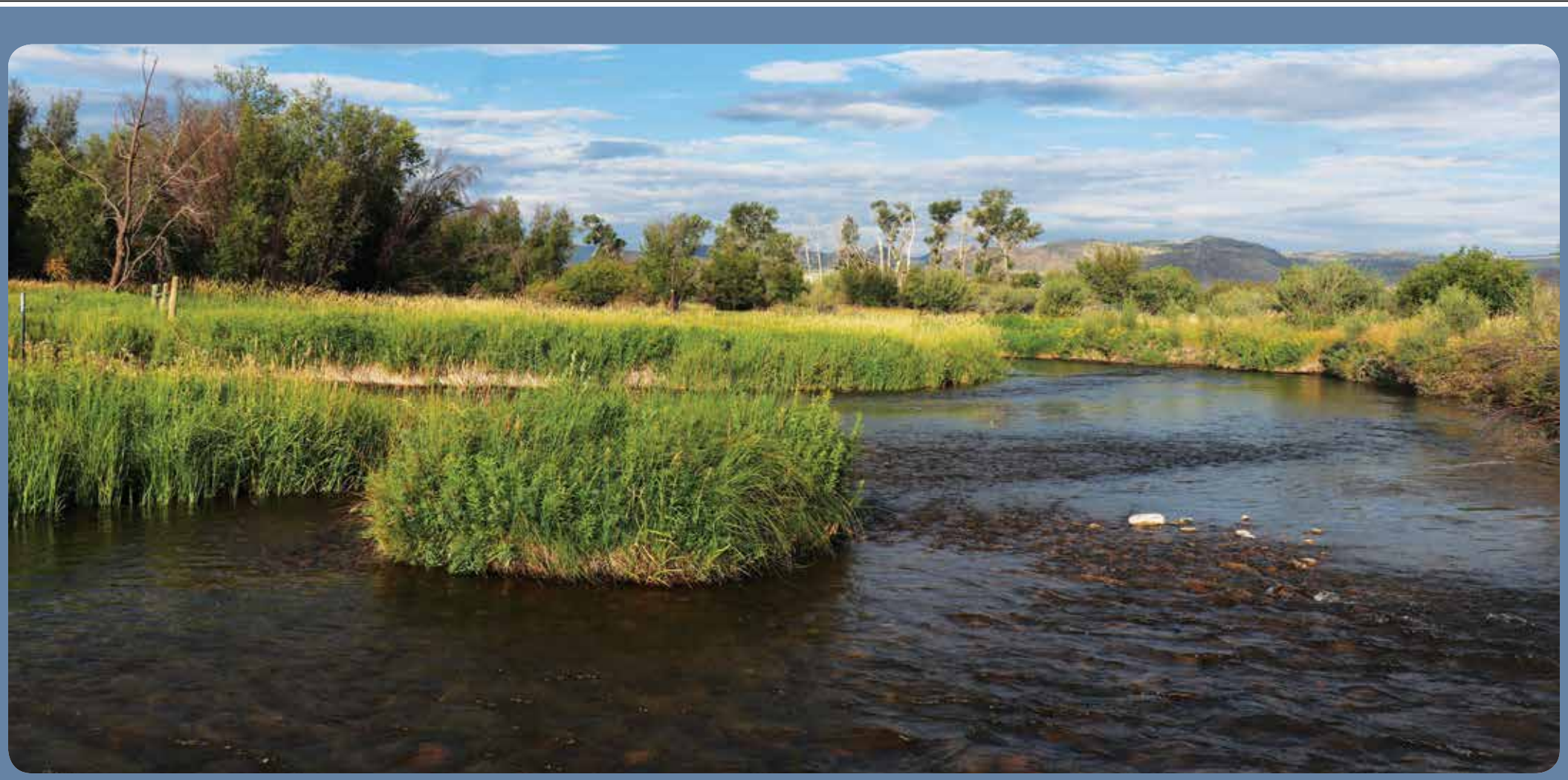

A Madison River kind of morning. PHOTO BY JOLENE PALMER

REGULAR EVENTS

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adult tennis at Ennis Tennis Courts
Non-members make reservations at 406-682-7468.

1 p.m. to sundown: Children's Tennis at Ennis Tennis Courts
No fee for under 18, members and non-members please reserve court at 406-682-7468.

TUESDAYS

9:30 a.m. Madison County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Meeting link: https://globalpage-prod.webex.com/join; Meeting number (access code): 182 863 8009; Password: VCMadison; or join by phone +1-408-418-9388, Access Code: 182 863 8009# Numeric Password: 826 234 76# Press *6 to mute or unmute your phone

10:30 a.m. Thompson Hickman Madison County Library Story and Craft Time
Held at the Meeting Hall on Idaho Street, Virginia City.

10:30 a.m. Summer Reading Program at Twin Bridges Library: Ages two through five
For more information call Kerstin at 207-0440.

Noon: Free Blood Pressure Management Workshop at Ennis Library Community Room
Weekly classes start July 20. Call 406-843-4295 for more info.

WEDNESDAYS

9 a.m. TOPS, Ennis
Weekly weigh-ins are from 8:30 to 9 a.m., meetings start at 9 a.m. Located at Madison Valley Medical Center in downstairs conference room.

10:30 a.m. Summer Reading Program at Twin Bridges Library: Ages six through 12
For more information call Kerstin at 207-0440.

10:30 a.m. Madison Valley Public Library Books and Babies at Ennis Lions Park
Meet in the pavilion.

THURSDAYS

10 a.m. Caregiver support group
For family caregivers in Madison County. The nondenominational support group meeting will be held at the Madison Valley Baptist Church.

9:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Madison Meadows Women's Golf League
Call the golf club at 406-682-7468 by Wednesday afternoon to sign up for morning play, 3 p.m. for evening. Membership not required; all skill levels welcome.

5 p.m. Sheridan Street Bazaar
Held throughout the summer in conjunction with the Ruby Valley Brew Cruise In.

FRIDAYS

11 a.m. Madison Valley Public Library Story Time
Held in person at the library Community Room.

SATURDAYS

9 a.m. to noon Ennis Montana Farmers Market at Lions Club Park
Get your Montana made and grown produce, crafts and more.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Twin Bridges Farmers Market at Main Street City Park
Locally grown, crafted and baked goods, and more.

SUNDAYS

All day: All ages open tennis at Ennis Tennis Courts
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EVENTS

August 11-15

Madison County Fair & Rodeo at Madison County Fairgrounds in Twin Bridges
"Buckles, Boots, & Rodeo Chutes." Rodeo, vendors, 4H/FFA shows, live music, beer gardens, entertainment and more. Fair book available online at https://madisoncountymt.gov/210/Madison-County-Fair-Rodeo.

Thursday, August 12

5 p.m. Madison County Ranch Rodeo at Twin Bridges Fairgrounds

August 13-15

46th Annual Wild West Art Fest in Virginia City
Visit www.WildWestArtFest.com for more info.

August 13 & 14

7 p.m. Madison County NRA Rodeo at Twin Bridges Fairgrounds

Saturday, August 14

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Montana Clean Energy Fair at the National Center for Appropriate Technology in Butte
Visit www.montanarenewables.com for more information.

Thursday, August 19

5:30 p.m. Madison County DUI Task Force meeting at the Sheridan Search and Rescue building
In person, public is welcome. For more info call 406-498-1215.

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Summer Evenings in the Garden at Jeffers Garden Market
Live music by The Recession Special, fresh market, local vendors. Bring your own camp chairs. Located next to Trinity Church.

Saturday, August 21

5 p.m. Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation Dinner and Dance at Hamilton Ranch Round Barn in Twin Bridges
Live and silent auctions, live music by Ruby Valley Boys and Barb Wire. Purchase tickets online at www.rubyvalleyhealthcarefoundation.org or call 406-842-7834. Pre-purchase recommended.

7 p.m. to 10 p.m. 25th Anniversary Grand Victorian Ball at Ellingsen Park in Virginia City
"A Step Back in Time." For more info call the Virginia City Preservation Alliance, 1-800-829-2969 ext. 6.

Sunday, August 22

12 p.m. to dark Shriner's Party fundraiser at Discovery Park in Virginia City
Suggested admission includes food, drinks, live music. Call 406-843-5247 for more info.

2 p.m. Grace Community Fellowship church dedication with service and fellowship
Located at 14 Stagecoach NW Lane, south of Sheridan. Call 406-842-5915 for more info.

7 p.m. Library Cabaret fundraiser at Virginia City Elks Lodge
Cocktails, cabaret dinner and vaudeville show. For more info call 406-843-5346.

Friday, August 27

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dusk at Disco music series in Virginia City
Montana Exit performs at Discovery-Ellingsen Park.

Saturday, August 28

12 p.m. Harrison Volunteer Fire Department fundraising auction at the Masonic Lodge in Pony
Preview starts at noon, lunch, drinks and catalogs available at 1 p.m., auction starts at 3 p.m. Live music to follow at Pony Bar.

6 p.m. Summer Concert at Jackson's Garden featuring Claudia Williams of Montana Rose
Doors open at 5 p.m. Located at 125 Mill Creek Road, Sheridan.

Thursday, September 2

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Summer Evenings in the Garden at Jeffers Garden Market
Live music by Brian Conklin and Peggy Giblin, fresh market, local vendors. Bring your own camp chairs. Located next to Trinity Church.

September 2-4

Ennis Fly Fishing and Outdoor Festival at Peter T's Park
Films, vendors, educational opportunities, competitions, live music and more. Call 406-682-4388 for more info.

Saturday, September 4

10 a.m. Labor Day Poker Ride and Donkey Drop in Virginia City
Call 406-600-2599 for more info.

Saturday, September 11

8 a.m. 13th Annual Ken Steiner Memorial Car Show
Held on Main Street in Sheridan.

Madison Conservation District Board Meeting
Tuesday,
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At the Madison Valley Public Library in Ennis. If you would like to attend virtually, please contact the office for that information.
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RECORD CROWD HEARS HUNTLEY IN ENNIS

Steaking to a record crowd of people Tuesday night, August 4, recently-retired NBC newscaster Chet Huntley said that the proposed Big Sky of Montana development would not harm the environment surrounding it and would not "allow things to be torn apart."

Huntley's appearance was sponsored by the Ennis Chamber of Commerce.

Huntley said that about 10 corporate investors would join him and the Chrysler Realty Corp. in contributing funds toward building of the recreational complex. He said the names of the corporate investors would be released soon.

He explained development and plans for his Big Sky recreation area in the Gallatin Canyon. A question and answer period followed his speech.

Huntley and his wife have moved permanently to Montana to develop the controversial center 40 miles south of Bozeman.

At the appearance, a cross section of people, both pro and con, were represented. Many questions were asked concerning re-sale of property in the resort area for further development by other parties. Huntley noted there probably would be re-sale to come extent.

Huntley said that Big Sky and those connected with it would be "more than happy" to help and assist in any way possible to plan for zoning in the West Fork of the Gallatin River where the project is to be built.

One man asked whether Huntley and his backers would be willing to help finance a road from Jack Creek, near Ennis, through to the Gallatin side. Huntley replied roads are in the hands of the Highway department.

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