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Fires hit Madison County

Virginia Creek Fire: Residents told to prepare for possible evacuation

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MCALLISTER - Saturday evening, August 4, at 6 p.m. representatives of the U.S. Forest Service, the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department, and Madison County met with about 20 residents who have homes in the South Meadow Creek area.

The fire official's message to these people was serious: "Be prepared," they said.

Depending on how the weather turned, how the fire behaved and how firefighters handled the blaze, the Virginia Creek fire might prompt an evacuation of homes on South Meadow Creek Road.

The fire

The blaze is located about five miles west of McAllister, on federal Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service acreage, in the Virginia Creek drainage. A number of homes lie about a mile northeast of the blaze.

A lightning strike on Thursday, Aug. 2, at about 12:45 p.m., sparked the blaze, according to the U.S. Forest Service's Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Inter-agency Dispatch Center, located in Dillon.

The fire grew on Friday, Aug. 3, from a single burning tree to about 15 acres.

It spread quickly, Incident Commander Randy Gilbert said, because it was fueled by heavy mixed conifers (sub-alpine fir, Engelman Spruce and lodgepole pine) coupled with very heavy concentrations of standing and fallen dead trees on the ground – waist high in places.

The fire was not contained



As of Monday afternoon, the Virginia Creek fire, near McAllister, torched 15 acres and was still burning. It was possible, if the fire jumped certain boundaries, that evacuations of South Meadow Creek homes would be ordered. (HOWARD SHERIDAN PHOTO)

on Friday, Aug. 3— despite two engines, two water tenders, two helicopters and one 20-person hand crew fighting the fire.

Firefighters and first responders from the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Madison Valley and Harrison volunteer fire departments and the Madison County Sheriff's department were on the scene Friday.

Firefighters, assisted by helicopters, were able to engage the fire and slow its spread toward homes in the South Meadow Creek area. They continued to build and strengthen existing containment features on the eastern side of the fire, and were looking for opportunities to engage the western flank of the fire in areas where access, fuels and fire behavior allowed.

Fighting the fire
On Saturday evening, Aug.

4, Gilbert told those gathered at Madison Valley Rural Fire Department, Station No. 1 for the public meeting on the fire, that fire crews were "holding their own... working diligently." However, "swirly" winds and spot fires (embers kicked airborne and traveling some distance from the fire) were creating havoc for firefighters.

A hose line had been laid in along the eastern flank of the fire, Gilbert said, along the top of the ridge. Also a saw line, about 40 feet wide, had been cut towards the main road.

Jim Kane, a fire officer with the U.S. Forest Service, had a different message for the homeowners.

Kane said the Virginia Creek fire was a classic example of a wildland-urban interface fire, where homes and private property adjoining forested areas put these homes

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Lightning sparks 1.7 acre grass fire along Madison River

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ENNIS—Fire season is officially upon the Madison Valley.

A small grass fire burned south of Ennis on Wednesday evening, August 1, started by a lightning strike that damaged a power pole. The fire, which burned on the east side of the Madison River, burned less than half an acre before firefighters had it contained.

The fire was sparked just after 7 p.m., and Madison Valley Rural Fire and members of the U.S. Forest Service responded to calls less than thirty minutes later, reaching the fire site via ranching access roads and dousing the flames.

"We got some great assistance from the ranchers out there, who got us access," says MVRFF chief Sean Christensen. Access was the main concern once responders heard where the fire was burning. "Once we were able to get out there, we had it contained pretty quickly."

Christensen says most of his crews were back in by 11 p.m. Wednesday evening, but that one Madison Valley Fire crew stayed out much later to assist NorthWestern Energy with taking down the damaged power pole and to ensure that no further hot spots flared up.

Christensen says Harrison and Virginia City fire crews were also on standby because of concerns about the high winds that were blowing.

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Montana Master Hunter Program

50-hour course focuses on ethics, access and education for hunters

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ENNIS - A new organization seeks to make ambassadors out of the students who go through its 50-hour course – ambassadors for sportsmen, for hunting, for the highly successful North American Model of wildlife conservation, for the outdoors in general.

"Hunting is fundamental part of the North American Wildlife Management model, but it is also a big issue that divides the recreational public," said Zach Brown, Program Manager of the Montana Master Hunter Program. "Our over-arching goal is to create thoughtful, skilled, knowledgeable ambassadors to the community, to the landowner community, who have open minds and can learn, who have empathy and respect for ranchers and farmers."

The organization

Back in 2010, One Montana, a non-partisan, Bozeman nonprofit dedicated to "moving Montana forward and ensuring a positive future for both rural and urban communities... helping them work together toward success," according to the non-profit's website, began facilitating a group called Common Ground.

Common Ground was a collaboration of state landowners, outfitters and sportsmen who embraced collaboration "as the most promising way to address the difficult issues of our time. Our goal is to change the way we think and act about rural and urban communities from divide to connect... and to work together to solve difficult access and land stewardship issues; to find win/win solutions for landowners, sportsmen and wildlife."

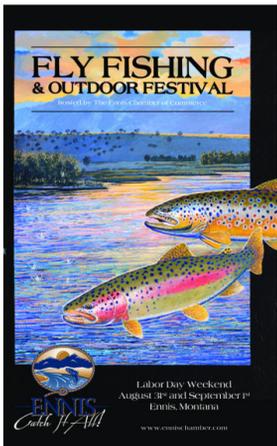
The problems

That's no easy row to hoe nowadays, largely because the rural vs. urban divide has created many schisms:

- Half a century or more ago, hunters were regarded as sportsmen, gentlemen or women who were skilled, conscientious, decent folks who understood rural life, and could relate to farmers and ranchers. Today, many regard hunters as Elmer Fudds, trigger-happy killers only too willing to "whack'em and stack'em," the consequences –

MASTER continued on A5

Fly fishing and Outdoor Festival looks to draw families



Event expands to include all outdoors, something for everyone

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ENNIS - John Way, owner of The Tackle Shop, in downtown Ennis, was cranked up about the upcoming Fly Fishing and Outdoor Festival coming to

Ennis Labor Day weekend, August 31 – September 1.

"It's gonna be great," Way said. "This is a cornerstone to the community, the end cap to the big (fishing) season, a great way to bring people in and make the cash register ring up and down Main Street."

"Fly fishing is still the main focus," said Ennis Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Halley Perry, "but this year's festival won't be like others in the past. We've expanded it to include more of the great outdoors."

"The outdoor aspect is really new," said Perry, "in the past

the events tended to focus on the same things. This year we wanted to expand things and bring families into the event, include all of the outdoors"

The Ennis Chamber of Commerce is officially the event host for this 15th Annual Fly Fishing Festival, now expanding to the outdoors.

Perry and Way are excited about the line-up of presenters and exhibitors at the festival, too.

Presenters include the following:

- Bob Jacklin, of Jacklins Fly Shop, in West Yellowstone, will also be presenting. Jacklin

is an outfitter and guide, a Federation of Fly Fishers-certified master caster, who offers free casting clinics each summer, on Sunday evenings, will do a presentation.

- Montana Raptor Conservation Center – Since 1988, the Raptor Center is all about hawks, owls, eagles, falcons and other raptors. It rehabs injured raptors, conducts community education about these fascinating birds and partners with others for raptor conservation and research.

- Craig Matthews – Fly-fish-

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VIRGINIA cont. from A1: Virginia Creek fire could spark evacuation under right circumstances

in a higher risk of fire jeopardy than in other areas.

Kane said he didn't want those attending the meeting to leave with a false sense of security.

"I encourage you to take this seriously," he said. "We have a plan, a good plan, for fighting this fire. But we're not out of the woods by any stretch of the imagination."

"You can't control the weather," he said, noting that the cooler temperatures and cooperative winds over the weekend were helping fight the fire. The fire crews wanted the fire to burn southeast, away from South Meadow Creek homes, using up the heavy fuel load contained in the forest there, he said.

However, a shift in the wind – predicted for early this week – along with hot, dry weather, could result in the fire shifting, too.

Kane told those gathered for the meeting that there were a couple of triggers that would prompt action:

If the fire jumped below Granite Creek Road, a warning about a possible evacuation would be sent out, he said.

If the fire spread northeast towards South Meadow Creek, and got beyond the switchback on the Granite Creek road, an evacuation was certain.

The South Meadow Creek area was full of fuels, he said.

"You have some time," Kane said, "move your woodpiles, clear the needles off your roof, there are things you can do to increase the odds of your house surviving a fire."

Kane also told those gathered that because the U.S. is in Fire Plan Level 5, all the federal equipment that was available was committed to firefighting, especially the big fires in California, Oregon and Washington. Kane said there was not a lot of additional firefighting equipment available in Montana and Idaho, and that Hot Shots and firefighting aircraft were "hard to get," 30 – 45 days out.

"What we have already is what we're going to get," Kane said.

Brummell said that the response to this fire included six engines, a tender, and some equipment the state's Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC).

Joe Brummell, Madison County Deputy Director of Emergency Management, urged everyone at the meeting to sign up for the Code Red system, either on-line (<https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/BF6BD4530FB2>) or view the paperwork he had available. Code Red, Brummell said, was the best way to be kept abreast of a need to evacuate and other fire updates.

Those at the meeting lauded the firefighters for their hard work, and had several questions:

Where the fire crews were sleeping? A spike camp near the fire.

Was there a specific evacuation route? There is only one



Saturday, Aug. 4, at a meeting about the Virginia Creek fire, Incident Commander Randy Gilbert shows the location of the Virginia Creek fire to those whose homes were just a mile away. (J. TAYLOR PHOTO)

way out, Kane said, to the east, South Meadow Creek Road. "Head towards the bar," a resident with a sense of humor quipped.

Would back-burning be possible to stem this fire's route? This would be a gamble, and it would not be wise to do this until the conditions were absolutely right, it might spread the fire.

Could residents use a fire-proof wrap to protect their homes? Kane said USFS can get these, but using firefighters to put this on homes instead of fight the fire didn't make sense. Residents could buy these wraps – and the man asking this question suggested wrapping homes might become a community effort – but getting the wraps here in time was unlikely.

On Sunday, Aug. 5, according to USFS officials, the fire burned towards the west and crews worked to build and strengthen existing containment features on its eastern flank.

Firefighters also worked to keep the fire from advancing past the Meadow Creek and Virginia Creek roads and from burning over the ridgeline above the fire on the southeast side.

Preparations were being made to conduct a burning operation Sunday evening -- if weather conditions were favorable. The plan is to slowly bring the fire to the Virginia Creek and Meadow Creek Roads.

As of Monday, Aug. 6, Virginia Creek Road No. 1249 and trail No. 6314 remained closed in order to provide for the safety of firefighting personnel and public.

Resources from the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, DNRC and local firefighters working on the fire were ramped up to 47 personnel including four engines; a water tender; a Helicopter; and one 26-person hand crew.

Sunday evening, crews successfully conducted a burning operation that safely brought



A helicopter drops water on the Virginia Creek fire to help get it under control. The fire burned 15 acres as of Friday, Aug. 3, and threatened private property and homes in the South Meadow Creek area. (HOWARD SHERIDAN PHOTO)

the fire to the edges of the Meadow Creek and Virginia Creek Roads and moved the fire to the ridgeline above the fire.

On Monday, if weather conditions remained favorable, fire crews would continue with the burning operation to tie in the west flank of the fire with the ridgeline and bring the fire to the Meadow Creek Road.

Fire personnel are working to keep the fire from advancing past the Meadow Creek and Virginia Creek roads and from burning over the ridgeline above the fire on the southeast side.

- More information -

- For more information call the Madison Ranger District at (406) 682-4253.
- For information about this fire and other fires across the country, go on-line to <http://inciweb.nwgc.gov/>.
- For more information on how to prepare your home for wildfires, to eliminate risks, visit firewise.org.

FESTIVAL cont. from A1: Fly fishing and Outdoor Festival to offer something for everyone

ing legend, angler and fly-tyer extraordinaire, Craig Mathews, of West Yellowstone, will talk about fly fishing. Matthews, Rod & Reel's 2005 Angler of the Year, and his wife Jackie came to West Yellowstone, Montana in 1979 to become the town's police chief and police dispatcher. They founded Blue Ribbon Flies a year later, employing handicapped fly tiers and tying flies wholesale for major retail outlets. Matthews retired from police work in 1982, and went full-time into fishing: Since then, he has written dozens of articles for fly fishing publications, authored or co-authored six books, produced a number of DVDs about fishing and developed several famous fly patterns, like the Sparkle Dun.

• Zoo Montana – The Billings-based zoo will be bringing baby animals for kids see and learn about, according to Perry.

• Camp Bullwheel – This is a new entry to the festival, Perry said. Founded in 2017 by friends Peter Pauwels and

Frank Bell, Camp Bullwheel provides an adaptive fishing program for individuals with disabilities, and will demonstrate a one-armed fly rod casting system

• Dan Delehta, of Beartooth Fly Fishing, near Cameron, will do a presentation. Delehta has guided on Montana's trophy trout rivers for more than 30 years. He built the Beartooth Flyfishing Lodge in 1989, with the help of friends, and has since designed more than 800 patterns that are the trademark Delehtable™ collection

• Kelly Galloup, of Kelly Galloup's full service Fly Shop, Lodge, and Guide Service, The Slide Inn, will also do a presentation. Galloup is a streamers expert, a great way to target trophy trout. His Slide Inn is known for having one of the finest streamer selections in the country.

Meanwhile, Perry said, booth visitors can expect to see include some non-profits, some profits; the Madison Valley Medical Center, local fly shops,

Yellowstone Country tourism, artists, jewelry and vendors selling a variety of wares.

The Ennis Chamber of Commerce is still accepting applications for vendors

Some of the other highlights of the festival include:

- Casting competition – Perry said there will be various categories to compete in, including amateur, professional and women. Also, Bull Wheel Camp is sponsoring a one-handed casting competition. In all of these efforts, distance wins.
- The Ennis Community Children's School will be doing an art project
- The Madison Valley Public Library will be hosting some children's programs.
- A film festival will feature "Match the Hatch."
- The Madison Conservation District will host a mini-film festival and talk about conservation.
- The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks will offer presentations.
- A raffle will be held, in-

cluding offerings from Art by Bernie – Riverside Gallery (he did the poster for the festival), and the money raise will go back into next year's festival, to perpetuate the event.

• Food for the event includes Chef's Table food truck, and the Red Apron, catering dinner.

• There will be a barbeque and live music from Fools Gold.

Sponsors for the event include: Shedhorn Sports, The Tackle Shop, ReMax Realty Mountain Property, Camp Bull Wheel, First Madison Valley Bank, C-3 Cabin, and Madison River Company.

- More info -

Festival hours are Friday, 12 noon - 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

For more information about the event, contact Perry at (406) 682-4388, or info@ennischamber.com, or halley@ennischamber.com.

Another South Meadow Creek fire

ENNIS — Lightning ignited a fire in the Beaverhead-Deer Lodge National Forest, on South Meadow Creek on Wednesday, July 25.

The fire was reported at 10:30 p.m., and was visible from both the Madison River valley, near McAllister, and the Ruby River valley, near Sheridan.

According to forest officials, firefighters from the Madison Ranger District and Madison Valley Rural Fire Department provided the initial response that evening.

The fire was located about half a mile southeast of South Meadow Lake in the Tobacco Root Mountains and was burning at an elevation of 9,000 feet.

The terrain was very steep, inaccessible and has large amounts of standing dead trees which fueled the fire.

Firefighters were initially not able to engage the fire because of the difficult terrain there was no ade-

quate way to provide timely medical care in case of injuries. On July 26, a helicopter was used to drop water on the fire to cool it and minimize spread.

Fire personnel remained vigilant and sought out opportunities to engage the fire in areas with better access along ridgelines and road systems.

On Friday, Aug. 3, fire crews checked the fire and saw no smoke and felt no heat. Crews will continue to monitor this fire.

The fire burned one tenth of an acre.

National forest visitors are advised to be cautious with fire, make sure campfires are completely out and cool to the touch before leaving, and keep vehicles on roads since grass and shrubs are dry and can easily catch fire.

For more information, contact the Madison District office 682-4253, in Ennis.

GRASS cont. from A1: Lightning sparks grass fire

ing through the valley as the fire burned, but their services didn't end up being needed.

"If this had been a couple weeks from now, it would have been a lot more serious," says U.S. Forest Service ranger Jim King. King noted that the grass and ground of the valley are much less dry this year than they usually are, which made the fire easier for crews to contain.

The difference between 2018 and other years is marked. The Montana Governor's Drought and Water Supply Advisory Committee, in coordination with the Montana State Library, publishes monthly drought reports and maps that illustrate the drought status of all of Montana's counties.

This year, Madison County had a moisture status of slightly moist. While it sounds a bit bizarre, it's a rating that means the county has seen more precipitation and moisture saturation than the average year. In com-

parison, Madison County was around average at this time last year and rated "slightly dry" in 2016.

The differences are not unique to Madison County, either. Thirty-five of Montana's 56 counties are currently seeing lower-than-average drought risks, which is a good thing for firefighters. An exceptionally wet spring has turned the state nearly entirely blue on a map that is usually fully red by August.

By the end of Wednesday evening, residents were taking to social media to express their gratitude for the responders' promptness.

"Thank you to all the fire crews and responders," wrote Brandy Hilton on Facebook. "We are so blessed to have all of you in our community."

"You all rock!" agreed Leslie Lukas. "From dispatch to the ones out and about, sincere respect and thanks!"



Scenes from a parade: Sheridan hosted a 50-minute parade through the downtown on Saturday, Aug. 3, during the community's Summer Festival. The American Legion led things off (upper right), 4H and FFA members showed off their hard work (upper left), the Class of '78's float, jamming to Aerosmith, had fun (lower left), and Madison County Search & Rescue demonstrated their horse sense. Many cars, more horses, and some fun floats were also included. (J. TAYLOR PHOTOS)

Sheridan Days Summer Festival

SHERIDAN - Sheridan celebrated its Summer Festival Friday, Aug. 3, through Sunday, Aug. 5, hosted by the Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department.

Friday's festivities included dinner in the

park, a beer garden, a kickball tournament and music from Kneejurk.

Saturday's event included the Kenny Steiner Memorial Car show, a parade, lunch in the park with a raffle and door prizes, the kickball cham-

ampionship, a horseshoe tournament, and entertainment for kids that included a bounce house, face painting, water balloons and other games.

Sunday, Jackson's Garden was the location for a non-denominational service and brunch.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor:

The family of Bob Goggins would like to thank everyone for their kindness and thoughtfulness during the last few weeks. Thank you to those who sent cards, provided food, gave memorials, and called to visit. Special thanks to Father Crutchfield and the church family at St. Patrick's for the wonderful service and luncheon. We are forever grateful to the doctors, nurses, and staff at Madison Valley Medical Center for the tender loving care shown to Bob. We are blessed to live in such a caring, loving community.

Cora Goggins and Family

Editor:

Regarding Jacquie Arnold's July 12 "Opinion" letter about our "olden days" and our flag's Pledge Of Allegiance: She was 100 percent correct. It also applied to my 1920s and 1930s.

Most homes and businesses displayed the red-white-and-blue flag most of the daytimes. Now, I see it at the Post Office and at

my home, but not one within six or seven blocks of my home - Seahawks and Mariners, yes. I'm also a fan, but my flag is a U.S.A. one.

If the USA is so bad, why do these foreigners want to get in? A true story: Right at the end of World War II, a Polish family found its way into our U.S.A. and to a small town about 30 miles from Pasco. After a few days here, their host family took them to a local grocery store, to the bread aisle.

They immediately started loading their cart with many loaves, but were told "no," that one or two would do.

They protested that it might be all gone when they came back later for more. They explained that at their home village, they stood in lines just hoping to get one loaf.

America is great (and without Trump). Today is the "Good Old Days"

Ray White, (Twin Bridges High School 1940), Pasco, Washington

Increased FSA loan limits may cause more harm than good

By Cora Fox,
Center for Rural Affairs

In a time where farming has become increasingly expensive, from land value to input costs, some farm groups have demanded an increase in Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan limits. Recent farm bill proposals from Congress responded to those demands. However, these may severely impact those who need farm loans the most: our beginning and historically underserved producers.

Beginning and historically underserved producers look to the FSA for help in accessing much-needed capital for operating expenses and to purchase land. Guaranteed loans generally exceed the dollar amounts of direct loans, and are financed through U.S. Department of Agriculture-approved commercial lenders. Since larger, more established

operations are often more capital-intensive, and seen as less risky than the average beginning small- or mid-size operation, commercial lenders are less likely to lend to beginning and historically underserved producers.

Under current law, the FSA direct farm ownership loan limit is \$300,000, and the guaranteed loan limit is set at \$1.39 million per producer. One proposal called for the doubling of direct loans to \$600,000 and guaranteed loans to a hefty \$2.5 million per producer. Another proposal advocated for an increase in guaranteed loans to \$1.75 million. The increases to loan amounts are poised to provide financing to larger, more established farming operations, but with no change in available loan funds - meaning more dollars will go to fewer producers.

The farm bill will have a major im-

act on the future of agriculture. Congress must work to ensure FSA loan dollars are prioritized for the next generation of producers. We need to stop lining the pockets of big ag, which ultimately fosters an environment conducive for farm consolidation, and focus on building an agricultural system that is fair for all.

Center for Rural Affairs

Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

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Montana Health Care Association says state violated judge's order to suspend Medicaid cuts

By Montana Health Care Association

HELENA - The state of Montana has violated a judge's order to halt Medicaid reimbursement rate cuts to assisted-care facilities, the Montana Health Care Association says.

The association, which represents more than 100 organizations that serve elderly and disabled Montanans, filed new legal documents in its lawsuit against the state, calling the state's decision to reimpose cuts a "flagrant violation" of the judge's order.

The association demands that the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services comply with a temporary restraining order issued in June.

The association in June sued the state, the department and its director alleging violations of law in cutting Medicaid reimbursement rates for nursing facilities and assisted-living facilities. District Judge James Reynolds of Helena issued a court order halting the new reimbursement rates "pending further order of this court."

The state, however, informed the plaintiffs in July that it was re-imposing the cuts to reimbursement rates for both nursing facilities and assisted-care facilities, even though its own claims on the

validity of the restraining order had still not been heard by a judge.

While the state will provide some additional funding to nursing facilities through the increased bed tax, it wrongly claims the judge's temporary restraining order expired.

"The department's unilateral decision to resume reimbursement under the invalid and enjoined rules violates the law and is an affront to the authority of the court," the association says. "In short, what is illegal on June 30 does not become legal on July 1 through the mere passage of time."

The plaintiffs are seeking a new court order affirming that the TRO is still in place and is demanding that reimbursements after July 1 be in compliance with that order. They are also seeking attorneys' fees and expenses associated with responding to "the department's flagrant violation of the TRO."

The lawsuit follows the 2017 Legislature's budget cuts that prompted the department to propose lowering Medicaid reimbursement rates. Initially, the department proposed reductions of 3.47 percent that it said were necessary to implement budget cuts included in Senate Bill 261.

It later reduced those cuts to 2.99

percent after many objections, including from the Legislature's Interim Committee on Children, Families, Health and Human Services.

Initially, the lower rates were meant to last for only a matter of months, but the department later said it would extend the cuts through fiscal year 2019 - doubling the impact of the initial cuts.

However, the department failed to justify the extension and intentionally denied the public an opportunity to review and comment on the decision.

The MHCA said such public scrutiny would have proven the extension was unnecessary.

A hearing was initially scheduled for July 11 but was delayed after the state requested a new judge. The hearing will now be held August 2 before Judge Michael McMahon.

About MHCA

MHCA is a non-profit association that serves long-term care. Founded in 1962, the association originally represented only nursing homes, but now represents over 100 organizations that serve elderly and disabled Montanans, both for-profit and not-for-profit. This includes skilled nursing and assisted living facilities.

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Montana State Prison to limit visiting days

DEER LODGE - Montana State Prison (MSP) interim warden Jim Salmonsens today announced that inmate visitation will be temporarily reduced from four to two days a week while the prison addresses operational issues.

To allow staff to be reassigned to higher priority security posts, Salmonsens said, the prison is canceling Thursday and Friday inmate visitation beginning August 16 until

further notice. MSP will be open for inmate visitation only on weekends.

"MSP recognizes the importance of visitation; however, safety and security of the facility is our top priority. We will return to normal visitation hours as soon as possible," Salmonsens said.

Call MSP's toll-free phone message service for scheduling updates at 1-888-739-9122.

OBITUARIES

Millicent Rapaic' Olson

August 4, 2018

Millie, as she like to be called, died Sunday, August 4th, 2018, after a short illness in the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital at the age of 98. She had lived a long and productive life.

She was born November 19, 1919, in Chisholm, Minnesota to Evica and Dane Rapaic'. During World War II, she was a "Codebreaker," a group of very smart and very talented young women brought to Washington, DC, to unravel the codes of our enemies. She spoke 13 different languages including Russian and German. It was there that she met William "Bill" Olson, a paratrooper on convalescence leave after being wounded in Southern France. She would marry him at the end of the war and move to Hibbing, Minnesota.

They moved to Butte in 1952 where she was a housewife and mother to six children. She divorced

Bill in 1967 and moved to Sheridan in 1973, Montana, where she was work as a LPN. She lived the last ten years of her life at the Tobacco Root Nursing Home.

She is survived by her six children: Walter lives in Lander Wyoming after retiring as a Mechanical Engineering Professor, Karen lives in Boise, Idaho, after retiring from the US Department of Transportation, John who lives in Butte, Daniel who lives in Palmer, Alaska, after retiring as a Computer Software Engineer, Frederica who lives in Boulder, Colorado, and Margie who lives in Lake Benton, Minnesota, after retiring from the 3M Corporation. She is also survived numerous grand and great grand children.

Millie will be buried in the family plot in Hibbing, Minnesota.



MASTER continued from A1: Program seeks to make master hunters ambassadors for the betterment of the sport



Above - Classroom instruction was one part of the course. Below - Field instruction was also part of the course, with marksmanship being taught by 406 Precision of Twin Bridges. (MHP PHOTOS - JAMES WICKS, RMEF)



spooked livestock, open gates, litter and angry landowners – be damned. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2016 figures show that of 325 million people in the U.S., only about 15.5 million (4.75 percent) hunt, a figure way down from the nearly 10 percent who hunted two decades ago. Between 2008 and 2010, Montana alone saw a drop of almost 10,000 hunters.

Land use is also changing. As the U.S. population grows, urbanization grows, gobbling up more ranches and farms. Along with this, landowners are changing. Across Montana – but especially here in Madison and Gallatin counties – landowner culture is changing. Dwindling are the multi-generation ranchers and farmers, who were often inclined to permit hunting on their ground. Many hunted themselves, and allowed neighbors, friends, second cousins and the polite hunter who asked to share their bounty.

Replacing them are people with different cultural expectations of owning land. The classic example is the wealthy coastal urbanite escaping urbanization. He or she buys up those multi-generational ranches, changing the nature of the working landscape. Up go posted signs, up go prosecutions for anyone crossing their private fiefdom.

Meanwhile, because the agricultural economy is being squeezed from so many different directions and profit margins are threadbare thin, continuing ranchers and farmers are hard-pressed not to grab the easy money offered for a hunting lease on their ground.

Hunters often see leased ground, posted with no hunting signs, as the result of wealth, rather than effort. Some try crossing these boundaries – a violation of state law – to hunt as a form of rebellion against the rich vs. poor idea.

Farmers and ranchers also have problems keeping slob hunters, those not following the rules, off their lands, preventing littering, dealing the result of gates not being closed, fires from vehicles parked over dry grass, and a host of other issues.

Then there's the second generation of hunters who have benefited from state and national efforts to create more public and private land access so an expanding number of outdoor recreationalists – including hunters; but also hikers, backpackers, bird-watchers, kayakers, mountain bikers, ATV riders, horsemen, etc., etc. – have a place to go. These hunters have never had to ask permission to hunt from a landowner. Many, being urbanites, don't know how to relate to a farmer or rancher. Now, into this mess steps One Montana, seeking to "move beyond the contentious issues dividing (rural vs. urban people) and build trust to develop solutions."

From Common Ground evolved the Master Hunter Program (MHP).

The program

In late July, a pilot MHP certification program graduated its first class of 25. The student number was limited to 25, Brown said, to keep things simple and test this pilot effort.

The students, all Montana res-

idents, from larger towns like Billings, Kalispell, Missoula, Helena and Bozeman, were drawn from an enthusiastic pool of applicants during the preceding six months, and they completed 50 hours of training focused on hunter education, ethics and practical skills like marksmanship.

To earn their certification, they passed an "exhaustive" written exam, along with a field marksmanship and ballistics course – led by Jordan Harmon and Jason George of 406 Precision, of Twin Bridges. Also, part of their outdoor course time was spent on the Granger Ranches, on Jack Creek Preserve, near Ennis, and ranch Managing Partner Jeff Laszlo, joined the students there to talk about ranching.

This class is now on a mission to improve landowner - sportsmen relations in Montana, Brown said.

"Our target audience is on mid-career hunters," he continued, "with about five or more years experience in the field. Someone who has taken big game before but wants to deepen their skill set. We want to add to their knowledge and skills."

"Hunting is a life-long learning process," he continued. "You'll never figure it all out; I'm always discovering how much I don't know. This is by no means a shortcut (to achieving outdoor skills). We expose people to additional knowledge. Give them an opportunity to deepen their skills. Getting that certificate doesn't mean you're a certified expert. And we're not out to compete with youth hunter education."

If the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) basic hunter education course – this is required of first-time hunters born after 1985, before receiving a hunting license – is a bachelors degree, Brown said, "We give them a Masters degree."

"Our over-arching goal is to create thoughtful, skilled, knowledge ambassadors to the community, to the landowner community, who have open minds and can learn, who have empathy and respect for ranchers and farmers," he said.

So how does MHP help students overcome some of the image problems hunters face these days?

"We focused on teaching the students about the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation," Brown said

This conservation model holds that wildlife is a public resource; that wildlife, game animals in particular, managed for sustainability, using science-based regulated sport hunting as the main tool for doing so, are self-perpetuating resources.

This model has proven itself over time, best demonstrated by the dramatic return of elk, pronghorn, wild turkey, waterfowl, deer, even bison and many game bird populations to abundance following near extinctions during the unregulated market gunning of the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Also discussed was how federal Pittman-Robertson (P-R) taxes –taxes self imposed by hunters during the 1930s on hunting gear, firearms and ammo– fund wildlife management and have paid to create many of the public lands, especially state land, that outdoor recreational-

ists of all sorts enjoy today. Hunting is fundamental to conservation of all wildlife, because without hunters paying license fees and P-R taxes, non-game programs, wildlife education efforts and other non-hunting efforts would quickly dry up.

Teaching the students about hunting with a respectful attitude towards landowners and wildlife; hunting discreetly, self-regulating (reporting game law violators and slob hunters) would go a long way towards re-shaping the image of hunters in the public's eye, Brown said.

"Improving the public image of the hunter is a big part of what this course is about," Brown said. "We want to create ambassadors."

How does it address hunter ethics?

"The Boone and Crockett Club instructor (Keith Balfour), had an interesting take on this during class," Brown said. "Hunting ethics is a gray area. We strive to create space where we can grapple with gray issues with group. There is no perfect way to address, tricky and complicated issues"

For example, one "trend" that bothers many in hunting is a move toward hunters taking long range shots at game, "sniper hunting" some call it, popularized on outdoor television.

Having 406 Precision – an organization some perceive as a long-range shooting "school" – teach students about marksmanship and ballistics, might seem unethical. But that's not what students were taught, Brown said.

Harmon and George focused on shooting skills, not encouraging people to wait away at game beyond their skill level.

"They showed students how long 400 yards – the far range length – really is," he said. "They helped students match their skill set to their firearms, and helped them find their effective range, to know their limitation and find the range at which they were competent, accurate."

In addition, the course focused on bridging the gap between rural and urban, by sharing with the students landowner perspectives.

Brown, 28, talked about the "high bar" to hunting access today – how many hunters didn't grow up with landowner connections, how his father's generation created their own hunting access by asking ranchers and farmers for permission to hunt their ground. Since FWP created Type 1 Block Management (an excellent program where private landowners receive benefits for allowing hunting on their lands), he said, we have seen a generation of hunters who have potentially never had to interact with farmers and ranchers.

"The Master Hunter program helps to address this," he said, "we're pushing to build relationships with ranchers and farmers, pursuing landowner/sportsman relationships to insure the future of hunting, as a cultural centerpiece, as part of the North American Wildlife Management model, as a unique way of life."

"Farmers and ranchers need help managing wildlife," Brown said, "and many hunters are looking for places to hunt."

The Master Hunter program brings them together.

Brown pointed to access to elk hunting access, as example.

As a perk for completing MHP, students get access to landowner properties enrolled with the program.

"I want to make super clear, we're not recruiting landowners out of existing access programs for this program, we're not about to displace existing public hunters, we're not competing with Block Management."

"Our access agreements are flexible," he said. "There are a variety of ways to do this – a rancher might want whitetails and cow elk hunting, but not others. He might limit the number of hunters permitted on his land, he might have some acres in Block Management, some in MHP."

"Our hunters are not going to displace other hunters on lands. We're hoping we can add access opportunities, not take away anything from anyone."

Brown pointed to one MHP access easement in the Ruby Valley, where a rancher would permit grads to hunt cow elk on his land if they spent one six-hour day lopping conifer (a habitat improvement) on state land the rancher leases. The same rancher would grant access to isolated federal ground for archery bull elk hunting only if MHP grads spent four six-hour days cutting conifers on the state land.

Future

MHP intends to expand the program and host classes in multiple communities in 2019, Brown said.

The curriculum would be developed and refined, the course streamlined down to 40 hours, including both classroom instruction and field experiences. More farms and ranches would be recruiting for the effort, and an on-line program to schedule hunts is being developed so participating landowners can reduce the amount of time managing hunting on their ground.

However, the fundamental aims of the program would remain the same:

To educate hunters about landowner issues like concerns related to hunter access, the economics of agriculture, the impacts that wildlife especially big game, increasing hunter knowledge and skills, and to build mutual respect and

cooperation between landowners and sportsmen, and to create hunters who are role models for our youth and other hunters.

MHP Partners

Montana Stockgrowers Association, Montana Grain Growers, Montana Wildlife Federation, Montana Bowhunters Association, Montana Sportsmen's Alliance, Montana's Outdoor Legacy Foundation, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Mule Deer Federation, Western Landowners Alliance, Boone & Crockett Club, Wild Sheep Foundation, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers and several individual outfitters and ranchers.

For more information on this program, visit <http://mtmasterhunter.com/> or contact Brown at (406) 522-7654, or email zachb@onemontana.org

Course qualifications

The course qualification for the 2018 program (subject to change for 2019) were this:

- Minimum age 20.
- No FWP violations or state trespassing laws.
- Montana big game license for the last five years.
- Montana resident hunters only (in 2018)
- Course fee (2018) was \$200, with some need-based scholarships.



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July 29 - August 1, 2018

July 29 - Disturbance in 300 Blk N. Main St., Ennis; Assault in 100 Blk Utley Ln., Twin Bridges; Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 44, Twin Bridges; Theft Complaint in 200 Blk S. Main St., Sheridan; Accident on MT Hwy 41 S, MM 16, Twin Bridges; Animal Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 65, Norris; Accident on MT Hwy 41, MM 14, Twin Bridges.

in 100 Blk W Main St., Ennis; Fire Call on Varney Rd., MM 4, Ennis.

August 2 - Disorderly Conduct on US Hwy 287, MM 38, Cameron; Animal Complaint on MT Hwy 287, MM 17, Nevada City; Traffic Complaint on Main St., Sheridan.

August 3 - Disturbance in 100 Blk Madison St., Sheridan; Disturbance on Baldy Mountain Court, Ennis; Abandoned Vehicle on US Hwy 287, MM 72, Harrison; Abandoned Vehicle on Recycle Way, Ennis; Accident on MT Hwy 287, MM 14, Virginia City; Dog Complaint on S. Golden Eagle Dr., McAllister; Missing Person in 200 Blk E. Hugel St., Ennis; Animal Complaint on Wisconsin Creek Rd., Sheridan; Citizen Assist on Mill Creek Rd., Sheridan; DUI on MT Hwy 283, MM 6, Pony;

Disturbance in 100 Blk E. Main St., Ennis; Accident on MT Hwy 41 S, MM 21, Twin Bridges; Fire Call on Cavern Trail, Ennis; Disturbance on Water St., Sheridan.

August 4 - Accident on MT Hwy 359, MM 11, Harrison; Assault in 100 Blk Two Bumps Rd., Ennis; Missing Person on North Meadow Creek Rd., McAllister; Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287, MM 49, Ennis.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 101 Calls for Service from July 29-Aug 4.

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HEALTH CARE

Q: When I see my doctor every year, she takes my blood pressure, tells me two numbers and says I'm doing fine. It's a relief but I always forget to ask what the numbers mean. Is there any way I can tell if my blood pressure is high?



A: The first number is your systolic pressure and is the amount of pressure on your arteries during the contraction of your heart muscle when it beats. The second number is your diastolic pressure and is the pressure in your blood vessels in between the beats. A normal range for the systolic pressure is 90-140 and 60-80 for the diastolic pressure. Most people don't feel any difference when their blood pressure has risen above the normal range which is why high blood pressure is often called a Silent Killer. High blood pressure can damage the heart, blood vessels and kidneys. That's why it's important to get your blood pressure checked regularly by your healthcare provider.

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BIRDING

Q: What can you tell me about hummingbird activity?



A: Our two most common hummingbirds are Rufous and Calliope and you may be experiencing a real surge of activity here of late. The reason for the increase is simple. Young Rufous and Calliope hummingbirds have left the nest and are making their first visits to your feeders and flowers. This happens every year making late July and August the busiest weeks of the summer. Starting in September they start their migration south. Make sure you ONLY use table sugar and water (1:4). Rufous are the orange tinted hummingbirds that chase all the other hummingbirds away. They nest in our area and as they move south they come through New Mexico. The females and young Rufous are still here but the males begin to move south after mating. They play no role in hatching, feeding or raising the young. Later in the summer the adult females will move through and lastly the juveniles. Calliope have also been seen migrating through New Mexico as well. Just over three inches long, this is the smallest hummingbird. The male has a streaked rosy colored throat (gorget) and the female looks like most other female hummingbirds (green). Keep your feeders out until the end of September in the hopes of feeding a straggler migrant.

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PHYSICAL THERAPY

Q: What is heel pain?



A: Shoes or no shoes? Flip-flops, or walking barefoot? Which is right? What is wrong? If we lived and walk on sand, foot or heel pain would be almost nonexistent. So why does heel pain slowly creep up? Heel pain has many causes. It can be caused by walking/standing for long periods of time. Walking up and down stairs for an extended period of time. It can come from your low back. Running or hiking farther than you should. Side hilling or uneven ground with hiking? Shoe wear? Flip-flops can cause a multitude of problems. Muscular weakness from your trunk to your ankles can add to this problem. Traumatic events like falling, motor vehicle accidents or even a short-leg causes a stability/walking problem. Improper shoe wear, how we walk and what we walk on sets us up for a lot of problems. For example: a postoperative procedure such as total hip or knee can cause changes in walking. The human body is a forever changing puzzle. It is a machine only a few of us know how to treat. Finding the proper treatment for heel pain can range from, changing shoes, strengthening your feet or hips. The only way to treating heel pain is to find an expert, Ennis PT, Robert "Bob" Sahli, PT. A.T.C.L.A.T.. Treating heel pain is more than just the heel.

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EYE CARE

Q: What is dry eye?



A: Dry eye can be a temporary or chronic condition, and can occur at any age. Dry eye occurs when tears are not produced properly, or when the tears are not of the correct consistency and evaporate too quickly. Symptoms are numerous and varied, but can include stinging, burning, redness, and fatigue. Inflammation of the surface of the eye may also occur. If left untreated, this can lead to pain, ulcers, or scars on the cornea, as well as potential vision loss. However, permanent vision loss is uncommon. Dry eye can make it more difficult to perform activities, such as using a computer or reading for an extended period of time, as well as decrease the tolerance for dry environments and contact lens wear. Over the counter drops will provide temporary relief, but try to avoid those with preservatives. Your eye care professional can provide an accurate diagnosis of the condition and begin treatment to avoid permanent damage.

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INSURANCE

Q: My father died, and I think he had a life insurance policy, but I can't find any information. How can I find out if I'm a beneficiary?



A: This kind of nightmarish situation is more common than many people might think. Unfortunately, you won't find a national database of every life insurance policy that's been issued in the United States. But you can take some steps to unearth clues about the missing life insurance policy. First of all, rest assured no one can steal the life insurance money from you if you are named the beneficiary on the policy. Life insurance companies make sure the checks are made out to the right people. If you can't lay your hands on a copy of the policy, try to find out the name of the company that issued it. Ask your dad's financial adviser, if he had one. Go through your father's old bank statements and other financial papers if you can access them. Look for checks or credit card payments made to life insurance companies. If your review of his records doesn't turn up anything, consider hiring a forensic accountant to investigate. Contact your dad's auto or home insurance agent. People often use the same company for all their insurance needs, so it's possible your dad purchased the life insurance policy through one of those agents.

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MENTAL HEALTH

Q: What is Codependency?



A: Signs of codependency develop as a way to cope with addiction, mental stresses, or other problems such as underachievement or irresponsibility. Relationship struggles can illustrate difficulties in accepting, trusting, and being our true selves. This can lead to continually trying to please others, proving yourself, and seeking validation; these behaviors are a result of feelings of guilt, inadequacy, and shame. People with codependent traits try to fix, help, please, and control other people and situations. Happiness and other feelings are based on what others are doing, rather than on your own internal feelings and values. Thus, people with codependency are not living their own lives; they lose track of who they are, what they want, and how to be happy within themselves. Determining whether you are codependent or not is not about how many traits of codependency you have; it's more about whether the traits are causing you anxiety, pain, or regret, and hindering your health and relationships.

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REAL ESTATE

Q: What are some interesting facts about Montana that would make you want to live in this wonderful state?



A: 1. No state has as many different species of mammals as Montana. 2. The average square mile of land contains 1.4 elk, 1.4 antelope and 3.3 deer. 3. Montana has the largest migratory elk herd in the nation. 4. The Montana yogo sapphire is the only North American gem to be included in the Crown Jewels of England. 5. 46 out of Montana's 56 counties are considered "frontier counties" with a population of 6 or fewer people per square mile. 6. Montana is the only state with a triple divide allowing water to flow into the Pacific, Atlantic and Hudson Bay. 7. Yellowstone National Park in southern Montana and northern Wyoming was the first national park in the nation. 8. In 1888 Helena had more millionaires per capita than any other city in the world. 9. The state's official animal is the grizzly bear. 10. The state's motto Oro y Plata means gold and silver. 11. In Montana the elk, deer and antelope populations outnumber the humans. 12. Virginia City was founded in 1862 and is considered to be the most complete original town of its kind in the United States. Now if this list doesn't make you want to move or stay in this great state...I don't know what will! WHAT A WONDERFUL PLACE TO LIVE!

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SKINCARE

Q: Can you explain the current eye lash extension trend?



A: The concept of applying individual lash extension to the natural lash originated in the U.S. and was first patented back in 1931. It wasn't until the early 2000's that lash extension techniques and application methods were modernized into today's lash process. Today's lash extension has become a craze since the false lashes create a natural look that results in thicker and longer lashes. Initially, a new set is applied taking about two hours and then it is recommended for a lash fill every two or three weeks to replace lashes that have naturally shed out. Lash extensions are popular because they enhance the eye area without having to wear makeup and save time in the morning routine.

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PHARMACY

Q: What can I do to prevent insect bites?



A: Protecting yourself from mosquito, tick, and leas is important. A recent report from the CDC found that illnesses in humans from these insects have tripled in the US since 2004. Rates of infection are increasing and nine new diseases spread by ticks and mosquitoes have popped up in the same time frame. DEET-containing insect repellants offer protection against ticks, mosquitoes, and other insects. You should generally select a product with at least 20% DEET. These products provide a longer duration of protection and are some of the best repellants to use in heavily infested areas. Alternative or natural insect repellants are less effective at keeping insects away and preventing bites. Keep in mind the importance of wearing protective clothing like pants and long sleeves along with insect repellent. If you are using sunscreen apply it before the insect repellent. Don't spray repellent on your skin under clothing. Do not use insect repellent on babies younger than 2 months old; and for children don't use a product containing more than 30% DEET. You should not apply insect repellent onto a child's hands, eyes, mouth, or a cut or irritated skin. If you develop a rash or fever within weeks of removing a tick, you should see your health care provider and tell them about the bite.

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Ask the Expert

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Be careful traveling off-road

HELENA - The month of August is here and with it hot and dry conditions.

Crystal Beckman, of the Northern Rockies Fire Prevention and Education with the state's Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, reminds ATV riders, anyone using vehicles off road, to be careful.

Whether you are outside working or playing, be mindful of where you drive or park and stay on designated roads.

Last year, ATVs and vehicles started numerous fires burning thousands of acres. Just one small spark or hot ember can ignite dry grass and start a wildfire.

- Keep engine and exhaust components clear of grass and debris.
 - Ensure your spark arrestor is working properly.
 - Carry a bucket, shovel, and fire extinguisher with you.
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DISTRICT COURT ROUNDUP

The Madison County District Court held two hearings on Monday, August 6. Both were continuations of existing cases.

Jennifer Lynn Marconet appeared for a re-scheduled hearing over events that occurred outside Chick's Bar in Alder last November. Marconet pled not guilty to one count of felony assault with a weapon, four counts of misdemeanor assault and one count of disorderly conduct for a violent incident involving several patrons at the bar.

The felony charge came when Marconet chased a man outside the bar with a knife, while the four lesser assault charges came when she pulled hair, bit, kicked and struck four other people who had been in the bar.

The incident also resulted in the disorderly conduct charge for the fighting that occurred with both staff and patrons. Marconet pled not guilty to all six charges. Summonses and subpoenas were issued to most of the parties involved in the incident.

Kristofer John Hatlee appeared facing several drug-related charges that also date back to last fall. In September 2017, Hatlee was charged with felony conspiracy to produce or manufacture dangerous drugs for growing marijuana plants outside a home near McAllister. He was also charged with two felony counts and one misdemeanor count of felony possession of dangerous drugs for methamphetamine, hashish and marijuana found on the same property.

Hatlee also faced one charge of felony use of property subject to criminal forfeiture and three charges of possession of drug paraphernalia for butane torches, syringes, cotton swabs and other items intended for use ingesting drugs. Hatlee initially pled not guilty to all eight charges, but later signed a plea deal that dismissed five of the charges in exchange for a guilty plea to one felony and one misdemeanor drug possession charge and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

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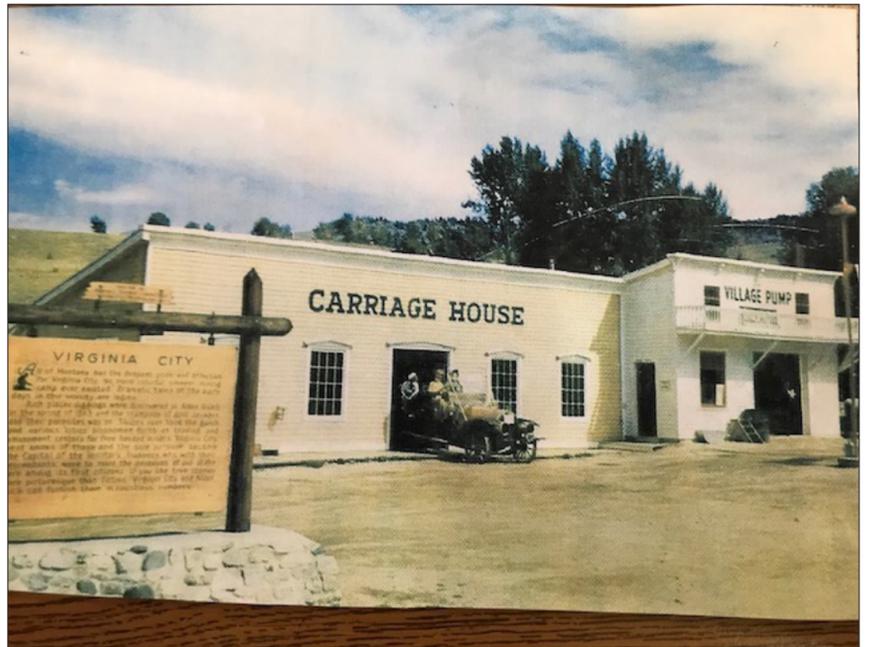
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The old Virginia City carriage house in the 1950s. The new information center, where Virginia City's new gas station will be installed this fall, will be an exact replica of the 20th-century building. (IMAGE COURTESY OF ELIJAH ALLEN)

Virginia City to get gas

Widespread support for gas pumps prompts council to approve

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VIRGINIA CITY—After six decades without it, Virginia City is finally getting some gas.

At its monthly meeting on Thursday, August 2, the Virginia City town council voted to approve a project that has been on the minds of residents for years—the installation of a functioning gas station.

The primary concern about a gas station in Virginia City has been the preservation of the town's carefully maintained historic appearance.

The council held a public hearing before its regular meeting to allow for public feedback and questions before construction begins, which included a presentation by Montana Heritage Commission executive director Elijah Allen, who explained the ways in which the new installation will remain true to Virginia City's history and image.

Allen noted that the Heritage Commission is working with representatives from the History Channel to ensure that the area fits in with the historical accuracy of Virginia City. The functioning pumps (which the town hasn't had since the 1950s) will be outfitted to look like the ones that were installed at the original Carriage House on the east end of town. The building itself will serve as the Virginia City Information Center.

"It will look exactly like it did in the 1950s," Allen said, "including color schemes and everything." He said that upwards of 95 percent of the businesses on Wallace Street in downtown Virginia City are in strong support of the new station.

The project is not a new idea for Virginia City residents, who are ready to see construction move forward.

Mayor Justin Gatewood brought to the meeting a petition with the signatures of dozens of residents in support of the installation, and residents who attended the meeting also voiced their support.

"Since I'm really the de facto gas station in this town, I'd really like to pass that to someone else," said Roger Williams. "It keeps the money here in town. I think it's a really great thing." Williams has a small gas pump, and has been known to rescue a driver or two who found themselves stuck in a tight spot with an empty tank.

Bill Moore noted that the current lack of a gas station could be a deterrent for tourists planning their trip through Nevada City and Virginia City. He says the new installation will fill that void and keep more people visiting.

"It gives the people who want to visit one less reason not to get here," Moore said. "I think it's a huge plus." Most in attendance agreed when a resident noted how much she disliked having to drive all the way into Ennis in the winter just to get gas.

The gas station will be owned and operated by the Montana Heritage Commission, Allen noted after an audience question. He also made the point that there will be a deed restriction that will prevent the station from conducting any retail sales. All this was in an effort to ensure that it doesn't turn into a "convenience store," Allen said.

The new gas station won't have retail items in keeping with that deed restriction, but it will have unleaded and diesel gas year-round. The information center will only be open during the town's peak season of May-September.

Allen also outlined where the money was coming to fund the new project.

The MHC is funded primarily through three avenues, he said:

- An annual bed tax allocation of \$400,000.
- A voluntary vehicle tax for residents who drive with the MHC license plate, of which MHC receives 38 cents per dollar.
- Revenue from the thou-

sands of summer tourists who pass through Virginia and Nevada cities.

But, said Allen, there is a fourth source for this project, which only happens "once in a very blue moon."

During the last legislative session, an audit was conducted on Montana's state parks that revealed over \$11 million in funding that had gone unspent. As a consequence of that audit, some of those dollars got reallocated in what Allen calls "long-range agency funding," and MHC received about \$2 million of that, which has gone toward a variety of projects.

About \$1 million of that allocation was used last year to fund extensive remodels on both Virginia City's Fairweather Inn and the Nevada City Cabins, which both house hundreds of tourists each summer. It also helped to expand seasonal housing for interpreters and seasonal employees in the two towns and funded the remodel of several nearby vacation rentals.

The rest of that money will go toward the new Virginia City Information Center and the accompanying gas station, Allen said. With the board's vote and existing DEQ, EPA and Department of Transportation approvals, the project is set to move forward.

Gatewood brought up one final concern, asking about the potential for traffic congestion around that area of Virginia City. Allen noted that the new gas station likely would lead to more traffic at that intersection at the town's east end, but the board's ultimate feeling was that the benefits outweighed the added vehicle numbers.

"Of course, there's a chance for congestion," Allen said. "But look at Wallace Street already."

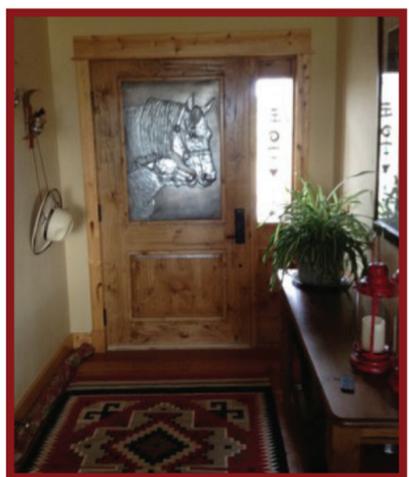
Now that the board has approved the addition, construction on Virginia City's new gas station can start in earnest. Allen estimates the new facility will be up and running by this fall.

The council also decided that it plans to approve amendments to the town's sign ordinances at its next meeting. It will be the resolution of a drawn-out process of change that has lasted the better part of a year.

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Montana	\$2.946	+1.0	\$2.363
National	\$2.874	+2.1	\$2.329

State gas prices up as demand jumps, supply declines

HELENA, Montana, Aug. 2, 2018. As U.S. gasoline demand strengthened and supply declined, the national gas price average jumped two-cents on the week to land at \$2.874. Montana's gas price average is \$2.946, which is one-cent more expensive on the week and month and 58-cents more than a year ago.

"As crude and gasoline inventories tighten, gas prices remain volatile," said Michelle Donati, spokeswoman for AAA Montana. "On the week, pump prices increased as much as 11-cents for some states. Fortunately, price increases for Montana motorists have been relatively minimal."

Alabama and California hold the lowest and highest average price for the lower 48 states at \$2.575 and \$3.623 per gallon.

County planning board approves Madison Overlook development

Ennis groundwater investigation also on agenda

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VIRGINIA CITY—The Madison County planning board weighed two residential variance requests for a new subdivision in Big Sky's Moonlight Basin at its meeting on Monday, July 30, approving one and rejecting the other. After significant discussion on that topic, the board shifted its focus to an upcoming aquifer investigation in Ennis.

Big Sky Variances

The 39.25-acre division near Madison Overlook is owned by Big Sky-based Moonlight Basin Acquisition, LLC, and is destined to be divided into 13 single-family residential lots, three road lots and one open space lot. The new development, which is the first subdivision project by the company, is expected to bring around \$29,000 of property tax revenue to Madison County.

The primary purpose of Monday's hearing was to determine the viability of two requests made by the company to grant variances to county regulations on some of the residential lots.

The first proposed variance was to adjust the setback distance of one of the subdivision's new lots. The county's standard setback is 100 feet, creating a boundary between construction and nearby wetlands, tributaries and wooded areas. The proposal sought to reduce the setback on one of the lots by 25 feet, reducing the no-build distance to 75 feet.

County planner Charity Fechter outlined the regulations regarding setback distances, noting that a reduction in that distance

can be allowed if the surrounding topography is so steep that it causes building difficulties.

An adjustment would also have to fulfill four criteria to be permissible, Fechter said.

- The change must not be detrimental to the health and welfare of the public or of surrounding properties.

- The property owner must expect undue hardship caused by the topography of the land without the adjustment

- There must be no substantial increase to public cost as a result of the change

- The adjustment must not place the particular subdivision in violation of zoning regulations.

Fechter shared the county's findings on the proposal, noting that the reduction in setback distance only fully met the first and third of those criteria.

However, the full 100-foot setback would not cause undue hardship on the property owner, and the change only partially met the fourth criteria, as a smaller setback would infringe upon zoning regulations when it came to protecting the corridors of the two unnamed tributaries that run through the 39-acre subdivision. For that reason, the board voted to reject the first of MB MT's two proposed variances.

Second Variance

The second variance concerned fewer complex regulations: It asked to allow one particular area of the plat to be divided into six residential lots where ordinarily only five would be allowed. MB MT noted that the future residential areas are ready to provide sewer and water access, fiber optics and electric services, and that the necessary water rights and permitting are complete.

The six-lot subdivision would have a hammerhead cul-de-sac rather than the typical bulb-style construction. The hammerhead's double-pronged straight turnaround was approved by the Big Sky Fire Department, and Fechter said that this particular variance

did meet all four of the required criteria, as long as construction adhered to some modifications.

For instance, parking would have to be prohibited along part of the new cul-de-sac to allow for emergency services access; additional easements must be provided as needed; a nearby dirt roadway would need to be revegetated along with any areas disturbed by construction; and an outline of alterations and regulations would need to be distributed to the homeowners who lived there.

With those conditions, the board voted to approve the second of the variances requested by MB MT.

A couple things need to be kept in mind moving forward, Fechter said.

One of those is Jack Creek Road, which is currently useable as an escape road from that subdivision in case of emergency.

However, there are currently two landslide areas along Jack Creek: one which causes a stretch of road with only one passable lane, and another that makes the road "barely wide enough for one vehicle," Fechter said.

The slides mean that Jack Creek Road is questionable as an escape route with more residential lots being placed in Madison Overlook. The condition of the road will need to be addressed in the near future.

Board member John Lounsbury also commented on the plans for a new solid waste facility to serve the area with the construction of the new residential lots.

The plan is for the current trash and recycling facility to be cleared and its receptacles moved to a new location in the subdivision to ensure access for both existing and new subdivisions.

Lounsbury suggested that MB MT look to the examples of Canadian national parks like Banff and Jasper to establish that facility in the most bear-proof manner possible, since the area is home to both black and Grizzly bears. Those parks, he said, have developed excellent methods of keep-

ing bears and people safe when it comes to disposing of trash.

Ennis Water Investigation

The board also heard a presentation from Andy Bobst of the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG).

MBMG, Bobst explained, is a department of Montana Tech in Butte that, rather than teaching, conducts applied research into groundwater around Montana. One of the Groundwater Investigation Program's (GWIP) newest projects is about to begin in Ennis, and Bobst explained to the board what that project will look like.

"Our focus is on specific groundwater qualities in smaller areas," Bobst said. "We conduct fairly focused studies to assess the effects from different intensities of water development on the bedrock aquifer."

Bedrock, Bobst explained, has less water retention potential than more porous substances. Because of that, it's important to know how much new development will strain the aquifer before building or expansion proceeds.

Essentially, GWIP will test the effects of new wells on one another, on existing wells and on the amount of surface water in the area surrounding Ennis. In particular, MBMG will focus on the North Meadow Creek, Virginia City Ranches and Shining Mountains areas.

The goal of the project, Bobst said, is to evaluate current groundwater levels, including identifying the sources that recharge them over time, and to estimate the overall properties of the aquifer and its elements of variability. MBMG will monitor the interactions between wells and nearby streams, observe how

long a well refills after being pumped for a certain amount of time, and examine how the addition of new wells will impact the ones that are already established.

"We're talking about a range of effects, in order to understand how to expect development in the area to effect the water sources around it," Bobst said.

The project will utilize both numerical and analytical tools to create the most accurate picture of what Ennis's groundwater aquifer looks like, and to prevent water overdraw as the Madison Valley continues to grow.

GWIP is in the process of setting up its monitoring network in the Ennis area. Data collection will likely continue through summer of 2019.

For more information on the GWIP and its projects, visit www.mbmtech.edu/gwip/gwip.html.

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DARCY HALPIN, JEANNINE SAUER, LUDENE CASPER

(Friends who sent money)

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(Judy's sister who made us tote bags and blankets)

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(Dear friend who sends handwritten notes every week)

OUR SON, DEAN MILLER

(who came from Spokane to help us clean up after the fire)

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(sent us a new computer so we can stay in touch with the world)

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT




Bob and Jan Beekman

When it comes to volunteering, there isn't much that Jan and Bob Beekman don't do around Ennis. The couple had longtime friends in the Ruby Valley and retired to Ennis 13 years ago, leaving California and never looking back.

"When you're retired, you have to make a choice," says Jan. "You can sit and just twiddle your thumbs, or you can get out, meet people and give back to the community. And the community here is just so extraordinary."

That's exactly what the Beekmans did. They've volunteered to teach Sunday School at Ennis's Presbyterian Church every week for years, even when they only teach two students. They help with the Ennis Arts Festival every year, Jan playing music and painting faces and Bob helping with the setting up and taking down of booths and equipment. They work at the Ennis Senior Center, helping cook and serve meals and washing dishes for as many as 40 people.

Bob, a retired beekeeper, helps local beekeepers maintain the health of their hives, and works at the Ennis Fly Fishing Festival each August. Jan spends days each month at the Ennis Food Bank, Madison Valley Manor, and Madison Valley Medical Center, playing music and acting as a senior companion. In the end, she says, it's all about hospitality.

"The number of people who give back to this community is just amazing," she says. "We love being able to welcome as many people as we can."



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Can back-to-school shopping equal parents back in debt?

WASHINGTON, D.C. - According to Jacob Lunduski, Financial Industry Analyst, with Credit Card Insider, this year, \$27.6 billion will be spent on back-to-school shopping this year, making it the second-biggest "shopping season" of the year.

Parents spend about \$510 per family, Lunduski notes, and back-to-school shopping can leave families with expensive debt.

According to a Deloitte survey, some 29 million U.S. households participate in back-to-school shopping. Other key findings include:

- Mass merchants remain the top location for 83 percent of shoppers.
- The first two weeks of August bring in the largest sales, \$9.9 billion.

- By region, the South spends the most, \$9.3 billion; followed by the West, at \$6.5 billion; the Midwest, \$5.9 billion; and the Northeast, at \$5.9 billion.

How can parents eliminate some of these rising costs? Lunduski provides some tips.

• Plan - Debt.com reported after the 2017 back-to-school shopping season just 57 percent of parents said they have a back-to-school budget. Half of the parents said school expenses are increasing.

- Make a list of the supplies your children need to prevent impulse buying, which adds up quickly.
- Research different stores to see

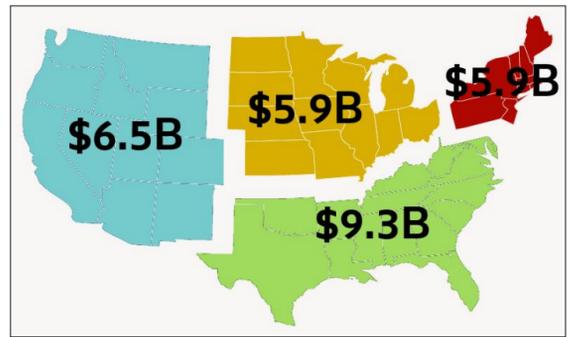
what deals are available, as many stores offer deals during August. There are apps like Favado and Coupons.com that provide deals and comparisons of the products you're looking for.

• Find secondary markets - One of the best ways to save money on back-to-school items is to look away from the stores. Reach out to your extended family members, neighbors, and friends to see if they have any extra materials or lightly used materials from their children's past years.

The secondary market has many options for used school supply items. Consider eBay, Amazon, and Craigslist to find school supplies.

• Choose how to pay - Before you shop, plan out how you will pay for the back-to-school supplies. If you do use a credit card, make sure you use it responsibly and always pay off your bill in full and on time by the due date.

Avoid store credit cards unless you shop there frequently, because while retail store cards can be rewarding, there is often more value in a general-use rewards card. Credit card options like cash back and 0 percent introductory APR cards can save money, if shoppers research the options.



Back-to-school shopping expenditures by region. Parents in the West, including Montana, spend the second highest amount on getting their students geared up for school. (SUBMITTED)

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Health officials offer tips during smoky conditions

HELENA - Montana's air quality has worsened due to fires burning in Oregon and California. State public health officials urge people across the state to take precautions as the potential for poor air quality reaches unhealthy levels in the coming days.

The Department of Environmental Quality's Air Quality Bureau is predicting weather that could bring prolonged wildfire smoke exposure to communities in the state. Smoke levels can rise and fall depending on weather factors, including wind direction.

Public health officials urge all Montanans to take the following precautions to avoid health problems during smoky conditions.

• Reduce the amount of time spent outdoors. This can usually provide some protection, especially in a tightly closed, air-conditioned house in which the air conditioner can be set to re-circulate air instead of bring-

ing in outdoor air.

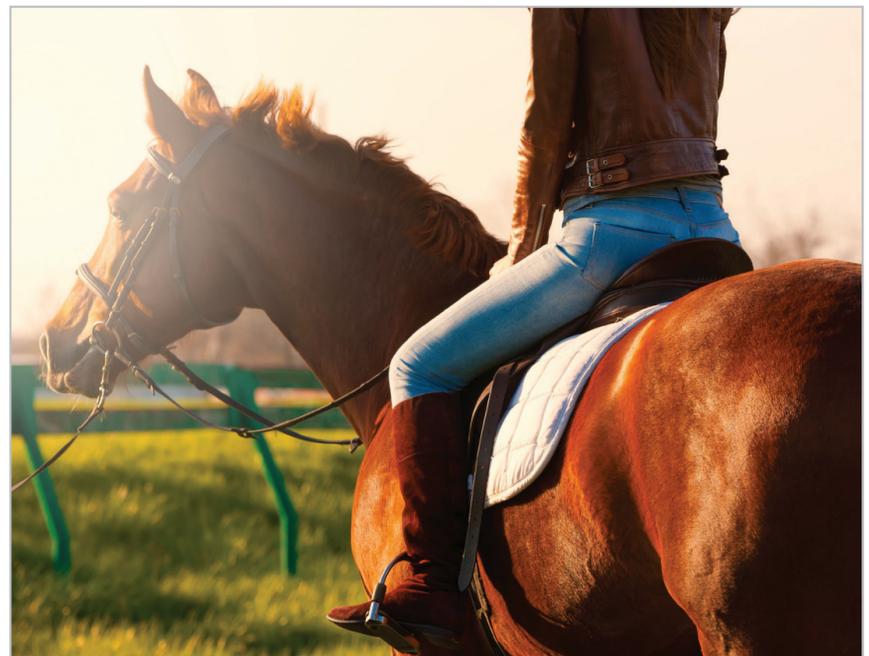
• Reduce the amount of time engaged in vigorous outdoor physical activity. This can be an important and effective strategy to decrease exposure to inhaled air pollutants and minimize health risks during a smoke event.

• Reduce other sources of indoor air pollution such as burning cigarettes and candles; using gas, propane, and wood burning stoves and furnaces; cooking; and vacuuming.

• Individuals with heart disease or lung diseases such as asthma should follow their health care providers' advice about prevention and treatment of symptoms.

For more information about your community's air quality, visit <https://todayair.mt.gov> or to learn more about wildfire smoke and your health visit <https://dphhs.mt.gov/airquality>.

Health Effect Category	Recommendations for Outdoor Activities Based on Air Quality for Schools and Child Care Facilities				
	Good	Moderate	Unhealthy for sensitive groups*	Unhealthy	Very Unhealthy/Hazardous
Visibility (miles)	13+	9-13	5-9	2-5	Less than 2
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Scheduled Sporting Events (2-4 hours)	No limitations	Monitor sensitive groups and limit their vigorous activities.	People with chronic conditions should be medically managing their condition. Increase rest periods and substitutions for all participants to lower breathing rates.	Consider rescheduling or relocating event. If outdoor event is held, have emergency medical support immediately available. Add rest breaks or substitutions to lower breathing rates. People with chronic conditions should be medically managing their condition.	Reschedule or relocate event.
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County commissioners weigh fairgrounds projects, road, bridge funds

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VIRGINIA CITY—The Madison County Board of Commissioners covered a significant amount of the county's geography in their discussions at their Tuesday, July 31 meeting, discussing a new emergency operation center in Alder, waterline repairs at the county fairgrounds in Twin Bridges, and the distribution of road and bridge tax revenue county-wide.

Alder Emergency Operation Center

They began the meeting with Alder, hearing an update from Director of Emergency Management Dustin Tetrault on the designation of an emergency operation center (EOC) in Alder.

The county has been using its dispatch office as an EOC, says District 3 Commissioner James Hart. With the expansion of facilities in Alder, the county has the opportunity to shift to a new center with significantly more space.

"What we're attempting to do is house it with equipment and use it as an EOC," said Hart. "We've seen options and estimates on certain equipment, including electronics and tables and chairs. We've used the dispatch office, but there just isn't enough room."

With the use of the Alder facility, Hart said, Madison County will have two EOCs: Alder on the Ruby Valley side of the Virginia City pass, and the Madison County Rural Fire department in Ennis on the Madison Valley side.

Fairgrounds projects

As Madison County gears up for the fair this weekend, progress continues toward two key projects on the fairgrounds property: the potential addition of a new arena and the repair of a broken waterline underneath the Beaverhead River.

The commissioners and the Madison County Fair Board have agreed that the arena project should not move forward without additional input from the public, and there will be an opportunity at the fair to get that feedback. Hart said the commissioners considered applying for a tourism grant to fund the project but decided to wait until they got the public's input to move forward.

"Right now, we felt as if it's not the right time until we get more direction from the public in terms of whether that's a good idea or not," said Hart. "At fair time, we'll ask the public what they think, and get feedback on what they really want."

Architectural outlines, sketches and information will be available at a booth at the fair, which takes place August 7-12, so that fairgoers can give their input.

The fair board and commissioners have reviewed proposals for both a multipurpose building, which would be insulated and would feature restrooms and a commercial kitchen, and a more basic arena option. Both will be up for comment at the fair booth.

The commissioners discussed a couple of avenues to fix the broken waterline.

A prior suggestion was monetary assistance from the Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) for up to \$30,000 still needed to fix the line. TSEP usually reserves grants of that type for emergencies, so the proposal was refused, Hart said.

"They decided it didn't really look like an emergency since nothing had been done," Hart said. "But it hadn't been done because we don't have the money yet." It became a catch-22 for the county, and the commissioners wrote to TSEP asking the body to reconsider its decision.

In the meantime, there is one more option, according to the commissioners. Several years ago, a severe windstorm caused damage in Twin Bridges, and at the time the commissioners created an emergency fund to use for the cleanup after that storm. There is still some leftover money in that fund that could potentially fill the gap in the waterline project, and the commissioners discussed that as an avenue for action moving forward.

Road, Bridge and Gas Tax

A preliminary hearing on Tuesday got the ball rolling on some of the commissioners' budget duties for the new fiscal year. The road, bridge and gas tax provides the budget for all of the counties roads and bridges, but the

commissioners divide that up between the three districts, largely based on how many miles of road each district has and how much traffic each district sees.

"In reality, there's one budget for all the roads," said Hart. "What we've done for years is divvy that out three ways for each of the commission districts. For example, District No. 2, which includes Twin Bridges and Harrison, actually has the most mileage, and districts No. 1 and No. 3 are pretty close to even." That determines how the funds get allocated, Hart says.

The full road, bridge and gas tax budget is just under \$3 million, said Hart. But, "from one man's perspective, we could always use more."

Tuesday's budget hearing was just a preliminary step in a process that will continue in future commissioners' meetings. The summer months and the beginning of the new fiscal year are key times in which the allocation of funds is high on the county's priority list.

Willow Creek Project

The final grant the commissioners discussed was the continuation of a project in the North Willow Creek area that has been in progress for several years. Reclamation in old mine areas has been happening since around 2014 near Pony, cleaning up and refining tailings from the mines that no longer operate.

In that particular project, tailings were removed and refined, a process by which some leftover gold remnants are often extracted. With that extracted gold, Hart says, the project essentially pays for itself, allowing the cleanup to continue in other areas once each mine is reclaimed. The DNRC has approved the continuation of the project in the North Willow Creek area, which the county will now begin to plan.



Idaho Old Time Fiddlers (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Idaho Old Time Fiddlers at VC

VIRGINIA CITY - The Elling House Arts & Humanities Center will host the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers on Tuesday, August 14, at 4 p.m.

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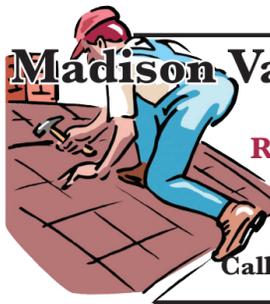
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A Tri, a Tour and some TBAs

Seven complete Madison Trifecta during last weekend of GYAS

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ENNIS—This weekend brought to a close a race series that might have seemed long to anyone who wasn't one of the participants.

The Greater Yellowstone Adventure Series packed six brutally challenging races into just two months, and August 4 and 5 saw the final two of those races: the Madison Triathlon on Saturday and the Tour de Gravelly on Sunday.

Triathlon

Fourteen athletes took on the seventh annual Madison Triathlon, one of very few Olympic-distance events in the state.

The triathlon began with a dip in Ennis Lake for 1,200 yards, followed by a 23-mile bike along Highway 287—and up and over the five-mile-long grade of Norris Pass—to Harrison, finishing with a 6-mile run from Harrison to Pony.

Unlike most triathlons, which loop back to their starting point, the Madison is point-to-point, which means athletes end up 29 miles from where they started.

"The Madison Triathlon is not for the faint of heart," writes race director Sam Korsmoie in the race's description. "It's no Iron Man, but it will probably feel like one because of the open water swim and the high elevation."

Ingram Crossom of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, claimed the triathlon crown in a time of 2 hours, 36 minutes at 50 seconds, while Kathleen Snider of Belgrade outleaned Makenzie Kink of Austin, Texas by only two seconds, winning the women's title in 3 hours and 3 seconds.

The triathlon doubles as the last leg of the Madison Trifecta, and the christening event for a few new TBAs—total bad asses. This year, seven people completed the Trifecta, which began back in June with the Madison Duathlon, continued with July's Madison Marathon and finished with the triathlon.

The 2018 TBAs (total bad asses) included:

- Lynda Andros-Clay of Bozeman, who claimed her fifth TBA title and was this year's trifecta, with the lowest combined time across the three events. Andros-Clay also came just one race short of completing the entire GYAS in one season, a feat that remains unclaimed.

- On the men's side, Ennis's Corey Hardy claimed the TBA crown, and his second TBA distinction. Hardy, who has been a biker since he was 12, has spent decades racing all over the world and jumped straight into the local racing scene.

"I love that it is a local, grassroots thing. It gives people an opportunity to get out in this beautiful setting," Hardy says. "You don't typically have a lot of people who go around here enjoying this kind of thing, so it's great to have something like this locally. And this kind of activity just helps promote more activity."

There were also 4 athletes who became TBAs for the very first time on Saturday, bringing the total to 28 since the TBA idea was coined in 2012.

Tour de Gravelly

On Sunday, August 5, the GYAS wrapped up with one of its



New TBAs (total bad asses) of the Greater Yellowstone Adventure Series, who earned the distinction after finishing Saturday's Madison Triathlon. Left to right: Ed Hays (Laguna Beach, CA), Amanda Flamm (Dillon, MT), Matt A. (Boulder, CO), Corey Hardy, TBA Men's Champion (Ennis, MT), Lynda Andros-Clay, TBA Women's Champion (Bozeman, MT), Carrie Egging (West Yellowstone, MT), and Eduardo Garcia (Gallatin Gateway, MT). (PHOTO COURTESY OF SAM KORSMOE)

hardest races of all: The Tour de Gravelly. The only race that involves no running whatsoever, the 57-mile bike race travels up and over the Gravelly Range, traversing over 7,700 feet of elevation change in the process.

This year was only the second installment of the Tour, which means the field remains small. Last year's inaugural event drew only eight riders, which jumped to 11 this year. The small field size is a testament, to how difficult the race is, says Korsmoie, but the growth is key.

"The good news is it grew. I think the word is going to get out there more because everyone just loves the route: they love Ennis, they love Montana. And we got some great days this year."

All but two competitors hailed from Montana, with Bozeman's Jeff Brandner and Shannon Brown, also of Bozeman, claiming the men's and women's titles, respectively. Brown set a new course record for the women, shaving six minutes off the old mark and setting a new standard of 6 hours, 1 minute and 1 second.

And just like that, the Greater Yellowstone Adventure Series is done for another year. For the athletes and for Korsmoie, it's time for some well-deserved rest. But excitement for next year is already gearing up.

"I'm looking forward to 2019, because each year we get people from different parts of the country, who then take that story back home with them," says Korsmoie. "It's becoming mature, in a way. It's ours, here, in Madison County, and broadcasts to the world what we have here."

Madison Triathlon Results

- Ingram Crossom – Tuscaloosa, AL
- Dylan Malloy – Billings, MT
- Corey Hardy – Ennis, MT
- Ed Hays – Laguna Beach, CA
- Ryan Prosser – San Francisco, CA
- Kathleen Snider – Belgrade, MT
- Makenzie Kink – Austin, TX
- Eduardo Garcia – Gallatin Gateway, MT
- Carrie Egging – West Yellowstone, MT
- Sumner Lavalley – Bozeman, MT
- Lynda Andros-Clay – Bozeman, MT
- Katie Ebert – Bozeman, MT
- Matt A – Boulder, CO
- Amanda Flamm – Dillon, MT

Tour de Gravelly Results

- Jeff Brandner – Bozeman, MT
- Chris Clay – Bozeman, MT
- Shannon Brown – Bozeman, MT
- Taylor Handley – Bozeman, MT
- Caleb Pan – Missoula, MT
- Jody Barz – Bozeman, MT
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Cardwell School celebrates centennial milestone with hundreds of alumni



The Cardwell School welcomed its first class in September of 1917, and graduated its 99th class of eighth-graders this spring. (R. COLYER)

CARDWELL—James Carmody remembers many of the antics he got up to as a boy at Cardwell School. Some of the most exciting involve the use of wax paper on an old-fashioned slide fire escape in order to make it a speedier ride.

"We'd slide down it at lunch until one of the teachers caught us," Carmody laughs. "The girls in their dresses had to be particularly careful."

Carmody also remembers the need to watch out if you were the first one down. The slide had a door at the bottom that the leading slider had to remember to open, or his ride would come to a very sudden stop.

Carmody was one of hundreds of alumni in attendance at Cardwell School's centennial celebration on Saturday, August 4. It looked much like any school reunion would, except instead of only one graduating class, more than seventy years of Cardwell alumni were represented.

The school, which graduated its 99th class of eighth-grade students this spring (with three graduates) opened its doors in a celebration that took 18 months to plan and pulled out all the stops to commemorate a century of small-town Montana education.

"We had no idea how it would turn out," says Sally Kreis. "There's no centennial 'handbook' anywhere, so we just had to do our best pulling this all together." Kreis taught at Cardwell for three decades and touched the lives of hundreds of students and just as many families. She knew nearly everyone at the centennial celebration personally.

The celebration was centered in the school gym but spread throughout the building's two stories into the classrooms upstairs. In each room, alumni could be found watching slideshows of old photos, sharing memories of their own school days and reconnecting with friends long separated.

Bob Wilkinson graduated from Cardwell in 1961, 35 years after his father, Roy, had also attended. Wilkinson came over from nearby Whitehall to attend and picked his father out in photos of the school basketball team, student groups and classes. He'd been multi-talented, participating in just about every activity.

"You kind of had to do everything at a school this small," remembers the younger Wilkinson.

Back in the gym, things look very similar to when the building was built in 1917. The hardwood basketball floor is scuffed from a century's worth of games but still gleams in honor of the occasion.

The raised stage at the front of the room is hung with blue velvet curtains and features 1910s classroom replica, complete with desks and chairs from Miranda Martinson's mother's Cardwell classroom. Martinson's grandmother—who will soon turn 99—also taught at Cardwell, and her grandfather was a student

there. For them, as for many, Cardwell School is a family institution.

There were spaces in the gym at Saturday's celebration where alumni and friends could paint tiles to be used in a memorial project honoring the centennial and write their memories of the school for future generations of students. Gayle Saery wrote the story of his family, who had attended for generations.

"I graduated from the eighth grade at the Cardwell School in 1925 and my father graduated in 1926," wrote Saery at the memory table. "I am proud to have been a student at Cardwell school and look upon my years with fond memories. The things that I learned at Cardwell instilled within me enough confidence to allow me to continue with my life."

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

MSU, local health department collaborate for more access to mental health care services

By Anne Cantrell, MSU News Service

BOZEMAN — Access to mental health care services is available to more individuals in the Gallatin Valley thanks to a grant from the Montana Healthcare Foundation and a partnership between Montana State University and the Gallatin County Health Department.

With the grant, which is worth nearly \$70,000, MSU counseling professors Anna Elliott and Rebecca Koltz from the MSU Department of Health and Human Development in the College of Education, have partnered with the Gallatin County Health Department's Healthy Gallatin Home Visiting program. Through the collaboration, health department home visitors with the program may refer individuals and families to an MSU clinic for counseling services.

"Currently in the Gallatin Valley, there is a shortage of services for low-income residents to receive counseling services, so our grant aims to help attend to this gap," Koltz said. "We hope that we can increase our ability to provide meaningful mental health services to an underserved population in the Gallatin Valley."

The counseling services will be offered for a low cost through the Human Development Clinic, a community mental health agency that is affiliated with MSU's graduate counseling program. Counseling sessions offered through the clinic are staffed by MSU graduate counseling students who are supervised by licensed mental health professionals.

"Each year the graduate counseling students (at MSU) provide approximately 14,000 hours of free or low-cost counseling to the community," Elliott said. "We want to increase our ability to offer mental health care to

clients who may not be able to access services from other sources."

There is no restriction to the number of counseling sessions participants may receive, said Koltz, who added that the client and counselor will collaboratively determine the number of sessions to best meet the client's treatment plan goals.

Elliott said even though the sessions are offered at a low cost, individuals sometimes face logistical barriers to counseling. To try to help reduce those barriers, the Human Development Clinic will offer transportation to the clinic — which is located on South Third Avenue near the MSU campus — as well as child programming on site while the child's or children's caregiver/s are engaged in counseling sessions.

"Additionally, we are providing a range of services to tailor what each participant in this program would benefit from — individual, couples counseling, family counseling, and/or parent/child relationship counseling," Elliott said.

According to Koltz, five to six interns work at the clinic, and in addition, she and Elliott are hoping to hire a post-master's intern who could also provide addictions counseling at the clinic.

Koltz and Elliott hope the grant and collaboration with the Gallatin County Health Department will provide benefits for both the clients and the MSU graduate counseling students.

"We hope that we can increase our ability to provide meaningful mental health services to an underserved population in the Gallatin Valley," Elliott said. "We also hope that this collaboration will provide an intensive training opportunity for our counseling interns, in-



Montana State University counseling professors Anna Elliott, left, and Rebecca Koltz are pictured outside the Human Development Clinic near MSU's Bozeman campus. (MSU PHOTO KELLY GORHAM)

creasing their exposure to working with higher-need clients so that they can serve a range of clients in our community upon graduation."

"The College of Education, Health and Human Development is committed to integrating community services with our teaching and research missions, consistent with being a land-grant university," said Alison Harmon, dean of the college. "This new project is a great example of serving the community while also serving our students and adding to the country's

knowledge base."

In addition to the new referral program, the Human Development Clinic offers counseling services upon request on a sliding fee scale for individuals and families in the Gallatin Valley. To receive a free, confidential beginning session, individuals are invited to call the Human Development Clinic at 406-994-4113.

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Montana families living in public housing now protected from secondhand smoke exposure

HELENA - There's no safe level of exposure to second-

hand smoke, and now Montana residents in public housing are protected by a new smokefree housing rule from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that goes into effect today.

"Today we're creating a healthier future for the state of Montana and our nation," said Carrie Nyssen, Senior Director of Advocacy for the American Lung Association in Montana. "Everyone deserves the opportunity to lead a healthy life. Ensuring homes are free from the risks of secondhand smoke is a critical step for the health of residents."

Secondhand smoke is a serious health threat and can linger in rooms and even travel between homes in multi-unit housing. Children and people living with lung disease such

as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease are more vulnerable to the impact of secondhand smoke.

In November 2016, HUD announced a rule requiring all federally-owned public housing to become smokefree by July 30, 2018. This rule will protect close to two million Americans nationwide from being exposed to secondhand smoke in their homes, including 690,000 children.

The American Lung Association celebrates this long-awaited health protection, following more than a decade of advocacy for the passage of the rule as well as support for the implementation of smoke-free housing policies in local public housing authorities. In Montana, it means protections for thousands of residents in

local public housing agencies.

"Today we celebrate this important step to protect health of residents in Montana, and we know we'll see the health benefits for years to come," said Nyssen.

Secondhand smoke exposure poses serious health threats to both children and adults. Damaging health effects in children and adults include lung cancer, respiratory infections, worsened asthma symptoms, heart attacks and stroke. For residents of multi-unit housing (e.g., apartment buildings and condominiums), secondhand smoke can be a major concern even if people don't smoke in your unit, as smoke can migrate from other units and common areas.

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Attorney General holds tobacco companies accountable

State recovers \$3.4 million in owed pay

HELENA — Concluding a multi-year legal battle between the state of Montana and several major tobacco manufacturers, Attorney General Tim Fox announced a settlement agreement Tuesday that ensures the tobacco companies follow through with past commitments to the state.

Since 2004, tobacco companies have disputed, withheld or refused to transfer annual payments owed to the state of Montana. The payments owed to the state were agreed to in the 1998 nationwide Master Settlement Agreement resolving multiple state lawsuits over alleged concealment and misrepresentation of information regarding adverse health impact related to use of tobacco products. As outlined in the original 1998 settlement, a portion of the annual payments by the companies to the state are intended to encourage "diligent enforcement" of a stipulated tobacco statute.

Withholding payments to state governments is a tactic collectively deployed by the same tobacco companies across the country. Montana is the only state in the nation that has not settled with the tobacco companies for a lower amount than originally owed. Additionally, Montana is the only state in the country that can litigate this issue in state court. All other MSA states must participate in a nationwide arbitration. This allows a Montana court, rather than an out-of-state arbitration panel, to judge the proceeding. The most recent settlement with the state, signed July 18 of this year, ensures the state of Montana is paid in full all funds withheld for calendar year 2004.

"Any businesses operating in Montana must be held accountable for wrongdoing," Attorney General Tim Fox said. "This settlement ensures that tobacco companies live up to the deal they agreed to two decades ago and pay in full the funds owed to the state. This is an historic agreement for the state of Montana, and I'm proud of my team for making this happen."

In total, Montana recovered \$3,367,741 in back payments and interest. Importantly, the settlement also protects and confirms

Montana's right to retain its full payment for calendar year 2004 of over \$27 million. The remaining disputed portions of the annual payments owed to the State range from \$2 million to \$5 million a year.

The funding secured by this settlement, like other MSA payments, fund important health programs including the Children's Health Insurance Program and other programs operated by the Department of Public Health and Human Services. These funds are key to supporting smoking prevention and cessation programs.

The companies involved in the settlement include: RJ Reynolds, Philip Morris, Farmer's Tobacco Company of Cynthia, Commonwealth Brands, Compañia Industrial de Tabacos Monte Paz, Daughters & Ryan, House of Prince, Japan Tobacco International U.S.A., King Maker Marketing, Kretek International, Scandinavian Tobacco Group Lane, Liggett Group, ITG Brands, Peter Stokkebye Tobaksfabrik, P.T. Djarum, Santa Fe Natural, Reemstma Cigarettenfabriken GmbH, and Wind River LLC.

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A SCHOOL DAY'S RITE OF PASSAGE: SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE

The word "change" often seems to be the word most used to portray modern life. These days, one either adapts to change or gets consumed by it. However, some things, especially as they apply to human relations, never change. Today, I was reminded of that fact as I drove past the local school and noticed several young students grappling outside the building. The boys' unrefined antics reminded me of a similar day many years ago.

As I recall, it was late summer and the school year had only recently commenced. I was 11 years-old at the time. I was walking to school with a group of other students, including one older (by four years) upperclassman that was much bigger than I was. Impulsively,

I made what I thought was an especially witty remark concerning the upperclassman's funny-looking hat.

While I was preoccupied with laughing, the towering brute fairly shot his hairy arm around my unsuspecting head and—squeezed it as hard as he could. Like a badger caught in a bear trap, I struggled heroically for release, but to no avail. After the humorless hulk relinquished his grip, the other kids were quick to point to what appeared to be a toilet seat ring around my head. Despite my scathing verbal retort, there was no denying I had just suffered public humiliation at its worst.

For weeks after, I seethed over what I thought was a wholly unwarranted overreaction to

an attempt at kidding around. Moreover, I reckoned that there were more civilized ways to settle minor differences than crass violence—especially when said violence was directed at me. Consequently, I resolved, from then on, to strike a higher path and conduct myself civilly in my dealings with others.

Then one day, a younger and smaller underclassman made an uncalled for disparaging remark concerning my physical appearance. Remembering my resolution, I ignored his provocation. Regrettably, my self-imposed pacifism only encouraged the little simpleton to hurl additional insults my way. As the situation escalated, within my mind, a battle between evil and good raged. On one hand, my human nature

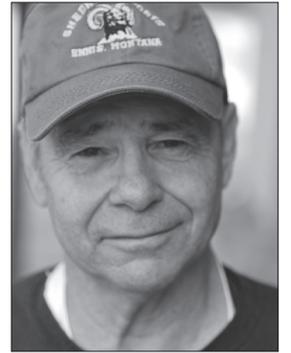
cried out for righteous retribution. At the same time, my better nature argued fiercely for adherence to my noble resolution. And so—I squeezed his head!

Next, while admiring the ring around his ruffled noggin, I justified my actions by convincing myself that fate had provided me with an irresistible opportunity to extract revenge. Better yet, as I saw things, destiny had also allowed me to reclaim my honor after suffering the identical indignity from the afore-mentioned upperclassman. Indeed, I had to admit, the brutish episode was one of the more gratifying experiences of my life to that point.

Although I didn't personally witness the event, I am certain that the underclassman who was

the recipient of my ill-mannered behavior, soon found a younger and smaller student upon whom to carry on the time-honored tradition of head-squeezing. Equally likely, by so doing, he also derived immense satisfaction. Most importantly, in the process, the lad's prestige was duly restored.

Ultimately, there's a part of me that still wishes I could find that upperclassman and return the favor. Chances are he's too old to fight me off nowadays. Regrettably though, my head-squeezing days are long past. The other morning, I struggled to squeeze an orange for juice. So, I guess it's a wound I'll carry to my grave. Even worse, as witnessed at the local school, the same school-days-rite-of-passage goes on



today. Some things never change.

Art lives in Harrison, Montana. His essays, stories, and poetry have been published in newspapers, journals, literary magazines, and on-line magazines.

COMMODITY INSITE: There's inflation, then there's inflation

BY JERRY WELCH

The Fed announced this week they would hold the course on hiking interest rates further in the months ahead.

According to MarketWatch.com. The Fed, "expects that further gradual increases in the target range for the federal funds rate will be consistent with sustained expansion of economic activity, strong labor market conditions, and inflation near the committee's symmetric 2 percent objective over the medium term."

MarketWatch.com went on to state the following. "Economists said this language pointed to another tightening in September, when Fed Chairman Jerome Powell will hold a press conference."

Needless to say, the Fed announcement was not greeted kindly by the stock and the commodity markets.

History shows there are basically three fundamental forces that can break the back of a bull market for stocks and commodities. Those three forces are a war, a recession or higher interest rates. With the Fed on course to hike rates further to keep inflation in check, there is hand wringing on Wall Street and on ranches and farms across

the nation.

Note that the Fed is bound and determined to keep year-over-year inflation at 2 percent and no higher which they believe is excessive.

However, let's take a look at some extreme examples of galloping inflation outside the United States:

- From Barron's, dated July, 25, by Randall Forsyth, one of my favorite writers – with a headline that blares, "The Venezuelan Stock Market's on Fire as Inflation Heads to 1,000,000 percent, Mr Forsyth wrote, "It may be forgiven if you missed this bull market, but consider that stocks in Venezuela are up over 73,000 percent in the past year. A large part of that rocket ride is due to hyperinflation, which is estimated recently to be at over 46,000 percent, but could accelerate to 1,000,000 percent."

- No doubt, there is big difference between inflation at 2 percent compared to what Mr. Forsyth wrote about where Venezuelan inflation "could accelerate to 1,000,000 percent." But looking back on history consider the following from "Haunted By Markets in a chapter entitled, "Inflation Indeed!" that I composed on November 28, 2008.

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I wrote, "In Zimbabwe, Africa inflation remains a dragon to slay. According Steve H. Hanke, Professor of Applied Economics at the John Hopkins University and Senior Fellow at the Cato Institute, Zimbabwe is the first country in the 21st century to hyperinflate. Mr. Hanke writes, 'In February 2007, Zimbabwe's inflation rate topped 50 percent per month, the minimum rate required to qualify as a hyperinflation (50 percent per month is equal to a 12,875 percent per year). Since then, inflation has soared.'

I went on to state in the same chapter. "As of November 14, 2008, Zimbabwe's annual inflation rate was 89.7 sextillion percent. Here is what the figure 89.7 sextillion looks like and keep in mind that it is a percentage rise in inflation: 89,700,000,000,000,000,000,000 percent. Inflation indeed!"

- According to Wikipedia the worst case of hyperinflation took place in Hungary right after WW II in July, 1946 where prices were doubling every 15.3 hours which projected a yearly rate of 41,900,000,000,000,000 percent." Even in Zimbabwe in November '08 prices were, "only" dou-

bling every 24.7 hours. Inflation indeed!

- On the bright side, there are numerous quotes about inflation. Here are a few. "Inflation is taxation without legislation." Milton Friedman. "Law of inflation: whatever goes up will go up some more." Anonymous. "The best way to destroy the capitalist system is to debauch the currency. By a continuing process of inflation, governments can confiscate, secretly and unobserved, an important part of the wealth of their citizens." John Maynard Keynes." Inflation is bringing us true democracy. For the first time in history, luxuries and necessities are selling at the same price." Robert Orben.

If you are interested in the history of markets and the impact inflation can have on the Big Four: stocks, bonds, currencies and commodities check out, "Haunted By Markets." Simply go to www.commodityinsite.com and look around. And please take note of the special offer for those that purchase my book.

And by the way. An employment report was released today and it showed the 12 month rate of wage gains unchanged at 2.7 percent. But even those modest gains were devoured by rising inflation of 2 percent or less. Imagine!

Schools shouldn't separate students by age

Maybe there was value in one room schoolhouses

By Siri Fiske

Imagine a company that keeps entry-level workers separate from more senior employees. One team consists exclusively of 22-year-old new hires, another of 45-year-old middle managers, and a third of 60-year-old senior vice presidents. No inter-team collaboration allowed.

Such a setup would be a terrible business decision. Upper management would operate in a bubble with zero feedback. And younger employees would suf-

fer from a lack of mentorship.

No one would ever structure a company this way. Yet it's exactly how we organize our schools. Segregating students based on age makes little sense. If we instead taught in multi-age classrooms, kids could advance at their own pace, learn from each other, and adapt to the work settings they'll encounter in the real world.

Age hasn't always dictated classroom setups. Until the industrial revolution, most classrooms accommodated children of all ages. In fact, teachers often trained older children to instruct younger pupils. These student "monitors" helped a limited number of teachers manage the classroom.

But schools ultimately changed to match the industrial revolution's factory-like

aesthetic. Much as workers performed different tasks in sectioned-off areas of a factory, students learned age-specific material in age-segregated classrooms.

This sort of separation no longer exists in the working world. It's time for schools to change too.

Clustering students by age harms pupils who perform well-above or well-below grade level. According to a recent Center for American Progress survey, 36 percent of fourth graders said their math homework was "often" or "almost always" too easy. And 14 percent said their math homework was "never" too easy.

Mixed-age classrooms make it easier to group kids according to the skills they've mastered.

These classroom setups also

offer social advantages. Children in mixed-age classes are more likely to volunteer and less likely to exhibit aggressive behavior. A recent study in the *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* found that students with mixed-grade friendships are less lonely.

Kids in mixed-age classrooms thrive academically. "Students from multi-age classrooms achieved greater academic outcomes in relation to their abilities and demonstrated greater increases in academic achievement than students of the same and higher abilities from single-age classrooms," according to a research digest from the University of Illinois.

It might seem that mixed-age classrooms would hold back high-achieving older students, who have to wait for

their younger or less experienced counterparts to learn new material. But in a well-designed classroom, different students or groups of students could be working on different tasks during the same class period. And older students actually benefit from mentoring their younger peers.

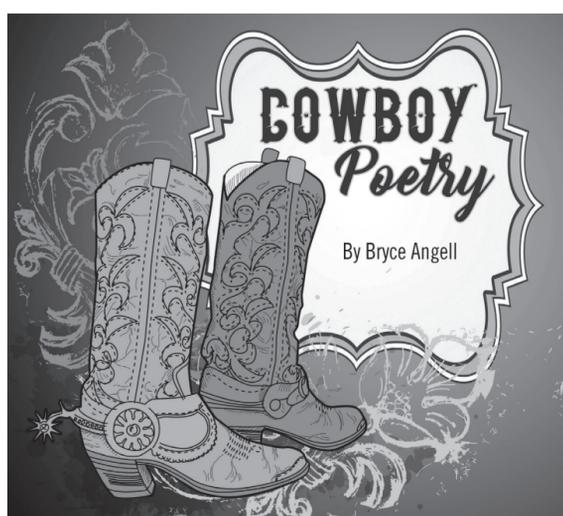
When they are expected to relay knowledge to others, students work harder to understand and retain information -- a phenomenon known as the "protégé effect." In a recent study in the journal *Memory & Cognition*, researchers asked one group of participants to learn a passage for a test. They asked another group to learn a passage they'd have to teach to others. Participants who thought they would have to teach the passage recalled the material more easily

and performed better when tested.

When schools stop letting age dictate their classroom rosters, students surpass expectations. One student entered my school, Mysa School, at what other institutions assumed to be a second-grade-level. Our ability-centered curriculum catapulted that student into third-grade-level math and middle school-level language arts in just six months.

Grouping kids by age stifles social and academic potential. It's time for educators to realize that, in the classroom, age really is just a number.

Siri Fiske is the founder and head of Mysa School. This piece originally ran in the Houston Chronicle.



Cowboy pocketknife

I opened up my pocket knife and cut a piece of cheese. The blade was sharp enough to shave and sliced the cheese with ease.

My good wife asked me, "Have you ever washed your knife with soap?" I slightly hesitated, then I answered with a "Nope!"

And then she said, "I wonder what your knife's been in today?" I had to think a minute, but as far as I could say,

"Old Cyruss had a sore that oozed a tiny bit of pus. So, I

sliced it with my pocket knife. There ain't no need to fuss.

"Cuz I wiped the blade across my shirt between the spurts of goo. That sore had built up pressure, squirted out from here to you.

"I cut a month of corks and tails from both the mane and tail. You better take a load off hon. You're lookin' mighty pale.

"The sliver that was festerin' alongside my big toe, well I dug it with my pocket knife. There ain't much left to show.

"And talk about my toe, I got a nasty case of gout. But still opened up my pocket knife and cleaned my toenails out.

"I'd have to say in my lifetime ain't found a better tool. And if you've never had a knife, well maybe you're the fool.

"My father gave me my first knife when I turned eight years old. The finest gift I'd ever had, meant more to me than gold.

"I never leave the house

without my pocket knife at hand. To me it's more than just a knife. No need to understand.

"So, don't you fret none 'bout my knife. I know you think it's rank. But I soaked it deep in alcohol. The brand your uncle drank.

"And if you're wonderin' did I throw your uncle's booze away? Well, I did one even better, chugged the last drop down today.

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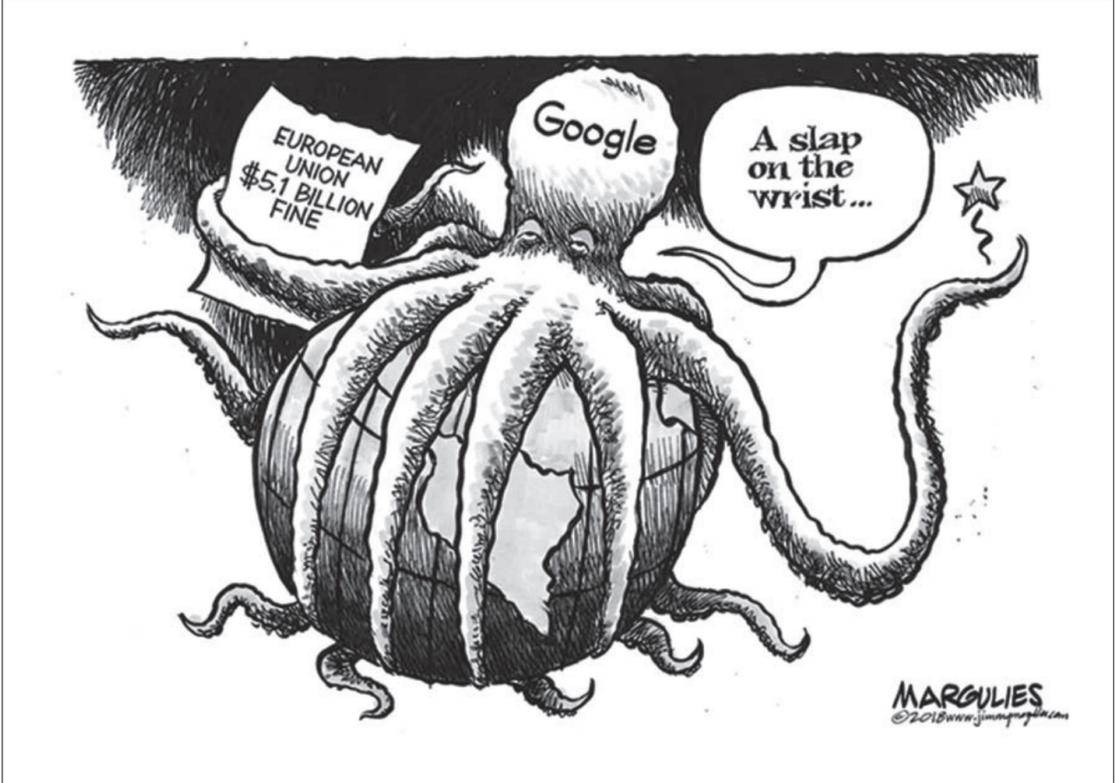
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 This is a great opportunity to work in a personal healthcare setting. Excellent Pay Government retirement. Benefits including life and health insurance, Paid holidays, vacation, and sick leave. If you are interested in a rewarding career, Madison Valley Manor is the place. Please contact Jayne Forsythe at 682-7271 for more information or the online employment page at www.madisoncountymt.gov EOE

Ennis Town Pump has expanded to better serve the Ennis community. To fill this need, we are hiring in the following positions; assistant manager, grocery merchandiser, bookkeeper, and cashiers. These are full-time positions with full-time benefits. We offer a generous 401(k), profit sharing, flex accounts, health insurance, dental and vision plans, life insurance, paid vacation, education assistance and more. To start your career with Town Pump, call 682-7439 or apply online at townpump.com.

Silvertip Lodge
 Housekeeper wanted for season part time. 3-5 hours per day, seven days a week depending on work load through hunting season. The hours could be split up if I find more than one person. Weekends are a must. This is also a potential opportunity to pick up some winter hours which would be very flexible and put a few hundred bucks in your pocket per month if not more through May. The successful candidate earns \$10/\$15 hr DOE. If this fits your schedule please call 406-599-8754.

HIRING: Madison Square Athletic Club is looking for a part-time afternoon gym attendant. Please call Jamie at 581-9219 or stop by the gym and visit with Kelley if you are interested.

MADISON VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER
 Madison Valley Medical Center seeks Patient Registration Position. Applicants to complete an employment application and submit a resume to careers@mvmedcenter.org or call Madison Valley Medical Center at 682-6862.

Hay Camp Ranch in Jeffers, MT is looking for a dependable full time ranch hand. This position requires someone who is self-starting, has the ability to take direction and be willing to work in all conditions. Qualifications include calving experience, the ability to care for and treat animals, horse experience, fence repair, and knowledge of modern haying equipment. Wages DOE.
 Apply by sending your resume to Hay Camp Ranch at 10 Windy Pass Lane, Ennis, MT 59729 or contact us at 406-579-9708.

Substitute Teacher Meeting Ennis School
 Ennis Schools will have a meeting for any individuals interested in substitute teaching for the 2018-2019 school year on Monday, August 20th at 1 p.m. in the high school lobby. If you need any further information contact Superintendent, Casey Klasna at 682-4258.

Maples Coffee is looking for experienced, fun, hardworking team members. Apply at the store. We're hiring.

Volunteer Firefighters Wanted
 Looking for a rewarding experience this summer? Need money for college?
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 be1ofus.org
 mtfrehire@gmail.com
 Facebook: montana fire hire

FOR RENT

1 BR Duplex for rent downtown Ennis. W/D included, pets negotiable. \$500 per month plus deposit. Avail. June 15.
 406-270-0910
 28-TFC-B

For Rent - Lone Elk Mall: Retail/office unit, 2000 sq ft, \$700/month plus utilities and maintenance dues. 640-1351.
 47-tfc-b

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 Near assisted living and new hospital in Sheridan.
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 Virginia City, 3 Bedroom, 1 bath. Available Sept. 1. \$950 per month. For information call 406-579-8888

BARKER VILLAGE APARTMENTS:
 1 bedroom unfurnished apartments available in Ennis. A/C, washer/dryer equipped, private location. 1 year lease, \$650 per month plus security deposit, utilities included, non-smoking, no dogs. Call Erich Vogeli, Manager at 406-682-5737.
 15-tfc

BARKER VILLAGE APARTMENTS:
 1 bedroom furnished apartments available in Ennis. A/C, washer/dryer equipped, private location. 4 month lease, \$700 per month plus security deposit, utilities included, non-smoking, no dogs. Call Erich Vogeli, Manager at 406-682-5737.
 15-tfc

PETERSON'S DISCOUNT STORAGE
 Indoor & Outdoor RV/Boat storage, storage units. Ennis, 581-9254
 18-tfc-b

MADISON MANAGEMENT
 Vacation and Long Term Rentals
 570-5401
 www.madisonmanagement.com
 22-tfc

14' x 48' storage unit. 12' x 14' doors. \$165 per month. Call Bob 925-1362
 47-tfc-b

Shop for rent in Sheridan. Highway 287 frontage. New building 32 x 44, roll up door, restroom. References required. 750.00 per month. Call 842.5936
 28-TFC-B

Sheridan apartment for rent 1 bedroom, W/D in unit \$420/month, no pets
 Call 406-596-4495
 35-tfc-b

FOR SALE

MOVING SALE
 6 ft. grand piano \$4,595 Piano keyboard \$695. Misc. furniture, recumbent bike & XLGlider, 2 sets M/S tires on rims P215/75R15, Montana antiques, Call 406-579-8411.

For Sale:
 Vice - Reed Mfg 96 lbs 5 inch jaws, 8 inch opening. \$250
 Call 317-514-1323

SALE Gary Carter Gallery 170 Loop Lane on the North Shore of Hebgen Lake. Specials on art, artifacts and furniture. Call for an appointment 406-646-9390

2007 Classic Chevy Silverado 2500HD, 4x4 Extended Cab. Original owner. 201,000 miles with Snug-Top Shell. Excellent condition. \$8500.
 Call 406-200-1364.

GARAGE SALES

Yard Sale
 August 17-19, 8 am to 7 pm
 353 Shining Mountains Loop Road
 Near Fish Hatchery
 Freezer, gas stove, dryers, household, clothes and lots more.

Piecemakers of the Madison presents the first **Quilters Yard Sale**
 Sat. August 11, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Ennis Senior Center
 Fabulous fabrics, finished quilts, featherweight singer machines, books, etc.
 Great prices on everything. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Senior Center. Come and see our beautiful Quilts of Valor, learn more about this wonderful program and how you can be a sponsor.

Moving Sale & Garage Sale, Multi homes
 Kitchen and Fishing equipment, art, clothes, tools, books, toys, furniture, misc. items.
 Saturday & Sunday
 August 11 & 12
 9 am to 2 pm
 96 Vista Grandé Rd., Off Moore's Creek Rd.
 Follow Signs.

Yard Sale
 Furniture, guns, household, jewelry, miscellaneous
 210 S. Madison Street,
 Twin Bridges
 Friday and Saturday, August 10-11, 9-4

SERVICES

Madison Valley Caring & Sharing
 Hours:
 Mon. Noon-2:00 p.m.
 Sat. 9-11:00 a.m.
 Wed. 5-7 p.m.
 Lone Elk Mall, Unit 4.
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REQ. FOR BIDS

REQUEST FOR BIDS: Sheridan School District No. 5 is accepting sealed bids, until August 14, 2018, for a Cub Cadet lawn mower with rear bagger (\$2,000 reserve bid).
 Items are being sold on an "as-is, where-is" basis. Written bids must be submitted by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 to: Sheridan School District, PO Box 586, Sheridan, MT 59749. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked. Bids will be opened at the Sheridan School on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, read and recorded.

STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS

Ad #262
 Real Estate- Northwest Montana - Company owned. Small and large acre parcels. Private. Trees and meadows. National Forest boundaries. Tungsten-holdings.com (406) 293-3714

Ad #263
 Bar + Restaurant Building for sale. 2441 Main Street, Worden, MT 59088. 3800 sq. ft. commercial space. Kitchen w/3 hoods,

8x10 walk-in cooler, RV mobile hookup. Location is pre approved for immediate temporary liquor consumption while waiting for your new license. New Yellowstone County all beverage license is available, cost approximately \$900 (nine hundred). Building +Land - \$133,000. (406) 698-8033.

Ad #264
 One of the prettiest places in Montana. Approximately 4 acres, 2,700 sq.ft. home, including 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with benefits of town living. (406) 538-8460.

Ad #265
 Authentic Timber Framed Barns. Residential and Commercial Timber Packages. Full Service Design - Build Since 1990. (406) 581-3014 brett@bitterrootgroup.com, www.bitterroottimberframes.com

Ad #266
STREET/SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT - City of Spearfish. Oversee streets, motor pool and solid waste departments. To apply please visit www.cityofspearfish.com under the employment page.

Ad #267
 Ranch Foreman wanted: Montana Mexican John Ranch (200 pair cattle operation) located 6 miles West of Harlowton, MT is looking for a ranch foreman. Irrigation done with pivots. We are looking for cattle & farming knowledge. Mechanical & welding skills a plus. Must have experience in managing a cow/calf operation including calving, managing cattle grazing, feeding, shots, vaccinating, sorting, penning, moving, winter-feeding, vet care and branding. Regarding farming, must operate, maintain, & repair farm equipment, machinery, tools, and equipment (tractors, loaders, swathers, sprayers, backhoes, skid steers, and excavator). Regarding hay production (185 irrigated and 230 acres dryland). Additional work will include maintenance and repair of fences. Must communicate via email/text and must have a smart phone to communicate with ranch manager & ranch owner. Must pass criminal/ drug background check and have valid driver's license with no restrictions. Must relocate to Harlowton, MT vicinity. Salary depends on experience. Email resume to Steve Coale (ranch owner) at: scoale@apsec.com . Cell: (281) 451-8243.



The children of Arnie and Mary Rosdahl wish to invite you to join in the celebration of their parent's 60th Anniversary on August 18, 2018, at the El Western Conference Center in Ennis. 2 pm to 5 pm. Requested no gifts, please.

MADISON COUNTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Madison Valley Manor, Ennis**
- Certified Nurse's Assistant/Aide-Full-time or Part-time
 - Housekeeping/Laundry-Full-time
 - Dietary/Aide/Cook-Full-time/Part-time
 - RN/LPN-Full-time or Part-time

- Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center, Sheridan**
- Certified Nurse's Assistant/Aide-Full-time or Part-time
 - Housekeeping/Laundry-Full-time
 - RN/LPN-Full-time or Part-time

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

AUGUST 9, 2018

NOTICE OF FINAL BUDGET MEETING

On Wednesday, August 15, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. the Ennis School District 52 Board of Trustees will meet in the Ennis High School Room #3 for the purpose of considering and adopting the final budget of the district. The regular August meeting will also be conducted at that time. The trustees' budget meeting may be continued from day-to-day until adoption of the final budget no later than August 25th. Any taxpayer may appear at the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget. For further information please contact: Casey Klasna, Superintendent, P.O. Box 517, Ennis, MT 59729 (406-682-4258). Pub. July 26, Aug 2, 9 2018)es MNAFLP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF: VICTORIA J. KELLY, Deceased. Cause No. DP-29-2018-14

That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to CHERYL S. WADE, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 430 S. Main Street, Camp Hill, Alabama 36850, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

Dated: June 26, 2018 /s/ CHERYL S. WADE Personal Representative STATE OF ALABAMA

ss COUNTY OF Lee

CHERYL S. WADE, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:

That she has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of her knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana.

/s/ CHERYL S. WADE Personal Representative

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 26 day of June, 2018.

/s/ Melinda Sykes Notary Public for the State of Alabama Residing at: Lee County, AL My Commission expires: January 23, 2021 (SEAL)

Personal Representative's Attorney: Karen McMullin Post Office Box 55 Ennis, MT 59729 Telephone: (406) 682-7878 Pub. Aug 2, 9, 16, 2018)km MNAFLP

INVITATION FOR BIDS:

Sealed bids will be accepted at the Madison County Commissioners' Office, P.O. Box 278, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City, Montana, until 1:00 PM on August 21, 2018, for acquisition and delivery of one 2018 or newer Motor Grader to Madison County. Please contact the Commissioners' Office at (406) 843-4277 or email madco@madisoncountymt.gov for bid specifications and terms. Bids will be opened at the regular Commissioners' meeting in Virginia City on August 21, 2018, at 1:00 PM. Pub. Aug 2, 9, 2018) mcc MNAFLP

INVITATION FOR BIDS:

The Madison County Solid Waste District will be accepting sealed bids until August 14, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. for (1) one new heavy duty diesel truck and (2) one new hook system for hauling forty (40) yard containers.

Truck and hook system may be a separate bid or combined. If combined, the bidder must show individual prices for each item. Bidders may bid on one or both items. Truck and hook system shall meet or exceed the minimum re-

quirements and specifications. Delivery must be made within 90 days of bid acceptance. All bids must be sealed and marked (1) Bid for Heavy Duty Diesel Truck or (2) Bid for Hook System. Madison County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all portions of bids and/or waive any or all irregularities in bids. Please contact the Sanitarian's Office at (406) 843-4275, email sanitarian@madisoncountymt.gov, or visit our website at www.madisoncountymt.gov for bid specifications and terms. Bids will be opened at the regular Madison County Commission meeting on August 14, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the Madison County Administration Building, 103 West Wallace St., Virginia City, Montana. PM. Pub. Aug 2, 9, 2018) mcs MNAFLP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

NOTICE IS GIVEN That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to STEPHEN K. SJOBERG, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, in care of his attorney, Ashley Burleson, of Crowley Fleck PLLP, 1915 South 19th Ave., PO BOX 10969, Bozeman, MT, 59719 or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

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

ss COUNTY OF GALLATIN

STEPHEN K. SJOBERG, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:

That he has read the foregoing and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of his knowledge and belief, which he believes to be true.

/s/ STEPHEN K. SJOBERG Personal Representative

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 11 day of July, 2018.

/s/ ASHLEY BURLESON Notary Public for the State of Alabama Residing in: Bozeman, Monana My Commission expires: November 12, 2018 (SEAL)

Pub. Aug 9, 16, 23, 2018)cf MNAFLP

NOTICE OF FINAL BUDGET MEETING

On the second Tuesday in August (August 14, 2018), 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). Pub. August 9, 2018) ss MNAFLP

PUBLIC NOTICE

JDL CONSTRUCTION CO., VS

NANETTE FLOWERS, also known as Nanette Lambertson, and JASON T. FLOWERS; TUESDAY CLARK; WEST ELECTRIC, INC., a Montana corporation; The MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF REVE-

NUE; and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendants, TO BE SOLD AT Sheriff's Sale on the 29th day of August, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. on the front steps of the Madison County Courthouse, 100 W. Wallace Street, Virginia City, Madison County, Montana, the following described property: The North 41 feet of Lot 1 in Block 9 of the Townsite of Sheridan, Montana, according to the Amended Plat of the Survey of the Town of Sheridan, as previously recorded in Book 217, page 279, records of Madison County, Montana. Dated this 2nd day of August, 2018. /s/ ROGER THOMPSON, SHERIFF OF MADISON COUNTY Pub. August 9, 16, 23 2018) mcsd MNAFLP

NOTICE OF FOREST MANAGEMENT DECISION

SOFTWOOD PRODUCTS AND BIOMASS FOR SALE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, SEALED BIDS hereinafter designated to be received by the Field Office Manager or her authorized representative, at the Dillon Field Office, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana 59725, up to and no later than 2:00 pm MST on Thursday, September 6, 2018. GIBBS CREEK TIMBER SALE: IN MADISON COUNTY: MONTANA: PUBLIC DOMAIN LAND: All timber marked or otherwise designated for cutting on certain Federal Lands in Section 14, T5S, R3W P.M.M., estimated for purposes of this sale to be 4,025 tons of Softwood Products and 500 green tons of Biomass. No sealed bid for less than \$24,155.00 will be considered. Minimum required bid deposit with bid is \$2,500.00. The right is hereby reserved to waive technical defects in this advertisement and to reject any and all bids. The United States reserves the right to waive any informality in bids received whenever such waiver is in the interest of the United States. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the Softwood Products and Biomass, conditions of sale, and the submission of bids, should be obtained from the Dillon Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana 59725. This sale notice, first published on August 8, 2018, constitutes the decision document for purposes of protest under 43 CFR Subpart 5003-Administrative Remedies. Protests of this sale must be filed at the Dillon Field Office within 15 days after the first publication of this notice. As interpreted by the BLM, the regulations do not authorize the acceptance of protests in any form other than a written hard copy that is delivered to the physical address of the advertising BLM office. The contract is available to the public and interested bidders at the Dillon Field Office. Pub. Aug 9, 16, 2018) dblm MNAFLP

LIMITED SOLICITATION - MLIA GRANT - MADISON COUNTY PLSS CADNSDI ENHANCEMENT

7/31/2018 Representative: Tommy Luksha Email: TLuksha@MadisonCountyMT.gov Phone: 406-843-4242

Grant application: http://docs.msl.mt.gov/MLIAC/FY2019/FY2019_MadisonCounty.pdf Madison County Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is soliciting qualifications for professional services to support the Madison County PLSS CadNSDI Enhancement project. The contracted work will include obtaining 50 section corner and quarter section corner mapping control points for the areas in/near the town sites of Pony, Laurin, Alder and Harrison. Surveyors should have knowledge of the project area, and be interested in providing the following services as part of the Montana Land Information Act (MLIA) grant as awarded to Madison County: Obtain section corner and quarter section corner mapping control points (50 total) for the areas of the town sites of Pony (12 con-

trol points), Laurin (10 control points), Alder (14 control points), and Harrison (14 control points). Madison County has been awarded a \$26,000 MLIA grant for this work. Written responses are to be received by 5 p.m., MDT, on August 14, 2018 in the Madison County GIS Office, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, and email: TLuksha@MadisonCountyMT.gov Madison County reserves the right to award a contract to a firm or any combination of firms/individuals that would be in the best interest of the county. Contract award will be based upon qualifications as listed below.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF THE PROJECT TEAM, FIRM, OR INDIVIDUAL

All statements of qualifications must be signed by a representative that is authorized to commit bidder's company and must remain valid for a period of 60 days. Qualifications will be evaluated based on:

- A. Staff competence, including detailed resumes or biographies.
- B. Minimum of 5 years of experience in performing survey work.
- C. Possession of a current land surveying license in the state of Montana.
- D. Current liability insurance of \$250,000 minimum.
- E. Minimum of 3 professional references with email address and telephone numbers provided.

Desirable qualifications include:

- A. Familiarity with MLIA grant funded projects
- B. Experience working with public agencies and offices.
- C. Experience with similar projects.

All terms and conditions will be subject to negotiation.

PROJECT TIMELINES

Responses will be evaluated within 1 week of the submittal deadline. The project is to be completed 3 months after Notice to Proceed.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

In cooperation with Madison County the chosen firm/individual will: A more specific description of the work to be performed is available at: http://madisoncountymt.gov/242/Geographic-Information-Systems-GIS

- A. Research and compile recorded corner records, plats, survey data, and other relevant document for points within the survey areas.
- B. Incorporate data into a reference map.
- C. Develop general purpose maps and documents for the project as needed.
- D. Required notice to parcel owners of lawful access:

At least 15 days before the desired date of entry to land, a professional land surveyor shall give notice to the owner of the land, by certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice must contain the following information:

- (i) The identity of the person for whom the survey is being performed;
- (ii) The purpose for which the survey is being performed;
- (iii) The name of the employer of the professional land surveyor;
- (iv) The identity of the professional land surveyor;
- (v) The dates, times, and location of entry to the land, including the estimated number of entries;
- (vi) Timetable for completion of the survey, including an estimated completion date; and
- (vii) Statement requesting the land-

owner to provide the surveyor with the name of each person who occupies the land as a tenant or lessee.

- E. Assist with site-specific field maps for the included regions.
- F. Provide the following data for each point:

- a. Point Data
- b. Project Data
- c. Surveyor Data
- d. Photo Data

PROPOSAL SUBMITTALS

Registered Land Surveyors interested in performing these services are asked to submit one hard copy and one electronic copy of the proposal with the following information:

- A. Cover letter with:
 - a. Name, license number, contact information for individuals proposed to work on the project.
 - b. Brief description of firm and individuals related experience.
- B. The body of the proposal is not to exceed 8 pages and is to include:
 - i. Project manager and essential staff biographies as they relate to the project.
 - ii. Short description of experience in providing the services.

Proposals are to be received in the Madison County GIS or Commissioners office by 5 p.m., MDT, on August 14, 2018. Proposals may be mailed to Madison County GIS, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755, emailed to: TLuksha@MadisonCountyMT.gov, or delivered to the Madison County Commissioners at: 103 W. Wallace St., Virginia City, Montana or faxed to: 406-843-5517 Pub. Aug 9, 2018) mcgms MNAFLP

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CARDWELL from B1: Reunion of alumni celebrates 100 years of the school



Tom Carey, Cardwell School's oldest living alumnus, graduated from 8th grade in 1947. He attended the school's centennial on Aug. 4 with wife Helen, granddaughter Katherine Smith and great granddaughter Taylor, along with other members of their extended family. (R. COLYER)

The gathering also held a bittersweet note, as attendees honored the memory of Lou Ann Masinelli, who had taught at Cardwell for 30 years. She had been one of the largest contributors to the centennial celebration and worked tirelessly toward its preparation until passing away in May. She was on the minds of many as they celebrated Cardwell's history. "If only Lou Ann could see all this," says Sally Kreis with a smile. "This whole thing was her brainchild."

For most of Saturday, alumni, family and friends of Cardwell School shared memories, food, laughter and photographs in celebration of the institution.

Arguably, none had more memories than Tom Carey, the school's oldest living graduate, who finished the eighth grade in 1947. Four generations of the Carey family attended the centennial, from Tom and his wife, Helen, to their granddaughter, Katherine Smith and their great-granddaughter, Taylor, who isn't quite old enough yet to attend Cardwell herself. All eight of Tom and Helen's children attended Cardwell School.

Hundreds of people from all over the state—and outside Montana—came to honor Cardwell.

One thing is for certain: if the community remains as tight-knit and supportive as it has been for its first hundred years, the school will still be thriving through its second hundred.

Be safe on Montana's waters this summer

HELENA - As the summer heats up, boaters, floaters and swimmers are hitting the water to cool down. Montana's many rivers, lakes and reservoirs offer plenty of fun, but it's important to remember to be safe while enjoying the water.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that drowning is the fifth leading cause of unintentional injury/death for people of all ages; also, that - potentially - half of all boating deaths could be prevented with the use of life jackets. The CDC also states that among children 14 and under, drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury/death (after motor vehicle crashes).

Parental/adult supervision alone is not enough to prevent water accidents when swimming, boating and floating in Montana's many bodies of water. Using the proper size and type of life jacket is crucial for all swimmers to be safe while recreating.

"It's critical for everyone to wear the proper-sized life jacket when recreating on the water," said FWP Boat Education Coordinator Sara Smith. "A jacket that is too big can easily slip off."

To properly fit a life jacket, hold your arms straight up over your head and ask a friend to grasp the tops of the arm openings and gently pull up. Make sure there is no excess room above the openings and that the jacket does not ride up

over your chin or face. Here are additional tips to keep you safe when you're on the water:

- Make sure an adult is constantly watching children swimming or playing in or around the water. Have children playing near water wear life jackets as there may be steep drop-offs you are unaware of.

- Don't consider your children to be "drown-proof" because you enrolled them in swimming class. A child who falls into water unexpectedly may panic and forget learned swimming skills.

- Always swim with a buddy. Never swim alone or unsupervised.

- Know the local weather conditions and forecast before swimming or boating. Strong winds and thunderstorms with lightning strikes are dangerous to swimmers and boaters.

- Don't use air-filled or foam toys, such as water-wings, noodles, or inner-tubes, in place of life jackets. These are toys and are not designed to keep a swimmer safe.

- When boating, children under 12 years of age must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket, but it is recommended that everyone on the boat wears a life jacket.

- Jumping from cliffs or bridges is dangerous because of shallow water, submerged rocks, trees, or other hazards. Never dive head-first.

- Never drink alcohol before or while swimming or boating. Never drink alcohol while supervising children.

For more information about boating safety, contact FWP Boat Education Coordinator Sara Smith at 406-444-9948, sarsmith@mt.gov.

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Ruby Valley Food Pantry -
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Our mission is to Love Jesus, Love
People, and Reach the Valley.

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8:00 A.M. AT ST. PATRICK'S IN ENNIS
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Pastor
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Wednesday Nights:
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Home: (406) 842-7732
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Sheridan
Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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AREA SENIOR MEALS

Ennis Senior Center

315 W Main Street; Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Reservations 682-4422 To help us plan, please call at least 24 hours in advance for meal delivery or if you plan to dine in.
- Friday, Aug. 10 - Shrimp basket, fries & slaw, dessert, pinocle at 12:45 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 13 - Chicken Caesar wrap, fruit, dessert, mahjong at 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 14 - Ravioli & garlic bread, salad, dessert, play pan at 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 15 - Pot roast & mashers, veggies, dessert, mahjong at 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 16 - Broccoli cheese soup, garlic bread, happy birthday cake.

Ruby Valley Food Pantry, Sheridan

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

Meals on Wheels, Sheridan

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

Virginia City Café

Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on Tuesday & Thursdays from 11 am to 3 pm for \$4.00.
- Tuesday, Aug. 14 - BLT, macaroni, salad, dessert
- Thursday, Aug. 16 - Pork loin chop with au gratin potato, veggie, dessert.

Twin Bridges Senior Center

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

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WED. - 7:30 p.m., Trinity Church in Jeffers
FRI. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking
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843-5352 Virginia City



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ENNIS FAMILY and FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP
100 Prairie Way, Ennis (599-3659)
For those who have a loved one struggling with any type of addiction
Tuesdays ~ 5 p.m.

OUTPOSTEVENTS.NET

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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

Books and Babies, Ennis
Madison Valley Public Library, 10:30 a.m. 682-7244

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

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

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

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

FRIDAYS

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

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

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Live Music - Norris
7 p.m.

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

Thursday, Aug. 9
Book Club: Justice, Ennis
The Ennis Book Club will be discussing "Justice: What is the Right Thing to Do?" by Michael Sandel. This book is required reading for incoming freshmen at Montana State University this fall. Presentation at 1 p.m. followed by discussion, at the Madison Valley Public Library.

Wildlife Speaker Series, Lima
Join us for the fourth of our annual Summer Speaker Series! We'll kick off at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck dinner at the Lima School, so bring a dish to share. Speaker Matt Bell at 7:30, followed by an optional bat walk at 9 p.m. Contact Kara at 715-681-0975 or Quincey at 682-3437.

"Pluck and Stamina: The Life of Eve Cameron." Virginia City
Evelyn Flower Cameron traded a life of English wealth and privilege for a homestead cabin in the badlands of eastern Montana. She soon learned glass-plate photography and produced some of the first photographs of North American birds. Historic interpreter Mary Jane Bradbury brings Evelyn

to life through living history and a look at some of her photographs. Admission by donation and open to the public. 7 p.m. at the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center.

Friday, Aug. 10
Virginia City Art Show, Virginia City
Stroll along the boardwalks and through the Community Center on the corner of Idaho & Van Buren streets to enjoy the work of artists from all over Montana and the Pacific Northwest. Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-7 and Sunday 10-4. Call 406-834-5555 for information.

Saturday, Aug. 11
Madison Valley Arts Festival, Ennis
The Ennis Arts Association is holding their 23rd annual arts festival! In addition to the 54 juried artist booths, there will be live entertainment, delicious food, face painting and an art raffle from 10-5 at Peter T's Park. Visit ennisarts.org for more information.

Piecemakers of the Madison Quilters Yard Sale, Ennis
Fabulous fabrics, finished quilts, featherweight singer machines, books, etc. Great prices on everything. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Senior Center. Come and see our beautiful Quilts of Valor, learn more about this wonderful program and how you can be a sponsor. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Ennis Senior Center.

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

Sunday, Aug. 12
You Knew Me When, Ennis
Husband and wife indie folk-rock duo You Knew Me When is hitting the road with their latest album "Into the Looking Glass," and will be performing at Willie's Distillery 312 Main Street at 2 p.m. No cover charge!

Monday Aug. 13
American Legion Monthly Meeting, Ennis
The American Legion Ennis branch will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. at the Legion office on First Street. All are welcome.

Tuesday, Aug. 14
Idaho Old Time Fiddlers, Virginia City
The Idaho Old Time Fiddlers started in 1962. They play for nursing homes, assisted living centers, local community events and private parties. Come enjoy the evening at the Elling House Arts & Humanities Center with wonderful music and good fun. Admission by donation and open to the public. Concert at 4 p.m.

Thurston Insurance Ribbon Cutting, Ennis
Formerly Jack Daugherty Insurance, Thurston Family Insurance is opening its doors to meet community

members. This family-run business is excited to meet and network with the community! 5 p.m. at 201 E. Main Street.

Wildlife Speaker Series, Laurin
Join us at the Woodson Ranch Visitor Center for the next event in the 6th annual Wildlife Speaker Series. At 5:30, there will be a potluck dinner (we'll provide meat & beverages) and we will host a speaker at 7:00. The topic this year is Trout, and we will be discussing it in the context of local agriculture. Directions: Go 2 miles north of Laurin bridge on Ruby River Drive—visitor center is on your right. Contact dave@rubyhabitat.org for more information.

Sheridan American Legion Meeting
American Legion Post 89 will meet at the Post building, 6 p.m.

SHERIDAN

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 14
7 p.m.
Media Tech Center
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Thurs. 8/30, Gravel Bar, Ennis, 6:00-8:00 pm
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