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COPP rules Schulz violated campaign finance law

Schulz campaign filed finance forms past deadline

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On Sept. 22, 2016, Commissioner of Political Practices Jonathan Motl ruled Madison County Commissioner Dave Schulz had a campaign practice act violation by failing to report and disclose expenses and contributions involved in his campaign for election to public office in this year's primary election.

Motl's ruling said Schulz's campaign did not "timely" file campaign finance reports once more than \$500 was spent on the campaign. Motl's office informed Schulz on June 28, 2016, of his failure to file, and his treasurer responded by filing a campaign finance report on July 18, 2016.

"He reported prior to any complaint being filed, which in the COPP's mind, is important," said Motl.

Jane Yecny of Sheridan filed the complaint with the COPP on Sept. 15, 2016.

Yecny requested not to be quoted, citing confusion about confidentiality requirements in the complaint filing document.

In the ruling, Motl found there were sufficient facts to show Schulz did not timely file the campaign finance report due June 27, 2016, but instead late filed the report by 21 days.

"The commissioner notes that (Schulz's) campaign finance reports were current at the date the complaint was filed," the ruling states. "The commissioner further notes that (Schulz's) corrective late filing stemmed solely from a reminder from the COPP's staff. These will factor in the mitigation of the fine assessed in this matter."

According to Motl, all violations are referred to the county attorney – in this case the Lewis and Clark County attorney, since the violation was in reporting and disclosure, which takes place in Lewis and Clark County. However, the county attorney has returned all rulings, meaning the resolution will fall on Motl's shoulders.

"It will be settled with a small fine," Motl said.

Schulz said the violation was the result of "an unfortunate error that was already corrected before there was even a complaint filed."

Break-ins at 2 Ennis businesses

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Late night on Saturday, Sept. 24, two Ennis establishments were broken into, and one was burglarized, according to Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson.

"It happened at the coffee stand next to city hall and the Silver Dollar Saloon downtown," Thompson said. "It doesn't appear there was any loss to the coffee shop other than damage, but there was cash taken from the Silver Dollar."

Thompson said the timing of both break-ins may mean they were connected.

"Entry to both was by breaking a window," he added. "We don't get a huge amount of burglaries, so the timing points to them being connected."

Earlier this year the Pioneer Bar in Virginia City and the Norris Bar in Norris were broken into and burglarized – Thompson said the Ennis break-ins may be connected because the method of operation was similar.

"Though the coffee shop was kind of an aberration," he said.

Thompson said it is a good time for business owners to review their security measures.

"People say locks only keep out honest people, but good locks keep more people honest," Thompson said, giving the example of the attempted break in at the Ennis Pharmacy last year. "(The lock) was bent and twisted but thwarted whoever it was. Having good security is worth a few extra bucks."

A shortage of bus drivers



ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
At 7:45 a.m. on Sept. 22, Ennis students head to school.

Madison County school superintendents discuss difficulty finding drivers

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"We have a (bus) route we've been advertising for since before I came here," said Ennis School Superintendent Casey Klasna, referring to how difficult it is to find bus drivers in the area. "We've had no interest."

Klasna, who came on board this summer, said his former school in Terry suffered from the same problem.

"Maybe because it's not a full time position," he said, hypothesizing why it is challenging to find drivers. "Or because it requires a CDL, passenger bus endorsement, physicals."

Currently, Ennis runs five routes – one is covered by the bus supervisor and a paraprofessional, who split driving the Jack Creek route.

"We're making it work for now, but we're not fixing the problem," Klasna said.

A legal obligation

Schools are required to provide transportation for

kids in the district who live more than three miles from the building, Klasna explained.

"If we don't have a bus route by (a student), we have to have an individual transportation contract with the family," he said. "But we don't want to go down that route as opposed to having buses. It would put people at a disservice – some parents are working, others may not have a way to transport their children."

Madison County Superintendent of Schools Pam Birkeland said organizing school transportation is more complicated than it sounds, something Rod Stout, Sheridan's transportation director and elementary principal agrees with.

"We run four routes," Stout said. "We're fortunate – we have two folks in the building who have CDLs and bus endorsements so they can sometimes cover it."

In addition to running daily routes, schools have to coordinate buses to take students to extra curricular

events, like games and drama meets.

"We've had to combine routes to send a bus to a game," Stout said. "It helps that we have a four day week, because we don't have school on Friday, which is when a

and school board took problem solving a step further, and proposed an amendment to the Montana School Board Association that the law be changed to allow schools to receive reimbursement for bus routes, even if the ve-

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**- Casey Klasna,
Ennis School Superintendent**

lot of trips happen."

Creative solutions

In Harrison, Superintendent Fred Hofman said the board purchased a small bus two years ago for the purpose of sending kids to extra curricular activities and field trips.

"It's a small white bus that seats 14 so you don't need a CDL to drive it," he said. "It's not for student transportation to and from school, but it is the only way we can afford to send kids of field trips and to tournaments."

Harrison's administration

hicle used is not a standard bus.

"One year, we spent \$54,000 on a route to pick up three or four kids," Hofman said. "Right now, the only way you can get reimbursement from the state is to send a bus. We could have gone in the school suburban and picked up the kids for a fraction of the cost, but we would not have received reimbursement."

The proposal was approved by MTSBA and will appear before the Montana legislature this session.

Recruiting and retention

"We dropped one (bus) route this year so we have four," said Twin Bridges Superintendent Chad Johnson. "It wasn't because we were lacking a driver, but because it made sense for ridership. But in the end, it saved us because I couldn't find a fifth driver right now."

Johnson said Twin Bridges has four regular route drivers and two substitutes.

"Some of our coaches are considering getting a CDL," Johnson said. "I prefer they

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Ennis students exit the McAllister bus on a rainy morning.



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don't have to because they're responsible for coaching and kids and I don't want them to have to drive, but some are doing it anyway, which is kind of saving us now."

Klasna said many of Ennis' regular route drivers are nearing retirement, and he

has not seen interest from the younger community.

"We had a (bus driver) retire the first day of school - he is done Oct. 3, but a prior route driver said he would help us out for this year," Klasna explained. "But that puts us back without a driver for next year."

Johnson said he does not

blame people for not applying to be a bus driver.

"You are paid an okay wage for a few hours of the day, but at inopportune times," he said. "You pretty much have to find someone who is already in the system or retired, because the job splits your day."

That does not mean it is a

thankless job, however. Just ask Gail Banks, who is going into her 30th year driving a bus for Twin Bridges Schools.

"I like to drive," Banks said. "I really enjoy the kids and the scenery. I continue to drive because of the kids and I like to keep busy."

Natural bank stabilization

Freshly planted willows protect bank, provide habitat

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In 2009, Madison Watershed Coordinator Sunni Heikes-Knapton noticed a deteriorating bank along Jack Creek in the Madison Valley while taking water samples. By 2010, it was clear the bank required stabilization, so Heikes-Knapton connected with Forest Service fisheries biologist Jo Christensen about using natural techniques to stabilize a bank.

The particular bank was in need of attention because aging Gabion structures needed to be replaced, according to Kaye Suzuki, Madison Conservation District supervisor. A Gabion structure is essentially a wire cage filled with stone and placed along a bank. In the case of the Jack Creek Gabion structures, Heikes-Knapton said the stream had undercut the bank and the wire cages were collapsing.

"If a stream bank can be held together with willows and soil and things that are there naturally, it does a good job of stabilizing it while also providing habitat," Heikes-Knapton explained. "It took awhile to figure out who would play what part, but we started rolling in 2010."

This spring, the various partners and a group of volunteers came together to complete the stabilization project - just a few weeks ago, the Madison Conservation District hosted a community tour of the area to show the changes in the bank.

The conservation district coordinated a group of volunteers last March to harvest willows from the West Fork area - willows are dormant during that time, which makes it the most opportune time to harvest and replant them.

"We got equipment in and constructed soil lifts, which

mimic a normal bank, but are held together with a biodegradable fabric," Heikes-Knapton explained. "The willows are interwoven in the layers and grow into the fabric and stitch everything together."

After the willows were in place along 110 feet of Jack Creek bank, the team crossed their fingers.

"Jack Creek is a very powerful stream," Heikes-Knapton said. "It can carry a lot of water for a big spring run off that can be fast and high."

To protect the new willows and the soil lifts, the volunteers and partners created fascines. A fascine is created by harvesting evergreen boughs and tying them together - the bundle is then anchored along the stream bank so it acts as a buffer between runoff and the new willows.

"By now we're in the clear," Heikes-Knapton said. "The willows have grown and rooted in - we've gotten through the sensitive time."

Maintenance

The other benefit of using willows to stabilize a bank is the long term maintenance is minimal. Other than reducing encroaching pressures, the bank will not require a lot of work.

"Willows don't live forever, so the other thing we did to address the really long term was to plant species behind it - cottonwood, chokecherry and rose species - things you'll see along streams," Heikes-Knapton said.

Making it a demonstration

Last spring, the conservation district hosted a two-day workshop featuring the project - attendees spent time in a

classroom learning the how and why of the project before heading to the field for hands-on learning.

"As soon as they got to the site, it was ready for the first soil lift to be treated," Heikes-Knapton said. "They got to be the ones to help put in the willows."

Across Montana, bank stability requires attention.

"The idea of having a workshop was to be able to get people to think about why banks are in the condition they are," Heikes-Knapton said.

Suzuki said conserva-

tion districts are in place to assist local landowners in the "application of conservation practices on the ground."

"The scope of this project fulfilled the CD's purpose, as well as forming partnerships with local organizations, state and federal agencies to complete the project from start to finish," Suzuki said.

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The deteriorating bank, and (far below) the bank after the rehabilitation work.



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MORE NEWS:

Elk in the Tobacco Roots, Gravellys

Calf to cow ratios healthy in both management areas

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Every summer, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks biologist Dean Waltee classifies elk in the Tobacco Root and Gravelly elk management units.

"The primary objective of the effort was to document the post-neonatal calf to cow and calf to adult cow ratios," Waltee explained. "(The data provides) an index of herd health annually and through time."

Waltee also uses the calf to cow ratios, combined with population trend data, to determine the number of antlerless harvests needed to either reduce, maintain or grow the population.

Tobacco Root EMU

In the Tobacco Root management unit, which encompasses the entirety of the Tobacco Root Mountains, Waltee classified 94 elk from July 1 through Aug. 31.

"These included 62 cows, 27 calves, three yearling bulls and five adult bulls," Waltee said.

Based on that sample, the calf to all cows ratio was 44 calves to 100 cows, compared to 61 calves to 100 cows in 2015. The estimated calf to adult cow ratio was 47 to 100, compared to 65 to 100 in 2015.

"Although lower than last year, both ratios are very healthy for elk in this region," Waltee reported. "This was encouraging to me considering the relatively hard winter conditions that were present from early November through January last year."

A few factors contributed to the

healthy crop of calves, Waltee hypothesized. First, elk entered winter in "good condition" thanks to a good vegetation production year in 2015.

"(The) female age structure is biased young," he added. "Check-station data over the last three years shows that 86 percent of female elk checked are less than 7 years old."

Another factor in healthy calf production was the high hunter harvest in 2015, which reduced the number of elk competing for winter resources, combined with elk habitat in overall "good condition."

To maintain the 1,135 post hunting season elk population, Waltee said an estimated 150 female elk will need to be harvested this fall in the Tobacco Root EMU.

"Over the past five years, the average antlerless harvest has been 141," he added. "Hunters have been harvesting elk at a rate that has mostly maintained this population within or just above the upper half of the objective range of 800 - 1,200 elk."

Gravelly EMU

The Gravelly EMU covers the entire southwest corner of Madison County, and part of Beaverhead County. From July 1 through Aug. 31, Waltee classified 441 elk - 247 cows, 134 calves, 31 yearling bulls and 29 adult bulls.

"Based on the classified sample, the observed calf to all cows ratio was 54 to 100," Waltee reported. "Compared to 49 to 100 in 2015 and a long term average of 45 to 100."

Additionally, the estimated calf to adult cow ratio was 67 to 100, compared to 66 to 100 the last two

years.

Like in the Tobacco Root EMU, the ratios are healthy for elk in this region, Waltee said.

"This year has proven to be a much less productive vegetation year across the Gravelly EMU," he added. "This could negatively impact the condition that elk are in going into winter, and their ability to endure a hard winter."

Waltee mans a check station in Alder for three weekends during general hunting season, and said he will pay close attention to the condition of the harvested elk passing through.

"If elk are going into winter in marginal to poor condition and a legitimate winter materializes, a robust harvest would be beneficial in the long-run," he said. "It's been a relatively dry summer across a lot of the Gravelly country, and it has produced a lot less grass than the last couple of years."

That means there is less feed available for winter, and elk are going to enter the winter season in poor condition with less muscle mass and fat reserves, Waltee explained.

"If you have more elk than you have feed, you're going to have a lot of natural mortality. Starvation mortality," he said. "We'd be better served to harvest a lot of elk, which would increase the probability of the remaining elk surviving the winter. Now, if it turns out to be a mild winter, this is probably a moot point."

The elk population in the Gravelly EMU is approximately 8,700 after hunting season - to maintain

that post-season population, Waltee estimates 1,499 female elk will need to be harvested this fall.

"If snow falls early and/or often during the general rifle season, hunters will likely harvest enough antlerless elk to maintain or reduce

the current population," Waltee said. "If conditions are warm and dry, hunters will likely harvest fewer female elk than were added to the population this year, and the population will grow."

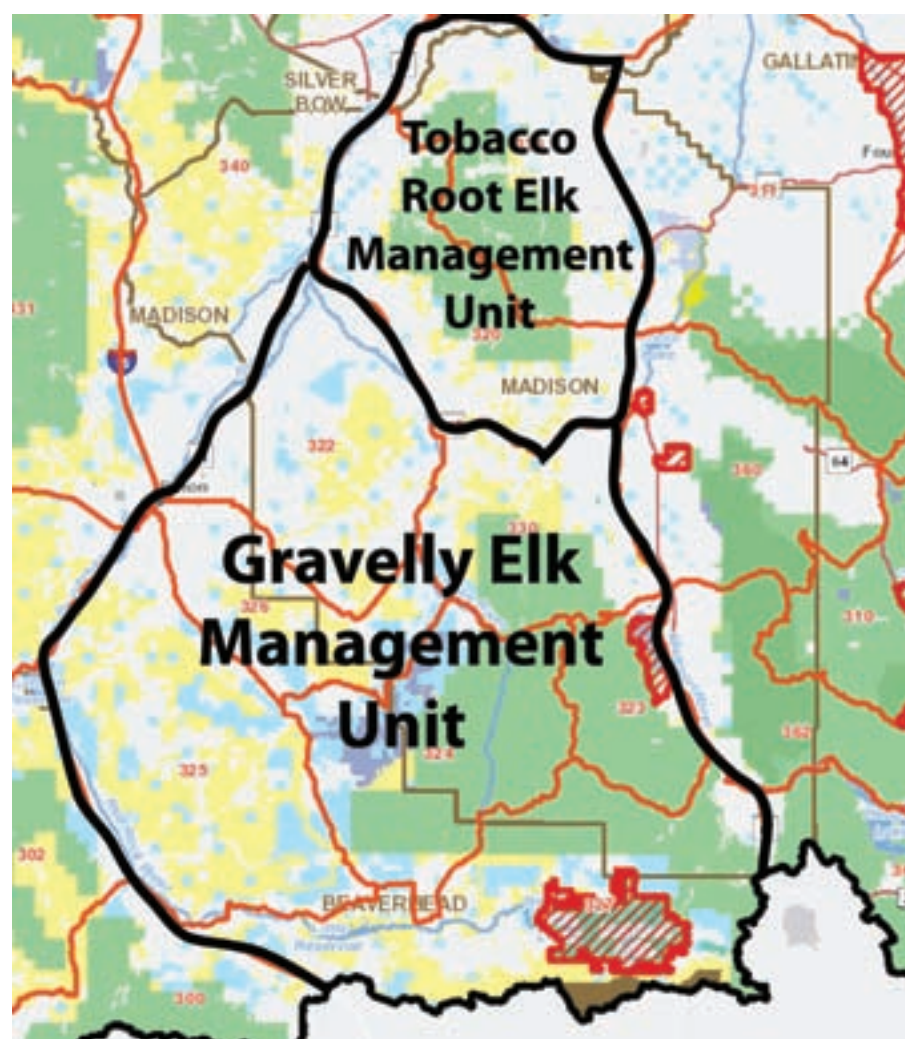


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Image depicts rough boundaries - consult FWP maps for hunting districts.

Varney boat ramp closed until Oct. 12

FWP to complete repair work at fishing access site

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On Sept. 21, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks closed the boat ramp at the Varney Bridge fishing access site for repairs. Varney



to complete this project before a possible freeze in later months affecting the installation of the new concrete ramp."

Cheryl Morris, FWP region three river recreation manager, said the project was initially scheduled to be completed last May.

"We had so many outfitters concerned about the timing in conjunction with the salmon fly hatch that we asked the construction folks to wait until this fall," Morris said, referring to the fact the Varney Bridge FAS is highly used by outfitters, guides and recreators.

Apart from the boat ramp, the rest of the fishing access site will remain open, with the exception of a few days at the end of the project.

"In October FWP will have to close the site for a day or two to replace the culvert at the entrance," Morris said. "I have been given Oct. 12 as a possible completion date but the date is subject to change based on weather conditions."

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The boat ramp at the Varney Bridge fishing access site is deteriorating and presents a hazard.

Morris said the project must be completed now because the construction window is small.

"Usually after Oct. 15, working with concrete is impossible," she added.

The boat ramp itself is crumbling and a hazard, Morris said.

"People could potentially get their trailers torn up because when they get to the bottom to put boats in, their wheels can get stuck," she said. "It's very narrow and it's terrible to try to back a boat and trailer down there."

The ramp currently has concrete sides, which Morris said will be torn out.

"Our design and construction crew drew up a plan to widen it, take the concrete out and re-vegetate the sides and then have it extend farther out so it's not such a hazard," she said.

The culvert needs work because it is small and plugs because of beaver activity, Morris added.

The estimated project cost is \$51,000, and is funded through FWP, supported by the special recreation permit program on the Madison River, NorthWestern Energy and the Missouri Madison River Fund.

Twin Bridges School

New facilities at Carroll Field take shape; FFA plans trip to nationals this year

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The concept of updating the facilities at Carroll Field in Twin Bridges originated four or five years ago, according to Chad Johnson, school superintendent.

"About two and one-half years ago, we formed a committee to get moving on (the project)," Johnson said, following the Sept. 20 school board meeting, where trustees heard an update about the project. "We have nearly \$195,000 already raised and committed - it's crazy."

The planned construction will update the restrooms at the field, provide better concessions and give the district more room for storage.

The blueprints are nearly finalized, and Johnson said they will be put out to bid after Jan. 1, 2017.

"We'll get construction started this spring and we will be ready to go next August," he said.

Though Johnson said students will be impressed with the new facility, the community is excited.

"The folks who come to the games and

use the restrooms are tickled to death," he said.

FFA trip

At the Sept. 20 board meeting, trustees also approved a trip for the school's FFA chapter.

"The Twin Bridges FFA chapter will be attending our national FFA convention this year in Indianapolis, Ind.," according to FFA advisor Colton Hellwinkel. "It has been four years since the last (time) Twin Bridges was in attendance at nationals."

Hellwinkel has a group of eight juniors

and seniors who will participate in the trip - the idea is for them to experience the "immense span of agricultural career opportunities that our nation provides," Hellwinkel explained.

"I also hope it will act in bringing more excitement and leadership home with these individuals to spread within our own communities," he added. "Our target focus this year in Twin Bridges is on personal development goals and building the foundation of agricultural education within the community."

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Dear Editor,

If you are one of the 10s of millions of Americans who cherish Federal public lands, please read this, because educated and vote accordingly.

Did you know the National Republican Party platform includes the transfer of public lands in the western United States to the states? Congress, for at least six to eight years, has systematically, grossly underfunded public land management agencies. Did you know these agencies - U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of

Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Corps of Engineers - could not provide campground services, interpretive centers, general maintenance and other crucial management services without an "army" of mostly retired citizen volunteers?

How could the states possibly afford to manage these priceless national treasures without huge budget increases and bureaucracies? The fact is that the hidden agenda of many of these so-called Republicans at the national level

actually want to sell off your public lands.

This is quite different than the work of President Theodore Roosevelt, who is generally considered to be the father of acquisition of Federal public lands. President Ronald Reagan was also a champion of public lands.

Did you know at the Montana state level, your Republican controlled Legislature last session passed legislation preventing Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks from acquiring new public lands for your enjoyment?

As Montanans, and Americans, do we really want to once again go down the path of clear cut forests, mountain and riparian areas gouged by mining and the public domain decorated with keep out signs posted by new, wealthy, mostly non-resident landowners?

Imagine life in Montana, or the west, without access to our cherished wild mountains, rivers, lakes and prairies.

This could happen.

Mary Bivins
Virginia City

Gianforte is a leader we can count on

Dear Editor,

We have two very different candidates running for Montana governor. Meeting both, working with both and most importantly observing both, the choice for me is clear. Greg Gianforte is a leader we can count on. Gianforte puts his money where his mouth is.

Steve Bullock puts your money where his mouth is. Gianforte lives in the real world of business and economics. Bullock lives in a fantasy world where economic well-being is measured in debt driven dollars, taxes and government regulations and Federal grants. Gianforte lives his Christian life consistent with his church

teachings. Bullock claims to be a Catholic practicing at the Helena Cathedral where he professes the truth of his church doctrine, then denies it in his public life supporting the killing of the unborn at every opportunity.

I have read the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Constitution of our state

and nation. Bullock respects neither. He is a counterfeit catholic and an enemy of our Constitution. Bullock promotes economic and human destruction driven by his subjective ideology and lack of morality.

Bob Wagner
Harrison

Closure of irrigation ditches means fish get trapped, die

Dear Editor,

Much has been publicized about the whitefish kill, which we all experienced on the Yellowstone River this summer. But right here in our own Madison river hundreds of thousands of fish ranging

from rainbows, browns and yes, whitefish too, die every year when they are trapped in closed irrigation ditches.

The cumulative effect year in and year out far outweighs the tragic fish kill on the Yellowstone River.

While a formal study is

currently being conducted by the Madison River Foundation to find a permanent solution to this problem, we must act as a community to limit this loss and potential threat to our local economy.

If we consider ourselves in this community the "mecca of

fly fishing in America, and all the economic importance that is attached to this honor, we must be vigilant custodians of the river.

Bob Celecia and Dave
McCrory
Ennis

WHY VOTE? GUEST EDITORIAL

Editor's note: Two months ago, I reached out to the community with a request. I invited all of you to submit a piece with your feelings about voting, especially at the local level. So far, we've heard from county representatives, ranchers and community members. This week, Pat Bradley from Twin Bridges answers the prompt.

A major issue promulgated again this election cycle to voters by some candidates is their self-portrayal as "strict constitutionalists." As such, they propose restriction of the power of the Federal Government, and the enhancement of states' rights. This notion shows the lack of understanding of the intent of the Founding Fathers' establishment of the Constitution.

The United States Constitution is the supreme law of our land. It is best understood in the context of what it replaced and why. The Articles of Confederation preceded the Constitution after the revolution. The articles

described the U.S. not as a government or nation, but as "a firm league of friendship." It declared that each state retain its sovereignty, jurisdiction and independence. It left a weak national government with very few powers. The confederation, resting only on the good faith of the several states, had no power to collect taxes, defend the country, pay the public debt and importantly, encourage trade and commerce.

A wave of farm foreclosures swept the new republic to episodes of class struggle. It became a clear warning to those who recognized that they had a powerless government that could not handle

a major crisis. The founders realized the articles were unworkable, and a threat to the survival of the new nation. Thus, the founders, in 1787, created a new document intentionally establishing the supremacy of a Federal Government: the U.S. Constitution.

Anti-federalists often cite the 10th Amendment as evidence of states' rights. The truth they misconstrue is that the 10th Amendment simply says powers not granted to the Federal Government "are reserved to the states" or individuals. The founders included the language of the 10th Amendment, which amounted to

a sop, to mollify the anti-federalist block that could have blocked the ratification of the Constitution by the 13 states.

Today's anti-federalist candidates impose their re-interpretation of the Constitution. Their platform language includes, for example, taking public lands back to the states, nullification for juries and law, establishing religious law and meddling with equal protection act. This kind of government did not work in 1787 and it will not work now.

Pat Bradley
Twin Bridges

OBITUARIES

Joseph Marion Kuroski

August 23, 1929 - September 22, 2016



Joseph Marion Kuroski, born Aug. 23, 1929, in Manhattan, N.Y., to Alexander and Estelle Kuroski, passed away in the mountains of Montana on Sept. 22, 2016, with his wife and

four children by his side.

Joe met his wife, Sondra, at a neighborhood dance in 1956, and they continued to dance together throughout their life. As a young family they traded their suburban life on the east coast to the open spaces of the Rocky Mountain West, including New Mexico, Wyoming, Oregon and Arizona, but always calling Montana home. Besides his deep love for his wife and family, Joe loved his horses, gardening, hunting and fishing. His greatest pleasure was teaching his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren the enjoyment of fishing in the great

outdoors. Joe accomplished amazing things, from working on the Apollo lunar module, to running his own business, to being an expert craftsman. Upon retirement Joe and Sandy spent six years full-time in their motorhome discovering the uniqueness that can be found throughout our country. The last years of his life were spent at his homes in Montana and Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and two infant children.

A United States Army veteran, father, grandfather and great grandfather, Grandpa Joe

is survived by his wife Sondra of 57 years; six children, Jorene, Joseph, Kip (Marianne), Kim (Charles), Kordette and Keith; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Family Catholic Church in Anaconda on Sunday, Sept. 25. Rite of Committal was held at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Bozeman on Monday, Sept. 26, 2016.

Longfellow Finnegan Riddle Funeral and Cremation Service is entrusted with Joseph's funeral arrangements. You may pay your condolences at www.longfellowfinneganriddle.com

Gloria E. Barone
September 19, 2016

Gloria E. Barone (Easter) of Apache Junction, Ariz., age 86, died peacefully on Monday, Sept. 19, 2016. Gloria is survived by her son Sterling Barone, her daughter Cheryl Anderson (husband Jeffrey), her daughter Terri Aragon (hus-

band Skip), her grandson Jason Aragon (wife Sarah), great-grandson Isaiah and brother Ray Easter. She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Vincent Barone, her parents Millard and Luzelle Easter, and her brother Sterling

Easter. Gloria was born in Bozeman and raised on a ranch in McAllister. Gloria attended high school in Harrison and met her husband while attending business school in Spokane, Wash. They moved to southern California where she enjoyed

a career as a bookkeeper. She and husband Vince retired to Arizona in 1997. A celebration of life was held in Apache Junction, AZ, on Saturday, Sept. 24. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Mayo Clinic.

The *Madisonian* does not enforce the viewpoints or statements of those who submit letters to the editor. Please do your own research about individuals and issues so you can form the best opinion(s) for yourself.

& SPORTS:

CROSS COUNTRY ROUND UP

Mustangs, Falcons, Wildcats race in Missoula

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Last weekend, the Ennis Mustangs, Twin Bridges Falcons and Harrison Wildcats traveled to Missoula and raced in the Mountain West Classic on Sept. 24.

For the Falcons, Garrett

Wentzel, Roman Hendrickson and Justice Morris all clocked personal best times.

ENNIS

Boys varsity
Quinten Hamilton: 19:52
Max Trapp: 19:53
Wade Luly: 21:16
Boys junior varsity

Kyle Lohrenz: 20:10
Wyatt Fredson: 25:17
Ty Haldorsen: 28:01
Girls junior varsity
Maida Knapton: 22:07

TWIN BRIDGES

Boys junior varsity
Garrett Wentzel: 83rd, 18:27.67

Roman Hendrickson: 370th, 21:07.79
Justice Morris: 388th, 21:19.11
Rob Dale: 431st, 22:00.78
Kyle Minert: 526th, 24:45.79
Girls junior varsity
Savanna Stewart: 32nd, 21:20.66

RaeAnne Bendon: 213th
Mara Johnson: 258th, 25:09.71
Ruth Redfield: 327th, 26:22.29
Blu Keim: 359th, 27:06.32
Junior high boys
Morgan Hendrickson: 80th
Wiley Stockett: 189th
Pablo Babcock: 192nd

Landon Wentzel
Junior high girls
Kate Fisher: 41st
Kara Dale: 218th
Emma Fisher

HARRISON

Boys varsity
Derik DeFrance: 17:25

VOLLEYBALL ROUND UP

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Most Madison County volleyball teams were home this week hosting teams from Drummond, West Yellowstone, Granite and Belgrade, but they also saw some action on the road in Bozeman, Big Sky and Lima.

ENNIS

Coach Betty Klein and her team had a quiet week with only one game, which they won in three sets to continue their undefeated conference record.

The Lady Mustangs were in Drummond last Friday and raced their way to a victory against the Lady Trojans, despite some tough serves from the opposing team.

“Drummond served tough and we struggled to get a good pass to our setter,” said Klein. “Our setters worked hard and were able to get sets

to the hitters. We finished with a high hitting and serving percentage, which helped us win the games.”

Junior setter Payton Fortner and sophomore Whitney McKittrick stayed busy on the court, getting under tough passes to set their hitters up for success. Fortner and McKittrick ended the night with 17 and 10 assists, respectively. McKittrick showed a good balance around the court and also helped lead the Mustangs in team digs and aces.

Front row powerhouses Danyel Martin and Jourdain Klein showed more precision from the net with 11 and 15 kills, respectively.

The Mustangs will head to Sheridan for some cross county action on Sept. 29.

Ennis vs. Drummond: 25-16, 25-21, 25-19

HARRISON

The Lady Wildcats won

both matches against the Lady Bears on Sept. 24, besting Lima in three sets both games.

Sam Talley had an impressive score of aces with 18. Aleena Bacon had 8 kills and Josie Hokanson had 23 assists.

The Lady Wildcats were in Sheridan on Sept. 27 and will head to Granite on Sept. 29.

Match 1 – Harrison vs. Lima: 25-16, 25-18, 25-12
Match 2 – Harrison vs. Lima: 25-10, 25-10, 25-16

SHERIDAN

The Lady Panthers hosted the West Yellowstone Wolverines on Sept. 20 for a nail biter, ultimately defeating the Lady Wolverines in three close sets.

“The first match we swept, the second match we were dominating early on, but (the Wolverines) fought back and almost pulled ahead,” said head coach April Wuelfing.

In the third set, the Lady Panthers were down by eight and rallied their way back on top and took the final set by two points, thanks to some great serves from freshman Zoe Lee.

“Perseverance in something I have been trying to coach my girls for several years now, and generally when they are down by that many points, they don’t come back,” Wuelfing said. “Finally, they did and it was a huge confidence builder!”

With a win in the books, the Panthers hosted Drummond on the 22nd, a team that Wuelfing said has been tough in the past. The Lady Trojans bested the Panthers in three sets.

Seniors Tionna Schwend and Janie Smart were able to get on top of the ball for seven and four kills, respectively, while freshman Micara Devereaux ended her night with six assists.

Sept. 23 was senior night

for the ladies in purple as they hosted the Lady Bears from Lima, besting the Bears in three.

Smart and Schwend led the team to victory with four kills and eight aces each. Junior Destiny Fabel also contributed to the team’s 27 aces with eight.

The Panthers hosted the Wildcats on Sept. 27, and will face the Mustangs on the 29.

Sheridan vs. West Yellowstone: 25-17, 25-23, 26-24
Sheridan vs. Drummond: 13-25, 19-25, 15-25
Sheridan vs. Lima: 25-16, 25-12, 25-13

TWIN BRIDGES

The Lady Falcons hosted Granite on Sept. 20, taking home the win in three sets. They then hit the road for Big Sky on the 22nd to take on the Lone Peak Big Horns. The Falcons lost in four sets to the Big Horns.

Senior Brooke Schan-

delmeier had big hits from the outside of the net both games, ending up with eight and five, respectively, for the weekend. Sophomore Riah Edsall stepped up for the Falcons, netting three blocks against the Lady Prospectors and coming down with five hard kills against Lone Peak.

Head coach Karen Degel thought her team played well against Granite and displayed intensity and teamwork but faltered against Lone Peak.

“We did not play team ball,” said Degel about the game against the Big Horns.

Degel says her team will be working on blocking and covering the court this week as they prepare for their next game on the 29th against Lima.

Twin Bridges vs. Granite: 25-16, 25-22, 25-16
Twin Bridges vs. Lone Peak: 17-25, 13-25, 25-21, 10-25

FOOTBALL ROUND UP

ENNIS

Mustang head coach Chris Hess said his team has been “playing well” all season. The undefeated Mustangs continued their winning track record besting Shields Valley, 60 – 28, last weekend.

Next week, the team travels to Harlowton.

“They are also 5 – 0 so it is a probable conference championship,” Hess said.

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	FINAL
Ennis	48	6	6	0	60
Shields Valley	0	6	16	6	28



SHERIDAN

After suffering from injuries early in the season, the Panthers have struggled to get back in the swing of things and lost to White Sulphur Springs, 52 – 0.

“We had nine players and a few subs,” said head coach Jake Steiner. “They played hard but we still got beat.”

Next weekend is Sheridan’s first home game of the season against West Yellowstone.

“We’re going to keep going forward,” Steiner said.

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	FINAL
Sheridan	-	-	-	-	0
WSS	-	-	-	-	52

HARRISON

The powerhouse Whitehall/Harrison Trojans bested the Jefferson Panthers, 33 – 18.

“The kids played their hearts out and I’m so proud of the way they prepare and execute the game plan,” said head coach Dan Lacey. “I’m excited of the challenge we have this week against Manhattan.”

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	FINAL
Whitehall	7	14	6	6	33
Jefferson	6	6	0	6	18

TWIN BRIDGES

“We played our best game of the year on Friday night,” exclaimed Falcon head coach Brett Nordhal. “We did not run very many offensive plays but we took advantage of scoring opportunities, scoring six times in only 28 plays.”

Nordhal’s Falcons soared past Seeley-Swan, winning 61 – 8.

“Wesley Harshbarger had 10 rushes for 157 yards and four touchdowns. He also had two receptions for 104 yards and two touchdowns,” Nordhal said. “(Harshbarger) added another touchdown on an interception return to total seven touchdowns on the night. Trystan Harmon added 86 yards on nine carries with one touchdown. Chace Guinnane rushed five times for 20 yards and a score, and completed two of four passes for 104 yards and two touchdowns. The offense executed well and the defense played solid fundamental football.”

The Falcons get to rest since this is their bye week.

“Having a few extra days to rest our guys and heal up will help us get ready for Arlee on Oct. 7,” Nordhal said. “Our kids are eager to get another chance to play Arlee after they knocked us out of the playoffs in the semi-finals last season.”

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	FINAL
Twin Bridges	20	27	7	7	61
Seeley-Swan	0	0	0	8	8

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TOP: Tanner Wood (1) moves the ball down field, thanks to strong Mustang blocking.
BOTTOM: Jake Knack (23) carries the ball into the endzone.

National Newspaper Week

How do you get your news?

In honor of National Newspaper Week, *The Madisonian* took to the streets of Madison County to find out how folks stay informed.



"I read the newspaper at work and when I get home I go on MSNBC and look. I also use Facebook."

- Dalles Gaters, Alder

All the news that's fit to print

Hi readers,

Just a few short years ago, in June of 2013, I walked across the stage at Northwestern University and graduated from journalism school. Since 2013 wasn't that long ago, I remember many of my college courses. I learned about media law, got a crash course in journalism ethics and was tested on the Associated Press stylebook.

What we didn't often discuss with our professors was the importance of journalism. We spent hours, days, weeks talking about how journalism is changing – instead of solely learning to produce great articles, we learned to film video, record audio, craft interactive graphics online and utilize social media to our advantage. While that education was helpful and practical, it left a hole in my education.

What about newspapers? What about print journalism? What is the importance of a physical newspaper in this electronic age?

Next week, from Oct. 2 through 8, is National Newspaper Week. NNW is coordinated by Newspaper Association Managers, Inc., a consortium of North American trade associations representing the industry on a state and provincial, regional and national level. Throughout the week, the journalism community will pause to recognize the importance of newspapers and celebrate their significance. I hope our readers of *The Madisonian* will join us in considering the

importance of our local paper and the value it adds to our community.

Many of my classmates moved to New York City or Washington, D.C., to work as copy editors, social media experts, T.V. producers and more. To my knowledge, I'm the only 2013 graduate of the Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications who ended up with a career at a hyper-local, weekly newspaper. I am fortunate to live in Madison County, a community that supports our local newspaper. In the journalism world, news of layoffs and folding companies is not uncommon. That is true not only in big cities, but small towns. Our neighboring community of West Yellowstone is an example. This summer, Big Sky Publishing announced they would stop publishing the *West Yellowstone News* because the company could "no longer afford to keep producing the weekly newspaper." Fortunately, Erin Leonard and Susanne Hill, who own and publish *The Madisonian*, know the importance of a local news source in a small community. They're in the process of establishing the *West Yellowstone Star* to serve that need for news and information.

Many consumers expect news for free, at their fingertips. But the reality of living in rural areas means that is not usually possible, especially if you want current and accurate reporting. Though our neighboring "big city" papers,

The Montana Standard and the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle*, sometimes touch on local news in the Ruby and Madison valleys, they don't do it regularly and they often do it without having someone on the ground, actually in our communities.

I applaud their efforts, but they cannot replace the value and benefits of a local newspaper. At *The Madisonian*, Caitlin Avey and I live in the community, attend meetings, take part in activities and are acquainted with the citizens and stories we write. Though we exist to hold our county and town governments accountable for their actions, we also place a high priority on celebrating our residents, organizations, events and more.

We think what we do each week is important work, and hope all of you feel the same.

Abigail

**"I take The Madisonian and the Montana Standard."
"Or watch the T.V."
"The rest I don't care about."**

- Ted Darby, Lee "Slightly" Overcast and Steve Mortensen, Sheridan



Celebrating our waterways

Sept. 25 marks 11th annual World Rivers Day – an important topic in Madison County

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The last Sunday in the month of September is known worldwide as World Rivers Day, a celebration put into place by the United Nations in 2005. The purpose of this holiday is to celebrate the world's waterways and highlight rivers' values through public awareness and promotion.

With the headwaters of the Missouri River close by, Madison County is abundant with rivers and streams.

"(Water) is pretty much the lifeblood of our valleys here," said Dan Doornbos, president of the Ruby Valley Water User's Association.

The river plays an important part in society. From agriculture to tourism to recreation, the river connects our society with the environment. Be it irrigation, wildlife habitat, conservation or the community, rivers are big players.

Ruby watershed coordinator Rebecca Ramsey says not only do our rivers and streams provide esthetics, they offer opportunities.

"We are in a unique position

being in the headwaters region and are fortunate to have an abundance of clean water," said Ramsey. "(The river) supports our economy and our lifestyles."

Ramsey works closely with conservationists, landowners and ranchers, who use every capacity of rivers.

"Ranchers are the original conservationists," said Ramsey. "Ranching operations are dependent on these waterways to provide the feed and grazing for livestock, which in turn, feeds us."

"We had three creeks on our property and we had to manage our water to the highest level," said Dave Schulz, former rancher and current county commissioner.

Aside from the importance of water for livestock and to irrigate the land, from an agricultural aspect, the river also enhances the value.

"The one time we really wished we had the river was when we sold the ranch," Schulz said.

The river and tourism

While agriculture is the number one producer in the state, tourism is a close second,

in part because of our open spaces and waterways.

"Nature is the biggest reason people visit to Montana," said Daniel Iverson, communications with the Montana Office of Tourism and Business Development, adding that water recreation accounts for a significant percentage. "Suffice it to say, (the percentage) is big."

According to a survey conducted by the University of Montana's Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research, 43 percent of out of state visitors in 2015 stated rivers are what attracted them to Montana. Of that 43 percent, people that chose to fish, float or participate in other water activities stay an average of 9.2 nights in the state and spend \$218 per day.

In Madison County, four out of five visitors said they came for a vacation, which Iverson said is higher than the rest of the state.

ITRR data also shows 41 percent of visitors to Madison County participated in fly fishing or fishing and 12 percent hired a guide.

"Most recent data on economic impact in Madison County, an average of 2013 and

2014, shows that visitors spent \$59.8 million here," Iverson said.

While the biggest category visitors spent their money on in Madison County was gas, the second largest was on outfitters and guides. While gas is not uncommon to see at the top of the money chain statewide, the following categories where the most money was spent was lodging and food.

"People come to Montana for the lifestyle, open spaces and vast amount of public and agricultural operations," said Ramsey.

Tourism in Madison County supported 570 jobs and \$17 million in employee payroll, according to the 2013-2014 ITRR survey.

"The river definitely plays a role when it comes to economic gain in Madison County," said Iverson. "It's a ripple effect, if you will."

Commissioner Jim Hart said from an economic standpoint, the rivers in Madison County are the source of life in the valleys.

"We wouldn't have some of the businesses we do if we didn't have the rivers we do," he

said.

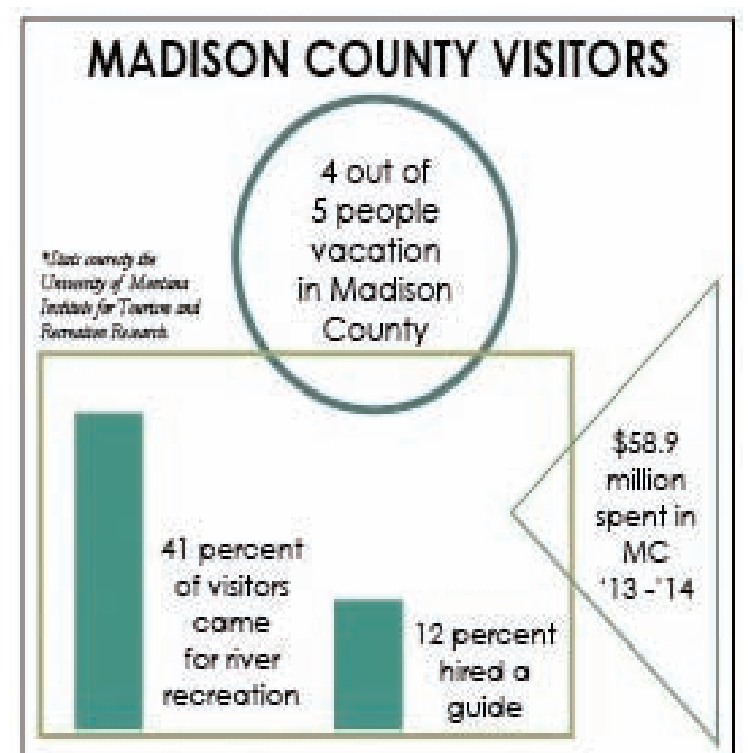
Chris Knott is an outfitter in the Ruby Valley who moved from Seattle, Wash., to Madison County for the area's pristine waters.

"We make our living on the rivers," Knott said. "They are the lifeblood of this county and part of the reason Madison County

is more than just a cattle ranch."

Knott first started fishing when he was really young with his dad. The river has become more than just a past time or a way to make a living – it is a lifestyle.

"If it weren't for the rivers here, I wouldn't be here," Knott said.



Buzz from the schools

Welcome back to our newish column, "Buzz from the schools." In each edition of the paper, the superintendent from one of Madison County's schools – Alder, Ennis, Harrison, Sheridan and Twin Bridges – will keep us up-to-date.

Greetings from Alder!

Students at the Alder School are anticipating the start of Rural Fridays. Rural Fridays is a unique experience for preservice teachers and students from rural schools in Beaverhead and Madison counties.

Other rural schools that participate are Melrose, Jackson, Polaris, Reichle and Grant. This collaboration between the University of Montana Western and the Alder School gives aspiring educators a feel for the classroom. This experience also gives the educators at Alder the chance to observe effective learning from a different approach and reflect on observations.

The Alder School meets on Friday mornings in the library at the university and from there they are separated into different classrooms with other rural school students by grade. Alder students attend a total of six Rural Fridays throughout the school year. Classrooms at the university are inviting to students and are equipped with the latest technologies such as a Mac computer lab, iPad stations and interactive projectors. Learning is not limited to the classroom; students explore the campus

gymnasium, greenhouse/garden, library, museum and student gallery.

Students at the Alder School love the Seidensticker's wildlife collection that features wildlife from Africa, Asia and North America. The

usually one particular theme with a variety of content areas integrated throughout the unit. The units are always engaging and fun for the students.

Alder students benefit from this experience by



students also enjoy the experience of being on a historic college campus and having lunch in the student dining hall.

Preservice teachers work in groups to plan and instruct a half day of lessons aligned to state standards and receive feedback on their instruction from professors and rural school teachers. Students are with the same group of preservice teachers for three consecutive Fridays and each lesson builds off the previous week. There is

learning in a new environment, using new technologies and enhancing their social skills with students from different rural schools. These social skills develop throughout the school year when the Alder students and staff join the other rural schools for different events such as a science fair and track meet.

*Pam Birkeland
Alder School
Superintendent
Jamie Janosko
Alder School teacher*

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3 Rivers Communications awards grant to Twin Bridges Schools



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Twin Bridges student council members display the check from 3 Rivers Communications.

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3 Rivers Communications

Recently, 3 Rivers Communications awarded a \$1,000 community enhancement grant to Twin Bridges Schools for the Carroll Field improvement.

Tammy Demien, Twin Bridges Elementary School principal, explained why the Carroll Field Improvement Committee has undertaken a fundraising campaign.

"We realized the need to develop a facility to accommodate people with disabilities and promote the involvement of all local community members and visiting school members in extra-curricular

events," Demien said. "The committee came together and developed a plan for a new building to meet these needs. This grant from 3 Rivers will assist us in making these improvements including handicapped accessible restrooms in addition to fixing some other problems involving storage for equipment and a safer environment for our concession operations."

The estimated cost of the project is between \$200,000 and \$210,000. Current donations include the Velmalee Gustin Bain Endowment, Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, Northwestern Energy and nearly \$6,000 raised by a community walk-a-thon

and other private donations. Kevin McWilliams, 3 Rivers customer service liaison, was pleased to give the Twin Bridges student council a check. He explained that 3 Rivers started their community enhancement grant program in 2005 to support local organizations with projects that make lasting improvements in their community.

"We're always happy to help our local schools and this is a great project that will benefit so many of our members," McWilliams said. "Part of our mission is to support the organizations that make our communities grow and thrive and there's no better place to start then with the kids."

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This past summer the Greater Yellowstone Adventure Series (GYAS) hosted six races in Madison County. These were the 21st Annual Madison River Run - the Water to Whiskey 5K, the 5th Annual Madison Duathlon, the 9th Annual Madison Marathon, the 2nd Annual Big Sky Marathon, the 5th Annual Madison Triathlon, and the Inaugural Yellowstone Triathlon - a half ironman distance race. We were blessed with athletes from 38 states and seven countries. One half of the total participants came from out of state which is a very high percentage of out-of-state runners. Many if not most came early and stayed late so they could visit Yellowstone Park, Ennis, Virginia City, fish the Madison, and generally soak in the beauty of Madison County.

We're definitely on the map in the marathoning and sporting world. Why is this? Aside from having what is probably the most beautiful race settings in the nation, this race series is succeeding for basically one reason - all of us. Our community steps up each year. Willies Distillery provided what are easily America's most unique race trophies - bottles of Private Reserve Bourbon Whiskey. The Gravel Bar donated runner up prizes. The Masons of Ennis cooked a fabulous pre-race dinner hosted at Lion's Club Park. The staff at the Ennis office of the US Forest Service and BLM fully supported the races. Southwest Montana Septic went many extra mountain miles to provide 'relief' for the series. The Madison County Sheriff's Department ensured everyone's safety. The Fan Mountain Inn hosted many athletes as did the other hotels. The Pic'n'ic Basket provided great lunches for the volunteers. The Shack in Twin Bridges baked some great pizzas for the half-frozen half ironman athletes over Labor Day Weekend. I know many other business in Madison County opened their doors wide to so many. Thank you all.

We want to say a special thanks to a variety of individuals who got up really, really early to help with the races. These wonderful people include our parents/grandparents Sam and Elena Korsmoe, Jeff and Lisa Berke, Dillon Williams, Max Trapp, Pam Boone, Brian and Candi Vincent, Nick Gevock, Eric Huff, Corey Hardy, Erik Westley, Gina Ervins, Frank Davis, Jeff and Rose Bishton, Francis Huang, Leo and Janis McCarthy, Chris Clay, and all the staff of Willies Distillery and the Gravel Bar. I know there are others that I've not included, but this group is a start. It was a community effort. Thank you!

Every year, the GYAS selects a beneficiary that receives one-half of the net profits for the year. We choose groups that help people Turn The Corner on life's challenges be they physical, mental, or something in between. This year we were proud to work with Mariah's Challenge from Butte. For 2017, we'll choose another organization. In addition to nominating a beneficiary organization for next year, all of you can help in at least three ways. First, you can participate in one of the GYAS races next year. The more runners we have, the more revenue we earn, and thus the bigger donation the beneficiary receives. Second, you can volunteer to work the series. We always need help. We really need people to work the races. Let us say again, we really need people. Third, since we donate one-half of our net profits, we can cut a bigger check if we're able to lower our costs. You can help lower costs by donating items ranging from race shirts to porta-johns to aid station goods, and so on. Even some use of trucks, ATVs, and boats help. Please consider stepping up. Tell us your ideas on how to make the 2017 races even better than this year. Thanks so much.

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3RD ANNUAL BIG SKY MARATHON - JULY 23, 2017
6TH ANNUAL MADISON TRIATHLON - AUGUST 6, 2017

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Lloyd Harkins
July 27, 1922 – September 18, 2016



On July 27, 1922, in the county of Carbon, in a small cabin on the Yellowstone River, 4 miles from Belfry, a baby boy was born to Edward E. Harkin and Anna Sopha Hansen Harkin. He was christened Lloyd George Harkin. On April 15, 1944, Dad married the prettiest girl in the valley, Anna May Moltich. She loved the spirit of collecting. They were married 68 years until her passing in July 2012. Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016, our father Lloyd Harkins quietly and gracefully was welcomed into the arms of our Lord. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Anna May, his brothers Edward W., Emery L., Clarence and Donald Harkin, his sisters: Arlene B. Mortenson, Dorothy Bartholf and Kathryn Lanine, several aunts, uncles and cousins. (The "S" was added to Harkin in approximately 1930 by Dad's father.)

The abrupt, tragic death of his mother left eight children and a husband who could not provide or care for them.

Consequently, our dad and the three youngest siblings were placed in the Montana Children's Center in Twin Bridges. Dad was 5 years old when they traveled alone via train to Twin Bridges, stopping in Whitehall, where he had his first hot dog at Bordens Hotel/Café. At age 12 and with great delight, he left the center to work on various farms and ranches in the valley. Names to include were Pogson's, Ed Nolte's, Charlie Tanner's and Otto Bausch Sr. At age 18 he was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC). He was honorably discharged from the Army during the induction process due to an eye injury. Other employment adventures included general laborer/welder in the shipyards of Long Beach, Calif., and Portland, Ore., during World War II. He was also a contract miner at Maiden Rock Phosphate Mine, Broadway/Victoria Gold mine, Toledo, logging and cat skinner in Hells Canyon and eventually retired as the Madison County road crew foreman. Despite his lack of a formal education, his memory and recall allowed him to be a phenomenal historian. He loved to share his knowledge and the accuracy was close to perfect. His love of the mining industry/equipment began at a very early age. Dad could make anything on a lathe, from a wooden salad bowl and table legs to unavailable antique parts for steam engines, he improved and fabricated an air actuated slurry valve that was used in the Anaconda Compa-

ny Butte concentrator. This began the long time business arrangement between Dad and the salvaging of the mining industry from Butte to Silver Star. His collection became known as The National Museum of Machinery. On his 94th birthday, the World Museum of Mining in Butte honored and dedicated to our parents the mine yard at the museum. This was in recognition of the time, commitment and equipment they donated to the museum. Their mining contributions are not limited to Montana. Through their efforts the mining heritage of museums in the states of Arizona, California and Wyoming were given mining artifacts in which six stamp mills have been brought back to operation and demonstrate mining techniques used in the 1890s.

Dad's collecting began and blossomed into seven acres. They include a steam shovel used in the construction of the Panama Canal, moved and erected wooden head-frame from the West Grayrock mine in Butte, rescued steam whistle, which sounded during the Granite Mountain mine disaster, salvaged five 25-ton rope drive compressor wheels from the Leonard Mine and two railroad cabooses, just to name a few.

He had a magical relationship with the Imagineering Department of Disneyland. Artifacts and antiques discovered in Dad's backyard found a home in their amusement parks in California, Florida, France and Japan. Remarkably,

what they could not find he captured, designed and built for them. Traveling to these places and seeing history from Silver Star was a highlight to our parents' life.

He was a 50 plus year member of Westgate Masonic Lodge #27 in Twin Bridges. He supported the American Legion Post 31, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Virginia City Preservation Alliance. A case steam tractor he restored was donated and can be seen in Nevada City.

Survivors include daughter Marilyn (Tad) Dale and son Larry (Liz) Harkins; grandchildren Shannon Dale, Jeremy Dale, Eischen Harkins and Grady Harkins; great grandchildren Dawson Dale, Diesel and Lux Dale and Ivy Scharler.

We gratefully thank the staff at the Copper Ridge and Rehabilitation Center for the last year of his life was enhanced and comforted by your care. The blessings the Rocky Mountain Hospice staff gave our Dad allowed him to not be powerless, but close his eyes and feel life as he prepared for Heaven. Thank you all who prayed, visited, wrote cards and called.

Memorials may be sent to the Senior Citizen Center in Twin Bridges or a charity of your choice.

Memorial service will be Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016, at 10 a.m. at the multipurpose room at the Twin Bridges High School.

Axelson Alternative Cremation is privileged to serve Lloyd's family.

Patricia "Pat" Leona Morrison Bammel
September 16, 1924 – September 24, 2016

My mom, my best friend, born Sept. 16, 1924, joined the boys on Sept. 24, 2016.

Patricia "Pat" Leona Morrison Bammel was born in Los Angeles, Calif., to Charles R. and Evelyn Morrison. She grew up with five siblings, several cousins and was known to play in the LaBrea Tar Pits as a child. She graduated from Van Nuys High School in 1943. Pat and her sisters spent wonderful evenings dancing at the Aragon Ballroom in Santa Monica, Calif. Pat was a "Rosa" Riveter for Douglas Aircraft, an elevator operator/supervisor for Eastern-Columbia and file/

ticket clerk for Pacific Electric Railroad.

Pat met her husband in Hawthorne, Calif., and they were married Oct. 24, 1947, in Van Nuys, Calif. Pat followed her husband to Oregon, Washington, Utah and Montana. Pat was not afraid to work. She worked as a nurse's aide, hotel worker, coffee shop cook and front desk manager of a bowling alley while raising three children. Pat was very active in the ladies traveling bowling team in Utah and traveled to several different states to bowling in tournaments.

Pat and her husband moved

to Montana in 1973. They worked a small grocery store in Harrison and worked as ranch managers for 15 years at the Granger Ranches and retired to Ennis in 1990. Pat began working at Madison Valley Manor part time and worked another 12 years.

Pat's favorite pastime was bowling. She loved the friends she met, enjoyed being secretary/treasurer and delighted in keeping score for bowling tournaments before the automated scorekeeper boards.

For 10 years Pat and her husband placed flags on Memorial Day at the Madison

Valley Cemetery in Ennis for veterans.

Pat enjoyed gardening, reading and was always up for a road trip. She was well liked by all and will be missed dearly.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two sons.

Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to the Gallatin Rest Home for a new resident transportation van/bus. Pat enjoyed the freedom of the open road.

I would like to thank the entire staff at the Gallatin Rest Home for all the love and compassion in caring for my mother. Beverly.

Frank W. Brownback
October 7, 1950 – September 15, 2016



Frank W. Brownback, 65, passed away on Sept. 15, 2016, in Butte. Frank was born Oct. 7, 1950, in Whitehall to Francis and Lucy Brownback (Malone). He graduated from Harrison High School in 1968. Frank was preceded in death by

his parents and our brother Mark. He is survived by his two sisters, Pam Moore (Gary) of Phoenix, Ariz., and Cindy Bowman (Ritch) of Idaho Falls, Idaho. Frank was an avid reader and loved to work on cars, especially his Jag. The family wishes to extend a special thank you

to Dave and Peggy Ogan for sharing their home with him and to Highland Hospice for their help in his final days. A celebration of life is planned for Oct. 1, 2016, from 2 - 4 p.m. at Uno's in Butte. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Highland Hospice.

David Chapman
September 4, 1947 – September 20, 2016

David "Dave" Chapman, born Sept. 4, 1947, died in Pony unexpectedly on Sept. 20, 2016 at the age of 69.

Dave was born and raised in San Diego, Calif. Following high school, he worked as a roughneck in the oil patch while attending the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colo., where he received his degree in mining engineer-

ing. He was a lifelong underground miner, starting his career in Wallace, Idaho, and working as an underground miner throughout the United States and foreign countries. Dave proudly served his country as a U.S. Navy "Seabee" in Vietnam. Dave and his wife Jan owned and operated the Pony Bar in Pony for over a decade. Their vision was to

continue the traditions of a real Montana bar and no one ever left the bar as a stranger.

Dave is survived by his wife, Jan Chapman; sons Lance (Marjie) Chapman, Rhome (Leslie) Winslow; grandchildren Amber Chapman and Conner Chapman; great grandchild Paislee Harper; mother Nell Chapman; brothers Bob (Kathryn)

Chapman and Phil (Donna) Chapman; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Robert Chapman.

He will be deeply missed and forever loved by his family, friends and all that knew him.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial to be held at a later date.

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Saturday	Overcast with rain showers at times. High 63F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 60%.
Sunday	Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 58F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.
Monday	Rain showers early with clearing later at night. Low 36F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 40%.

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Jack Reints signed his 120 acre ranch under a conservation easement to help preserve the land.



Preserving the beauty of the land

Reints places portion of O'Dell Creek under conservation easement

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The rain offered a steady pitter-patter against the window as Jack Reints sat looking out from the dining room. His older brother Elso sat to his right, while Jack put on a pot of coffee and an array of donuts hit the table.

"I was born right across the field," said Jack, as he pointed past his driveway. "About 81 years ago."

Jack is a local legend in the Jeffers community and throughout Madison County. Friends often drop baked goodies or a bottle of bourbon by and end up staying awhile to "shoot the bull" around the table.

Though he enjoys company, he also enjoys quiet.

"I don't mind being alone at all," Jack said.

But when you are surrounded by the peace and quiet of the valley, open fields, wildlife and the rushing waters of the Madison River and O'Dell Creek, are you really alone? Jack does not seem to think so, and now, with the help of a conservation easement through the Montana Land Reliance, that beauty will never fade.

Reints Ranch

Born and raised in the valley, Jack bought his 120-acre cattle ranch in 1957; just parallel to the home he grew up in. He decided on cattle because of their laid back demeanor.

"Cattle are nicer than sheep," he laughed.

Jack's dad had sheep when they were growing up and Jack said he always wanted to live the rancher lifestyle.

"I always kinda wanted to ranch – I'd always say I was gonna quit but I never did," he said. "I couldn't afford it!"

Coffee flowed freely and Jack snacked on a maple donut while he and his brother, Elso, reminisced about their time growing up and how they always got along. They talked about the ranching lifestyle and how Jack always got stuck with the branding iron at

local brandings. They talked about how the river irrigates the land and is so important to survival. They talked about simpler times, before Ennis and Jeffers were developed, and how preservation of the land is crucial.

"If we don't take care of it, pretty soon, there won't be anything to take care of," Jack said, sipping his coffee.

Conservation

In August, Jack placed his land under a conservation easement through the Montana Land Reliance. The contiguous parcel of agricultural land is home to portions of both the Madison River and O'Dell Spring Creek and is located within a mile of other MLR easement properties.

A conservation easement is a legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust or government agency that limits uses of the land in order to protect its conservation values.

"The addition of Jack's ranch to this group contributes to and ensures perpetual habitat connectivity, open space, and agricultural preservation in the Madison Valley," according to a press release from the MLR.

Jay Erickson has been the managing director of the MLR for 16 years and said the Reints easement is crucial for continued

conservation and protection.

"This is one of 66 conservation easements MLR has completed and we're really proud to work with Jack," said Erickson. "It's nice to have a long time agricultural family with long time ties to the Madison Valley to help ensure the beauty and the heritage of the river."

According to Erickson, public land represents an important part of habitat for wildlife – and recreators – to have a sanctuary that cannot be overdeveloped.

"That's the specific goal," Erickson said. "To see this land never be developed."

It is this concept that prompted Jack to agree to the easement.

"It'll stay just like it is," he said. "I wouldn't want someone coming in and developing it."

According to the release, the easement will protect important wetland, riparian and wildlife habitat in an area facing increasing development and pressure and contributes to the continued conservation efforts of the coveted O'Dell Spring Creek.

"When I first bought the property, I had no idea it would become so popular," Jack said. "I'm happy it can't be touched and it will be preserved the way it is."

Being a steward of the land

The sun shone behind the Madison Mountains and the leaves on the trees were a bright color of orange as Jack drove his candy-apple red 1995 Ford pickup around, pointing out parts of O'Dell Spring Creek and telling fishing stories. He wove around the property, slowly, remembering the soft spots or divots where he used to get stuck when he was feeding cows.

"No one can touch this," he said as a smile quietly fell across his face. "Nobody."

"It can't be touched and it will be preserved the way it is."

Jack Reints



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Jack Reints and his neighbor, Hal Holliday, exchange a quick hello. Jack is a local legend in the valley, something Jay Erickson with the Montana Land Reliance said makes working with him special.



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Can healthy habits contribute to financial security?

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When it comes to feelings about finances, working Americans are practically split down the middle, according to a recent study.

Fifty-five percent of employed Americans feel they are on the right track to achieving financial well-being, while the other 45 percent feel they are not headed

in the right direction, according to the 2016 Lincoln Financial Group Measuring Optimism, Outlook and Direction of America study.

So what are those individuals on the right track doing so well? The study found five key factors – behaviors and influencers – in their lives that correlate to positive feelings about money.

“Right trackers” differ from their counterparts who are not on the right track because:

- They are more likely to have created formal financial plans – more than 70 percent of them, in fact.
- They are forward-looking in general, with nearly 100 percent saying they are focused on the future. Also, 90 percent of those in the “right track” camp say they feel in control of their lives.
- They exercise more. Those with positive feelings about money tend to be active. About 80 percent of this group exercises at least once a week, and typically more often. Compare that with those who are

not on the right track – just 60 percent of that segment works out on a consistent basis. Physical health can correlate to financial health.

- They are more likely to feel good about themselves. Financial health and emotional health go hand-in-hand. Those on the right track are more likely than their counterparts to say they are optimistic because they feel good about themselves and their relationships with family and friends. They are also positive about their careers and their relationships with co-workers.
- They take advantage of workplace benefits. Indeed, the more benefits you enroll in

through the workplace, the better you will feel financially, suggests the study.

Beyond health insurance and retirement savings, “right-trackers” are enrolling in insurance plans to cover dental and vision care, as well as life insurance and disability insurance (which can help replace a portion of your paycheck while you recover from an injury or illness). They are also taking advantage of other non-medical benefits that can help boost financial security, such as accident insurance and critical illness insurance, which can help cover expenses that medical insurance does not, like high deductibles or day-to-day

expenses such as food or mortgage payments.

The future is unknown, but certain insurance coverages offered at work can help safeguard you against a broad scope of unexpected expenses, and can help you feel and be more financially secure. This is something to think about during annual open enrollment for medical insurance and beyond.

Feeling good about your finances is about the big picture, not just your bank account. From a healthy lifestyle to a positive attitude, taking a cue from those who are on the “right track” may help you get your footing on the path to financial well-being.

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in staying on budget and avoiding financial stress.

Pack your own lunch

To help stick to your budget, skip pricey restaurants. Instead, save money and spend the evening cooking with your family. For affordable and simple ideas for cooking favorite dishes, consult online resources.

Remember to treat yourself

Just because you are sticking to a financial plan does not mean you cannot treat yourself. Budget time and money to indulge in your favorite activities like a night at the movies, seeing your favorite sports team in action or going bowling.

Take advantage of coupons

Coupons are a great way to save money and stretch your budget. Retailers often offer online digital coupons that can be downloaded on a desktop computer or by using a smartphone.

Stay positive

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This, OUR VALLEY:

By Reverend Keith Axberg

Poll cats

It is more blessed to give than to receive – Jesus of Nazareth

I am seldom asked for advice or asked to express an opinion. I know, for instance, that when it comes to my sense of fashion, all my taste is in my mouth. If my wardrobe is at all coordinated, it is due to the good taste of my life partner. Without her, I have no doubt I would mix checks



Rev. Keith Axberg

with stripes and goodness knows what wicked combination of colors I could come up with if left to my own devices. However, times are changing and folks increasingly say they want my opinion. Some months back we became a “Nielsen” family and got to share our television-viewing habits with the world. I presume that’s why your favorite shows have disappeared and worse ones are airing to fill the void. I offer you my sincerest apologies.

I’ve also been receiving phone calls from researchers wanting to know my political views on things. Their stunned silence (at times) has suggested that perhaps my thoughts on such weighty matters are possibly skewed outside the group they’re working for, but that’s okay. I did a telephone survey one morning and that afternoon had another request for an interrogative poll. I told the poor soul I was limiting myself to one survey per day and I am sure I left him holding the phone on his end with mouth wide open and a look of shock permanently frozen upon his face.

The fact is that I do have opinions, but have generally restricted myself to keeping most of them private. I learned early on that there are dog lovers and there are cat lovers, and if one identifies with either group, one may become a pariah, viewed with deep suspicion by the other.

That has begun to change, however. As my bones have become more brittle, my perspective on matters has become more apparent and is sometimes expressed in a more prickly form. I am more prone to shoot off my mouth than ever before. It’s not that I want to place myself over and against anyone else; it’s just that there is more fatigue involved in holding one’s tongue.

The muscle mass needed just isn’t there to support silence anymore.

That doesn’t mean I must become mean or cranky in expressing my mind (what little is left of it). It’s just that if there is discourse on some matter that affects me or the organizations and groups to which I belong, I don’t want folks to confuse my silence on such things with consent (Qui tacet consentit).

The challenge, of course, is in learning how to disagree without being disagreeable (as the old saw puts it). An old deaf couple was seen arguing one day and, like their hearing counterparts, as they got angrier, their gestures got bigger. Finally, one of them said to the other, “You don’t have to yell; I’m NOT blind!”

Anger, we’re told, is a secondary emotion. That means our anger is driven by something else – fear or shame, for instance. When your child runs into the street and nearly gets hit by a car, you scream at them in anger, because you’re scared out of your mind.

Sometimes, though, I think we scream because we want to show we mean business. “I’m mad as (heck), and I’m not going to take it!” screamed the character in the movie Network.

I’ve come to learn, however, that one can express an opinion without getting angry or defensive if one realizes that it’s okay for everyone to have their own outlook on things. As one wag says, “Everyone’s got a right to be wrong. It’s not my job to change them or correct their perspective.”

The key, I think, is self-restraint. First of all, not everyone needs to know what I think or how I feel. Some folks have an insatiable appetite for speaking their mind. They have little or no self-restraint, and often evince that by then arguing every point with everyone. Their goal seems to be more to win than to learn.

That leads to the second point: conversation should be viewed and practiced as an opportunity to learn. When we value the experience, strength and hope of our neighbor, we each win, and that’s a valuable commodity. Of course, that’s just my opinion in this, our valley.

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By Sunni Heikes-Knapton
Madison Watershed Coordinator

FIELD TOURS TEACH GOOD CONSERVATION

Learning from the good examples of our neighbors is a practice many follow. People in this area have done this for generations, leaning over the fence lines and talking about new ways of doing things (or the even things that didn’t work out so well). We learn a lot seeing approaches first hand, and hearing how it works for the landowner.



Sunni Heikes-Knapton

Lately, this format has taken on a more formal setting, allowing larger gatherings to visit a property that is innovative and willing to share the lessons they’ve learned along the way. We call these events field tours; getting people on the ground and able to witness the overall work and the small details of how to get good results.

Recently, one such tour was held at the La Cense Ranch in Dillon, highlighting their methods for “pivotal pasturing.” This property grazes cattle in a short-duration/high intensity pattern, resulting in benefits to the operation, the land and the livestock. The following summary authored by the tour co-organizers Heidi Fleury and Ben Montgomery does an excellent job of describing the practices they follow and the outcomes they realize. Since this tour had limited seating, we provide this summary for those interested in the topic.

On Sept. 8, 2016, approximately 90 people travelled from across Western Montana to La Cense Ranch in Dillon to take part in a pivotal pasturing tour. The tour, a cooperative effort between La Cense Ranch, the Lake County Conservation District and the Natural Resources and Conservation Service offices in Ronan and Dillon was organized to showcase the simple, common sense grazing practices that La Cense Ranch has been implementing for over a decade. Race King, ranch manager at La

Cense, provided his guidance and insight during the tour while head cattle hand, Miguel Navarrete, showed us the process of moving portable fence, posts and stock water tanks with a side-by-side.

For La Cense, the key to making their ranch profitable is flexibility. A number of years ago, after crunching the numbers, they determined that haying wasn’t making them money. So, they sold off their haying equipment and began to invest in more permanent cattle production infrastructure that now includes about 3,500-acres of irrigated pasture. On an annual basis, La Cense Ranch grazes these pastures with up to 8,000 stocker cattle.

Their grazing management plan utilizes numerous groups numbering from 500 to 800 individuals, depending on weight. Groups are then rotated under irrigation pivots using high stock density, short duration grazing practices. The stockers are shipped in the fall and their mother cows are wintered on dormant grass without any supplemental hay feeding. In addition to the changes in grazing management they’ve also moved their calving dates back to May to further accommodate ranch goals.

The management decisions that La Cense employs have paid off. Zero herbicide applications are necessary on their

pastures because weeds are not present. Their grass production is high and their pasture quality is exceptional. Race says the ranch can yield between 700 and 800 pounds of animal gain per acre, per year. Doing the math at \$1.5 per pound of gain equals \$1,200 per acre from pasture production. Try beating that with hay!

La Cense Ranch prides itself on prudent business decisions that also employ the best management practices possible while producing healthy and nutritious beef. They have taken their grazing and pasture management to the next level by developing low-cost, simple infrastructure to facilitate grazing.

For each pivot, two or three permanent, 12.5 gauge high tensile, single-wire circular electric fences are installed. A custom made portable 500-gallon stock water tank is filled from an above ground black, poly pipeline system that runs around the interior circular fence. ‘Quick connect’ couplings are attached to the stock water line and the stock water tank clips into the coupler in seconds.

When the next livestock move is made, the coupling is quickly detached; the tank is dragged by ATV to the next location and reconnected in a matter of seconds. The permanent interior circular fences are further subdivided using polywire, temporary fencing. The polywire fencing is moved during each livestock rotation – a process that takes Miguel under 15 minutes. During irrigations, the pivot travels over the polywire without interruption.

The easy movement of the portable stock water system and the pivot running over the flexible fences were just some of the many impressive things we viewed first hand on the tour. Most impressive was the rotating of several groups of livestock while the crowd

watched.

After moving one group (setting and removing the temporary fence) Miguel returned to the crowd, the total time elapsed was 6 minutes. Six minutes to rotate 600 cattle. And he said he was taking his time so we could see what he was doing. Miguel rotates 10 groups like that every morning and, from what we saw, you’ll never hear him say that it’s “too hard to move cows.”

In the opinion of the Madison Conservation District, field tours like this are a great way to learn. This event started at noon and the tour wrapped up at 3 p.m. During this time, the many attendees provided a constant string of questions ranging from the broad topic to the practice specific. Having this format allowed for the managers to address each question in turn, then also discussing items related to the question or additional background on the topic. The attendees learned a great deal from the tour guides – those who know this work best and are willing to share the recipe for their successes and trials.

These events are always a worthwhile experience, and hopefully a starting point for people to try these practices themselves. If you have questions about trying these approaches yourselves, there are many willing to share how to best get started. Local NRCS and Madison Conservation District staff were able to attend, and they can be contacted for more information. If you have ideas for future field tour topics, we welcome your suggestions.

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Attendees of a recent field tour at the La Cense Ranch hear first hand lessons from ranch manager Race King.



MONTANA NIGHT SKIES

By Richard Stouffer*

Night sky highlights for October

The astronomical highlights for the Montana night skies in October are a pair of planetary conjunctions, one in the early morning and difficult to see and the other in the evening sky and much easier to see.

As the month begins, Venus is low in the western sky as darkness falls. Far to the right of Venus is Saturn, located above the reddish star Antares, the brightest star in the constellation Scorpius. Far to the right of Saturn is Mars, located just above the teapot pattern of Sagittarius.

Mars continues to fade in brightness as it speeds away from Earth. As October begins, Venus sets a little over an hour after the sun followed by Saturn, which sets almost three hours after the sun, and then Mars, which sets about four hours after the sun. Venus catches up with Saturn on Oct. 27 when Venus, Saturn and Antares form a straight line with Antares being the lowest of the three. By then, Antares will be so low in the western sky that it may be hard to spot. As October comes to a close, Venus will set about 1 and 3/4 hours after the sun, followed by Saturn a few minutes later. Mars will continue to set about four hours after the sun.

In the morning sky, as the month begins, Mercury is still in the midst of its best morning appearance of

the year, rising about 1 and 1/2 hours before the sun. By the end of the first week in October, Jupiter rises up out of the solar glare in the morning sky and on Oct. 11 approaches to less than a degree of Mercury. By then, both Jupiter and Mercury will be very low in the pre-dawn sky, so this planetary conjunction will be hard to see. Within the new few days, Mercury becomes lost in the solar glare. Jupiter, on the other hand, continues to rise earlier and earlier, rising about 2 and 1/2 hours before the sun as October comes to an end.

The moon passes to the right and above Venus on Oct. 3 and then passes to the right of Saturn on Oct. 5. The moon will be located well to the upper right of Mars on Oct. 7. The full moon occurs on Oct. 15. On

the morning of Oct. 28, a very thin crescent moon will be close to and to the lower left of Jupiter.

For meteor shower watchers, the annual Orionid meteor shower peaks on the morning of Oct. 21. This shower normally produces up to 15 meteors per hour at its peak. A bright moon will cut this number significantly. To have the best chance to see some meteors from this shower, look up with the moon at your back and if possible have trees or a building between you and the moon. The meteors from this shower are dust ejected from Halley’s Comet.

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The Twin Bridges Public Library has a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. If you are interested in serving as a trustee, please send a letter to the Twin Bridges library at, P.O. Box 246, Twin Bridges, MT 59754. The deadline for letters to be received is October 1, 2016. If you have any questions, please call the library at 406-684-5416.

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AREA SENIOR MEALS

MEALS FOR SENIORS, TWIN BRIDGES

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.

SENIOR MEALS, VIRGINIA CITY

Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on **Tuesday & Thursdays** from 11:30 am to 2:00 for \$3.50.

October 4: Lasagna, green salad, roll, dessert

October 6: Chicken and dumplings, peas, carrots, dessert

October 11: Beef stew, roll, dessert

October 13: Orange chicken, stir-fry over rice, dessert

RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY, SHERIDAN

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MEALS ON WHEELS, SHERIDAN

The Sheridan Senior Center offers meals for seniors 60 years and over **Monday - Friday**. Seniors may choose to eat at the senior center, family style for \$3.50 or have their meal delivered for \$4.00. Delivered meals are within the city limits of Sheridan and should be called in by 10 a.m. Call Shirley Sand at 842-5966.

ENNIS MEALS ON WHEELS, ENNIS

Tuesday-Friday 11:45 am to 12:30 pm
Reservations 682-4422

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SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 6

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29: CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP, CROISSANT, SALAD, DESSERT

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30: BEEF PASTIES, MASHERS, VEGGIES, DESSERT

TUESDAY OCTOBER 4: CHICKEN ALFREDO, VEGGIES, GARLIC BREAD, DESSERT

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5: BINGO

PORK FRITTER SANDWICH, CHIPS, APPLESAUCE, DESSERT

THURSDAY OCTOBER 6: CHICKEN POT PIE, SALAD, DESSERT

School days: Northern Energy Propane gives back



SUBMITTED BY TIM SHEA
Northern Energy Propane

On Sept. 21, Warren Reeves, Northern Energy Propane district manager, presented teachers and students of the Alder School with a check for \$2,000. The funds are part of the company's School Days program, in which they give back to the communities they serve.

From L: Jeannie Bluett, Jamie Janosko, Renata Nichalos, Teresa Murdoch and Warren Reeves pose for a photo with Alder School students.

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AROUND THE COUNTY

Cider pressing party in Sheridan

SUBMITTED BY CARLA MARSH
Jackson's Garden

A cider pressing party hosted by Jackson's Garden will be held Saturday Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. People are encouraged to bring their apples and clean containers and take home the cider they press or just come and watch and enjoy hot cider and fresh donuts. Washing stations will be set up to prepare your apples prior to pressing; bring your own knives and cutting boards. However, having your apples prepped before you arrive will reduce your waiting time. Depending on the turn out, your pressing time may be limited. Jackson's Garden is located 2 miles east of Sheridan on Mill Creek Road. Watch for the greenhouses.

Concert in Dillon

SUBMITTED BY BARBARA HALL
Dillon Concert Association

Seraph Brass will appear at the Beier Auditorium on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. Their performance is a part of the current Dillon Concert Association's concert series and is sponsored by John and Elizabeth Garry.

The five women of Seraph Brass represent a new generation of brass players who are committed to challenging audiences with engaging and exciting programming, including well-known classics, original transcriptions and newly commissioned works.

The quintet recognizes the importance of connecting intimately with audiences as well as building community awareness and leadership through performance, teaching and mentorship.

For further information, contact Chris Kloker at 865-0076.

FWP seeks new members for CAC

SUBMITTED BY ANDREA JONES
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is seeking applicants to fill several volunteer positions on the region three citizens' advisory committee. FWP is interested in selecting members from a pool of candidates who represent a variety of interests and communities within the region. Terms will begin in 2017.

The Citizens' Advisory Committee helps FWP achieve its goals by sharing information, ideas, emerging trends and initiatives from the public in a setting that welcomes differing points of view. Citizen advisors serve in a voluntary capacity with meals and travel expenses provided.

Meetings are generally held quarterly in Bozeman. All meetings are open to the public.

Specifically, the functions of the CAC are to:

- Help promote Montana's strong outdoor recreation traditions
- Provide a forum for ongoing two-way communication with our neighbors and communities in southwest Montana
- Help FWP personnel maintain and improve responsiveness to the public
- Help FWP identify emerging issues
- Provide advice and perspective on important resource and management issues
- Assist FWP with crafting local, sustainable solutions on regional and statewide issues

Applicants will be asked to provide an overview of their interests and involvement in natural resource issues. Finalists may be asked to interview by phone or in person.

To obtain an application, visit the FWP region three office at 1400 S. 19th Ave., call 994-4042 or email anjones@mt.gov. Completed applications must be returned to FWP by Oct. 31, 2016. Applicants will be notified by email (or mail if requested) by the end of the year about the results of the selection process.

SUBMITTED BY BOB CELECIA AND DAVE MCCRORY
Madison River Foundation

Thanks to the past efforts of both the local ranchers and members of the Madison River Foundation, we have been able to make a dent in the fish kill that occurs when irrigation ditches close and fish are trapped.

We need more community participation from schools, fly fishing shops and local businesses to show up and help with a hands on rescue operation upon ditch closures.

The date will be either Oct. 5, 6 or 7 – the exact date can be found by contacting the Madison River Foundation at info@madisonriverfoundation.org or by calling 682-3148.

This is something we can all do to improve and maintain our most precious resource; the Madison River.

We look forward to seeing you all with buckets and nets on the closure date.

Pack the gym pink

SUBMITTED BY BETTY KLEIN
Ennis Schools

On Thursday, Oct. 6, head to the Ennis School gym and wear pink for breast cancer awareness. The Lady Mustangs volleyball team will have a match against Twin Bridges during homecoming week, so pack the gym pink.

Rescue fish when irrigation ditches close

Ruby Valley Baptist Church
Tony Shaw, Pastor
842-5602

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Eve 7 p.m.

One block behind IGA, Sheridan



Find Fellowship With Us

Rocky Mountain Baptist Church

682-4949

Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday evening bible study and prayer time, 6 p.m.

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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Sheridan Ward - Visitors Welcome

Sacrament Meeting
Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School
11:20 a.m.
R S & Priesthood
12:10 p.m.
Mutual (Youth Group)
Weds. 7:00p.m.

3560 | MT State Hwy 287
Sheridan 842-5860
Bishop Dustin 684-5255

MADISON COUNTY PUBLIC CEMETERY

NEW MASS TIMES & LOCATIONS
Beginning 9/10/16: 4 pm, Saturday night Mass at St. Joseph's, Sheridan
As of now: 11 am, St. Mary's, Laurin and 8:30 am, St. Patrick's, Ennis
Beginning 9/13/16: 7:30 am, daily (Tuesday & Thursday) Mass at St. Joseph's, Sheridan
Beginning 9/14/16: 9:00 am daily, (Wednesday) Mass at St. Patrick's, Ennis
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- Sunday School 10:15 am

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Ennis, Montana 406-684-9900

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Ennis Branch

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

Family History Center
682-4911, 682-7415, 682-3614
Pres. Thompson 682-7415
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6:30-8:00 p.m.

Kid's Club (3 yrs-4th grade)
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Youth Group (7th-12th grade)

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

Pastor Greg Ledgerwood
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Bible Study
9:00 a.m.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Meeting Every Thurs. at 8 p.m., Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges
ALANON MEETING
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Twin Bridges • Church of the Valley
Thursdays, 8 pm

ALANON
Pony School House • Weds. 7 pm
Suzy 685-3692

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

Vennis Over The Hill Unity Group
Faced with a drinking problem? Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help.
SUazN - 10 a.m., No Smoking, Virginia City Library

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

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

Meets every Saturday at 6 p.m. & starts with a meal.

DAYSRING MISSION
3648 Hwy 287, Sheridan
596-0707

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
Contents of storage unit #10 and four travel trailers (and contents) to be sold on Sunday, October 16 at 1:00 pm at 2144 Highway 287. Bill of sales for storage and trailers will be issued, which can be taken to Madison County Courthouse to receive new titles. (Pub. Sept 15, 22, 29 2016) mh MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE
TO BE SOLD AT Sheriff's Sale on the 5th day of October, 2016 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:
2004 White Lincoln Navigator: VIN #5LM-FU28R74LJ18878, as is condition.
Dated this 7th of September, 2016.
//s//ROGER THOMPSON,
SHERIFF OF MADISON COUNTY
(Pub. Sept 15, 22, 29 2016) mcs MNAXLP

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGULAR VOTER REGISTRATION AND OPTION FOR LATE REGISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that regular* voter registration for the General Election to be held on November 8, 2016 will close at 5:00 p.m., October 11, 2016.
All active and inactive**electors of Madison County, are entitled to vote at said election.
**Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the polling place in order to vote, by requesting an absentee ballot in any election, or by notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of the elector's current address in the county.
Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by requesting a form for registration by mail or by appearing at the county election office. If you have moved, please update your registration information by filling out a new voter registration card and submitting it to the county election office.
*NOTE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register for the election by showing up at the county election office up to and including on Election Day. Between noon and the close of business on the day before Election Day, you may complete and submit a voter registration card, however, you will need to return to the local election office on Election Day to pick up and vote a ballot.
DATED this 14th day of September, 2016
Madison County
Kathleen D. Mumme
Election Administrator
(Pub. September 22, 29, and Oct 6, 2016) mccr MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Dillon Unit is seeking comments on a proposed land exchange involving state owned trust land and private lands owned by SRI River Holdings, LLC (SRI) formerly known as Hamilton Ranch. These lands are located in Madison and Butte-Silver Bow Counties, west and south of Twin Bridges, Montana. Approximately 611 acres of state owned trust lands described as:
Legal Description:
-W1/2, W1/2E1/2, NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4, Madison County, Section 20 T3S R6W, 523 acres, MSU 2 nd Grant Trust
-Portion of the NW1/4 (north of the Melrose-Twin Bridges Road to be determined by survey) Madison County, Section 29 T3S R6W, 8 acres, Eastern College-MSU/Western College-UM Trust
-E1/2NE1/4 (less Jefferson River bed) Madison County *Located on the Jefferson River, Section 16 T3S R6W, 80 acres, Common Schools Trust
The above state trust land is proposed to be exchanged for approximately 861.48 acres of private land described below as:
Legal Description:
-W1/2, SW1/4SE1/4, NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4 (two described parcels) Madison County, Section 30 T1S R7W, 630 acres
-To be described by survey, Madison County *Located on the Big Hole River near Pennington Bridge, Section 11 T4S R7W, 111 acres
-SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4, Butte-Silver Bow County, Section 25 T1S R8W, 120.48 acres
The purpose of the proposed land exchange is to provide greater management flexibility for both the private landowner and state owned land, improve hunting safety zones near ranch residences, and provide additional access for the public to currently inaccessible federal lands.
In accordance with the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), public concerns about the project and potential environmental impacts will be considered and analyzed before a decision is made regarding project implementation. All comments previously received will be considered in the MEPA process. We will be using your comments to help us identify issues early on in the process so we may reasonably address them in the environ-

mental assessment.
DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archaeologists will be consulted.
Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by October 14, 2016 to:
Tim Egan, Dillon Unit Manager
DNRC - Dillon Unit Office
840 North Montana St
Dillon, MT 59725
Or via e-mail to tegan@mt.gov
(Pub. September 22, 29, 2016) dnrc MNAXLP

LEGAL NOTICE
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks proposes cessation of stocking Rainbow Trout in Hebgen Reservoir in 2017. This EA is available for review in Helena at FWP's Headquarters, the State Library, and the Environmental Quality Council. It also may be obtained from FWP at the address provided below, or viewed on FWP's internet website: <http://www.fwp.mt.gov>.
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks invites you to comment on the attached proposal. Public comment will be accepted until 2 November 2016 at 5:00 pm. Comments should be sent to the following:
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Dave Moser
1400 South 19th Avenue
Bozeman MT, 59718
Or e-mailed to: davemoser@mt.gov
(Published Sept. 29, October 6, 2016) mfwf MNAXLP

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
This is a public notice from B & D Keylock to the Lessee Of Units #62 & #70 located at 3538 Hwy 287 in Sheridan, Mt 59749 that your Unit is under foreclosure proceedings. (Pub. September 29, and Oct 6, 2016) b&d MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE
Minutes of the Madison County Board of Commissioners' meetings for the period beginning August 1, 2016, and ending on August 31, 2016, are now available for public review in the office of the Clerk and Recorder at the Madison County Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, MT. Individual requests for personal copies of these minutes, or any previous minutes, will be accepted by the Clerk and Recorder in her office. Approved minutes can also be viewed on the Madison County website at www.madisoncountymt.gov. Signed this 19th day of September, 2016.
Kathleen Mumme
Madison County Clerk and Recorder
(Pub. September 29, 2016) mccr MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Madison County Board of Commissioners approved payroll for payment in the amount of \$896,383.50 and claims for all funds in the amount of \$1,118,377.82 with a total of \$2,014,761.32 for the period beginning August 1, 2016, and ending on August 31, 2016. The full and complete claims and payroll lists are available for public review in the office of the Clerk and Recorder the Madison County Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, MT. Individual requests for personal copies of these lists will be accepted by the Clerk and Recorder in her office and can also be viewed on the Madison County website at www.madisoncountymt.gov. Signed this 19th day of September, 2016
Kathleen Mumme
Madison County Clerk and Recorder
(Pub. September 29, 2016) mccr MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE
The following is the complete text of an amendment to the Montana Constitution that will be submitted to the voters of the state of Montana at the November 8, 2016 General Election. The text of the amendment below is being published under the authority of Section 13-27-311, Montana Code Annotated. To review the ballot language of the constitutional amendment, please refer to the Voter Information Pamphlet or the Secretary of State Office website at sos.mt.gov/elections. Questions can be emailed to S0SElections@mt.gov, or you may contact us by phone at the toll free number 1-888-884-8683 (VOTE).
THE COMPLETE TEXT OF CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 116 (CI-116)
WHEREAS, the People of the State of Montana find that a crime victim in Montana is entitled to enhanced, specific, and meaningful rights to participate in criminal and youth court proceedings and enact the following new section of Article II of The Constitution of the State of Montana. The section is named for a noted victim of crime, Marsy, in whose name many states have enacted comparable reforms.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
NEW SECTION. Section 1. Article II of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended by adding a new section 36 that reads:

Section 36. Rights of crime victims. (1) To preserve and protect a crime victim's right to justice, to ensure a crime victim has a meaningful role in criminal and juvenile justice systems, and to ensure that a crime victim's rights and interests are respected and protected by law in a manner no less vigorous than the protections afforded to a criminal defendant and a delinquent youth, a crime victim has the following rights, beginning at the time of victimization:

- (a) to due process and to be treated with fairness and respect for the victim's dignity;
- (b) to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse;
- (c) to be reasonably protected from the accused and any person acting on the accused's behalf;
- (d) to have the victim's safety and welfare considered when setting bail and making release decisions;
- (e) to prevent the disclosure of information that could be used to locate or harass the victim or that contains confidential or privileged information about the victim;
- (f) to privacy, including the right to refuse an interview, deposition, or other discovery request and to set reasonable conditions on the conduct of any interaction to which the victim consents;
- (g) to receive reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of and to be present at all proceedings involving the criminal conduct, plea, sentencing, adjudication, disposition, release, or escape of the defendant or youth accused of delinquency and any proceeding implicating the rights of the victim;
- (h) to be promptly notified of any release or escape of the accused;
- (i) to be heard in any proceeding involving the release, plea, sentencing, disposition, adjudication, or parole of the defendant or youth accused of delinquency and any proceeding implicating the rights of the victim;
- (j) to confer with the prosecuting attorney;
- (k) to provide information regarding the impact the offender's conduct had on the victim for inclusion in the presentence or predisposition investigation report and to have the information considered in any sentencing or disposition recommendations submitted to the court;
- (l) to receive a copy of any presentence report and any other report or record relevant to the exercise of a right of the victim, except for those portions made confidential by law;
- (m) to the prompt return of the victim's property when no longer needed as evidence in the case;
- (n) to full and timely restitution. All money and property collected from a person who has been ordered to make restitution must be applied first to the restitution owed to the victim before paying any amounts owed to the government.
- (o) to proceedings free from unreasonable delay and to a prompt and final conclusion of the case and any related postjudgment proceedings;
- (p) to be informed of the conviction, sentence, adjudication, place and time of incarceration, or other disposition of the offender, including any scheduled release date, actual release date, or escape;
- (q) to be informed of clemency and expungement procedures; to provide information to the Governor, the court, any clemency board, or any other authority and to have that information considered before a decision is made; and to be notified of any decision before the release of the offender; and
- (r) to be informed of the above rights and to be informed that the victim may seek the advice and assistance of an attorney with respect to the above rights. This information must be made available to the general public and provided to all crime victims on what is referred to as a Marsy's card.

(2) A victim, the victim's attorney, the victim's legal representative, or the prosecuting attorney at the request of the victim may assert and seek enforcement of the rights enumerated in this section and any other right afforded to the victim by law in any trial or appellate court or any other authority with jurisdiction over the case as a matter of right. The court or other authority shall act promptly on the request, affording a remedy by due course of law for the violation of any right. The reasons for any decision regarding disposition of a victim's right must be clearly stated on the record.
(3) This section may not be construed to deny or disparage other rights possessed by victims. This section applies to criminal and youth court proceedings, is self-executing, and requires no further action by the Legislature.
(4) As used in this section, the following definitions apply:
(a) "Crime" means an act defined as a felony, misdemeanor, or delinquency under state law.
(b) "Victim" means a person who suffers direct or threatened physical, psychological, or financial harm as a result of the commission or attempted commission of a crime.
(i) The term includes:
(A) a spouse, parent, grandparent, child, sibling, grandchild, or guardian of the victim;
(B) a person with a relationship to the victim that is substantially similar to a relationship described in subsection (4)(b)(i)(A); and
(C) a representative of a victim who is a minor or who is deceased, incompetent or incapacitated.

(ii) The term does not include the accused or a person who the court believes would not act in the best interests of a minor or of a victim who is deceased, incompetent or incapacitated.
(Pub. September 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 2016) mna MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a five-year comprehensive review of the bonding level for Barretts Minerals Inc. (Barretts). Barretts operates the Treasure Mine located in Sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22 & 23, Township 7 South, Range 6 West under Operating Permit No. 00078. The site is about 15 miles northeast of Dillon, MT in Madison County. DEQ has determined that an increase in the bond is necessary. The current bond amount is \$4,673,816. DEQ proposes to increase the bond by \$686,398 to \$5,360,214.
A copy of the bond calculations that form the basis for the proposed bond determination can be obtained by contacting the Department of Environmental Quality, Hard Rock Mining Bureau, P. O. Box 200901, 1520 E. Sixth Ave., Helena, MT 59620-0901, or by calling Herb Rolles at (406) 444-3841 or e-mail at hrolles@mt.gov. Comments must be received by October 17, 2016.
(Pub. September 29, 2016) deq MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Madison County Board of Commissioners will not be holding their regular Commission meeting on Monday, October 10, 2016, as County Offices will be closed to observe the Columbus Day Holiday. The next regular meeting following this date will be held on Monday, October 17, 2016.
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ELECTION RESULTS
The results of the mail ballot school election held September 20, 2016, have been canvassed by the Alder School Board of trustees, and they have determined that the resolution to pass a Building Reserve Levy for the purpose of minor/major construction, maintenance, remodeling of existing facilities, and/or acquisition of additional school sites has been approved by the voters of the Alder School District. Financial impact on the property owners is approximately \$4.18 on a home with a market value of \$100,000 and approximately \$8.36 on a home with a market value of \$200,000.
(Pub. September 29, 2016) as MNAXLP

NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION TO SELL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF DISTRICT REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given by the trustees of Twin Bridges Public Schools, School District No. 7 of Madison County, state of Montana that pursuant to 20-6-604 (MCA) a resolution adopted at a meeting of the board of trustees of the school district held on the 20th day of September, 2016 states the following:
WHEREAS, the trustees of School District 7, Twin Bridges, Madison County, Montana, have made a determination that real or personal property of the district has become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable or unsuitable for the district's needs for the schools; THEREFORE, the trustees have determined that these items shall be sold or otherwise disposed by the district in accordance with section 20-6-604, MCA, and proceeds from "Items A" listed below shall be placed in the appropriate acquisition fund AND proceeds from all other items will be placed in the district flex fund; and
WHEREAS, this resolution may not become effective for fourteen (14) days after the notice required in subsection (3) of 20-6-604, MCA, is made. The trustees shall provide notice of the resolution as required by law. A taxpayer may appeal the resolution of the trustees, at any time prior to the effective date of the resolution, to the district court by filing a verified petition with the clerk of the court and serving a copy of the petition upon the district.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Twin Bridges School District 7, Madison County, Montana, authorizes the sale of "Items A" by sealed bid which must be received by the District Clerk no later than October 14th at 4:00 p.m. and all other items by appropriate means as established by the District Clerk/Superintendent.
Items A:
• One Edwards Shear Machine (shop) – 1004; One Prexto Rotary Machine (shop) – 1033; Prexto Brake/Bar Folder (shop) – 1034; Sioux Engine Valve (shop) – 1593
Other Items:
• Four laptops – 3240, 4316, 4281, 3238; One desktop – 3518; One pressure washer – 1516 is outdated; Five VHS recorders; Five outdated bus cameras ; One set 1996 "The World Book Encyclopedia"; One set 1974 "The World Book Encyclopedia"; Ten copies Never a Worm this Long Book (c 1991); Two overheads – 1419 & "no number"; Science Lab Odds & Ends
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Trustees' Financial Summary and school budgets for the school year 2015-2016 of each district in the Madison County are available for inspection in the office of the County Superintendent of Schools at the Courthouse in Virginia City by appointment. To view the beginning and ending cash balances, total revenue, and total expenditures for all funds for each district (MCA 20-3-205) please visit www.madison.mt.gov under departments choose Treasurer or Superintendent of Schools.
Madison County Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year 2015-2016
General Fund Balances for each District in Madison County:
See chart below marked A.
If you have any questions please feel free to contact, Pam Birkeland, County Superintendent of Schools at 843-4280 or pbirkeland@madison.mt.gov.
(Pub. September 29, 2016) mcss MNAXLP

PUBLIC MEETING
The Montana Heritage Commission will hold its regular public meeting
When: September 30th 2016 9:00am-3:00pm
Where: Virginia City, Rehearsal Hall (316 W Idaho Street)
(Pub. September 29, 2016) mhc MNAXLP

District	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Alder	\$14,987.17	\$ 513,218.38	\$ 510,124.38	\$16,094.07
Ennis	\$328,495.99	\$ 52,853,823.98	\$ 52,685,591.99	\$505,334.48
Harrison	\$108,273.73	\$ 51,063,249.04	\$ 51,011,888.92	\$39,833.85
Sheridan Elem.	\$92,978.97	\$ 598,268.88	\$ 597,532.50	\$91,724.56
Sheridan High	\$141,460.43	\$ 8916,070.81	\$ 8907,714.31	\$95,638.85
Twin Bridges	\$222,002.60	\$ 52,226,492.02	\$ 52,220,670.31	\$247,118.38

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Elling House receives \$5,000 from Safeco, Jack W. Daugherty

SUBMITTED BY JACKIE GUZMAN
Tilson PR

Jack W. Daugherty Insurance and Financial Services in Ennis has earned a 2016 Safeco Insurance Make More Happen Award for its community work with the Elling House Arts and Humanities

Center. The award includes a \$4,000 donation to the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center from Safeco Insurance. The Elling House Arts and Humanities Center and Jack Daugherty of Jack W. Daugherty Insurance and Financial Services also awarded the non-

profit an additional \$1,000. For the organization to win the extra money, at least 50 different individuals had to leave a virtual "cheer" on a story on Safeco.com. Safeco's Make More Happen Award recognizes independent agents who demonstrate extraordinary volunteerism

for a nonprofit organization. These awards focus on non-profits in the areas of health and safety, education and civil service. Jack W. Daugherty Insurance and Financial Services was selected for the Make More Happen Award based on a photo and application demonstrating its commitment to the Elling House

Arts and Humanities Center, which serves Madison County by bringing arts and humanities to the community through educational, social and cultural events while celebrating local talent in an important historic landmark.

Daugherty first became involved with the center after attending the winter Chau-

tauqua series, which features community potlucks and performances once a month. Now, Daugherty Insurance employees support the EHAHC in a variety of ways, including fundraising, assisting with building maintenance, setting up for performances, preparing food for receptions and parking cars at events.



PHOTO COURTESY JACKIE GUZMAN
From L: Abby Thomas, Amy Grice, Jack Daugherty and Judy King.

Twin Bridges graduates meet for reunion

SUBMITTED BY BETTY BROWN

The Twin Bridges class of 1961 celebrated their 55 year class reunion on July 30 at High Tower Ranch near Twin Bridges.

The class had 20 classmates – seven deceased and four attended. The class of 1962 was invited with them, celebrating 54 years. The class had 28 classmates – five deceased and nine attended. The event was organized by Betty Brown. Hope to see everyone again in five more years.



PHOTO COURTESY BETTY BROWN
From L, front row, then back: Kathleen Casey Baril, Judy (Buck) Shafer, Theresa (Burton) Douglas, Sylvia (Anderson) Moore, John Funk, Jim Birdsill, David Hunt, Dick Flager and Darnell Godfrey.

PHOTO COURTESY BETTY BROWN
From L: Carol (Burlingame) Salmonsens, Ray Paige, John Claypool and Betty (Weber) Brown from the class of 1961.



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FALL 2016 IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

Twin Bridges	October 3 rd	3 to 6 pm
Sheridan	October 5 th	3 to 6 pm
Alder	October 6 th	10 to 11:30 am
Harrison	October 11 th	9 am to 3 pm
Ennis	October 13 th	3 to 6 pm

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

Twin Bridges	October 3 rd	9 am to 3 pm
Sheridan	October 5 th	9 am to 3 pm
Alder	October 6 th	10 to 11:30 am
Harrison	October 11 th	9 am to 3 pm
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WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28

Noxious weed workshop, Ennis
Managing noxious weeds on your property - 6:30 p.m. at the school. Call Cori at 682-4258 for more information.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30

Main Street mingle and art show, Ennis
This month's Main Street Mingle is a 15-artist art show with clothing specials and a barbecue dinner and live music at the KC Market Square downtown. Contact Cindy at 682-5252 for more information.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1

Fall festival, Twin Bridges
Join the Twin Bridges Community Association for food, music and games at the Madison County Fairgrounds beginning at 4 p.m.

Author event, Ennis
Russell Rowland will discuss his book "Fifty-Six Counties, a Montana Journey" at the Madison Valley Public Library at 11 a.m.

Cider pressing party, Sheridan
Bring your apples and clean containers to

Jackson's Garden and press your own cider! Or just come watch and enjoy hot cider and fresh donuts from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 6

BAH, Ennis
Business after hours at the Ennis Senior Center from 5-7 p.m.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 11

Workshop, Ennis
Join ECE for a presentation on some of Montana's earliest elections at 6 p.m. at the high school. Call Cori at 682-4258 for more information.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12

Meeting, Ennis
School board meeting at the Ennis High School at 5 p.m.

MONDAY OCTOBER 24

Crunch time, Ennis
Whether you are at school, work, home, or out having fun, join Montana in celebrating Food Day and National Farm to School Month by crunching into locally and regionally grown apples on Oct. 24 at 2 p.m. Contact GROWW coordinator Nicole Bailey at 579-9199 for more information.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26

Celebration, Twin Bridges
All are welcome to attend the Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation's capital campaign celebration at 6 p.m. at The

Round Barn, 2 miles north of Twin.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 7

Wild bird discussion, Ennis
Come join in on a discussion led by Marc Elser on tips for feeding wild birds at 7 p.m. at the high school. Call Cori at 682-4258 for more information.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 9

Christmas stroll, Twin Bridges
Enjoy the community Christmas stroll at the Madison County Fairgrounds with food, music and fun. Begins at 5 p.m.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

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

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

TUESDAYS

Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, Virginia City
Meeting the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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

Paddle board classes, Ennis
Tuesday at Ennis Lake at 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

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

Open Sew, Ennis
Open Sew with the Quilt Guild- open to the public from 2-5pm at Madison Valley Public Library

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

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

Yoga, Virginia City
Gentle yoga with Andrea Frederick at 5:30 p.m. at the library.

THURSDAYS

MV Women's Club FIRST THURS OF EA. MONTH
NO meetings June, July or August.

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

Children's Story & Craft Time Elementary kids, Virginia City
Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the Thompson Hickman Library.

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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.