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## Bozeman man survives double sow bear attack

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A 50-year-old Bozeman man was scouting hunting locations about 3 miles up the North Fork Bear Creek outside of Cameron on Saturday morning when he spotted a sow grizzly bear with cubs.

"He yelled to make his presence known to the bear and it charged him from about 80 yards away," according to Madison County Sheriff Roger Thompson. "He deployed his bear spray as it got closer, but the bear did not stop."

According to Thompson, the bear mauled, bit and stomped on the man, who did not fight back. After the bear wandered away, the

man started to hike out.

"He got about 1/2 mile away when the bear attacked him again, biting and stomping on him again," Thompson said. "He played dead and the bear left."

Bleeding and injured, the man hiked out to his car and drove himself to the Madison Valley Medical Center, 17 miles away.

"He suffered lacerations to his head, neck, back and right shoulder, and has a broken left forearm," Thompson said. "(The Forest Service) has posted the North Fork Bear Creek as closed until further notice so (Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks) can assess the situation."

This Bear Creek bear encounter is not the first this year.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, an archery hunter in the Cabin Creek area north of Hebgen Lake received minor injuries after encountering a "presumed grizzly while calling for elk," according to a press release from FWP.

"Then, Sunday morning, another man hunting elk with his bow on the north side of the Tom Miner basin north of Gardiner was mauled by what his hunting party believes was a female grizzly with two cubs," the release continued. "He suffered bite injuries."

Though both hunters were treated at local hospitals and released, FWP is urging archery hunters and other recreators to stay on the lookout for bears.

"While it is impossible to prevent all events like these, archery hunters should understand the inherent risk of hunting in bear country and do what they can to avoid encountering grizzlies," according to the release.

Learning to share the landscape with bears is something often discussed in the area. On Sept. 1, more than 50 Madison County community members gathered in Alder at the fire hall to learn about bear behavior, how to avoid encounters and what to do if an encounter happens.

At the presentation, Danielle Oyler, bear education coordinator for the Southwest Montana Bear Education Working Group, said this time of the year bears are

"eating excessively." This is called hyperphagia. Bears have a single track mind – to consume food to last the winter – so Oyler recommends taking extra precautions this time of the year.

To avoid bear encounters, Oyler says to remain alert, travel in groups, make noise, carry bear spray, and refrain from recreating in the mountains during peak activity hours, dawn and dusk.

No matter what you do, an encounter is a possibility.

"Before venturing into an area, hunters should take notice of warning signs at trailheads, observe the brush at a distance for movement

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## MACo elects Hart as second vice president

Hart will move through administration, taking over presidency in 2018

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When commissioners from all of Montana's 56 counties met in Billings at the end of September for their annual fall Montana Association of Counties conference, Madison County's own commissioner Jim Hart was elected to MACo's administration.

Hart's new role as second vice president means he will serve as first vice president next year, and the following year, he will assume the presidency of the organization.

"Having interaction with all 56 counties and the chance to network with national folks is a great opportunity," Hart said. "It is an opportunity to work with our congressional representatives and their staff."

Madison County commissioner Ron Nye nominated Hart.

"I respect him and I like him," Nye said simply. "He is deserving of it. (Hart) is connected and can do us some good and do MACo some good."

Nye said Hart's intelligence and work ethic qualifies him for the role.

For the duration of the MACo conference, commissioners from across the state broke into committees to discuss issues pertaining to Montana, from health and human services to forest health to finance, Hart explained.

"We end up getting an understanding of what it is each county looks for as possible legislation," he said. "We discussed resolutions and focus points for MACo staff to concentrate on when they go to the legislature and speak on behalf of us."

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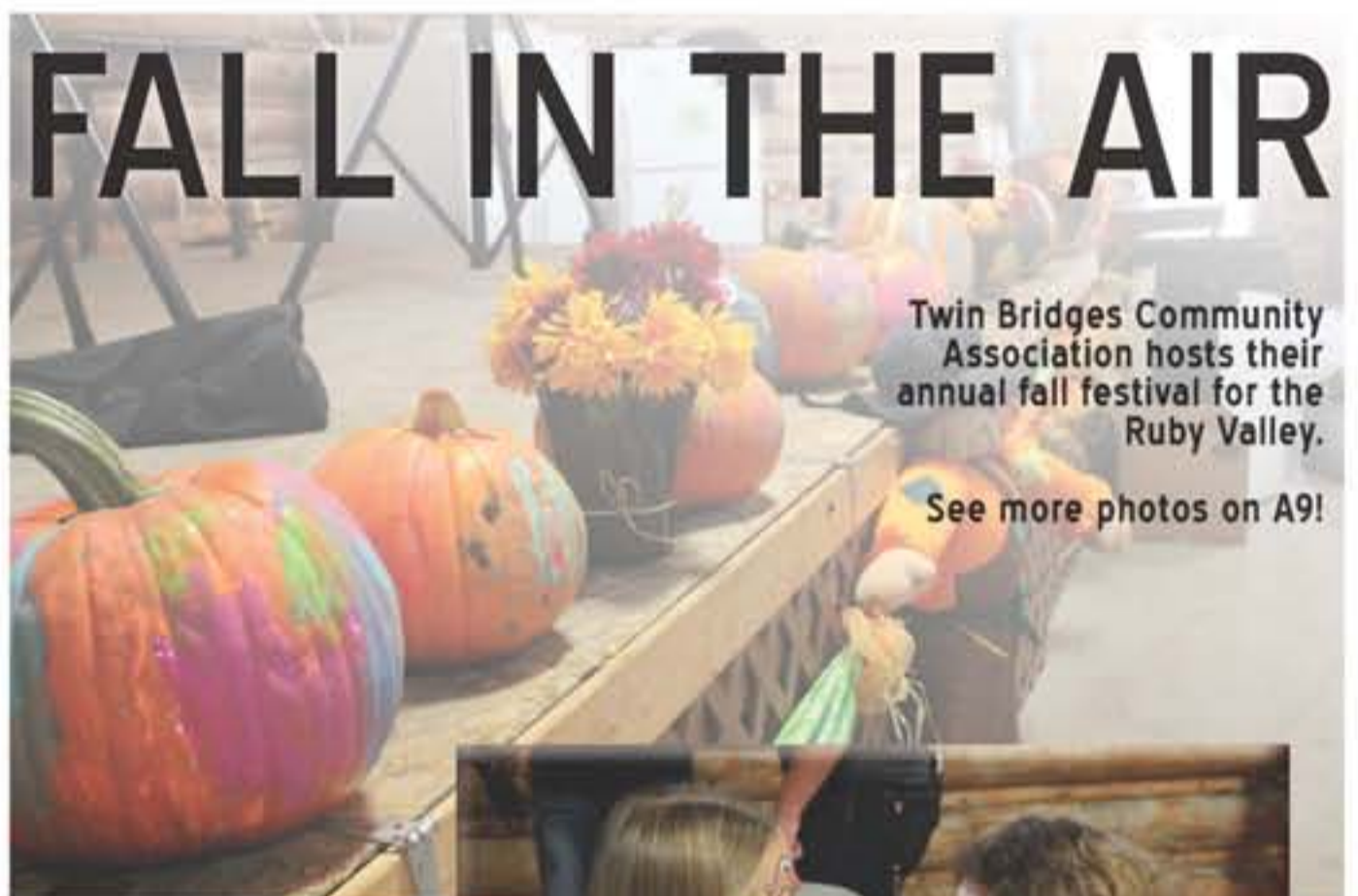
- Commissioner Jim Hart,  
MACo second vice president

Hart's role as second vice president will require him to attend board of director meetings quarterly, and district meetings twice a year.

"I may have special meetings in (Washington, D.C.) or other regional meetings throughout the United States with commissioners from across the country."



Commissioner Jim Hart



Twin Bridges Community Association hosts their annual fall festival for the Ruby Valley.

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"It's just something for the community to do and especially for the kids," said Verta Dorseth, member of the Twin Bridges Community Association.

The TBCA rung in the fall season with their annual festival, equipped with a scarecrow contest, pumpkin painting, zucchini cars, bean-bag toss, straw maze, photo booth, bowling and face painting for all Twin Bridges and Ruby Valley residents to enjoy.

"Everyone is very supportive and it seems to get bigger and better every year," said Dorseth.

The TBCA holds many festivities and fundraisers throughout the year to help aid in the beautification of the downtown, as well as provide entertainment for the community.

"My favorite game is this one!" shouted 5-year-old Alex Reedy as he tossed a bean-bag into a pumpkin shaped hole.

Alex, along with his older brother James and mom Ellie, came over from Sheridan for the fall fun.

"We just like to support the whole Ruby Valley," said E. Reedy.



TOP  
CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN  
There was an array of painted pumpkins on display during the festival.

ABOVE  
CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN  
Ellie Mack, 10, paints Amanda House's, 11, face during the festival. "We are both in fifth-grade and we both like face painting," said Mack.

## Sheriff's office investigates possible sexual assault

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On Sept. 24 at around 9 p.m., the Madison County Sheriff's Office received a report of a female found unconscious on the floor of the laundromat in Ennis, according to Sheriff Roger Thompson.

"The circumstances surrounding why she was unconscious are unclear at this point," Thompson said. "Because we only have a little information to go on."

Thompson's office is treating the incident as a sexual assault and investigating it as such to air on the side of caution.

"We don't want to miss anything," he said. "As we conduct follow-up on this incident, we want to make sure that we operate on facts so as to give the protection that is needed to the person involved and that we don't accuse someone of something that they didn't do."

If anyone has any information about the incident, Thompson asked they call the sheriff's office at 843-5301.

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and look at the ground and trees for bear sign," the FWP release stated. "Bear spray should be carried in an accessible place and hunting with at least one other person is highly recommended."

**Another grizzly incident near Bear Creek**

Madison County is not immune to bear activity. On Wednesday, Sept. 14, a conflict with a grizzly bear

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest offices provide bear-resistant containers for the public to rent. According to a BDNF press release, the Madison Ranger District in Ennis has had a bear-resistant container loaner program to help forest visitors comply with food storage regulations since 2008. Forest visitors can check out bear-resistant horse panniers, backpacking "bear barrels" and the popular yet cost-prohibitive bear-resistant coolers for their planned outings. Currently, the program is also available at BDNF offices in Dillon, Wisdom, Wise River, Philipsburg, Butte and Whitehall.

Call the Forest Service for more information.

resulted in a possible wounded bear in the vicinity of the North Fork Bear Creek Trail, in Cameron.

The trail was closed for a few days while U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, the Forest Service and FWP searched for the bear.

"We never determined if there was a wounded bear," FWP game warden Shane Brozovich said.

The incident was reported by a hunting guide and three clients who encountered a sow and a cub on the trail.

Brozovich said the hunters encountered the bears in a narrow canyon, and did what FWP recommends. They made noise, announced themselves and hollered "hey bear."

The hunters reported the bear ran toward them and the hunting guide discharged a firearm in the direction of the bear.

"It seems like archers bump into

bears," Brozovich said. "They're sneaking around, and they spray themselves with scent."

**Bears and big game**

FWP reminds hunters that areas with high deer and elk hunting success may attract bears.

"Elk bugling and cow calling also may bring in bears," according to FWP. "Hunters should have with them what they need to immediately field dress their game. If hunters have success in the

field and can't haul their meat out right away they should remove the meat from the kill site and hang it at least ten feet off the ground and at least 150 yards from the gut pile."

Hunters who do hang their meat to collect later should always use binoculars to see if the meat has been disturbed before approaching it. Consequentially, if a bear is in the area of the kill, hunters should never attempt to haze the bear away.



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**Cox sentenced to DoC**

Julie Ann Cox was sentenced to the Department of Corrections by Judge Loren Tucker at the Madison County Courthouse on Oct. 3, 2016.

According to filed Information from Madison County Attorney Chris Christensen, Cox was charged with one count of driving under the influence of alcohol, fourth or subsequent offense, a felony, in violation of section 61-8-40(1)(a), Montana Code Annotated.

The charge stems from a July 2015 incident where the defendant was caught operating a vehicle in Madison County while under the influence of alcohol.

Judge Tucker followed Christensen's recommendation and ordered Cox to a 13 month sentence with the DoC to run concurrent with a charge from neighboring Gallatin County, along with a \$1,000 fine, with \$500 suspended. Cox must also enter

the WATCH program.

"I see this as the beginning of the end of a bad decade," said a positive Cox. "Dealing with deaths and divorces is an excuse for drinking but not a reason (for drinking) and I've made many changes in my life."

Judge Tucker complimented Cox on her insight and said he was hopeful she would continue on the right track.

**Sletten charged on felony DUI**

Christian Allen Sletten appeared before Judge Loren Tucker at the Madison County Courthouse on Oct. 3 for a sentencing hearing regarding a charge of a felony DUI.

Sletten was charged with one count of driving under the influence, fourth offense, and one count of careless driving, after a July 4, 2015, incident in Madison County, according to court documents.

After an initial appearance in April, Sletten was put into the 24/7 program for drug and alcohol testing - he

showed no drugs or alcohol in his system. Because of this, the defendant's attorney, Stephanie Kruer, asked the court consider his progress when it came time for sentencing.

"I've admitted my mistakes and faults and I'm trying to right it," said Sletten.

Upon recommendation of the state, represented by County Attorney Chris Christensen, Judge Tucker sentenced Sletten to 13 months with the DoC, minus three days served, and a fine of \$1,000 with \$750 suspended. Sletten must also complete the WATCH program and will be on probation for five years.

**McCann pleads not true**

Christopher Frederick McCann pleaded not true to six allegations during a hearing on a petition to revoke his suspended sentence at the Madison County Courthouse on Oct. 3, after allegations he violated his parole.

In February 2014, McCann appeared before Judge Tucker for sentencing for a

fourth offense DUI. He was sentenced to 13 months with the DoC and given an additional five year sentence to the DoC to be served consecutively to the 13 month commitment, all suspended, according to a filed Information.


"On or about October 26, 2015, the defendant absconded from supervision," according to a filed Information.

In May of 2016, McCann admitted to allegations of his failure to report and was sentenced to the DoC for five years, all suspended, except for an order to serve an additional 30 days in jail. McCann was given credit for 90 days previously served.

Since the May sentencing, McCann is now facing the following allegations: violation to report to probation, violation of residence approval by his parole officer, violation of complying as a good citizen, violation of assigned district, violation of the consumption of alcohol and violation of submitting drug tests.

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## Mule deer in Southwest Montana



Population peaked most recently in 1980s, stable for past 15 years

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"Ultimately, my objective is to sustain healthy populations of free ranging wildlife, both for hunting opportunity and general recreation enjoyment," said Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks biologist Dean Waltee, explaining why he spends time surveying and classifying animal populations in the area.



**BOTH PHOTOS**  
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Mule deer in the Madison Valley.

From July 26 through Sept. 3, Waltee focused on mule deer

"I classified 273 mule deer, including 137 does, 64 fawns, 21 yearling bucks and 54 adult bucks," Waltee stated. "The observed fawn to adult does ratio was 47 to 100 – compared to 68 to 100 in 2015 and a three year average of 56 to 100."

The fawn to adult does ratio was 61 to 100, compared to 100 to 100 in 2015 and a three year average of 71 to 100.

"Neither of these ratios are great for mule deer," Waltee said. "Localized fawn production varied widely. Some areas did well, while other areas did poorly."

Waltee said he suspects the fawn production was negatively impacted by hard winter conditions last year, which persisted from November 2015 through January 2016.

### History of mule deer

If you talk to people who lived in Southwest Montana in the 1960s and 1980s, they may tell tales of a plethora of mule deer compared to current days, and they are not wrong.

"Speaking specifically

to Southwest Montana, (mule deer) grew in population in the late 1960s and probably peaked then," Waltee said. "We had a lull in mule deer population in the late 1970s and another peak in the mid-1980s, and then numbers declined from there."

Though the population has stabilized over the last 15 years, it is not as large as it once was.

"It's an interesting conversation," Waltee said. "We have much fewer mule deer than we did in the 1960s, 70s or mid-80s. But what is not recognized by a lot of people is that those were peaks in a long trend. People like to say mule deer are really on the fritz, but they are comparing it to peak points, which is not the best."

Waltee stressed the importance of distinguishing the difference between a reduced population relative to years ago and an imperiled population, saying mule deer are not imperiled or on their way to extinction.

### The why

Currently, Waltee is measuring available browse on mule deer winter range in the Tobacco Root Mountains. Then, in the spring, he will return to the area once the deer have moved on and measure what browse is left.

"I believe a big reason (for the decline in population) is the product of reduced resource availability, mostly in the form of winter browse," Waltee explained. "But we're inferring that from other sources or observing anecdotally."

Mule deer are selective browsers, and Waltee said a few factors have contributed to the reduction in browse availability. First of all, Douglass fir and juniper forests have expanded in Southwest Montana and replaced a lot of what mule deer find palatable, reducing the amount of browse available. While the resource has been shrinking, other competing species have grown.

"We went from scattered bunches of elk in the 1960s to about 16,000 to 18,000 in just a portion of Southwest Montana," Waltee said. "They are competing for that limited resource. Same with white-tailed deer. We've also added herds of big horn sheep, and moose have grown in numbers in some areas."

At the end of the day, the resource is limited and there are more mouths to feed. Since mule deer are selective, their population has been hit the hardest.

When Waltee examines the remaining browse in the spring, he will document scat presence to determine if the area is utilized by more than mule deer.

"That will tell us if we need to worry about harvesting more elk to help mule deer, or if that's a moot point," he explained. "Or maybe we need to work on habitat enhancement projects to produce more browse."

Modern populations must be managed within a modern habitat limit, Waltee pointed out. What was sustainable in the 1960s or 1980s may not be sustainable on today's landscape.

## Rainbow trout in Hebgen Reservoir

FWP requests comment on proposal to stop stocking fish

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"The vast majority – a high percentage – are wild fish," said Joel Tohtz, FWP's Fisheries Bureau Chief, referring to a survey of rainbow trout caught from Hebgen Reservoir. "This says two things to managers. We are

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putting fish in there that aren't returning to anglers – we could put them somewhere else. But if we make that transition, we don't want to drop the floor out of the fishery by being

too quick to make a change."

According to FWP, studies completed over the last 20 years have repeatedly shown a majority of the rainbow trout in Hebgen Reservoir come from wild sources and natural reproduction, not hatchery fish stocked in the lake.

Now, FWP is seeking public comment on a proposal to stop stocking rainbow trout in the reservoir in 2017.

"Given that natural reproduction has been demonstrated to sufficiently sustain the rainbow trout fishery, and considering the cost to stocked anglers to stock the reservoir, fisheries biologists recommend moving forward on this proposal to discontinue the stocking program," according to a FWP release. "This action would be closely monitored to ensure the fishery remains consistent or improves."

Outfitter and fly shop owner Kelly Galloup said he is "on the fence" about the proposal.

"I'm half for it and half nervous," Galloup said. "I like the idea that it is naturally sustaining with better, more lively fish, but selfishly, because I fish Hebgen (Reservoir) quite a bit, I would hate to see it take a nosedive."

Galloup said it is better to have naturally reproducing fish, because there is a level of unknown about what will happen with

stocked fish.

"From an angler's perspective, it's always better to have natural reproduction and a very stable population," he added. "On the other hand, given they monitor it and it doesn't take a complete and total crash, I don't think it is going to hurt anything."

Though the Madison River is a bigger economic driver than angling on the lake, Galloup said many people fish both.

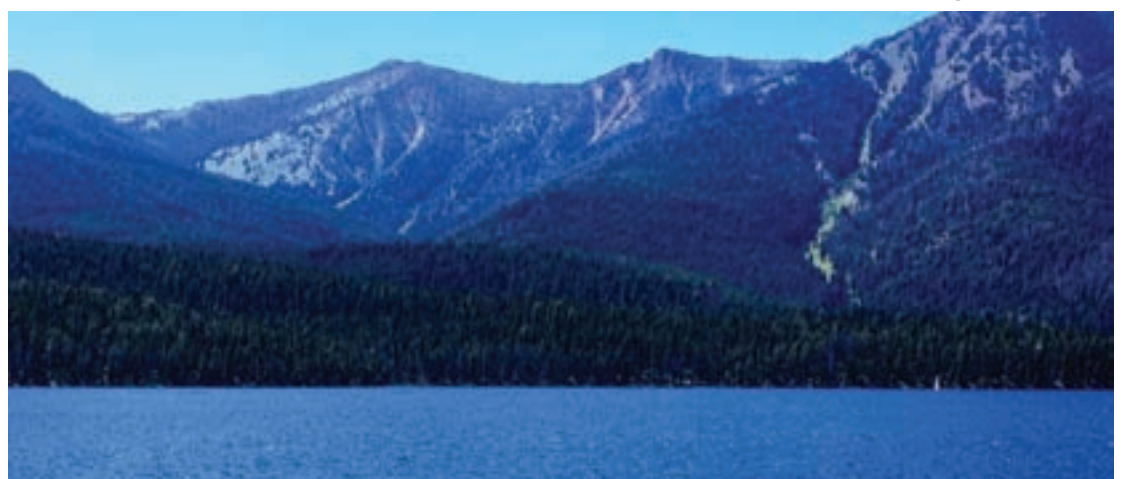
"It's a little like when they stopped stocking the river and the whole world thought it was going to crash and burn, but now we

probably have one of the greatest naturally sustaining fisheries in the U.S., if not the whole world," he said. "If they stop stocking it, but monitor it and see they need to supplement it, I would hope they would do that."

Tohtz said anglers catch mostly wild fish from the reservoir.

"In this situation, stocking is not valuable," Tohtz said. "It is potentially counter-productive because those fish could be sent elsewhere."

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Hebgen Reservoir



## Citizen group discusses truck traffic in Southwest Montana

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At a community meeting on Sept. 27, Cameron resident Patricia Mayne asked the 15-plus people in attendance if they believe there is a "problem" with long haul truck traffic in the Madison Valley. Ten hands shot into the air.

"Our goal is to get the long haul truck traffic moved to (Interstate-15) to improve safety," Mayne said. "Montana has the highest fatality rate per 100,000 people at 22.6 and the highest death rate per 100 million miles at 1.96."

The group Mayne represents, the Citizens Road Alliance, wants to limit truck traffic

on U.S. Highway 287, U.S. Highway 191, MT Highway 84 and MT Highway 87 to local semi traffic only.

"The state can't do it, but they can petition the federal government for approval," Mayne explained.

Duane Williams, administrator of MDT's motor carrier division, said U.S. Highway 287 through the Madison Valley operates with similar truck volumes to other U.S. routes in Montana.

"As with all our highways, U.S. (Highway) 287 is designed to handle the current and forecasted amount of traffic, including truck traffic," Williams said.

Williams said the routes are part of the National Network of Highways, meaning it

would be "very tough" to meet any of the requirements for deletion.

"In addition, Montana could lose federal participation for any construction work on these roads," he said.

Mayne said the CRA believes the long haul truck traffic on the highways presents unsafe driving conditions that pose a danger to wildlife and public safety.

"We just want the long haul traffic on I-15," she said. "We don't want to delete the highways (from the

National Network of Highways) but amend their use."

Since the state must petition the fed-

eral government for any amendments or deletions, Mayne said the CRA is working to convince the state the roads require moving long haul traffic elsewhere.

"Other states have done it," she said. "Utah got a highway changed because of wildlife, and New Jersey and New

York changed the route away from small towns."

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- **Patty Mayne**  
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# Candidate forum in Alder on Oct. 20

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Since commission district

one is Madison County's only contested local office, we have invited David Schulz and Dan Allhands, who are running for that seat, to attend. We held our primary forum in Virginia City, but this time we are coming to the Ruby Valley.

Head to the Alder Fire Hall at 6 p.m. This time around, we want the audience to come prepared to ask questions.

Each candidate will get

three minutes to introduce himself before we launch into public questions. Abigail Dennis, our editor, will moderate the forum. She will call on members of the public to ask questions – each person asking will have 30 seconds to formulate their question. Please remain civil – this is a forum, not a debate. Each candidate will get two minutes to respond, and we will rotate

who answers first. There will not be rebuttals.

At the end of the evening, when we have run out of questions or the clock has reached 7:30 p.m., each candidate will get three minutes for their closing statements.

Check the next few issues of *The Madisonian* for more event details.

We hope to see you there!

## Answers about absentee requests received in mailboxes

Dear Editor,

The Madison County Election Office has been receiving many absentee requests and quite a few inquiries as to why we are sending them out to some of our voters. We would like to get the word out that these absentee applications are coming from political organizations within the state, not from this office, nor from any other government entity. While the addresses of these organizations are all over the mailing, many voters are missing

this. The form itself is the official absentee application form from the Secretary of State, and the same one that all counties are asked to use. We have absolutely no idea why some voters get these forms and others do not. Some voters are getting more than one because they are coming from several different entities. Judging from the amount we are receiving, it looks like many people are also enjoying the convenience of receiving them, and the reminder. At the same time, we are also getting

many duplicates and getting them for voters who are already on the absentee list.

We would like to remind voters and citizens that registered voter mailing lists used to send you these applications are available (at nominal fee) from the Secretary of State (and here at our office as well) and that this practice is perfectly legal and acceptable. This is how candidates campaign and how other organizations encourage people to vote.

This is a good time to also remind our voters that

all of you are eligible to cast an "absentee" or early ballot. You no longer need a reason to vote by mail or to vote here at the election office. You may choose to always vote by mail, all that is required once you sign up is to confirm that you want to continue to vote this way by returning a form sent to you from this office in January of even years.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Mumme  
Madison County Election  
Office

## Re-elect Dave Schulz as commissioner

Dear Editor,

This November, voters in Madison County's district one have the opportunity to re-elect Dave Schulz to the Madison County Commission. I have worked with Schulz on many issues important to the county and Southwest Montana. When ranchers were suffering severe losses from wolves, it was Schulz who worked with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks to change the predator response protocol. This put the incident response back

with wildlife services so control decisions would be made in a more timely manner, addressing the problem and saving producers thousands of dollars in losses.

Schulz has chaired the Forest Service Resource Advisory Council for six years. Under his leadership, funding was secured for the Upper Ruby Weed Cooperative to eradicate noxious weeds in the headwaters of the Ruby River. Schulz is an organizing member and co-chair of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Working Group.

This is a diverse 15 member group of forest users organized as a collaborative to address and support work being performed on the BDNF. I am also a member. We have been meeting for five years now and with Schulz's guidance, I believe we are poised to achieve positive results in the near future.

These are just a few of the many issues Schulz has been working on, but they demonstrate his dedication and effectiveness. Schulz works tirelessly for the residents of this county. He tends to

his county business all day and then attends community meetings many evenings. The relationships Schulz has built with people regardless of political affiliation at the local, state and national level is invaluable to our county.

Please consider his energy, dedication, integrity, knowledge and experience. The decision is clear. Madison County needs Dave Schulz as county commissioner.

Rick Sandru  
Twin Bridges

## I am in support of Commission Chairman David Schulz

Dear Editor,

Every office and department of Madison County continually faces challenges of new reporting procedures and laws. My job in the Department of Finance is to implement the new procedures and laws in governmental accounting in

order to be in compliance, which can be very complex. Madison County is required by law to have an annual audit. Each year, an internal control question the auditor asks, "is management (Madison County Commissioners) adequately involved in procedures?" Every year, I am able to answer "yes" to

that question for the finance office. I give the credit of this answer to Madison County Commission Chairman David Schulz. His years of experience have produced invaluable knowledge on the governmental procedures we are required to adhere to. Commissioner Schulz supports me by listening,

handling discrepancies, offering advice with budgeting, assisting in the review of revenues and expenditures and encouraging me in the multiple faucets of the job.

I value his wisdom and service to Madison County.

Vicki Tilstra  
Sheridan

## 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, Rebecca Ramsey answers the prompt.*

Today I am writing not from my professional capacity, as I usually do, representing the boards that I work for. Today I represent myself. I write as a woman, descended from mixed cultures, a resident of the beautiful state of Montana by choice, a citizen of the United States of America, an intelligent human being living on planet earth. Today I write from my heart.

Voting, to me, is not a question. Voting is a necessity. Voting is my duty. Voting is my voice.

Now is the time to do what is necessary to make your voice heard, to learn about our democratic system and to learn about the privilege that has been given to us. We are very fortunate in this country to have a way to make a difference.

As a woman, I'll never miss a chance to vote. Women were fighting to participate in our new government when the United States was being formed, finally gaining strength in the 1840s with a more organized national movement. These women were ridiculed, humiliated, beaten and arrested, but nothing could deter their fierce demands to have the equal right to men to vote,

and have influence on the policies that affected them. Women did not receive this right nationally until 1920! And as a human born of many mixed descents, I will also vote on behalf of my Native American ancestors and people of color, who fought so hard to be recognized as citizens with an equal right to vote, finally solidified with the Voting Rights Act of 1965. There is so much for us to learn, understand and protect in these movements alone.

Historically, the largest number of people turn out to vote during presidential election years. It seems that the presidential candidates are all you hear about on the radio, television and in print publications. Of course, it is very important to consider who will be representing the United States on the global front, but your vote for presidential counts the least. Members of the Electoral College actually choose the president of the United States. Do you know who your electorates are in Montana? Research the Electoral College, and then consider voting for members of congress who will help with election reform! In my opinion, we are technologically advanced to the point

that every citizen's voice should be heard ... not just unelected members of the Electoral College.

Where your vote truly matters, and is truly heard, is in electing your local and state government officials, Governor and the congressional delegation from Montana. These are the people who make policies that influence your daily life. Think about it ... these are very complex, often difficult jobs that require incredible dedication, as they subject themselves to constant scrutiny: your county commissioners, your state house district representative, your state senator, your state's Governor and the federal congressional representative and senators.

Your county commissioners make decisions on things that affect you daily – everything from building and maintaining roads and bridges to providing for law enforcement and emergency planning and management, and SO MUCH MORE ... all while trying to keep a sustainable budget. Your state house representative and senator look at all those things, but on a state level, as well as introduce and vote on bills that create new state laws, modify or up-

date old laws and serve on research committees within the legislative branch. These representatives uphold the state's Constitution, and vote on changes to the Constitution when amendments are needed. They may address issues from education, to state taxes and any other items that are a concern to local residents. The Montana Representative and Senators in federal Congress consider all those things, and are tasked with representing the whole state of Montana at the federal level, incurring a tremendous amount of travel to meet, debate and then vote on whether a bill should become a federal law ... a law such as allowing all citizens, regardless of gender or color of legal age to vote.

Please join me in researching our democratic process, in researching the candidates for our local, state and federal offices, in finding out about their qualifications to hold such important, multifaceted jobs and if they are willing to represent our important, multifaceted population. And please, join me in casting your vote on Nov. 8.

Rebecca Ramsey  
Sheridan

*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:

## Panthers put forth valiant effort in first home football game

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The Panthers craft a game plan as the sun sets behind them.

The West Yellowstone Wolverines traveled to the Ruby Valley on Sept. 30 to face Sheridan in the Panthers' first home game of the season.

The Wolverines scored on the game's opening drive, then forced a fumble, recovered it and scored again in the first few minutes of play. Shaken by a tough opponent, the Panthers struggled to rally offensively for the first quarter, but as the clock wound down, Sheridan intercepted the ball.

Though they were unable to capitalize on the interception, the Panthers played on undeterred. Sheridan entered the locker room at half time without points on the board, but rallied for the second half of the game.

"We had a much better second half showing," said assistant head coach Mike Wetherbee. "Our kids played much better - we were tougher on defense and executed better on offense."

That execution led Sheridan to score. Jack Gilman passed the ball to Josh Sanders for a touchdown, and Gilman was able to run the ball in, making good on the two point conversion.

Next week, the Panthers welcome Noxon to Sheridan for a Friday afternoon game starting at 2 p.m.

"They are zero for five and we are too," Wetherbee said. "We're looking to put a W in the books."

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	FINAL
Sheridan	-	-	-	-	8
West	-	-	-	-	53



ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN  
Sheridan resident Dan Allhands and his granddaughter cheer on the Panthers.



ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN  
Sheridan's offense prepares to move the ball down field against a tough West Yellowstone defense.



ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN  
The band and student section cheers for the Panthers before the game.

# FOOTBALL ROUND UP

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### ENNIS

The Mustangs cruised past Harlowton on Sept. 30, winning 68 - 0. Ennis scored more than half its total touchdowns in an explosive first quarter. Quarterback Tanner Wood ran the ball in once, and completed two first quarter touchdown passes to his brother, Corbin Wood.

Austin Baum returned a punt 62 yards for another touchdown, and senior Jake Knack ran the ball for 64 yards to round out the team's first quarter touchdowns, and send them into the second quarter with 38 points.

Next week, Ennis welcomes Park City to Scully Field.

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	FINAL
Ennis	38	16	9	6	68
Harlowton	0	0	0	0	0

### WHITEHALL

The Whitehall/Harrison Trojans suffered their first loss of the season by just one point. They traveled to Manhattan to battle the tough Tiger team.

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	FINAL
Whitehall	-	-	-	-	13
Manhattan	-	-	-	-	14

### TWIN BRIDGES

The Falcons recuperated last weekend since they did not have a game. Next up, however, is a home game against Arlee on Oct. 7.

# CROSS COUNTRY ROUND UP

## Madison County athletes battle the elements in Butte; bring home personal records

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All four of Madison County's cross country teams - Ennis, Harrison, Sheridan and Twin Bridges, headed to Butte on Oct. 1.

They battled the elements and charged

through the course in the rain. Read on for results.

### ENNIS

The Mustangs had a "great run in the rain," according to head coach Cori Koenig.

Varsity girls

Maida Knapton, 21:12

Junior varsity boys

Wyatt Fredson, 25:50

Varsity boys

Max Trapp, 18:52

Quinten Hamilton, 20:04

Kyle Lohrenz, 20:12

Wade Luly, 20:24

### HARRISON

High schooler Derik DeFrance ran a personal best in Butte, and his teammate Doug Christensen ran his best of the season. Harrison's two junior high racers completed against 166 total runners - Jackson Nye placed fourth and Martin Ore placed 28th.

Junior high boys

Jackson Nye, 11:21

Martin Ore, 12:35

Varsity boys

Derik DeFrance, 16:44

Doug Christensen, 22:18

### SHERIDAN

Each Panther set a new personal record and placed in the top 10 for the class c division, ac-

ording to head coach Myra Deavel.

Varsity boys

Riain Deavel, 16:52

Benjamin Larsen, 17:34

Tyler Haag, 18:35

### TWIN BRIDGES

"The Falcons survived the thunderstorms in Butte quite well Saturday," according to head coach Nancy Bell. "High school boys runners Garrett Wentzel, Justice Morris, Roman Hendrickson, Rob Dale and Kyle Minert all ran personal bests. RaeAnne Bendon and Ruth Redfield ran season best times. CJ Wayland, Noah Harbor and Blu Keim completed the list of high school competitors."

Junior high boys

Morgan Hendrickson, 41st

Wiley Stockett, 49th

Landon Wentzel, 93rd

Pablo Babcock, 111th

Taylor Smith, 121st

Junior high girls

Kate Fisher, 22nd

Kara Dale, 22nd

Emma Fisher, 78th



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L: MARTIN ORE. R: DOUG CHRISTENSEN

# & MORE NEWS:

## VOLLEYBALL ROUND UP

### Lady Panthers go 1-1 during homecoming week

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The Sheridan Lady Panthers hosted the Lady Wildcats from Harrison on Sept. 27 for a duel between purples, besting the Wildcats in four sets.

Last week was homecoming for the Panthers, and after a tough loss in the first set to the Lady Wildcats, the Lady Panthers found their swing and took the next three sets.

"It was like they lost their energy after winning the first game," said Wildcat head coach Phil Taylen.

After a four-point loss in

the first set, the Lady Panthers, led by seniors Janie Smart and Tionna Schwend, jumped into the game, keeping the next two sets close and taking home the final set with a 13 point lead.

Schwend had four kills and five aces for the Panthers, while Smart contributed with three kills, four blocks and six aces. Freshman Amanda Grow ended her night with four digs and six aces.

Panther head coach April Wuelfing said her team knew they had to better their serve receive in order to get a win and turn the game around after the first set – something

they accomplished.

The Lady Wildcats may have lost the battle, but they did not go down without a fight.

Sophomores Josie Hokanson and Stephanie Strong helped keep the Wildcats in play with 13 digs from Hokanson and five kills from Strong.

After a victory over the Wildcats, the Panthers hosted the Lady Mustangs from over the hill. The Mustangs are undefeated in conference play and showed the crowd why during their game in Sheridan, besting the Panthers in three quick sets.

Senior Mustang Bri-

git Croy had a good night behind the serving line as she forced 11 unanswered points from the Panthers. As an outside hitter, Croy also contributed six kills.

Jourdan Klein had three blocks and seven kills for the Mustangs.

On the purple side, Smart led the team with three kills from the middle of the net and one block.

The Lady Panthers hosted the Twin Bridges Lady Falcons on Oct. 4, but due to *The Madisonian's* press time, were unable to submit stats. The Lady Prospectors from Granite High School will take on the Panthers on Oct. 8.

**Sheridan vs. Harrison: 21-25, 25-21, 25-21, 25-12**  
**Sheridan vs. Ennis: 6-25, 3-25, 5-25**

#### TWIN BRIDGES

The Lady Falcons were in Lima on Sept. 29 and defeated the Lady Bears. Thanks to Kailee Oliverson and Brooke Schandelmeier, the Falcons defeated the Bears in three easy sets. Both Oliverson and Schandelmeier contributed four kills against the Lady Bears, while Schandelmeier also had seven aces for the Falcons. Megan Bausch and Mara Johnson propelled the Falcons even further by act-

ing big at the net, each grabbing one block.

Following their win over the Lady Bears, the Falcons were off to Manhattan Christian for a tournament, winning some and losing others.

"(The team) played a bit sluggish in the morning but did well in the afternoon," said head Falcon coach Karen Degel about the tournament.

The Falcons were in Sheridan on Oct. 4, but due to *The Madisonian's* press time, stats could not be submitted. The Lady Falcons will head to Ennis on Oct. 6.

**Twin Bridges vs. Lima: 25-20, 25-13, 25-13**

#### HARRISON

As of press time, stats for the Harrison vs. Granite game on Sept. 29 had not been submitted.

#### ENNIS

The Lady Mustangs continued their winning streak over the weekend when they took first at the Park City Tournament in Laurel.

The Lady Mustangs will host the Lady Falcons on Oct. 6 and are hosting a tournament, which will be held at the Ennis High School on Oct. 8.



#### FAR LEFT

CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN  
Tionna Schwend, left, goes up against Harrison's Sam Talley for the tip.

#### LEFT

CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN  
Josie Jenkins, left, meets Sheridan's Micara Devereaux at the net during the Ennis vs. Sheridan game on Sept. 29.

## PET SUCCESS

### Brothers Milligan and Daugherty



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Marin Palmer was waiting for a flight when she came across a black cat on Petfinder.

"I had a really long layover and started looking and saw a picture and started talking to the shelter," Palmer said. "They told me (Milligan's) brother was also in the shelter and so I ended up with two."

Milligan and Daugherty joined Palmer's family two years ago and Palmer says they are the kings of the castle.

"I'm not really a cat person but I'm a my cat person," she said, adding everyone who meets the pair of felines falls in love. "Every-

one they meet is amazed by them and how loving they are because cats can really suck."

Milligan and Daugherty were found with their siblings in a box along the interstate before being rescued and eventually adopted. As kittens, they were bottle fed and Palmer attributes this to their loving nature.

"They're like human children," she said. "One of them likes to be carried around like a baby, gives me hugs and high fives and they both like to go on walks."

Palmer grew up in a family that always chose the adoption route and has become a big advocate for adopting.

"Anytime you're buying an animal you're entering a for profit

world," she said. "Shelter animals are basically in prison – it's their death row, in some cases."

Palmer also said she thinks people get turned off from adoption because they have a vision of their perfect pet but a lot of times, she said shelter animals become those perfect pets.

"I think all animals are appreciative to have a home," she said. "But with shelter animals, their goal in life is love."

\* Editor's note: If you have a pet success story, let us know! We want to share your tale with our readers. Email Caitlin at news@madisoniannews.com or call the office at 682-7755.



# REAL ESTATE CORNER

## What is the difference between Mobile, Manufactured and Modular?

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There is sometimes confusion in the housing industry over the difference between mobile, manufactured and modular construction. These labels are often used interchangeably but they have very different implications for both lending and value. The difference between mobile and manufactured is based on the date it was manufactured.

If manufactured prior to June 15, 1976 it is considered a mobile home. After that date - they were built to higher standard of quality and are called a manufactured home. Usually mobile homes require a cash purchase and not every lender will offer loans on manufactured homes. They come with steel chassis and wheels and once on site, the wheels are removed. In order to get a loan, including an FHA or VA loan on a manufactured home the following guidelines must apply:

- The home must be built after June 15, 1976.
- The red HUD label must be affixed to each section.
- Minimum size to be financed is 400 square feet.
- The home must be permanently affixed to a foundation that meets FHA standards.
- The home must meet the Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards.
- The lot where the manufactured home will be set must be designated or approved.

- The home must be used as a primary residence.  
On the other hand, Modular homes are manufactured in a production facility and assembly process is then done on site with traditional, permanent foundations. These homes are treated just like a frame home built on site for lending and often valuation purposes. They are built to local and state building codes while manufactured homes are governed by federal code. Just like stick built homes, modular homes can be customize to fit the home-buyer's needs.

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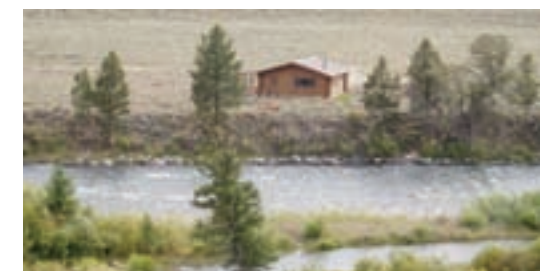
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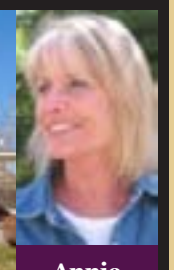


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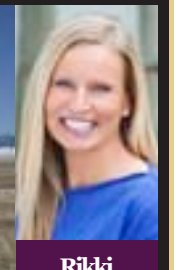


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**LOT 38 BULL WHEEL, ENNIS**  
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This Madison Valley property features rugged rock outcroppings, private well already drilled and breathtaking views of the Madison Mountain Range & Madison River. Located in one of Madison Valley's premier subdivisions, Bull Wheel Ranch, this 4+ acre lot is ready for you to build your dream home or fly fishing retreat.



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**TBD JEFFERSON ST, ENNIS**  
\$45,000 | #207704 | VACANT LOT

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**LOT 247 VIRGINIA CITY RANCHES, ENNIS**  
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# OBITUARIES

Becky Grauman  
 January 8, 1952 – September 27, 2016



Rebecca Jo "Becky" Grauman, age 64, passed Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016, in Las Vegas, N.V., after a valiant battle with cancer. She was born Jan. 8, 1952, in Ennis to Wayne

Lee and Floral Judy Robison. On Aug. 3, 1974, she married David Grauman in McAllister. Becky grew up on ranches in Montana and British Columbia, Canada. She finished her high school education in Canada, then earned her bachelor's degree from Montana State University in Bozeman. She taught for a few years in Harrison and Ennis before starting her family. In August of 1991, the family moved to Moapa Valley, N.V., where Becky resumed her teaching career at Ute V. Perkins Elementary. She enjoyed seeing her students progress through high school and beyond. Becky loved

quilting, making jams, jellies, honey fudge and her specialty, sourdough bread. Her favorite thing about retirement was spending time with her daughters and granddaughters. Her warm and loving personality was cherished by her students, friends and family. The light that was Becky has been extinguished, but the glow of love and life will shine brightly through all of those she has touched. She will be missed. Survivors include her sweetheart, David of Logandale, N.V.; two daughters: Megan (Eric) Beagley of San Tan Valley, Ariz., and Karlin (Jimmy) Grinnell of Las Ve-

gas; five granddaughters: Ainsley, Ginny, Karmen, Liv and Scarlett; four sisters: Dixie (James) Marosok of Sheridan, Wyo., Jerry (David) Wing of McAllister, Patricia (Gary) Dusenberry of Bellvue, Wash., and Vicki (Curtiss) McNally of Grand Forks, B.C., Canada; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and special sister friends. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016, at 6 p.m. at the Logandale Chapel. Visitation was one hour prior to services at the chapel. Friends and family are invited to sign our online guest book at [www.moapavalleymortuary.com](http://www.moapavalleymortuary.com).

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 Alex Reedy inspects his bean-bag during a heated game of bean-bag toss against his older brother, James.



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# Cider pressing in Sheridan

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On Oct. 1, the volunteers at Jackson's Garden outside of Sheridan hosted a cider pressing party with an antique, old-fashioned cider press. After refurbishing the press six years ago, Paul Marsh, his wife Carla and the rest of Jackson's Garden volunteers stated inviting the public to press apples and check out the garden as they prepare for fall harvest.

"The first year we had about 40 people participate and pressed over 50 gallons of cider," said Marsh.

Community members were invited to bring their apples and gallon buckets to the garden and have a chance to press their own apple cider on a 100 year old press, while sipping on some cider and donuts provided by the volunteers.

After the apples are cut into pieces, they are dumped into the press, where they are chopped, cranked, pressed and drained into a bucket. The leftover apple pieces are then left to dry out and be dispensed throughout the garden as compost.

While the community is allowed to drink in the fruits of their labor, the cider pressing party is an opportunity for the community to see the garden and all the hard work that has been put in by volunteers.

"One of the main reasons we do the cider pressing is to get folks to come see the garden at this time of year when all the flowers are really in their prime and it's fall harvest time for the vegetables," said Marsh.



Photos clockwise from bottom left  
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Paul Marsh, left, and John Shepherd work the 100 year old, antique apple press, providing fresh cider for the community.

After the apples have been chopped and cranked, they are then pressed and drained through a mesh net and into a bucket to be collected.

Aspen Rickman, 4, watches intently as apple cider is pressed and drained during the cider pressing party at Jackson's Garden.

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# PREDATORS IN MADISON COUNTY

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"I've seen more grizzly activity than ever," said Chad Hoover with United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services. Lately, in Madison County, there has been significant wildlife and predator sightings, something that is not uncommon in the area. However, in this year alone, Hoover, local ranchers and United States Forest Service employees all agree to a significant increase in predator activity.



### Ag and predators

Aside from recent bear attacks and encounters with humans in the Madison Mountain Range, for Madison County ranchers, it is not uncommon to have predator encounters. "It's just another one of the many things that take away from the bottom line – our profit," said Ruby Valley rancher Rick Sandru.

According to Madison District Ranger Dale Olson, the county has seen some cattle loss in both the Ruby and Madison valleys.

"I've been contacted more (about livestock kill) than in the past," said Olson, referring to this year.

Both Olson and Hoover say bear and wolf activity has increased in the valleys and both predators have attributed to the loss of cattle for ranchers in Madison County. However, Sandru said he has not seen or heard of as much loss as in 2010.

"The wolf problem is not nearly as bad as it was 2010," he said. "While we don't have the huge loss we experienced then, they are predators and you never know when they are going to come in."

### Wildlife services

Hoover has been interested in wildlife his whole life and said his main job is to investigate livestock depredation, no matter if it is on private or public land.

"I go out and take a look at the evidence, if there is any," said Hoover, adding he looks for tracks, scat and anything that might lead him to a conclusion. "I'll come take a look and try to tell them which (predator) is responsible, if any. Sometimes, they aren't responsible."

Hoover said most predators have a "killing pattern," which helps him to identify what kind of predator may attribute to the loss.

### What to do

"We've put more help up on our forest allotment," said Sandru about ways he tries to combat livestock loss. "By adding another rider, you're adding more presence, which will hopefully discourage predators."

Sandru said it can be hard to find range riders who are qualified and willing due to some restrictions and the idea of spending a summer in the high country with wolves and grizzly bears.

"A lot of people don't like the idea of riding in grizzly bear country," he said.

Hoover agrees being proactive about predation in the area is important and added producers should contact USDA Wildlife Services as soon as possible about possible predation.

"The best thing to do is get hold of us so we can come investigate and try to end it," Hoover said. "That doesn't mean we will always remove (the predator)."

### Ranching in Southwest Montana

Ranching and agriculture is a prominent lifestyle in Montana and a big player and contributor to Madison County's economy, so the loss of any livestock results in less production and profit for area ranchers, which in turn, can just as equally affect the community, according to Sandru.

"The thing about Southwest Montana is that ranching depends heavily on federally leased land and without those leases and without the volume of grazing, a lot of ranches, including ours, our operation isn't feasible and we have to make adjustments to stay economically viable," said Sandru.

## BE AWARE

**Madison County is bear country – know what to do to protect yourself, your home and the bear.**

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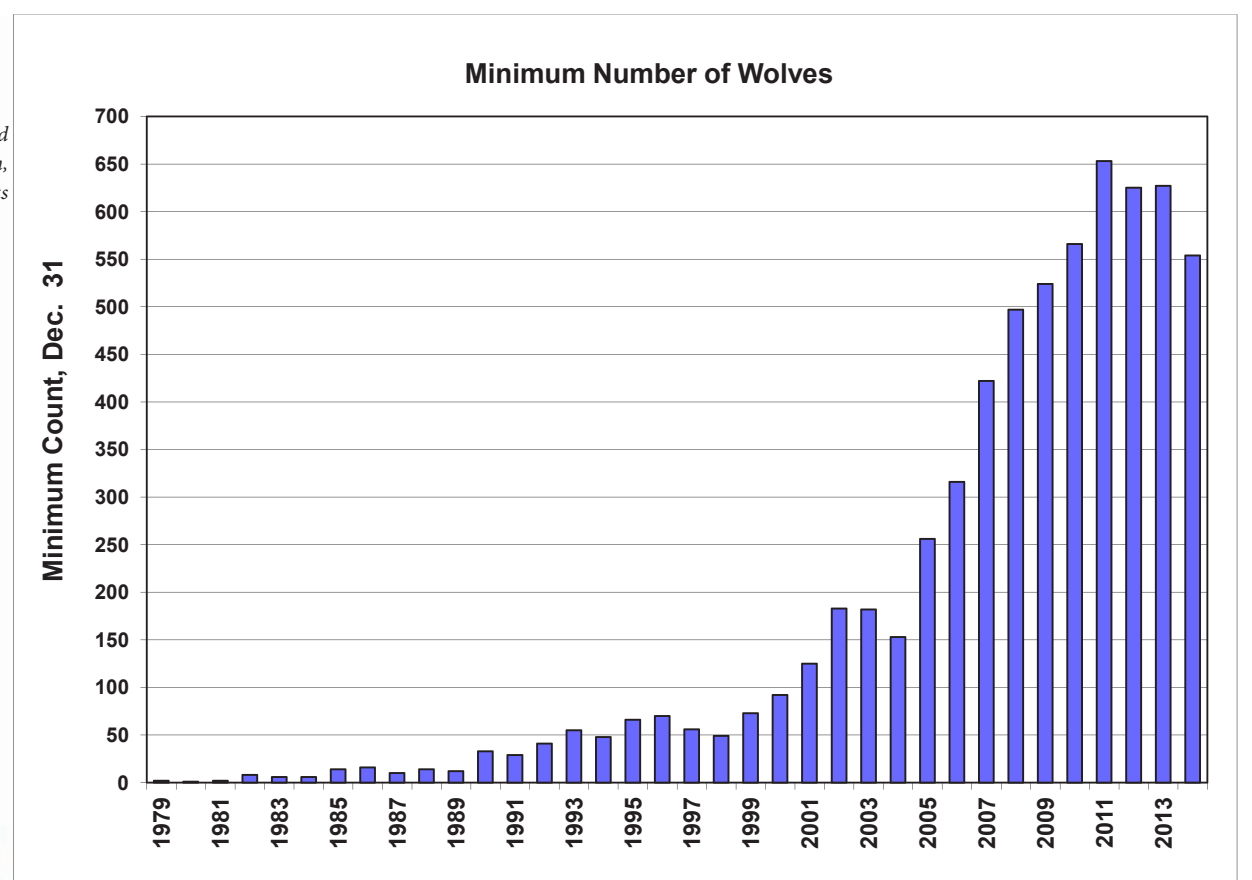
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# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast cancer happens everywhere – even Madison County; join the fight

DR. MAURA DAVENPORT  
Madison Valley Medical Center

Every fall, as the leaves start turning colors and the temperature drops, our family starts getting excited for football season. Whether it is the local high school game, or Sundays spent watching professional football, there is something exciting about rooting for your favorite team. But fall also brings Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and I cannot help but see some similarities. As October rolls around, we get out our pink jerseys, strap on our pink cleats and we start cheering for a different sort of

team, a team made up of all of the women out there who have had an experience with breast cancer, their friends and families, and all of the dedicated medical professionals in Madison County who are trying to spread the word about how important this game really is.

So let's talk statistics. In the United States in 2016, 246,660 cases of invasive breast cancer and 61,000 cases of non-invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women with 2,600 cases of breast cancer diagnosed in men (non-invasive breast cancer refers to cancer that is contained within the ducts and glands

of normal breast tissue. Invasive breast cancer has grown into the normal healthy tissue surrounding the glands). Over 85 percent of breast cancers occur in women without a family history, so just because you do not have a first degree relative with breast cancer does not mean you are safe. Overall, there are 2.8 million women in our country either living with breast cancer or having completed treatment for breast cancer. In women, breast cancer has the second highest cause of death behind lung cancer. About 40,450 women will die from breast cancer in 2016. These numbers can seem daunt-

ing, and a little bit scary, so what does that mean for the women of Madison County? One in eight women will develop invasive breast cancer during their lifetime. That means if you walk into a restaurant downtown during a busy lunchtime rush – there are probably four or five women in there who have dealt with breast cancer. Go to the local high school football game – there are probably 10-15 women there who know what it feels like to be diagnosed with breast cancer. The punch line: breast cancer is not just a number – it is our neighbors, our sisters, mothers, wives, daughters

and friends. It is up to us, as their team, to not only support them but to help in the fight to prevent/cure this disease process. But the statistics are not all bad. Breast cancer rates have actually been decreasing since 2000 with women under 50 experiencing the largest decrease in mortality rates from breast cancer. This is thought to be due mainly to both an improvement in screening techniques (mammograms) and a great public awareness of breast health/breast cancer. If you have managed to survive all of the numbers I have just thrown at you, you are probably left with

a couple of questions. At what age should I start/stop getting mammograms? Are there any risk factors for getting breast cancer? Should I be doing regular self-breast exams? If I do not feel any lumps, does that mean that I am safe? Do mammograms hurt? For the remainder of this month, I will write more articles answering some of those questions and more. The most important thing though is to BE AWARE. Breast cancer happens to people here in Madison County and it is up to you to pick the winning team. Come join our team and help us fight to win the battle against breast cancer!

## Breast cancer awareness

Madison Valley Medical Center receives \$225,000 from foundation for women's health program

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CHRISTIE TRAPP  
Kim Montag, president Madison Valley Medical Center Foundation Board of Directors, presents Allen Rohrbach, Madison Valley Medical Center CEO, and Dr. Maura Davenport a check for \$225,000 that is restricted to the medical center's women's health/mammography program.



SUBMITTED BY CHRISTIE TRAPP  
Madison Valley Medical Center  
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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease. While most people are aware of breast cancer, many forget to take the steps to have a plan to detect the disease in its early stages and encourage others to do the same.

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"We are so pleased to be able to offer this life saving program at the medical center," said Dr. Maura Davenport. "The foundation's dedicated donors have made it possible to share a message of hope for survivors of breast cancer, to live longer, more active and fulfilling lives."

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FOR THE MADISONIAN

### THE ABHORRENT UTTERANCE

A heard-learned lesson in dealing with the legally lethargic

A while back, I and some other retired gentlemen of leisure, volunteered to do a small construction project in a local community park. As tools and materials were being loaded into pickup trucks, the communal mood was so merry that humming could be heard. Before long, boards were being measured, cut, nailed together and put into place. Having been a carpenter when I was much younger, it actually felt good to be doing construction again.

Then, a younger (not yet retired) volunteer showed up to help. Initially, his appearance was greeted with enthusiasm. However, before long, the obviously naïve, 30-something man committed the cardinal sin as it relates to operating with retirees. Without the slightest consideration for who he was dealing with, the insensitive brute referred to what we were doing as – WORK!

Instantly, a clearly audible gasp reverberated through the park. The abhorrent utterance rendered our previously merry band momentarily immobile and speechless. Fully conscious now that what was being done constituted physical labor, our spirits waned perceptibly. A gray pall engulfed the proceedings.

For the first time, the harsh realization dawned that both the tools and the materials being used were heavy. Consequently, every action became odious. We also became aware that the job involved lots of bending and, worse yet, straightening up again. Shortly, the afore-mentioned humming was replaced by strained grunts and groans. Even more discouraging, everyone began to sweat profusely from doing the same job we had been enjoying just a few innocent moments before.

At that point, the inarticulate culprit recognized his appalling social blunder. As a result, he tried to express regret, but it was too late. The irreparable psychological damage had already occurred and

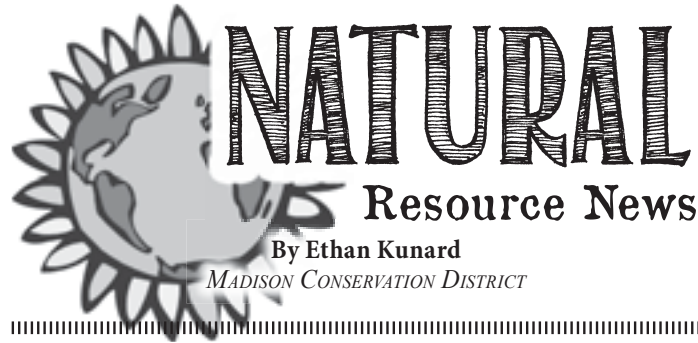
all attempts to right the grievous wrong were met with icy stares. As was fitting under the circumstances, over the next three grueling hours, the poor wretch endured a veritable cascade of verbal chastisements.

Obviously, I can't speak for my fellows. However, the following morning, I felt the weight of everyone of my 69 years, plus a decade or so. My spine was as stiff as a shovel handle. My shoulders throbbed and my hands were totally numb. It hurt to comb my hair. Even my breath was labored. And the cold hard fact was that, if the dreaded "W" word had not been spelled out, the experience wouldn't have been nearly so traumatic, and I wouldn't have felt so miserable, but – NOOO!

As I think back on it, it's a marvel our band of genteel pensioners was able to bear up. Indeed, it wasn't that we were adverse to reasonable physical exertion. It's just that we had long ago paid our laboring dues during our many years of gainful employment. Accordingly, having now attained the exalted status of legally lethargic retirees, we've chosen not to describe what we're doing as "work" – EVER! Call it an endeavor, a project or even a task and there's no problem. Just don't use the "W" word!

In the end, it must be admitted that, despite his abhorrent utterance, the naïve brute's skillful contributions were beyond substantial. The finished product wound up looking pretty good. Here's hoping he took his hard-learned lesson in dealing with the legally lethargic to heart. I'm not sure this pensioner would survive another such traumatizing event.

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By Ethan Kunard  
MADISON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### IT'S ALL NATURAL: ALTERNATIVE WATER STORAGE

A drop of water falls from the sky and onto the landscape. At that point, it can end up in one of several places. That water droplet can land on a rooftop, a dirt road, a fresh-cut hay field, a reservoir or a dense forest canopy. We don't often concern ourselves too much with what happens to a drop of water when it falls onto one of these surfaces. Rather, we are generally more concerned with the number of these water drops that accumulate from the snow or rainfall. The challenge with thinking only in terms of water abundance is that we have no control over how much rain or snowfall we receive. Therefore, we should be thinking about how we can manage our lands to make the most use of every drop

of water that falls onto the landscape.

There's a saying that goes, "the problem with water is that there's either too much, or not enough." I would add, however, that another problem with water is that it isn't always where we need it, when we need it. Unfortunately, gravity has a way of taking water downstream before we can fully utilize it. Similarly challenging is the sun's habit of evaporating moisture into thin air. How then, can we overcome these variables and create a little more certainty over our water availability in the face of development pressure, population increases, growing food demands and climate change? That is where water storage serves a role.

For decades, people in

the United States have been taking great lengths to store water. Commonly, this storage is in the form of large reservoirs or above ground tanks. Reservoirs and storage tanks, however, tend to be very costly, and they disrupt the existing uses of the land on which they are placed. Therefore, people have recently begun to think of water management more holistically, and as a part of a functioning landscape. This has sparked more interest in alternative water storage mechanisms that do not need to be built, but simply restored.

Our soil is the sponge of the planet, and we can actually enhance its ability to hold onto water. The term "soil organic matter" is used to describe the component of soil containing plant or animal residue at various stages of decomposition (e.g. compost). Not only does this organic matter contain a lot of nutrients that benefit plants, but it also stores a lot of water. In fact, increasing the soil organic matter on a piece of land by 1 percent can yield up to 16,000 gallons of water stored on one acre of land. This can have tremendous benefits in terms of plant production, but also in long-term water storage. When water is held in the soil longer, it also has op-

portunities to recharge our groundwater aquifer systems.

Another alternative way to manage and store water is by utilizing wetlands. Wetlands are an even bigger sponge, and they provide several benefits to the natural environment and to people. Wetland areas function to capture excess water (i.e. snowmelt) and slowly release that water throughout the year. This water can help recharge groundwater, or can discharge into streams and rivers during low-flow periods.

Although soil and wetland health have been compromised in some areas with the alteration of natural systems, there are ways to restore these functioning water storage mechanisms to provide a multitude of benefits to people, plants, wildlife and streams. In fact, the Madison Conservation District and a number of partners and stakeholders are beginning a process to identify opportunities across the landscape to utilize functioning systems to help us manage water more effectively, particularly in times of drought. This careful planning might enable us to better manage the timing and availability of our water as the timing and availability of rain and snowfall becomes less certain in the future.

## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

### Show your pride

BY KATHERINE SMITH  
Montana State University  
Extension Office

According to the National 4-H website, more than 6 million young people from across the country will be celebrating annual National 4-H Week, Oct. 3 through Oct. 8, 2016. During that time, 4-H clubs from all over the world will celebrate and showcase the great things 4-H offers young people and highlights the incredible youth in our communities who work each day to make a positive impact.

The theme for 2016 is "4-H Grown" and "True Leaders." Everyone involved with the program and others who value it are encouraged to post pictures to social media this week using "#4HGrown" and "#TrueLeaders." Here in Madison and Jefferson counties, clubs have been encouraged to go out and promote 4-H in various ways around their communities and encourage others to join the program.

As a part of the event the extension office will be holding its annual National

4-H Week window display contest. Local 4-H clubs were asked to come up with a display that uses the 4-H week theme and place them in a public place in their community. As you drive around the counties this week be sure to keep your eyes open for these displays and take the time to stop by and check them out. 4-Hers in our area are doing some really great things.

We all know that 4-H kids are one of a kind and go above and beyond to do great things. According to recent studies youth who participate in 4-H are four times more likely to contribute to their community, nearly five times more likely to graduate college and two times more likely to make overall healthier choices in life. Investing in 4-H youth is a way you can invest in your community. 4-H is teaching the kids of today to be the responsible adults of the future.

Last year the Madison-Jefferson County 4-H Program had over 300 members and this year's projections are indicating that we will

have closer to 400 enrolling members between the ages of 5 and 18 years old. 4-H is not just for farming and ranching kids anymore. Children from all backgrounds are joining 4-H and the program is always improving in order to meet the needs of the kids in our communities and surround-

ing areas. Montana 4-H currently offers projects in animal science, engineering/technology, environmental/natural sciences, family/consumer sciences, plant science, communications/expressive art, leadership/personal development and health.



## Commodity Insite! Cattle prices to struggle until mid-2017

by Jerry Welch

Cattle prices, cash and futures have collapsed since the fall of 2014. October live cattle futures for instance, peaked at \$171.75 on Nov. 24, 2014, but on Sept. 30, 2016, fell as low as \$98.30, a 43 percent decline. October feeder cattle futures ran out of steam at \$245.20 on Oct. 6, 2014, and fell as low as \$123.27 on Sept. 30, a 48 percent decline. However, with cattle supplies above year ago levels, prices will continue to struggle well into mid-2017. In other words, though cattle prices have collapsed to the tune of 42 and 47 percent in the past two years, there may be more to go on the downside.

However, it was announced a few days ago that China will again open its doors to United States beef that were closed 13 years ago following the confirmation of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in a dairy cow in the state of Washington. BSE is more commonly known as Mad Cow disease. Obviously, the re-opening of the doors into China for U.S. beef is bullish. But the likely hood of U.S. beef arriving in China this year is slim at best. Nonetheless, the news is extremely price positive for the cattle market and with herd expansion underway in the U.S., such news is

more than welcomed.

Another bit of news announced a few weeks ago was also more than welcomed and will also be a price positive for cattle prices moving forward. The news involves the most recent census data from the Commerce Department. From the New York Times: "The most decisive evidence of improving fortunes is found in new census data released Tuesday showing that median household income rose a whopping 5.2 percent in 2015, to around \$56,500."

It is clear U.S. households have finally, and I mean finally, experienced a sharp rise in income just as China is promising to re-open their markets for American beef. The combination of those two events will lend support to cattle prices no later than mid-2017.

To fully grasp the importance of the Chinese market to U.S. beef exports, consider the following points: China is already the world's second biggest buyer of beef. According to the U.S. meat export federation, Chinese imports grew approximately 10 times between 2010 and 2015. As the Chinese middle class grows larger and gets richer, demand for imported beef is on the rise as domestic farmers

cannot keep pace with demand.

And that is where American cattle producers come into the picture. The U.S. cattle herd is in the expansionary phase while cattle prices have dropped about 45 percent on average. A surge in supplies the past two years is the primary reason values have done a nose dive. But history also shows that the best cure for low prices is low prices. With American household income levels experiencing the largest rebound in history just as new found demand (China!) has surfaced, a sharp rebound in cattle prices is likely. However, and unfortunately, the odds are slim that cattle prices will improve much at all between now and mid-2017.

Moving forward, cattle producers and traders should be selling rallies this fall on expectations that over the near term that large gains will not be sustainable. The forces keeping cattle prices in check remain firmly in place. There are still too many cattle around and demand for beef is spotty at best. And the marketplace per se is being flooded with cheap pork and poultry, which weighs on and competes with beef.

Here are some interesting comments about

the world's top beef exporter. The following come from money.cnn.com, dated Aug. 5, 2015, by Virginia Harrison: "India was the world's top beef exporter last year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, widening its lead over other more established suppliers such as Brazil and Australia. That's because India exports large quantities of meat from water buffalo – a member of the bovine family classified as beef by the USDA. The buffalo trade has been growing rapidly and now earns India more export dollars than basmati rice."

China is the world's second biggest buyer of beef and India the largest exporter of beef. But Indian beef exports are made up mostly from water buffalo. And according to Harrison, buffalo meat is, "chewier and a cheaper alternative to beef, which mostly ends up on plates in Asia and the Middle East, where rising wealth is spurring demand among diners for animal protein."

But keep this in mind. Over the near term, the U.S. cattle prices will struggle to sustain rallies until the middle of 2017. Between now and then, cattle producers and traders should be selling rallies as they unfold.

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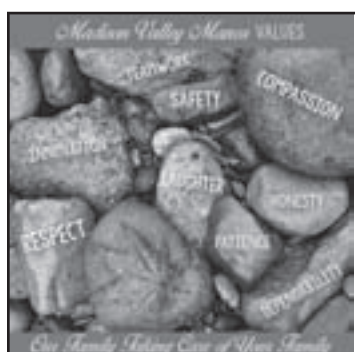
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# AREA SENIOR MEALS

## 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.

**Monday October 10:** CREAMY CHICKEN LASAGNA, CHEESY GARLIC TEXAS TOAST, CAESAR SALAD, PUMPKIN CAKE

**Wednesday October 12:** PINEAPPLE PORK CHOPS, ROASTED VEGETABLES, TOSSED SALAD, NUTTY CARAMEL BARS

**Friday October 14:** HONEY BBQ MEATLOAF, CREAMY MASHED POTATOES, LAYERED GREEN SALAD, FUDGE BROWNIES

## 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 6:** Chicken and dumplings, peas, carrots, dessert

**October 11:** Beef stew, roll, dessert

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

**October 18:** Waffles, eggs and bacon, dessert

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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

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**OCTOBER 6 - OCTOBER 13**

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 6:** CHICKEN POT PIE, SALAD, DESSERT

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 7:** LASAGNA, DINNER ROLL, VEGGIES, DESSERT

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 11:** CHEESE QUESADILLA, REFRIED BEANS, VEGGIE STICKS, DESSERT

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12:** OVEN BAKED CHICKEN, ROASTED POTATOES, VEGGIES, DESSERT

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 13:** RED HATS

POT ROAST, MASHERS, VEGGIES, DESSERT

# FINAL FAIR RESULTS

Extension office finalizes round robin winners; working ranch horse competition

SUBMITTED BY KATHERINE SMITH  
Montana State University  
Extension Office

The round robin competition happened on Saturday morning at the Madison County Fair after all livestock and small animal showmanship classes were judged.

The overall grand champion winners from each animal group are invited to compete in this champion of champions type event to determine who the supreme showmen of the 2016 fair are.

Participants must have knowledge of all animals at the fair and be able to answer specific questions about each if asked. Questions may include breed type, showing skills and industry related questions.

Winners received belt buckles and the title of 2016 Round Robin Showman.

Here is a list of all participants listed by animal project and the overall winners.

**Large Animal Participants**  
Sheep: JR- Tierra Barnosky and SR- Zeb Antonioli

Goat: JR- Desaray Tipton  
Pig: JR- Chance Story and SR- Charali Wetherbee

Market Beef: JR- Dalaney Scafani and SR- Allee Scafani

Horse: JR- Annie Engler and SR- Jennifer Hobbs

Beef Breeding: JR- Shelby Klein and SR- Kyra Armstrong

**Small Animal Participants**  
Cavy: JR- Shayna Williams and SR- Christopher Fraser

Poultry: JR- Kennedy

Winstead and SR- Charali

Wetherbee  
Rabbit: SR- Lexis Bowman

Cat: JR- Annie Engler and SR- Erin Brush

Dog: JR- Evan Smith and SR- Ashlie Benner

**Large Animal Winners**

JR: Grand- Desaray Tipton and Reserve- Chance Story

SR: Grand- Allee Scafani and Reserve- Charali Wetherbee

**Small Animal Winners**

JR: Grand- Kennedy Winstead and Reserve- Annie Engler

SR: Grand- Charali Wetherbee and Reserve- Erin Brush

**2016 Round Robin**

Showman (Those who showed all animals)

JR: Grand- Desaray Tipton and Reserve- Annie Engler

SR: Grand- Charali Wetherbee and Reserve- Erin Brush

The working ranch horse competition was held on Aug. 30 at Briggs Arena in Whitehall

**Extreme Cowboy Trail**

Course Level 1: Kendra Klapan- Purple and Grand Champion, Meagan Johnson- Purple and Reserve

Champion, Karson Klapan and Hannah Todd- Blue

**Extreme Cowboy Trail**  
Course Level 2: Vance Wingard- Purple and Grand Champion

**Reigning Pattern:**  
Dalaney Scafani- Score of 73 ½- Purple and Grand Champion, Leo Scafani- Score of 72- Purple and

Reserve Champion, Allee Scafani- Score of 71- Blue,

Brennan Price- Score of 70 ½ - Blue, Dyllon Price- Score of 69- Blue, Brand Ostler- Score of 68 ½ - Blue

Sort/Rodeering Level 1: Hannah Todd- Score of 72 ½ - Purple and Grand Champion, Karson Klapan- Score of 72- Purple and Reserve Champion, Meagan Johnson- Score of 71- Blue, Kendra Klapan- Score of 70 ½ - Blue, Gunnar Decker- Score of 70- Blue

Sort/Rodeering Level 2: Vance Wingard- Score of 71- Blue

Doctoring: Allee Scafani- Score of 73- Purple and Grand Champion, Leo Scafani- Score of 72- Purple and Grand Champion, Brand Ostler- Score of 72- Purple and Reserve Champion, Dalaney Scafani- Score of 71- Blue, Brennon Price- Score of 71- Blue, Dyllon Price- Score of 71- Blue

Breakaway Roping: Vance Wingard- Score of 71- Blue

Working Ranch Horse Written Test Level 1-2: Hannah Todd- Purple and Grand Champion, Vance Wingard- Purple and Reserve Champion, Karson Klapan- Purple and Reserve Champion, Gunnar Decker- Blue, Meagan Johnson- Blue, Kendra Klapan- Blue

Working Ranch Horse Written Test Level 3-4: Dyllon Price- Purple and Grand Champion, Allee Scafani- Purple and Grand Champion, Leo Scafani- Purple and Reserve Champion, Brennan Price- Blue, Dalaney Scafani- Blue

Team Driving: Dyllon Price- Purple and Grand Champion

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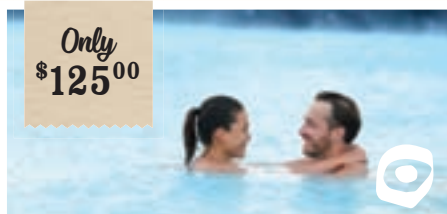
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*Stella Witham's Benefit will be held at the Sheridan High School on October 9th at 3:00 PM. Tickets for the show will be available at the door.*



# AROUND THE COUNTY

## Audition for Peter and Wendy in Twin Bridges

SUBMITTED BY KARI MONTGOMERY  
Twin Bridges Schools

An audition will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of Peter and Wendy on Monday, Oct. 10 in the Montana Room from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Those auditioning should arrive at right after school and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition.

Among the roles to be cast are Peter, his shadow, Tinker Bell and the lost boys; Wendy and

her brothers John and Michael; their parents Mr. and Mrs. Darling with their faithful friends Nana and Liza; Captain Hook and his pirate crew along with the crocodile; Tiger Lily, the band of Neverlanders and Neverland creatures; and, carrying them to Neverland, a group of stormy clouds. Students, ages kindergarten through 12th-grade, are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week and to take on essential backstage responsibilities.

The Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props and makeup. MCT tour actor/directors will conduct rehearsals throughout the week from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. each day.

The show will be presented on Friday, Oct. 14 at 1 p.m.

For more information, call Kari Montgomery at 570-5686.

## Stella Witham Benefit in Sheridan

SUBMITTED BY JEAN JAMES  
Dillon Junior Fiddlers

On Sunday, Oct. 9, at 3 p.m., the Dillon Junior Fiddlers will be bringing their latest show, Tales and Tunes, to the old gymnasium at Sheridan High School for the Stella Witham Benefit. August Witham, Stella's big brother, is a member of the Dillon Junior Fiddlers and the fiddle group wants to contribute funds to the Witham family

to help with Stella's medical expenses for a heart transplant. Six-year-old Stella was born with multiple congenital heart defects and has already spent much of her young life in and out of the hospital, having had three open heart surgeries. She now needs a heart transplant. In order to be within flying distance of Seattle once a donor is found, Stella, her mother, Anna Marie, and her little brother, Haddon, who is 3 years old are currently living in Great Falls. Stella's father, Cleve, and 9-year-old brother, August, are commuting back and forth on weekends from the Ruby Valley to Great Falls.

It is clear that travel money, extra medical costs, living expenses and airfare to Seattle are very difficult for this young family.

For more information about tickets and door prizes, call Jean James at 600-2304.



## Manor has a great week

SUBMITTED BY MELODY CLARK  
Madison Valley Manor

Residents at Madison Valley Manor had a great week. They enjoyed the sunshine while they ate in the courtyard. Last Tuesday, some of our folks loaded up and headed through the beautiful canyon only to end up in Bozeman. They ate a Chinese lunch while there. On last Thursday morning, they awoke to the smell of omelets being cooked. They ordered exactly what they wanted and Melody and Oakley Clark cooked up the special orders. A drive was taken to McAllister and surrounding area to look at the beautiful fall colors.

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R S & Priesthood  
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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6, 2016

**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)  
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**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](mailto:davemoser@mt.gov)  
(Published Sept. 29, October 6, 2016) mfw  
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**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  
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**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](http://sos.mt.gov/elections). Questions can be emailed to [SOSelections@mt.gov](mailto:SOSelections@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 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  
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**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. (Pub. September 29, October 6 2016) mcc  
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**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 (Pub. September 29, Oct. 6, 2016) tbs  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF: MARVEL VICTORY MUELLER, also known as MARVEL JESSY MUELLER, Deceased.

Cause No. DP-29-2016-23

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

Claims must either be mailed to PAUL N. SHAMBRA, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 151 Grande View Drive, Apt. 20, Biloxi, Mississippi 39531, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

Dated: September 13, 2016  
/s/PAUL N. SHAMBRA  
Personal Representative  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

ss  
COUNTY OF Harrison)

PAUL N. SHAMBRA, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:

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

/s/PAUL N. SHAMBRA  
Personal Representative  
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 13th day of September, 2016.  
/s/ CARYLE D. LENA  
Notary Public for the State of Mississippi  
Residing at: Harrison County  
My Commission expires: September 12, 2017  
Personal Representative's Attorney:  
Karen McMullin  
Post Office Box 55  
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Telephone: (406) 682-7878  
(Published October 6, 13, 20 2016) km  
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# 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.

Hello from Sheridan!

A month of school has already flown by us and we are already looking at midterm grade reports and homecoming week. It has been a very good start to what we hope will be the greatest year ever at Sheridan School. Already we are reaching to new heights as we look at our assessment results on Montana's Smarter Balanced Assessments. Our students third-grade through eighth-grade scored in the top 10 percent on those tests when compared to their peers statewide. That is quite an accomplishment and a real testament to the job our staff is doing with our students in preparing them to compete in our ever-growing global world. We will launch off of those successes and continue to improve in meeting our students' needs in all areas.

Our junior high students are working hard on competing in sports and have had a lot of success. They are working hard every day at succeeding in their schoolwork as well and have done a good job staying eligible to play. These students are super excited about their success in class and in extra-curricular events.

Our high school students are hitting the books as they press forward in the grind of school. They are doing some

hard work in the core areas of history, English, math and science, but I also see hard work and excellence in the elective areas of ag education, family and consumer science, business, art and music. We are very excited to be renewing our investigations into last year's STEAM projects and are already expanding on them by starting on Legos projects and a new CNC router that came in the last weeks of school. Our students are so lucky to have a school board and administration that believes dollars spent on innovation will pay dividends when students move on from Sheridan Schools. We are very excited to offer a new class for our high school students called engineering and design. Students have flocked to this class; we have 12 students in that first period elective who have already started designing and implementing projects.

I encourage each of you to come and take part in the excitement of Sheridan Schools. Folks are always welcome and we are sure when you come and get involved you won't



be disappointed in your experience.

*Micheal Wetherbee  
Sheridan School Superintendent*

October 20, 2016 • 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

## CANDIDATE FORUM

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David Schulz

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Dan Allhands

Light refreshments  
will be served.

The public is encouraged to come prepared with questions. Candidates have two minutes to respond to questions. No rebuttals.

Abigail Dennis, Editor, will moderate.

## Ennis chamber gives back



PHOTO COURTESY KENZI CLARK  
Kelsey Hubner (L) receives a donation from Kenzi Clark for the local Mule Deer Foundation.

SUBMITTED BY KENZI CLARK  
Ennis Chamber of Commerce

The Ennis Chamber of Commerce donated 20 percent of Tap Into Ennis – Annual Brew and Spirit Festival proceeds back to the community. The Ennis Lions Club received a \$1,200 donation; \$500 went to Madison Byways Trail System; and \$200 was given to the Ghosts of the Madison Chapter of the Mule Deer Foundation.

Madison County Sanitarian's Office  
P.O. Box 278 - 103 W. Wallace Street  
Virginia City, MT 59755  
(O) 406-843-4275 (F) 406-843-5362  
mcsani@madison.mt.gov

### SERVSAFE TRAINING

The Madison County Sanitarian's Office will be holding a series of ServSafe trainings. A successful passing grade will satisfy the Montana Food Code, which requires all licensed food establishments to have a Certified Food Manager on staff. The dates and locations are listed below:

**DATE:** October 20th, Thursday, 8:00am-5:00pm Virginia City, in the Administrative Building public meeting room.

**Fee:** \$75.00

Registration Deadline: One week prior to the class

Registration forms can be found on the Sanitarian's page of the Madison County website at madison.mt.gov, or the Sanitarian's Office, located at 103 W. Wallace Street in Virginia City.

Textbooks will be available for pick up at the Madison County Sanitarian's Office. Applicants must be registered and fees paid in advance of receiving textbooks and exam materials. Lunch will be provided at no cost.

Please call the Sanitarian's Office at 843-4275 to register for this training. Seating is limited, so please register early.

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B10 Thursday, September 29, 2016

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THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 6

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

SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 9

**Benefit, Ennis**  
Stella Witham Benefit at the Sheridan High School at 3 p.m.

MONDAY  
OCTOBER 10

**Meeting, Ennis**  
The American Legion Post 65 will meet at the V.F.W. at 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.

**Meeting, Ennis**  
The Ennis Arts Association business meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. at the First Madison Valley Bank in the basement conference room. It is a polluck.

WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 12

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

THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 13

**Book club, Ennis**  
Book Club discussion of "Last Bus to Wisdom" by Ivan Doig. Discussion led by Shirley Love at 1 p.m. at the Madison Valley Public Library.

FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 21

**Hunter's Feed, Ennis**  
31st annual Hunter's Feed in downtown Ennis from 3-5 p.m.

**Critter calling contest, Ennis**

Come showcase your critter calls at Willie's Distillery beginning at 6 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 October 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.

THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 3

**BAH, Ennis**  
Business After Hours at Braggin' Rights Guns from 5-7 p.m.

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.

THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 10

**Book club, Ennis**  
Book group discussion of "The Art of Hearing Heartbeats" by Jan Philipp-Sendker. Discussion led by Lucy Ennis at the MVPL at 1 p.m.

**Dinner, Ennis**  
A dinner celebrating the 241st birthday of the United States Marine Corps at the Longbranch Saloon beginning at 5:30 p.m. All branches of the military and patriots alike are invited to celebrate this event.

## FALL COLORS

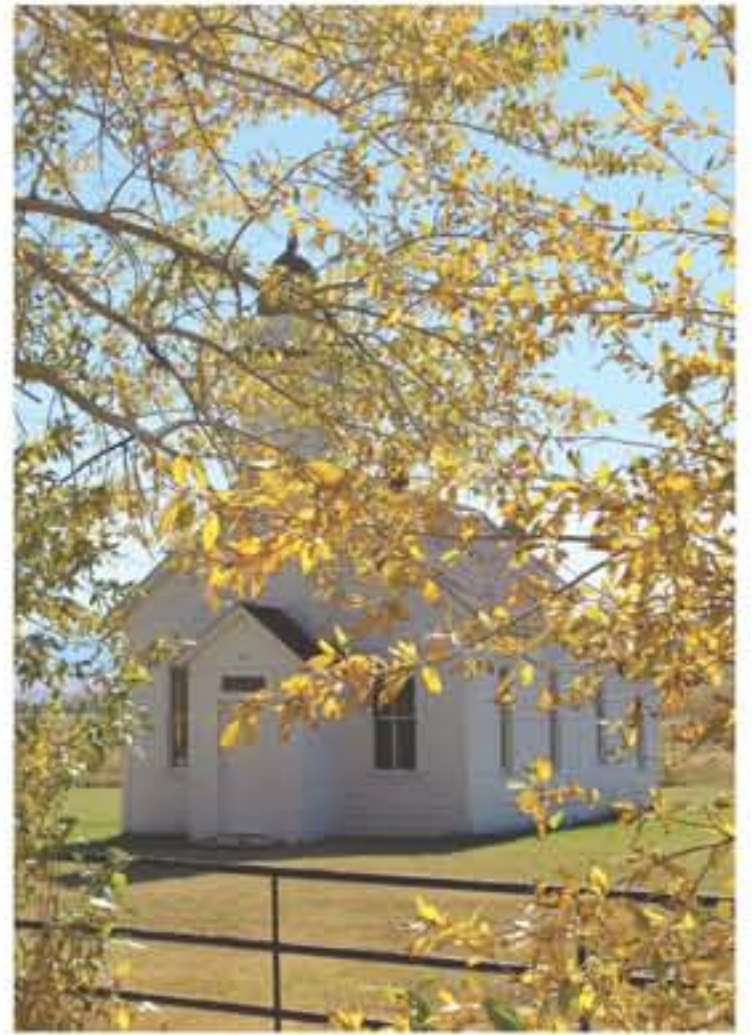


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The Meadow Creek Church framed in fall colors.

## 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](http://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.

**Paddle board classes, Ennis**  
Thursday at Ennis Lake at 7 a.m.

FRIDAYS

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

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

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

**Live Music - Norris**  
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FRIDAY OCT 28TH: FAN MOUNTAIN FROG DOGS  
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