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Judge Loren Tucker announces resignation

'I hoped I could make a difference and improve the process of resolving disputes'



ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN Judge Loren Tucker.

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On Jan. 27, 2017, The Honorable Loren Tucker will hang up his robe for good.

Tucker, judge of the Fifth Judicial District serving Madison, Beaverhead and Jefferson counties, announced his retirement on Oct. 7, effective Jan. 27,

"Will I miss it? Yes," Tucker said. But it is time to move on to other adventures and new chapters."

Tucker has served as judge since his election in 2000, though he ran once before and was not successful. Prior to his election, Tucker was the Madison County Attorney and a general practi-

"I hoped I could make a difference and improve the process of resolving disputes that could not be resolved otherwise," Tucker said, explaining why he ran for the position. "I thoroughly enjoyed it - it was, is, a satisfying job. It is a job I have enjoyed to the extent that I do not understand those who ask how I can bear to do it."

Though the job is "satisfying," it does not come without hardship. Tucker said it will be important for his replacement to recognize every single problem that comes before the bench is important to those involved, no matter how it may look to a third party

"It is important to devote the time necessary to hear the party's concerns," he said. "Take the job seriously. But do not make the mistake of taking yourself too seriously."

Montana's Judicial Nomination Commission is currently accepting applications from qualified lawyers to fill Tucker's upcoming vacancy.

Applications must be sent to the Judicial Nomination Commission by Oct. 31, 2016, and a month-long public comment period will begin the following day. After public comment closes on Dec. 1, the commission will forward either three or five nominees to the governor to choose from.

Giving credit where credit is due, Tucker paraphrased a sentence from a former chief justice who swore him in.

"A great many shortcomings of a judge can be overcome and overlooked if a judge is kind," he said.

Q&A with the Madison **County Election Office**



Officials explain the purpose of the office, address security

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It is undeniably election season. Last week, The Madisonian reached out to the county election office with a short Q&A about the ins and outs of the voting process.

Q: Introduce yourselves. Who works in the election office, and what is the purpose of the office? What are your duties?

Alison Elser, clerk - We are responsible for registering new voters with required ID verification, verifying mailing and residential addresses, mailing absentee ballots if requested by voter, pulling voters if they registered to vote in another county or state. (Voters cannot register to vote in another county and also vote in Madison County as we are linked to the state system.)

Connie Carter, clerk - Office purpose: Handle election process from beginning to end. Duties: Registering voters in person. Gathering and entering paperwork such as voter registrations, absentee requests, changes, etc. Answering email and phone call inquiries. Prepping for and working elections.

Paula Mckenzie, deputy election administrator - Register voters, work on all aspects of all elections, prepare for and follow through with all aspects of an election.

Kathleen Mumme, election administrator - Along with lots of other duties, we administer all the elections throughout the year. (We supply school districts with voter lists, but the school clerks administer their own elections.) We are here to register you to vote, to maintain the county district maps and use those to continually update the address library in the MT Votes system.

preparing for the upcoming general election?

Mckenzie - Registering voters, preparing absentee ballots, preparing for election night both here and at polls.

Carter - Keeping all absentees and new registrations current in MT Votes. Double checking absentee requests. Contacting all those pending voters to resolve issues. Organizing and preparation for receipt of voted absentee ballots.

Mumme - Right now we are busy getting all of the absentee ballots out by Oct. 14. We are a bit behind this year due to the fact that a candidate for United States House was killed a few weeks ago and because of the timeframe, every ballot in the state had to be re-printed when the party (Libertarian) placed a new candidate in Mr. Fellows' place. Then our printer basically did the re-print without the correction (for Madison County and five other counties in the state). They must be available by Tuesday Oct. 11.

Q: How, when and where Q: Right now, how are you can Madison County vote?

> Elser - By mail, at the polls on election day or if they are a new voter, they can register and vote in our office on elec-

Clark - Madison County voters can vote by absentee or at their precinct polls. They can also come to our office to

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Bear Creek area closure

Forest Service closes area pending bear encounter investigation

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Following the human-grizzly bear encounter 3 miles up North Fork Bear Creek on Oct. 1, the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest temporarily closed trails and the area surrounding Bear Creek leading into the Lee Metcalf Wilderness.

According to Madison District Ranger Dale Olson, the Forest Service chose to close the area following a recommendation from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

"(The encounter) was close to where people are, not way back in the woods," Olson said. "We are trying to keep people safe."

Currently, FWP is investigating "all aspects" of the incident, according to a Forest Service press release.

"The bear did not appear to be acting abnormally," the release continues. "Bears have different individual distances that they feel threatened by or react defensively to. Female grizzly bears

THE CLOSURE The following trails and area surrounding these trails has been closed: 6325, 6324, 6343, 6345, **Burger Creek Trail** and Middle-North Bear Connector Trail (see map).

protect their young and the incident appears to be a protective/defensive encounter with the visitor and there are no plans to remove the bear."

On Oct. 1, a 50-year-old Bozeman man was scouting hunting locations 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

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

"He got about 1/2 mile away when the bear attacked him again, biting

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Meeting of the minds

Agency groups, county government meet to discuss projects

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"We've been holding this meeting for a lot of years; 15 that I know of," said Madison County commissioner Dave Schulz, addressing a group of 14 agency and county representatives at the Alder Fire Hall on Oct. 6. "Going forward, this helps us all be on the same page. It is a loose discussion, but

Representatives from Madison County government, Madison and Ruby conservation districts, Wildlife Conservation Society Community Partnerships, Forest Service, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, National Fish Hatchery, Bureau of Land Management, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and state representatives attended the interagency meeting, which takes place quarterly at rotating locations in Madison County.

Madison Conservation District

Ethan Kunard from the Madison Conservation District said the CD is kicking off a project to craft a comprehensive management plan for the Madison Watershed.

Kunard explained the Department of Environmental Quality recently completed an overview of streams in the watershed with impairments. Simultaneously, the conservation district is participating in the National Drought Resilience Demonstration Project, so combining the two missions in one will

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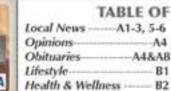


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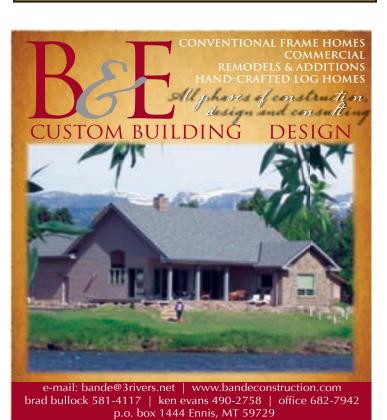


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ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN The Forest Service implemented a closure of the Bear Creek area following a human-bear encounter on Oct. 1.



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dead and the bear left."

Thompson said. "He played

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According to Leona Rodreick, public information

signs indicating the closure

are posted at trailheads and

'We patrol the area at

week when we know people

are likely to be visiting the

respecting the closure."

For those who may not

Rodreick said fines can run

violating this closure would

start at \$100," she said.

"The base fine typically for

roads into the area.

miles away.

request an absentee ballot. Mckenzie - As soon as ballots are available here in our office, through absentee ballots or at the polls on election day. Here at office on election day if they need to register

too. Mumme – At present the majority of our voters cast ballots at their polling places, but may also come here to vote when the ballots are available (Oct. 11), or they may request an "absentee" ballot any time from our office. The percentage of voters in Montana choosing to vote exclusively by mail increases every year. We must have written requests to issue an absentee ballot and voters may call to have this form mailed to them or they can get this at our website: madisoncountymt.gov. The sooner you complete this form and return it to us, the better.

Q: Let's talk about security. There have been reports some voter database systems around the country have been hacked. What does that mean? How does Madison County secure votes?

Mumme - Security is such an important aspect of our job here in the election office. With all of the talk of hacking and voter fraud, it is so important for our voters to know how seriously we take this responsibility. First of all, voters need to know hacking that has occurred in several states has involved voter databases, not the ballot tabulating systems. (Montana does not use "touch screen" or electronic voting machines.) Our Secretary of State's office has taken great care in guiding us through the security steps all of us must take regarding the statewide MT Votes system. This is the database used to register voters, administer our elections and assist us in accounting for every single ballot we issue here at the office. Only election staff is allowed to access this system and we have our own individual passwords, which must be changed every

90 days. Our IT people here at the county are also very aware of security and treat it as a top priority. But, while this system has voter information, it has nothing at all to do with the ballot tabulating system.

The optical scanner that counts our ballots all over the state of Montana (although, some very small counties still hand-tally) is not tied to the internet, so this makes hacking much more difficult. Additionally, the scanner is held in a very secure location here in our building where only election staff have access. It is tested for accuracy as soon as we get the coded media that is used to tabulate, it is tested publically before Election Day and again on Election Day. And, because Montana uses the optical scan, paper ballots that you mark with a real writing implement, we always have a "paper trail." If there ever appears to be a discrepancy in our ballots verses the ballot report forms and other means of keeping track of your ballots, or if there is a power outage on election night, or if, heaven forbid, we find evidence of some sort of tampering or malfunction, we would be able to recount ballots. We do a central count in Madison County. This means all ballots are delivered here by our election judges, in sealed ballot boxes, for tabulating on election night.

Let me also let our electors know that in the State of Montana we always do a post-election audit. The Secretary of State office literally "throws the dice" a few days after the election and chooses one precinct to audit, along with three races in that precinct. The county has an audit committee made up of three county electors who then hand-tally these three races in that precinct. We have never been within the margin of error (five ballots, or .5 percent) required to do a complete "recount."

Voter fraud is another area of concern to many voters across the country. It's a concern to us here, as well, but we have seen no evidence that there has been anything like this being done in Montana,

and not in Madison County. It should be known that trying to register and vote more than once, and doing this on purpose to try to affect an election, is a felony. Human error does occur, of course, but that is far from "voter fraud." I think it is important for our voters to know that every ballot is kept track of, and that with the statewide voter system (now 10 years old in Montana), it is nearly impossible for anyone to vote more than once. This is why you must go to a county election office to register as a new voter on Election Day (late registration) rather then going to the polls. When you register to vote, most of the time your identity is verified through the MT Votes system, which is tied to the Social Security Administration and Montana Department of Motor Vehicles. If the voter is registered to vote in another county, their registration is moved to Madison. So, on Election Day when a person comes in to register and vote who is registered in another Madison County precinct, or another Montana county, we

visionally." The day after the election the official registers from these other counties, or other precincts here in Madison County, are checked to ensure the voters did not cast a ballot in more than one place. Also, as absentee ballots are returned to this office, it is important to note that office staff checks all voter signatures on the return affirmation envelope. This signature must match the one on your voter registration card. And this envelope replaces the official register, so it must be signed by you in order for your ballot to be accepted.

The entire voting process must be transparent, and all Madison County residents are urged to ask questions and to visit the office, before, during and after Election Day. Please call us if you have any questions on this topic. We are eager to help.

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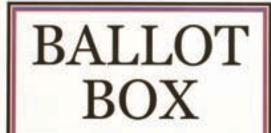
ELECTION COVERAGE

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This year's University of Montana journalism students produced election coverage for papers that are part of the Montana Newspaper Association.

For this election, the students profiled the major-party candidates for the United States House, Governor, Attorney General and more.

We made the decision to run these profiles in *The Madisonian* to help our readers become the best informed voters they can. This week, we will run the profiles on the two candidates running for Governor.



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Governor's race: Bullock vs. Gianforte

Gov. Bullock defends record, vision for Montana in re-election campaign

By Kasey Bubnash Community News Service UM School of Journalism

Steve Bullock wants his job back.

After two legislative sessions as Montana's Democratic governor with a Republican legislative majority, the 49-year-old incumbent is back for more.

But this time, Bullock has a reputation.

He has been repeatedly criticized for campaigning on a plan to improve roads, sewers, buildings and bridges in 2012, then vetoing a bill that would have done just that in his first

His Republican opponent, Greg Gianforte, has attacked Bullock for vetoing more bills than any Montana governor only to pass bills that expanded years, according to labor re-

Montana's jobless rate is nearly a full percentage point under the national average, Bullock said, and the state has been named the nation's top state for entrepreneurship for three years running by the Kaufmann Foundation.

But recently, the Legislature's finance staff predicted the \$300 million budget cushion Bullock insisted on last session would shrink by almost twothirds this summer due to falling revenue, mostly from taxes on income, oil and gas.

That has given Bullock's critics an opening to question the governor's fiscal oversight. Administration officials defended their budget management, saying that despite the falling numbers, the surplus has kept the state solvent so far. aspirations.

"That's why I got into politics," Bullock said. "I want to make Montana better for my children than it was for me."

In early September, Bullock spoke about education before a small Missoula crowd, which also heard speeches from local teachers and the Democratic candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction. He warned against a GOP push for "school choice" legislation, which he fears would take money from public schools.

"While I think the public school system is a great equalizer, my opponent thinks it's a failed experiment," he told listeners. "We can't afford to shut down our public school systems."

Bullock also mentioned a \$37 million preschool proposal called Early Edge, which

> would create the state's first public pre-school system. Bullock said Montana is one of only four states that have not invested in early childhood education.

"I talk to employers on a daily basis," Bullock said. "They need highly trained employees and that's why we are trying to improve education. I always aspire to do what we can to move our state forward."

To Bullock, moving forward includes protecting access to streams and public lands.

Mitch Godfrey, president of the Tenderfoot Trust, worked with Bullock on the Tenderfoot Creek Land Acquisition, which made land along the Smith

River public. "He drove up there and donated his time and energy, and we prevailed," Godfrey said. "He's all about keeping bridges open and keeping people fishing."

As attorney general, Bullock successfully defended Montana's stream access law, and he frequently attacked Gianforte for suing the state of Montana over an issue with public access on his own property.

In Montana's first gubernatorial debate this summer, Gianforte called himself a huge proponent of public stream access and said he even lets the public access his own land. He looked to Bullock and

said, "Governor, I've invited you to come out and fish but you haven't shown up yet. You're welcome."

the invitation, but the beauty is that's a public right of way. I don't need your invitation."

and the probability that the next Legislature will again be under Republican control, Bullock is confident he can accomplish more in a second term.

we have been able to put the partisan politics aside and get things done," Bullock said. "We're moving the state for-

In race for governor, Gianforte banks on business experience

BY ANDY BIXLER Community News Service UM School of Journalism

Greg Gianforte is all smiles. It is early August, and he is walking around a Missoula luncheon where he is about to give a speech. Dressed in his standard blue blazer, blue jeans, and cowboy boots, he introduces himself to nearly everyone in the room before he explains to the crowd why he wants to be Montana's next governor.

"The current administration isn't working," the Bozeman Republican says. "The reckless spending and lack of accountability have pushed our state to the brink?

That is the meat of Gianforte's pitch, in which he paints himself as a businessman who has brought high-tech jobs to a state whose economy has

historically been based on natural resource development and tourism.

The luncheon is one effort to introduce himself to Montana, perhaps the most important goal a candidate with little name recognition and one who has never held elected office.

Gianforte, 55, tells listeners he and his running mate, County Commission Lesley Robinson, have travelled more than 50,000 miles to contrast himself as an economically minded shift to the right, away from the policies of his Democratic rival, Gov. Steve Bullock of Helena.

Gianforte has positioned himself as a job-creator who has made a living outside govern-ment. Bullock, he charges, has been integral to the gridlock and partisanship that have angered so many voters this cycle.

Gianforte's supporters point to his successful business career as proof that he is ready to manage Montana's government.

"He brings that experience of creating jobs averaging over \$90,000 a year, over 500 jobs created in Bozeman, and this ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship that's starting to spread," U.S. Senator Steve Daines, who once worked for Gianforte, told the Helena Independent Record earlier in the campaign.

Gianforte also points to his endorsements, which include business advocates and pro-gun groups like the NRA, as proof of his Republican bona fides.

The founder of RightNow Technologies in Bozeman, Gianforte earned much of his fortune when tech giant Oracle bought the business in 2012 for more than \$1 billion. RightNow, Gianforte tells his Missoula audience, helped other companies provide a better consumer experience. Nike and Motorola were among its clients.

Gianforte's success has fueled his campaign too. According to records, he has contributed over \$3 million of his own money to the effort.

However, not everyone thinks being a successful businessman prepares one for public office.

Susan Carstensen, a former executive at RightNow, wrote a guest editorial critical of Gianforte, saying he will not keep school funds in public schools, and that his business model was to help other companies outsource jobs.

'I don't believe that his success in business translates to success in public service," she

Gianforte counters that he wants high tech outsourced jobs to come to Montana.

Technology represents something of a silver bullet for Gianforte. An electrical engineer who graduated from New Jersey's Stevens Institute of Technology, he says it is perhaps the best way to bring high-wage jobs to Montana, something, he says, the state sorely lacks. High-tech jobs and luring

telecommuters to the state will help fix that, he says. The other fix? Deregulation.

Gianforte traces his economic philosophy to the late economist Milton Friedman, who emphasized free markets and minimal government interference. The candidate says he would seek to eliminate "thousands" of regulations on small businesses, such as licensure rules or paperwork.

"A strong economy creates opportunity for people of all stripes," Gianforte says.

But he would not change everything.

One act that Bullock touts is the passage of a Medicaid expansion bill in the 2015 Montana Legislature. Gianforte says he would not immediately reverse the bipartisan legislation that extended health care services to thousands of poorer

"I'm not going to pull the carpet out from anybody," he says. "We have an obligation to take care of people, but I do have some concerns about paying for it."

Yet that does not exactly match up with a flier sent out by Americans for Prosperity - Montana, a pro-Republican PAC that backs Gianforte. The flier criticizes Bullock for "reckless spending" and for approving the Medicaid expansion.

So far Gianforte's focus on the economy has worked to distance him from his stands on social issues, such as abortion and the treatment of Montana's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender residents.

His foundation, the Gian-

Parenthood and women's reproductive rights.

"I haven't put any spe-cific proposals out," Gianforte responded. "But I am pro-life, I want to be clear about that. I will defend life here in this

By late September the campaign had largely avoided heated issues. Instead, Bullock has repeatedly hit Gianforte for a legal dust-up over a recreation access site near his home on the East Gallatin River.

In 2009, Gianforte's family corporation sued the state to eliminate a public easement adjoining his property on the East Gallatin River, a popular fishing and recreational access. Bullock's campaign says the incident shows that he, not Gianforte, will protect future public access.

In person and through T.V. ads, Gianforte says the issue has been distorted and that he supports public access to Montana's rivers and streams.

"We had a dispute with (Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks), and it had nothing to do with access, but with a survey," Gianforte has said. "No one was ever blocked access, and we never sued to block access."

But the court documents do not quite match up. The lawsuit calls for FWP to remove the easement on Gianforte's land due to damage being done to private sections of property. However, the matter was resolved when fencing was erected to keep recreators off Gianforte's land. The suit never came to trial.

As the August Missoula luncheon wrapped up, Gianforte lingered to talk with folks still hanging around, even as his staffers reminded him he had another campaign stop later in the evening, where he would discuss ways to boost Montana's coal industry.

As he moved toward the door, someone asked about Donald Trump, the Republican presidential nominee and rival



PHOTO COURTESY JAKE GREEN

forte Family Charitable Trust, has donated money to a creationist museum, to Pro-Life groups and to anti-LGBT efforts, including fighting against a proposed LGBT anti-discrimination ordinance in Bozeman.

Last March, Aaron Flint, the Gianforte campaign communications director, told The Billings Gazette that it was "inappropriate" to compare Gianforte's charitable giving with his potential policies as governor.

Those tensions were present at the Missoula luncheon as well. During question time, a young woman asked Gianforte about his stance on Planned

to Democrat Hillary Clinton. Gianforte pointed out the similarities between that race and his own.

Like Trump, Gianforte is a businessman running for office for the first time, setting his sights high. The choice for president is not a hard one, he

"Between a business guy who says some outrageous things at times, and a career politician who says they're going to put coal miners out of work and take our guns away, the choice is easy to me," he

health coverage to 50,000 Montanans in support of Obamacare.

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Gianforte charges that under Bullock's leadership, Montana is 49th in the nation for wages and dead last for income. He says his business savvy will help Montanans more than Bullock's political know-how.

Yet to Bullock and his supporters, the incumbent's last term was a huge success, though not entirely. The compromise he backed to pass a new infrastructure bill failed by one vote.

Still, Bullock points to successes. He said he has worked with Democrats and Republicans to lower Montana's unemployment rate by 4.2 percent, and has made Montana top in the nation for entrepreneurs.

Bullock also said Montana is not really 49th in wages, because the calculation does not include income from farmers, ranchers, entrepreneurs and some telecommuters.

"In fact," Bullock said, "by excluding them because they don't have W-2s, it makes it all look like we're making less."

Montana has the sixth fastest wage growth in the country, according to the latest Department of Labor and Industry report. And Bullock said he has expanded job-training opportunities that allow graduates to get good paying jobs.

Bullock said more Montanans are working than ever before. Some 20,000 jobs have been created in the last several

Bullock is perhaps proudest of achievements made with help from legislative Republicans. That shows his ability to compromise, his supporters said.

Sen. Jim Keane, a Butte Democrat, said Bullock is known around Helena for working in a more bipartisan way than his predecessor, Gov. Brian Schweitzer, also a Democrat.

"I've heard a lot of Republicans say, 'Wow, this is way better because we have access to the governor," Keane said. "They like that he listens to officials on both sides of the aisle."

Other achievements Bullock touts include record investments in Montana's public schools, which pushed high school graduation rates to a new high.

Still, Gianforte has criticized Montana's public education system, noting the state ranks last for daily attendance.

But education remains an issue Bullock turns to repeatedly as he campaigns. "This isn't political to me,"

Bullock said. "It's deeply per-Born in Missoula and raised in Helena, Bullock attended public schools before graduat-

ing from Helena High School in 1984. Bullock eventual earned his law degree from Columbia University Law School in New York.

Today, Bullock has three children, two girls and a boy, who he said inspire his political Bullock replied, "Thanks for Despite the testy campaign

"I'm really pleased that



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OBITUARIES CON'T ON A8!

District one should vote in best interest of county

Dear Editor,

I wonder if any, or how many, citizens of Madison County feel disenfranchised because the majority of us has no voice in electing the commissioner for district one, despite the fact that the commissioner-elect will be making choices and decisions for all of us in the county. This is the voting pattern for each commissioner district since 1994 when the electorate made a reactionary

decision to restrict voting to only electors of each county district. For those of us who remember that time, voters may have felt that there was a good reason for that decision, however parochial or shortsighted.

Cut to 2016, when everyone has the ability to know very well each commissioner and their record, through internet media or the excellent reporting by The Madisonian news. I have found Commissioner David Schulz

to be fair, a good listener and work toward sound solutions. His untiring dedication to the work of Madison County is exemplary, as is his full attention to fiscal responsibility. But, regretfully, I and some two-thirds of the populace cannot be represented in this all-important race for commissioner.

County Government Review is mandated every 10 years by the Montana Constitution and Montana Codes Annotated.

We will not have that opportunity again until 2024, since we did not choose to review in 2014. So, my lament must malinger and wait. Those citizens of district one who have representation, however, will hopefully examine the candidate's records, the issues and, importantly, the known, and vote in their own best interests and that of all county residents.

> Pat Bradley Twin Bridges

A question for Commissioner David Schulz

Dear Editor,

I would like to address this to David Schulz. You had said in your campaign ad that during the primary in May, a very small group raised questions in regard to your values. That you felt to be professional, sincere

and honest with the highest level of integrity regarding your job, family, community, county and country.

With that being said, Schulz, on the front page of the following week's The Madisonian, it stated that you violated the campaign finance law. I would like to

know how this falls into honesty and integrity. Schulz was to file his campaign finance report in a timely matter, but was 21 days late in filing. So what I would like to know is how can we vote for someone that is not honest in getting things done in a timely matter? Is this how he has run

our county while he has been in office? That small group of people now have to chuckle on how you use "honesty and integrity" in your ad. Please be reminded, Schulz, who won the primary.

> Peggy Buyan Sheridan

Vote Judge Sandefur for Montana Supreme Court

Dear Editor,

Judge Dirk Sandefur is the candidate to be elected to serve as a Justice on Montana's Supreme Court. He has more than 25 years of experience in the criminal justice system and has a well-earned reputation as a fair, impartial, independent and thoughtful judge who

people can trust to protect the rights of all Montanans. Montana is very unique in that our state Constitution guarantees us (the citizens of Montana) the right to access public lands and waterways. Judge Sandefur understands the importance of those rights and will be a strong force to protect the integrity of our Constitution.

He will not be beholden to any special interest groups. He is a very qualified candidate running for an extremely important position on the highest court in our state.

I strongly endorse Judge Sandefur for Montana Supreme Court Justice and I encourage all Montanans to vote for him in the upcoming election on Nov. 8, 2016. The stakes are too high for the future wellbeing of all Montanans if an unqualified candidate gets elected to our supreme court. Vote for Sandefur for Supreme Court Justice.

> Mark Savinski Sheridan

I am voting Cooper for the Public Service Commission

Dear Editor,

I am voting for independent candidate Caron Cooper for the Public Service Commission, District 3. The PSC regulates privately owned monopolies that provide public services, such as energy and telecommunications and oversees safety of Montana's intrastate and gas

Cooper is uniquely quali-

fied for this position, as a trained engineer (bachelor of science at Cal Poly), energy economist (PhD, Berkeley), international consultant to World Bank and USAID in Russia, working on post-Soviet power sector projects. n Livingston, she founded the Thrift Store, which has sent over \$300,000 back to that community.

Goals? She believes Montanans deserve a voice in

to give alternative/renewable energy a level playing field with other fuels; she will address corporate influence of the PSC (in previous elections three of five current PSC members have taken donations from the industries they regulate).

Cooper cares about a balance of energy ,which will keep high tech industries which want to gener-

PSC decisions; she will strive ate their own power coming to our state. She knows our dispersed population needs dependable internet services. She is a proven successful businesswoman, has the technical skills to tackle power development and distribution and is a hard worker for the public good. She needs your vote, too.

> Sally Dickinson Bozeman

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, Ron Nye, Madison County commissioner, writes to us.

Why should you vote? This is a question that I believe is shared by many at one time or another. I think too often we tend to ignore the facts and let our prejudice prevail. Actually, it is an easy question to answer. It is the process that people use to choose their leaders and public issues. We have the good fortune of living in a democracy, which gives us the privilege to vote. How many people in the world live under a dictatorship and cannot vote or have their voting privileges so restricted that their vote does not count? I do not have the answer to that question, but I would bet if they were given the opportunity to vote, they would. This year, we have a presidential election and I hear lots of negative comments - bad choices for

candidates, it will be decided before I vote, etc. I say, rise above it. Somewhere on that ballot is a race, an issue or something that can and will affect our lives, our children and our grandchildren. We need to vote to protect our young children, because they

cannot. A few years ago, I had the good fortune to visit Washington, D.C., and while there, visited Arlington Cemetery. What a humbling experience. To drive through and see all of the markers for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for us to have the privilege to vote.

I think maybe the best reason is if you do not vote, you cannot complain. One of my good friends always says, "I like to complain, it's one of the few things that I am

Voting is a way of speaking your mind. Your vote is your voice. Voting is our way of telling our elected officials if we approve or disapprove of their performance in of-Another negative com-

ment I hear about voting is that the process is rigged. I interpret that as the checks and balances that protect the integrity of the election are either not enforced or not administered in the right way. I can assure you in Madison County, none of that is true. I have been part of vote canvassing with our Clerk and Recorder and she has a passion for doing this process the right way. I think she will write an article about this process shortly, so I will not interfere by making any more comments about the voting and ballot

process. It is my hope that this short article will encourage you to get out and vote. After all, it is a privilege and in my opinion, your duty! Besides, all of this it is easier today than ever, call for an absentee ballot and it will be delivered to your residence, do your thing and the mail person will pick it up. Some view Election Day as a time to socialize. See your neighbors and friends while you are out voting. Besides that, someone usually has a bake sale ... how could anyone resist? Happy Election Day! If you do not vote, someone else will, and you may not like the outcome, so stay involved - vote!

> Ron Nye Madison County Commissioner Twin Bridges

OBITUARIES

Delbert Wiggins November 21, 1933 - 2016

Delbert L. Wiggins, age 82, of Ennis passed away recently at his home.

Delbert was born Nov. 21, 1933, at Sunkist, Okla., to James and Gladys (Lovett) Wiggins. As a young boy, the fmaily moved to Texas and later to Bakersfield, Calif., in 1938. He attended school in Bakersfield and then joined the United States Navy serving during teh Korean Conflict. After his service, he returned to California to build homes with his father.

He enjoyed golfing with his sister, fishing and hunting.

Delbert was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a son. Survivors include his three children, a sister and brother-in-law, Sue and Mel McCall of Ennis, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cremation has taken place and no services will be held. K&L Mortuaries and Crematory of Ennis is assisting with arrangements.

& SPORTS:

WOLLEYBALL ROUND WP

Cross county action: Twin Bridges defeats Sheridan, loses to Ennis

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It has been a good month for Madison County volleyball fans, as teams travel back and forth for rivalry games before the district tournament, which begins on Oct. 27 in Butte. With two in-county games every week this month, Madison County athletes have seen lots of play.

Last week, the Twin Bridges Lady Falcons were on the road as they traveled to Sheridan and Ennis. Currently, Ennis and Twin Bridges are ranked first and second in the district standings, while Sheridan is sitting at number five and Harrison rounds out the Madison County teams, standing in sixth.

First up for the Falcons was a four set match against the Lady Panthers. While both teams looked good out of the gate, Sheridan took early control of the game.

The Lady Panthers were on fire as they were able to control their serve receive and get some big hits to their middle hitters, seniors Tionna Schwend and Janie Smart. Fueled by the cheers from the crowd, the Lady Panthers took the first set by seven points, rattling the Lady Falcons. The momentum carried into the second set as the Panthers once again took early possession of the game and put 11 points on the board before the Falcons could answer.

Thanks to a serving streak by Savanna Stewart, the Falcons were able to gain control and take over the rest of the match, de-



feating the Panthers in four sets.

"They started out strong but struggled with their serve receive and mentally couldn't come back," said head coach April Wuelfing.

Smart and Schwend ended their night with five kills. Smart also contributed three blocks while Schwend added one and led the team with four aces. Sophomore Ashton Sheffield played well from the back row, contributing to the team's digs and grabbing three aces for the Panthers.

Stewart led the way for the Falcons, contributing multiple assists and digs beside her 10 aces, while Kailee Oliverson and Riah Edsall each put up one block and seven and 10 hits from the middle of the net, respectively.

After their win against the Panthers, the Falcons traveled over the hill to take on the number one seed, the undefeated Ennis Mustangs.

Oct. 6 was pink out night in Ennis and both the teams donned pink jerseys in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, while the crowd also got in the spirit, filling the gym in a sea of pink.

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After a special performance of the National Anthem by the

Madison Wranglers 4-H Club, both teams were

ready to duke it out on the court.

Ennis continued to prove why they are number one as they defeated the Falcons in three cots.

Jourdain Klein and Danyel Martin once again paved the way to victory, acting big at the net and taking home 10 and nine kills, respectively. Klein also contributed with four blocks

Seniors Brigit Croy and Ana Garcia both had a great night of play as Croy, who plays all around the court, dug up seven Falcon attacks and netted two blocks. Garcia, the Mustangs' defensive specialist (libero) had a serving streak toward the end of the final set, placing the ball wherever her coach asked.

"Stand and drop it in the middle," instructed head coach Betty Klein, as Garcia stepped behind the serving line.

The Lady Falcons put up a good fight against the Mustangs – Oliverson led the team in kills and blocks with nine and two, respectively, while Mara Johnson grabbed two aces for the team.

Sheridan vs. Twin Bridges: 25-18, 17-25, 7-25, 9-25

7-25, 9-25 Ennis vs. Twin Bridges: 25-20, 25-10, 25-17

TWIN BRIDGES

After going 1-1 for the week, the Falcons were able to snag another W as they defeated the Drummond Trojans in four sets on Oct. 8.

Oliverson had nine kills and six aces against the Lady Trojans, while senior Brooke Schandelmeier contributed six kills, six digs and six aces for the Falcons. Twin Bridges vs. Drummond: 25-20, 15-25, 25-23, 25-16

Upcoming games

Harrison will host two county games this week as they welcome Sheridan on Oct. 13 and Ennis on Oct. 14.

As of The Madisonian's press time, scores from last week's games for Harrison had not been submitted.

LEFT

CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN

Jourdain Klein, right, forces down a point against Twin

Bridges Kailee Oliverson.

RIGHT

CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN
The Lady Panthers celebrate a win in the first set against the
Lady Falcons.



FOOTBALL ROUND UP

Falcons, Mustangs victorious; Panthers fall to Noxon

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An early release from school on Friday, Oct. 7, filled the Sheridan stadium with fans as the Panthers faced off with the Red Devils from Noxon. Shouts of "SHS, YES!" got progressively louder, heralding the start of the game.

The Panthers kicked off, and the Red Devils got to work, scoring on their first possession, but Sheridan kept them out of the end zone for the conversion

for the conversion.

When the Panthers got the ball back, they inched it downfield before launching a long pass to Kenny Foster, who ran it in for a touchdown, tying the score at 6 with 7:46 left in the first quarter.

The Panther defense got to work, preventing the Red Devils from scoring on their next possession. Then, the same issue that has plagued Sheridan all season struck again – injury.

Quarterback Jason Chisholm went down after a hard hit and was helped off the field to applause.

As the first quarter wound down, the teams traded fumbles and turnovers – Sheridan's tough defense swarmed the Red Devils every time they had the ball. At the top of the second quarter, Noxon gained momentum, scoring a quick touchdown, then intercepting a Panther pass and scoring again, extending their lead by 16 points, 6 – 22.

Sheridan's struggles with

fumbles and injuries persisted through the rest of the first half. Junior Isaiah Galiger took a hard hit and was out for the remainder of the game.

Though the Panther offense had difficulty holding onto the ball, Sheridan's defense stuck to it like glue, holding Noxon to 49 points at the final buzzer, despite the Red Devils' multiple attempts to get to the end zone.

TWIN BRIDGES

Things started with a bang for the Falcons on Oct. 7 – Tony Nicholls returned Arlee's kickoff 70 yards to put Twin Bridges on the board in the first few seconds of play.

The Falcons dominated the game through the first half, going into the locker room with 33 points to Arlee's 0.

"Our guys came to play and really executed well on offense and played hard-nosed defense," said head coach Brett Nordhal.
"The defense was a huge key to our success. Gage Baumeister, Scott Vial, Lane Frandsen and Cooper Christensen led the defensive line, which put great pressure on their quarterback and made him scramble or throw balls before he was ready."

Though Arlee was able to score 16 points in the match up, the Falcons continued to make it to the end zone, and the win went to Twin Bridges, 47 – 16.

"Wesley Harshbarger had a

tremendous game both offensively and defensively," Nordhal said. "His return to our lineup has really given us a great spark the last few

Next week, the Falcons take on one of the toughest teams in the state – Charlo.

"It will be a good test for us as their speed is tough to match up with," Nordhal said. "Our guys will have to know their assignments and take care of their defensive responsibilities every play."

ENNIS

It was all about the Mustangs at Scully Field in Ennis on Oct. 7, as Ennis bested Park City, 80 – 12.

Just 12 seconds into the game, Mustang Austin Baum returned Park City's kickoff 74 yards for a touchdown, and his teammate Jake Knack made good on the conversion.

Less than a minute later, Knack was back in the end zone two more times, scoring a touchdown and two points after, bringing the Mustangs' lead to 16 – 0. Still on fire, the Ennis boys scored again two minutes later, thanks to an interception by senior Tanner Wood.

At the end of the first quarter, Ennis had racked up 48 points and kept Park City out of the end zone.

Park City got on the board midway through the third quarter, and once again in the fourth, but the Mustangs persisted, and as the final buzzer rang out, Ennis took the W, 80 – 12.



ABIGAIL
DENNIS/THE
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Scott Vial (53)
and Wesley
Harshbarger
(4) take down
an Arlee
player.



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MADISONIAN
Jack Gilman
shakes
off Noxon
defenders to
move the ball
down field.



PHOTO
COURTESY BARBI
HALVERSON
WOOD
Tracer Croy
(12) weaves
through
Park City
defenders.

Madison County cross country teams attend 7 of 7 meet

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Varsity cross country teams are allowed seven runners, so at last Thursday's meet in Helena, they held seven varsity

"As decided upon by the coach, you pick your fastest runner to run in the number one race, and you put your slowest in the number seven race," explained Harrison head coach Kaysha Young. "So at this meet, there are actually seven winners for both boys and girls."

Since Madison County's teams rarely have seven runners,

most coaches choose to start by placing a runner in the number seven race and moving up from there until they are out of athletes.

Harrison's Doug Christensen ran a 22:23 in the number seven race. His teammate, Derik DeFrance, ran in the number six race and placed fourth with a 17:05.

The Twin Bridges Falcons also attended the race.

"Garrett Wentzel had the fastest time running 18:26.24 and finishing 30th in the number two race," said head coach Nancy Bell. "Teammates Roman Hendrickson and Rob Dale ran personal bests with times of 21:01.87 and 20:49.89. CJ Wayland, Kyle Minert and Justice Morris also had solid performances."

For the Lady Falcons, Mara Johnson ran a season best time of 23:25:18, dropping 50 seconds.

"Savanna Stewart, suffering a severe head cold, had an outstanding run finishing sixth in her race before she and (Johnson) headed to their volleyball game," Bell said. "Blu Keim also ran a season best time. RaeAnne Bendon and Ruth Redfield completed the field for the Falcons."

For the Mustangs, Max Trapp ran an 18:49, Quinten Hamilton ran a 19:40, Wade Luly ran a 20:01, Wyatt Fredson ran a 26:02 and Maida Knapton ran a 21:51.

Next week, the teams head to Townsend for their last weekend before the state meet in Kalispell on Oct. 22.

VIRGINIA CITY TOWN

Grice and Jarvis appointed to open positons by town council

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The Virginia City council appointed Amy Grice to the empty council seat during their Oct. 6 meeting. Grice will serve out the rest of Scott Kelley's four-year term and be up for re-election in 2018. Kelley resigned from the town council in September.

"I'm excited," said councilwoman Erin Leonard about appointing Grice to the open seat. "She is logical and practical."

Ken Shields and Jack Daughtery also volunteered to fill the open seat but withdrew their applications upon learning Grice had also applied, saying she was the most qualified for the position, according to Leonard.

Grice, who moved to Virginia City a year and a half ago, said she has chosen to follow her father's footsteps by becoming more active and involved in the community.

"My dad was a real role model," she said. "He served on the council for a number of years and stayed very active in the commu-

Grice has her MBA with a concentration

in ethical leadership and hopes to bring that knowledge to the community.

"I'm aware, that in small towns, how much we need each other and how important collaborative discussion is," Grice said. "I think I can add some leadership and collaboration to the council."

Grice said she is hoping to help maintain the special character of the town and that she plans to treat her time on the council as a learning experience.

"It's an opportunity to serve (the town) and gain personal growth," she said.

Jarvis to take on HPO

The council also voted unanimously to approve Jim Jarvis for the open Historic Preservation Officer position as an independent contractor, with the notion of finding a more permanent applicant.

The HPO is in charge of maintaining the history of the town and historic character by administering the design and review program through the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee, which reviews development permits prior to any construction, including

excavation or alteration of buildings or structures, in town. The HPO also applies for grants to go toward town and building repair and maintenance.

Public works director to retire

Roger Williams announced during the Oct. 7 meeting that he is planning to retire from his position as public works director for the town come January 2017.

Williams has been the public works director since February of 2011.

"I was looking for something else to do and I thought it would be a good

As the director of public works, Williams has been in charge of water and sewer for the town, as well as roads, weeds and facilities. "I just decided it was time to go,"

Williams said about his decision to retire. "I have things I want to do and I need time for

While Williams is hoping to be done by the first of the year, he said he is willing to



ERIN LEONARD/THE MADISONIAN Amy Grice (L) shakes hands with Mayor Scott Petersen.

stay involved and help train the next public works director.

"I'm sure I'll still be involved and be working with the town," he said.

Interested applicants should call the Town of Virginia City for more information.

RE/MAX office gives back where they live

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Bill Mercer and his team of agents at the RE/MAX office have chosen to give back to the community through their "Give Where We Live" program. Through the program, the office has chosen to give a percentage of their commission to various groups and organizations in town, and have given \$25,000 back to the community.



"We just felt we had a strong tie to the community and giving back is important," said

Aside from the "Give Where You Live" program, the office sponsors various events in Ennis, as well as participating in varying town events like Hunters Feed, the Halloween carnival and Christmas stroll. They offer free advertising to local businesses in their real estate guide and also distribute over 4,000 flags before the Fourth of July parade, according to Mercer.

"It's a good thing to do and it's important to



show the community that we care," said Mercer. "We know that we have the best small town in Montana, and feel proud and honored to give back as much as we can."

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lead to a collaborative stakeholder process to develop a comprehensive watershed plan that addresses water quality impairments, as well as water supply and drought vulnerabilities.

"We want to look at this holistically," Kunard said. "Not only private lands, but state lands and forest lands too."

The first step will be stakeholder meetings - Kunard's hope is to hold the first one before the end of the year.

Kunard also reported the MCD's project to restabilize a section of bank along Jack Creek using bioengineering with willows was completed.

"Next year we're going to do a similar project on a lower stretch of Jack Creek," Kunard said.

WCS Community Partnerships

"We focus a lot on humanbear conflicts," said Kris Inman from WCS Community Partnerships. "Big Sky had a 20 year history of conflicts." In Big Sky, WCS Community Partnerships implemented a program helping the community switch to using bear-resistant trash containers. As of this year, 75 percent of homeowners have bear resistant trashcans.

"If the trend continues, this year will be the first year of not having a bear relocated from Big Sky," Inman said.

WCS Community Partnerships may also have some grant money available to help secure the Nevada City dump to prevent bear activity there, Inman said.

As a Madison Valley resident, implementing wildlife friendly fencing is important

"We received a small grant last year to convert 2 miles of fence," Inman said. "We're currently looking into other cost share opportunities."

Forest Service

Madison District Ranger Dale Olson said the Standard Creek timber sale is wrapping up for the season and should be finished by opening day for rifle season.

Forest Service employees are also implementing pre-

scribed burning at Crockett Lake area, and will move to other areas in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, weather permitting.

"We had a couple fires this summer," Olson said. "It was really a good experience - collaborative coordination between many agencies."

Olson also discussed the Forest Service closure of the Bear Creek area following the grizzly bear-human conflict. For more on that closure, see the article on A1.

DNRC

The DNRC is still working on a land exchange with SRI River Holdings, outside of Twin Bridges. If it goes through, SRI River Holdings will trade 861.41 acres of their land in Rochester Basin for 608 acres of DNRC land along the Jefferson River northwest of Twin Bridges.

According to DNRC's Jennifer Mackay, there will be a public meeting in Twin Bridges in November.

Keith Johnson from the BLM said a watershed assess-

ment on the South Tobacco Root Watershed took place this summer – the findings show the area in good health, except for "rampant conifer" and noxious weeds. The findings will be drafted into an environmental assessment in the next year, and any proposed changes to the management of the area will go back to the public for review.

In addition, it was "another record year" on the Madison River, according to Johnson.

At a peak day in early July, the BLM fishing access site at Warm Springs along the Lower Madison River saw 956 vehicles, with an average of four people in each, with an additional 456 vehicles in overflow parking at California Corner.

FWP

FWP wildlife biologist Dean Waltee surveyed elk, mule deer and moose - elk and moose populations were "very productive" this year.

"The last three years, elk calf production was three of the highest years we've ever seen," Waltee said. "There

is lots of need for a healthy antlerless harvest to maintain the population (this hunting season)."

Though mule deer numbers were down, Waltee said the year before was a "record," so there are still a healthy number of mule deer on the ground.

As for antelope, the population is stable but slightly lower this year.

"Fawn production was spotty," he said. "Some areas were really good, others were poor."

Emergency management

"We've had a few incidents," said county director of emergency management Dustin Tetrault. "There was lead in the water in Sheridan ... the Blue Lake and Pole and Fine fires, funnel clouds, and eight earthquakes in the county so far this year."

Currently, Tetrault is organizing a meeting with county fire chiefs and the sheriff to reword the language of the fire restrictions to prevent

"The wording is horrible," Tetrault said. "And enacting

those restrictions is a join decision."

Madison County

"Roads and rain go really well together," Schulz said, referring to the precipitation in the area. "We've had a number of calls."

The commissioners are moving closer to a final design for the renovation of the historic county courthouse in Virginia City. The renovation will update the structure with an elevator and better accessibility.

"It's in the architect's hands now," Schulz said. "Those designs will be made public soon."

Schulz also addressed the issue of volunteerism.

"There are struggles maintaining our ambulances and fire departments," Schulz said. "One thing from a commissioner perspective, is that our county would not run without volunteers – we have people who volunteer on various boards, the weed board, fair board, airport board, planning board. These (volunteers) do tremendous work."

The Montana Heritage Commission
would like to THANK the collaborate efforts of Madison County,
The Town of Virginia City and the many volunteers that helped make
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- The Montana Heritage Commission has over 276 historical registered structures and over 1.2 million Americana artifacts it preserves, repairs and catalogs, which is recognized as one of the largest historic sites in the United States.
- According to Montana Office of Tourism, 2016 Traffic Counts, Virginia City and Nevada City are Montana's number one state owned tourist destination for the 5th consecutive year with over 500,000 tourists coming from Memorial Day to Labor Day each year.
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(This is an increase of \$10 million economic footprint over 2014 for the state and Madison County)

Best Regards, Director, Montana F

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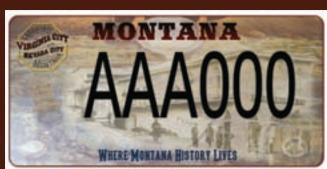
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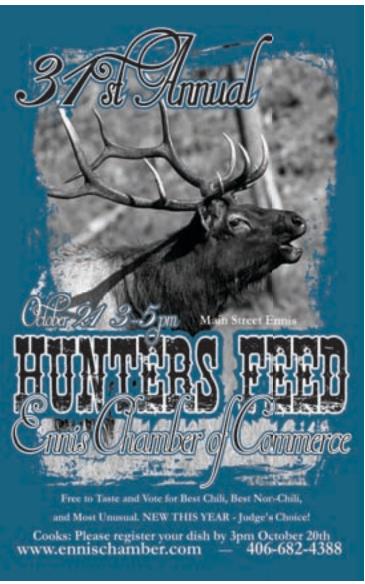
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OBITUARIES CONTINUED FROM A4

Edward G. Williams Sr. January 16, 1936 - October 5, 2016



After many years of battling multiple strokes, Edward is no longer confined to a wheelchair and is laughing and dancing in Heaven as he left this earth on Oct. 5, 2016, to be in eternity with his savior, our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is most likely singing the Lord's Prayer for his mother and friends, which was one of his favorites for prayer and family gatherings.

Edward Gerald Williams was born on Jan. 16, 1936, during the Great Depression, where he learned early on from his loving mother, Edna, how to cope with all adversities in life, including losing his father as a very young child. Growing up during World War II, Edward graduated from Lynwood High

School in 1954. He was active in sports and his record for the mile stood for many years. Edward's passion was to be a carpenter and a contractor. After graduation, he became the youngest general contractor in the state of California at the age of 20. In late 1956, Edward married Darlene Cross and they were blessed with three wonderful children, Eddie, Lori and Shelly. He adored his children and would sacrifice anything for them and worked extremely hard to provide a good life for them. In the 1960s and 70s, Edward spent his early married life in southern California where he developed, created and built several outstanding building projects that included apartments, convalescent hospitals, commercial buildings and homes. He always had excellent workmanship and vision for all his projects. With the help of his wife, he designed and built several custom homes in Placentia, Calif., where he shared a great life with his family. In the early 1980s, Edward

moved to the Placerville area of Northern California. His

love and passion for construction continued as he developed many more projects including the Stagecoach Inn in Pollock Pines, which is still thriving today. Unfortunately, in 2003, Edward suffered multiple strokes and sadly was disabled and unable to continue building. Eventually, his three children moved him to Montana to be closer to his son. He spent many years living at the Madison Valley Manor assisted living, where the staff became like close family and loved and cared for him. He was known there for his classic wave that was endearing to everyone and when his children and family visited, they knew all was well when they saw him wave.

Edward was an energetic and vivacious man who was loved by many people. When he entered a room, he was always smiling and had a twinkle in his eye. He had an infectious laugh and he would help everyone, including a stranger. He had a passion for horses, including going to the horse races with his brotherin-law Larry, was in bowling leagues his entire life and enjoyed all sports. He coached his son's baseball teams for many years and loved watching his daughters doing drill team and cheerleading at the high school football games. Edward loved laying on the couch watching television with his kids and always convinced one of them to massage and scratch his head.

The family is eternally grateful for the wonderful care Edward received at the Madison Valley Manor in Ennis. You will never be forgot-

Edward is survived by his three children Edward Jr. (Jeanne), Lori Lynn (Kevin) and Shelly Ann and their mother Darlene; eight grandchildren, Brandon (Lisa), Brianna (Scott), Bradley, Mallory, Cami (Ben), Garrett, Bridgett and Chira; two great grandchildren, Chloe and Claire; his sister Lorna; two nephews, Eric and Ken (Linda); one niece, Carol; and his cousins, Claudia and Doug.

In honoring Edward's wishes, there will be a celebration of life gathering in Placerville at a later date.

Edna Marie "Re" Tate January 21, 1928 - October 6, 2016



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Edna Marie "Re" Tate, age 88, of Sheridan passed away Oct. 6 at the Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center at Sheridan.

Re was born Jan. 21, 1928, in Butte to Earnest and Mary (Mullen) Tate. She grew up in the Upper Ruby Valley. She graduated from Girls Central High in Butte and received



her master degree at the University of Washington, D.C., in special education. She spent her entire life working with the underprivileged children and special needs children.

Growing up, Re loved the outdoors, riding horses, herding sheep and her favorite job was driving teams in the hay fields. She loved dogs and cats and always had at least one dog and a couple of

In 1948 she left to New York to become a Franciscan nun, an order that worked with the underprivileged. She taught many years teaching in Harlem, N.Y.

In 1969 the order of nuns she served with was closed. She then taught special needs children in New York state

until she retired. She returned to Montana in 2009.

Re was preceded in death by her sisters Frances Lau and Jane Miller.

Survivors include her brothers Bill and Bernice Tate of Alder, Parker and Ginger Tate of Billings and Tom and Janette Tate of Spokane, Wash., numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to St. Mary Catholic Church at Laurin.

Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 10 a.m. from St. Mary Catholic Church with Father John Crutchfield officiating. Interment was in the Laurin Cemetery. A parish vigil service was held Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. from the K&L Mortuary Chapel at Sheridan.

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Hoyt Osborne February 14, 1947 - September 28, 2016



Hoyt Osborne passed away in Kenya, Africa, Sept. 28, 2016. Hoyt was born Feb. 14, 1947, to Mike and Mary Osborne. He and his wife, Lois, have been missionaries and have built churches and bible colleges for the past 25 years in Kenya. Hoyt attended high school in Whitehall and graduated in 1965. He then went on to Western Montana College in Dillon to obtain his teaching degree. Along his educational journey, Hoyt also attended Pillsbury Bible College in Minnesota to become a pastor. Hoyt's first teaching job was in Box Elder. He then continued his teaching career in Victor, and later in northern California. It was in northern California where he met his wife Lois who was also working in the

California school system. While in California, they were called by God to move to Africa to teach the word of God in missionary schools and bible colleges. Their move to Africa turned out to be more plentiful than one could imagine. Hoyt taught in the Rosslyn Academy for two years where he educated missionaries' children. He continued educating children and adults by constructing numerous churches and bible schools in Kenya. Hoyt and Lois took in many children from the streets of Africa and raised them in their home. Hoyt and Lois created a bond with these children as if they

were their own. Hoyt is survived by his wife Lois; three biological sons, Michael, Matt and Mark; their spouses and children; as well as nieces and nephews that knew him well. He is also survived by the many African sons and daughters they adopted into their African home. He is survived by sisters, Mary Wickham, Shirley (Jerry) Braach and Fay (Larry) Sloan. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mike and Mary Osborne and his brother-in-law, Ray Wickham. He will be missed dearly by those that were close to him.

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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.

Greetings from Ennis Schools!

The plans of renovating the old bus barn into a vo-tech shop and the addition of new vo-tech classrooms has been a work in progress the past few years. Plans are almost complete as we move into the 2016-2017 school year. Looking at the current vo-tech building and the classrooms associated with it, there is a need for new and improved buildings. Having adequate space for students is essential for a safe and positive learning environment. The shop behind the current vo-tech building will be transformed into the new shop area. The classrooms of the current vo-tech will be replaced with new classrooms. Two engineering companies are close to finishing up their plans related to mechanical and structural aspects of the project. The timeline for completion of the project is projected as follows:

February 2017 – the project will be put out for bid. Advertisement for bids must be published in the newspaper that will give notice to the largest number of people in the district as determined by the trustees. The advertisement for bid must be made once each week for two consecutive weeks and a second publication must be made not less than five nor more than 12 days before consideration of bids.

Mid spring 2017 – Board will open bids at a scheduled board meeting and have the right to accept or refuse bids.

Bids will be narrowed to a certain number and interviews will be conducted. A company will then be chosen to start and finish the project.

Early April 2017 - The district will clear out the old bus barn. This area will be cleared out to free the work area of any and all obstacles.

April 2017 – We project that the first phase of this project will be at the end of April. The first phase would be to complete the renovation of the bus barn and have that completed before the end of school. After completion, equipment will be transitioned into the newly renovated vo-tech shop.

May/June 2017 – When students are dismissed for the summer, we plan on starting the second phase of the project. This phase would include the demolition of the current vo-tech classrooms. After demolition, construction of the new classrooms would begin.

June/July 2017 - Construction and completion of new vo-tech classrooms.

August 2017 – Finishing touches/inspection.
This is an exciting project for the district. Students, staff

Ennis Schools

and community will benefit from a new and improved votech building. As the school year progresses, stakeholders will be kept up to speed on the progression of the project.

Casey Klasna Ennis School Superintendent

AROUND THE COUNTY

Irish singers in Dillon

SUBMITTED BY BARBARA HALL Dillon Concert Association

The Irish are coming to town – Two fabulous Irish singers will take the stage of the Beier Auditorium on Monday, Oct. 24, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. Fir, which is Irish for "men", sponsored by Richard and Dorothy Wheeler, is part of Dillon Concert Association's current series.

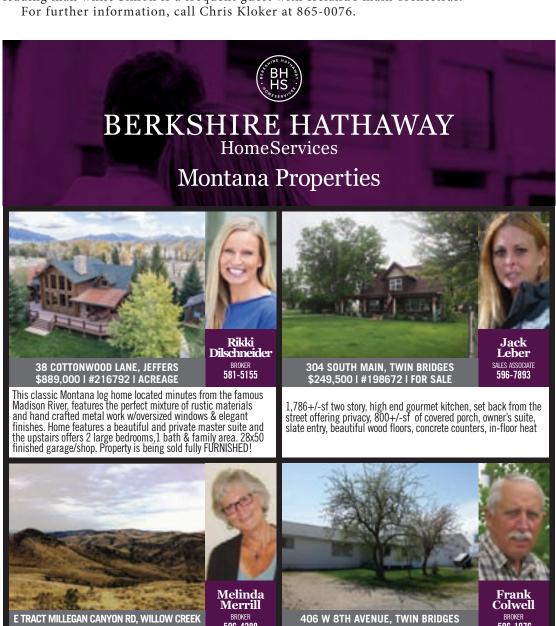
These Irish international singers, David Shannon and Simon Morgan, perform classical crossover music with a modern Irish feel. Their powerful voices seamlessly blend and create a quality that literally soars. David has become Ireland's foremost musical theatre leading man while Simon is a frequent guest with Ireland's main orchestras.

Rescue fish with MRF

SUBMITTED BY LIZ DAVIS
Madison River Foundation

Please join the Madison River Foundation in rescuing fish out of the West Madison Ditch. We will meet at the Madison Ranger Station (Forest Service) at 10 a.m. on Oct. 13. Please come prepared with your waders and a net. The MRF will provide buckets and lunch

The West Madison Ditch's headgate is currently being incrementally closed to reduce the volume of water in the ditch. This should prompt the fish to move upstream and exit the ditch but there are always fish that remain. We want to return these stranded fish to the Madison River. We hope you will join us on Thursday.





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Sunday

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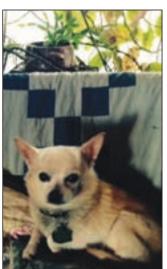


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HEALTH & WELLNESS Thursday, October 13, 2016 **SECTIONB** We're fighters

Ruby Valley man expands on life as a smokejumper

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If you imagine jumping out of a small aircraft from 3,000 feet and into an area consumed by flames is your idea of a good time, perhaps you should consider a life as a smokejumper.

Smokejumpers have a reputation as the Navy Seals of the firefighting world – they are considered firefighting elites . From an in depth application to the physical and mental needs associated with jumping out of an aircraft and into the forest, the comparison seems fair. For Ruby Valley resident Bobby Sutton, it was all those things, and more, that piqued his

interest in smokejumping as a career. "I like being outside and I like being challenged," Sutton said.

Sutton was first introduced to the world of smokejumping growing up in North Carolina. "My neighbor back home worked for the Department of Natural Resources and was the one who told me about smokejumping," he said. "From there, I applied and got hired on as a jumper in

Now, almost 25 years later, Sutton has made a career as a smokejumper and, though the adrenaline as since worn off, the love for the job exists.

History of smokejumping

The Blackwater Fire, which occurred just outside Cody, Wyo., in 1937, is mostly known for burning nearly 1,700 acres of the Shoshone National Forest and killing 15 firefighters. It is less known for its participation in the birth of the smokejumper program.

"It was then (the Forest Service) decided they needed to staff fires quicker," said Sutton.

In 1938, the smokejumper program was officially proposed. It was tested in 1939 and finally implemented in 1940. The first official jump was on July 12, 1940, when fire spread through the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest in Idaho.

Qualifications

Just like not everyone is cut out to be a Navy Seal, not everyone is cut out to be a smokejumper – Sutton calls the application process "deep." However, once you complete the first step, application and acceptation, there are still a number of procedures and protocols to learn before graduating as a smokejumper.

The first week is what Sutton calls "hell week."

"They put you through a lot of stress," he said quietly.

If you are able to make it through the first week of training, you advance to on the ground parachute handling, land falls, rolls and emergency procedures. From there, it is onto an aircraft and into the sky for practice jumps.

"When I was a rookie, I think we only had to have seven practice jumps," Sutton laughed. "But I think they've since upped that to either 20 or 25."

But before you can even think of your first jump, you have to complete three years of on the ground firefighting.

On any given jump, Sutton wears close to 100 pounds of gear – food and water for up to two days and firefighting equipment. The most important bit, however, is his parachute, which allows him to maneuver the skies and land safely near a fire. While most jumpers use round canopies, Sutton and his team, which is based out of West Yellowstone, have converted to rectangular parachutes, better known as ram-air chutes.

"The round canopy is never going to get better, never advance," Sutton said about the switch from round to ram-air. "There's more technology with ram-air and the window of opportunity to staff fires is increased."

Sutton and the West Yellowstone jumpers have been in transition from canopy to ram-air for the past nine years, and Sutton said he will probably be asked to train other bases on switching to ram-air parachutes.

Aside from the parachute, Sutton relies on a helmet cam to capture not only footage of the fire, but also footage of his jump.

"After every jump, I review it and make mental notes," he said.

While Sutton has spent weeks at a time on a single fire (his longest being 21 days) and jumped on fires that have sprawled over thousands and thousands of acres, he said size does not indicate difficulty.

"The size of the fire doesn't reflect the complexity," he said.

Things like wind, terrain and brush all play a role in fighting fire, and especially in smokejumping.

25 years a fighter

"We're fighters," Sutton said.

Smokejumpers do more than jump out of planes. They are firefighters, first and foremost.

"I think it suited me," he said in reference to his 25 year career. "I like hard work."

While Sutton is quiet and humble about his work as smokejumper, he is passionate about the people he works with. "It's really the people you are working with," he said about what he loves most. "We're a bunch of individuals and we can all go in different directions, but we get a

lot of support."

Even though Sutton will tell you he is "boring" and that his job is actually very safe, thanks to the time, energy and training smokejumpers put into their job, there is no doubt that committing yourself to protecting the land and soaring from 3,000 feet above ground is nothing short of heroic.

"It's just a normal day's work," Sutton said.

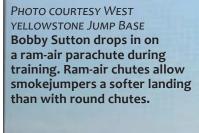


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HEALTH & WELLNESS ____

10 myths about breast cancer

Dr. Maura Davenport Madison Valley Medical Center

Maybe you have some questions about breast cancer and mammograms but are too afraid to ask. Here are some of the common questions and concerns I get in the office all the time. Hopefully this will help you decide to get screened for breast cancer. After all – knowledge is power!

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important as the mammogram

my mammogram.

exposure.

Thermograms use infrared imaging to detect breast cancer. Currently there are no good studies that prove Thermography adequately detects cancer, and they are not approved by any major medical organizations. Mammograms are still the best screening test we have for breast cancer.

4. I do not have a family history of breast cancer so I do not need to get mammograms.

Unfortunately, 85 percent of breast cancers occur in women without a family history.

5. I do self-breast exams and I don t have any lumps, so I don t have breast cancer.

Mammograms can detect lumps in the breast that are millimeters in diameter, which is smaller than the tip of a pen. These lumps are often too small to be picked up on self-exam. By getting a mammogram we can find these very small lumps before they become bigger and start causing problems. In fact, the American Cancer Society recently came out and recommended that we no longer do clinical breast exams because

we just are not that good at detecting breast cancer.

6. Men do not get breast cancer.

Actually, men do get breast cancer. In 2016 about 2,600 men were diagnosed with breast cancer.

7. I found a lump in my breast, this mean I have breast cancer.

Not necessarily. There are a lot of different types of breast lumps. You could have a cyst or fibrocystic changes or even a benign type of tumor. But it is still important to get it checked out and make sure that it is not cancer.

8. If I have breast cancer I will have to have my breasts removed.

While all breast cancers are different, there is often now an option for breast sparing surgery in addition to chemotherapy and radiation.

9. Hormone replacement therapy causes breast can-

This is a complicated topic – in some populations of women it may increase the risk of having breast cancer. It is important to talk to your doctor about the implications of hormone replacement therapy prior to starting it.

10. How can I help the fight against breast cancer?

Get out there and tell your friends and neighbors about screening mammograms. If you are a breast cancer survivor, consider sharing your story. If it is something you feel passionately about, consider advocating for breast cancer research with your local and national leaders.

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is encouraging all Montanans 6 months of age and older to get vaccinated now against influenza in order to decrease their risk of becoming ill with the flu.



In Montana, the flu season usually peaks in February and lasts through May. Officials say the vaccine is readily available.

The influenza vaccine is the best form of protection against the flu and provides protection throughout the entire flu season, even when vaccinated in the early fall. The composition of the flu vaccine is reviewed and updated yearly to better match circulating viruses. It is important to remember that the influenza vaccine takes about two weeks to provide protection against the flu.

Because the flu virus changes quickly and vaccine are changed in response, it is important to get a flu shot every year, said DPHHS Director Richard Opper.

Getting vaccinated now will help you and those

around you to stay healthy

this winter.

Influenza vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctor visits, missed work or school, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations and deaths. Last flu season, DPHHS recorded 433 hospitalizations and 33 deaths related to influenza. Of those hospitalized, nearly two-thirds of those indi-

viduals were not vaccinated

against the flu.

In addition to getting the flu vaccine, everyday preventive actions like staying away from sick people, covering your cough and washing your hands with soap and water can reduce the spread of germs. Influenza vaccine is available at doctor offices, county or tribal health departments, and many pharmacies.

When getting your flu shot, talk to your healthcare professional about other vaccines, such as pneumococcal, pertussis or shingles, which may be right for you, Opper said.

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This, OUR VALLEY: By Reverend Keith Axberg

The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways ... Proverbs 14

The other day I was wandering around the internet, aimlessly flitting from one site to another. My wife asked me what I was doing and I told her, "I'm killing time."

It's a funny saying, isn't it? "Killing



Rev. Keith Axberg

time." I have finally gotten to that age where I am more aware of my body than

usual. Every now and then

I reach to grab something and there is a twinge in my shoulder that was never there before. I wonder whether it is muscle ache or joint pain and, frankly, can't tell. I'd have to be more in tune with my body, and that would take paying attention - something for which I haven't got time!

I'm coming to realize that it isn't time I'm killing as much as time is killing me! As I approach the Golden Years (at the pace of a sloth on speed), I find myself wondering how it is this "gold" has gotten itself wrapped in a crust of rust!

That's one of the problems with a relatively sedentary lifestyle. I'd like to think I am an active sort, but maybe flipping the channels with a remote or wandering the world via the World Wide Web isn't as active as it sounds. Flipping is a word we hear in gymnastics, but I'm not sure what I do qualifies as a gymnastic maneuver. I would also venture to state that logging onto the internet is less physical than logging a forest, so maybe I need to consider a change in lifestyle.

This idea of time killing us is nothing new, of course. The Greek word for time is Chronos, named for a nasty minor deity who was best known for eating his own children. He is depicted by artists as a ravenous old coot whose appetite is never satiated - always consuming, but never satisfied. That's a scary-good picture of time, if you ask me.

There is another Greek word - a better word - for time: Kairos. This is sometimes called "God's time." This

is time as an opportunity, a gift; time with a purpose. This kind of time does not steal life, but gives life. It is the sort of time Solomon referred to when he wrote: To everything there is a time and a season - a time to laugh, a time to mourn; a time to be born, a time to die; a time to speak, a time for silence, and so forth.

If we look at time this way, we find the questions we ask tend to change. Instead of asking what time it is, we ask what this time is for. How should I use this time that God has given me? Instead of crying, "Good God, morning," when we awake, we shake off our sleep and declare, "Good morning, God!"

What I have discovered is that it isn't time that needs to change, but my attitude toward time. Instead of grousing about where time has gone, I look to see how best to use the time I've got, and at the end of the day, admire the things I've accomplished, or how much less there is to do next time I get started.

That's quite a difference, isn't it?

Solomon said, "The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways," and I suppose one of the things he had in that beautiful mind of his was the idea that if we are wise, and if we are prudent, we will give thought to not just what we say and do, but to how we use our time.

When that computer of mine isn't behaving properly, I find I sometimes have to reboot it; turn it off, unplug it, remove the battery and after a minute, put it all back together, start it up and it's good as new. Maybe we need to do that with our lives, too - unplug and reboot.

It may not remove the arthritis and muscle strain one acquires with age, but it could well remove the twinge of guilt that arises when we find ourselves killing time instead of redeeming it for the sake of the kingdom. That could create in us a beautiful mind in no time at all, and wouldn't that be a pleasant thing in this, our valley?

Keith Axberg writes on matters concerning life and faith. He can be reached at kfaxberg@ gmail.com.

MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Steve Orr | Madison Valley Rural Fire Department

September brought a welcome reprieve for the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department after a very hectic summer. The MVRFD responded to eight calls for service in September.

On Sept. 5 at 12:27 p.m., the MVRFD was dispatched to a one vehicle crash at mile marker seven on MT Highway 87. The MVRFD responded an engine with six firefighters from station one, a rescue with one firefighter from station two and an engine with two firefighters from station three. The majority of the response was canceled when station two personnel arrived on scene and found no injuries or road blockage.

The MVRFD was dispatched for assistance to lift an individual who had fallen on Sept. 6 at 1:42 p.m. The MVRFD responded a command with three firefighters from station one.

On Sept. 8 at 3:54 p.m. the MVRFD was dispatched

to a grass fire on North Meadow Creek Road. The MVRFD responded a tender and an engine with four firefighters from station one and an engine with one firefighter from station three. First arriving units found the fire contained by property owners when they arrived and MVRFD firefighters quickly went into mop-up operations. Cause of the fire was determined to be fireworks.

The MVRFD was dispatched for assistance to lift an individual who had fallen in the Virginia City Ranches on Sept. 8 at 10:13 p.m. The MVRFD responded a command with three firefighters but the response was canceled en route when other responders were able to handle the incident.

On Sept. 12 at 1:06 p.m. the MVRFD was dispatched to a chimney fire in the 300 block of West Fagin. The MVRFD responded an engine and a command with

seven firefighters. Though the actual fire was out upon arrival of the first unit, the stove pipe was still very hot. Firefighters dismantled and cooled the stove pipe and checked for any fire in the structure.

On Sept. 13 at 4:35 p.m. the MVRFD responded to the report of smoke from a structure in Cameron. The MVRFD responded an engine with three firefighters from station one but were canceled when it was confirmed by individuals on scene that the report was erroneous.

The MVRFD was dispatched to a single tree fire in the Aspin Creek drainage in the south Madison Valley on Sept. 16 at 2:40 p.m. The MVRFD responded two engines and a command with seven firefighters from station one. The U.S. Forest Service also responded with an engine and initial attack crew. The fire was turned over to the U.S. Forest Ser-

vice upon their arrival. One MVRFD engine and crew remained on scene to assist U.S. Forest Service firefight-

On Sept. 29 at 4:57 p.m. the MVRFD was dispatched for mutual aid to the Harrison Fire Department for the report of a brush fire near mile marker 62 on U.S. Highway 287. The MVRFD responded an engine, a tender and a command with seven firefighters from station one. After an extensive search of the area no fire was located.

If you have any questions or concerns, Madison Valley Rural Fire Chief Shawn Christensen invites you to contact us at 682-3311. We look forward to hearing from you. If no one is available, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. Please visit our home page at www. mvrfd.org/. Remember to sign our guest book and let us know what you think.

Why park your car in a garage: Part one

By Charlie Rossiter

My uncle Buck moved back to Sheridan in the early 90s and moved into his mother's house, who had passed away a couple of years before, leaving him the house, a 1953 Studebaker and a Buick town car (early 60s vintage). He was quick to point out that the autos were classics and liked to show them off wherever possible. The house was a log cabin building, which had been added to many times and also had vinyl siding exterior. After putting a little work into it, the cabin became quite homey and snug. He updated the bathroom and had a lamb white carpet installed in the living room. A garage was located next to the house but was in disrepair from years of nonuse and neglect.

The Studebaker and Buick had been parked in the garage since his mother's passing and were covered with dust from sitting there over the many years. He got them running and moved both to the front of the house where he could keep an eye on them, giving himself a false sense of security.

The street was in a quiet residential neighborhood and strategically located only a couple of blocks from Main Street and hardly ever had



Charlie Rossiter

traffic on it. One night, after going to bed, he was awakened by a loud disturbance outside

and the sound of glass breaking. He jumped out of

bed and looked out his front window and there, under the street lights, he saw three rigs and someone desperately jumping up and down on his Studebaker's rear end trying to free the rearmost truck. He quickly grabbed a coat and headed outside to see what all the commotion was about.

He immediately recognized the other driver as a close friend, Frank, and asked him what had happened. Frank replied, "I was trying to avoid a deer and happened to bump your car a little." He was swaying as he talked and Buck knew immediately that his friend had been drinking (as it appeared, quite a lot). He'd had four DUIs and a fifth would be some major time in jail and worse. He surveyed the carnage and saw his two classic cars had been rear-ended by Frank's truck. Frank had hit the Studebaker, which then hit the Buick, in a damaging chain reaction. Buck asked if his friend was okay and Frank replied that he was, but some blood was trickling down his face below his nose. Frank's car was still attached to the Studebaker's bumper, being held by only one bolt. It appeared Frank had tried by brute force to undo the two trucks by jumping up and down on the Studie's rear fender, which hadn't helped.

Buck knew it was going to be very expensive to repair his classics, and told his friend to go into his house and warm up, as the night was very brisk and Frank was only wearing a coat

over his PJs. After entering the house, Frank stood by the front door with his muddy shoes on and tried to explain the reasons for the accident, which was more of a slur than a conversation. Buck saw the blood was now running down his chin and grabbed a paper towel, which he handed to Frank. Frank rolled up one end of the towel and stuck it in his bleeding nose as he continued to try and rationalize the accident. While he was talking, he reached into his shirt pocket and pulled out a cigarette, which he placed on the corner of his mouth. He then tried to lite his smoke but instead set the paper towel on fire. Buck was beside himself as he grabbed the blazing paper towel, burning his hand and dropped the towel on his new white carpet. He stomped it out and shouted, "Gol dang it, Frank! You come in here bleeding on my new carpet and then try to burn my house down."

There ends part one of our tale. Check back next

Commodity Insite! Patience and the yellow metal

Believe it or not, commodities as measured by the Bloomberg Commodity Index and the Thomson Reuters/Core Commodity (CRB) Index are showing year over year gains. That is the good news. The bad news is the year still has three months to go. Which, of course, means the hard asset markets may still close the year in the red. If that happens commodities will have closed lower six years in a row, a feat never before seen in history.

Marketwatch.com posted an article a few days about the fact hard assets were on track for the first yearly gain since 2010. According to Market Watch, the best performing markets year to date as of mid-September are thermal coal, palladium, cotton, iron ore, lead, sugar, coking coal, nickel, zinc, coffee, soybean oil, silver KC wheat, natural gas platinum and gold. The worst performing markets year to date are copper, heating oil, cocoa, aluminum, corn, wheat, feeder cattle, gasoil, crude oil, gasoline, live cattle, soybeans and lean hog futures.

Note that other than cotton and soybean oil, the worst performing commodity markets this year are United States commodities, grains and all livestock. But if you happen to be a U.S rancher or farmer, you knew that without having to read Market Watch. The

weakest of commodities have been and continue to be the U.S. ag markets.

However, this week a high profile market that has been doing quite well is poised to slip into the category of, "worst performing markets year to date." The market I am referring to is the yellow metal, gold. The gold market did a nose dive at mid-week as the dollar surged higher and heavy fund liquidation of long positions sent gold prices to a new, five month lows.

Understand that this year, gold got off to its best start to any new year since 1980. In January of this year, gold was trading around the \$1,075 level but in mid-July the market spiked up to \$1,380 an ounce. The January to July rally was spectacular. But after this week, gold prices are beginning to leak. And leak badly I might add.

The gold bulls continue to embrace the idea the yellow metal has far more to go on the upside simply because this year it got off to its best start to any year since 1980. But a look back at history shows another side to the gold market of 1980 and here it is.

In January 1980 gold prices did indeed hit a record high of \$850 an ounce due to high inflation, very strong crude oil prices, the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and the

revolution that unfolded in Iran. Investors and traders rushed to own gold and pushed prices to all-time highs. The enthusiasm for owning gold was manic.

But after historic highs were posted, the market psychology moved from manic to depressive and prices for the yellow metal began to head south. By mid-1982, only two years after hitting an all-time high, gold prices moved into a \$300 to \$400 an ounce trading range until the summer of 1999, when the market fell to \$271 an ounce, a long which turned out to be a long term low. In early 2008, gold prices rose over the \$850 an ounce level for the first time since 1980. It took 28 years for gold to claw its was back to where it was in 1980.

In mid-2012, gold prices rose to another all-time high of \$1,672 an ounce but has been ratcheting lower ever since except for the rally that took place this year when the market spiked up to \$1,380. And as I stated earlier in this column, from the July '16, high to the low set this week, of \$1,243, the market has been in a world of hurt.

The perennial gold bulls, the gold bugs, the fast talking sales folks will continue to tout the long side of gold as a safe haven play. As a, hedge against inflation or deflation. As

insurance in times of war. Or peace. They will urge you to buy gold in times of doom and gloom. Or in times of prosperity. Based on the history of gold, at some point in time, they could be right because when it comes to markets of any kind including gold, it all comes down to timing. Pure and simple.

Based on history, gold will do in the future what it has done in the past. In the recent past when gold peaked out in 1980, it dropped 67 percent before it carved out a long lasting low in 1999. It then took 28 years for the market to establish a new high in 2012 from the old high in 1980. That is the true history of gold based for the past 36 years.

My downside target for the yellow metal that I put forth back in 2012 when it was north of \$1,600 remains at \$750 an ounce. If the Fed hike rates sooner than later, the downside momentum for gold will likely accelerate and lure the infamous funds, the "algo boys" and the high frequency traders to the sell side of the ledger and possibly pushing values below my downside target. Based on history, buying gold is a waste of time and money. Unless of course, you have the stomach and patience to wait 28 years for the market to recover so you can at least break

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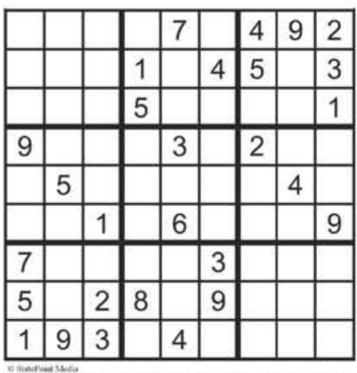
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"This route is not on our travel maps and was never an open route that was autho-

rized for vehicle use to the public; however, continued unauthorized motorized use has been creating resource damage and problems with the public trespassing onto private lands," said Keith Johnson, assistant field man-

Due to this continued unauthorized use, the BLM has installed a locked gate on this road. Authorized use on public land by the general public past this gate is walk-in only.

For more information, call Keith Johnson or Ryan Hygon at 683-8000.

Ruby Valley SAR holds open house at new facility



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More than 80 people attended the Ruby Valley Search and Rescue's open house on Oct. 5 at their new facility in Sheridan. After dedicating the building and accepting a \$30,000 donation from Sheridan residents **Bob and Kathryn** Martin, RVSAR held their monthly meeting and began formulating next year's training plan, equipment status and alert update since hunting season is just around the corner.

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- 55 +/- acre common area, private Madison



Riverstone Drive - Ennis - \$749,000 5 bd, 4 ba, 5028 +/- sf • 20 +/- acres NO COVENANTS, RIVERFRONT • borders BLM, 1500 sf shop, horse shelter • overlooking the Madison River, game range, Madison Range • walk to fishing on the river, hi end upgrades



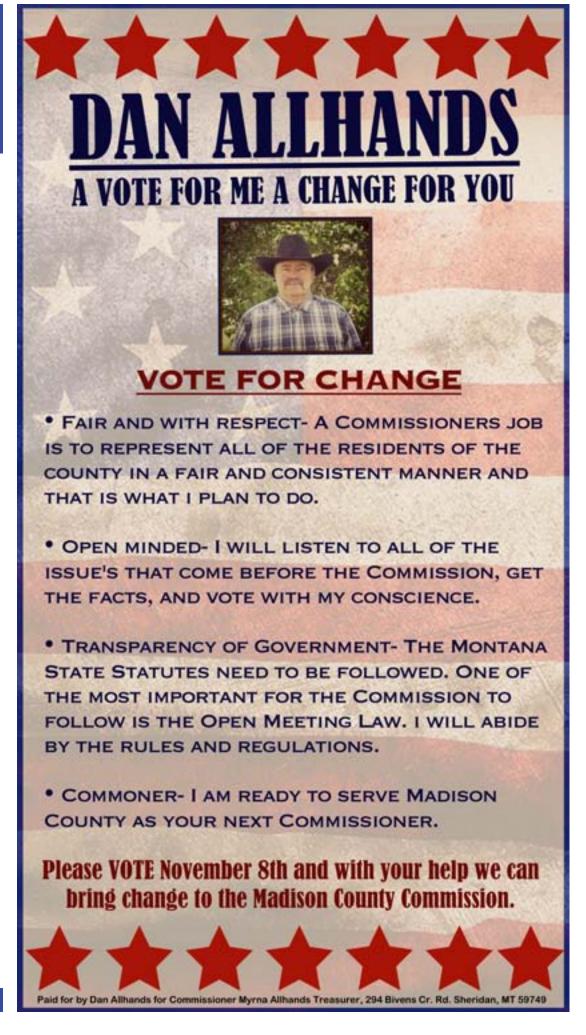
Horse Creek Rd – Cameron - \$1,795,000 • 3 bd, 3 ba, 4200 +/- sf • 4.55 +/- acres, river and mountain views • granite counters, stone fireplace

private Madison River fishing



N Sun West Road - Cameron - \$2,800,000

- 4 bd, 4 ba, 4400 +/- sf log home • 6 +/- acres, breathtaking views • wrap around deck, stone fireplace • rustic elegance, beautiful
 - finishes private Madison River fishing • guest house, 2 car garage



Sheriff's office releases photos of burglary suspect

SUBMITTED BY WES HEAVRIN Madison County Sheriff's Office

The Madison County Sherriff's Office is looking for any information regarding the identity of a burglary suspect in the Ennis area. The burglary took place early in the morning on Sept. 25, 2016, at a local business. If anyone recognizes the individual or the clothes worn by the suspect please contact the Madison County Sheriff's Office at 843-5301. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.



Ruby Valley Baptist Church

Tony Shaw, Pastor \[\] 842-5602

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

One block behind IGA, Sheridan



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NEW MASS TIMES & LOCATIONS

St Joseph's in Sheridan

Sat. at 4 pm & Tues/Thurs at 7:30 an

NO MASS - OCT 11, 13 and 15

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Sunday at 8:30 am

St. Patrick's in Ennis

Sunday at 11 am, Weds. at 9 am

NO MASS - OCT 12

ather John Crutchfield • Pastor ~ 842-5588

ASHERS OF MEN

Phil 2:16 Holding forth the word of life:

Dr. Ray Teston

Pastor

Sunday School ~ 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship ~ 11:00 a.m

5050 Hwy 287, PO Box 668, Ennis, MT

Phone 682-4244 SBC

MADISON VALLEY

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Aides for the hearing impaired

Ruby Valley United Methodist Parish Invites You To Worship With Us

Office: (406)842-5934 Home: (406)842-7732

Bethel UMC

Church of the Valley

Twin Bridges
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Group Weds at 6:30 pm

Sheridan Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Pastors Travis & Kristina Walke

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Sheridan Ward - Visitors Welcome

Sacrament Meeting

Sundays, 10:00 a.m

Sunday School

11:20 a.m.

R S & Priesthood

12:10 p.m.

Mutual (Youth Group)

Weds. 7:00p.m. 3560 | MT State Hwy 287 Sheridan 842-5860

Bishop Dustin 684-5255

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WORSHIP

September - April ~ 11 a.m.

May - August ~ 9 a.m.

Everyone Welcome

Fully Accessible

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682-4355 ~ Ennis

Corner of S. Charles & W. Hugel

Your Local Assembly of God Church

114 N. Main, Sheridan

842-5845

Pastor Duane Deshner

Sunday Service

10:30 a.m. (Children's Ministry)

Wednesday (Kids/Youth)

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Kid's Club (3 yrs-4th grade)

Pre-Teen Youth Group (5th-6th grade)

Youth Group (7th-12th grade)

Ruby Valley Food Pantry

Saturdays: 10:00 a.m.-Noon

We are a church dedicated

Rocky Mountain **Baptist Church** 682-4949

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

6 Blocks South of City Complex Located in the heart of Madison Valley for the Hearts of Madison Valley

606 Comley Way, Ennis

Dayspring Church

Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery Non-Denominational Christ Centered, Spirit Led Worship Joel Trenkle/Pastor Check website for ministries: dayspringsheridan.com 596-0707 · 3648 Hwy 287 Between Sheridan & Twin Bridges

HARRISON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Harrison, Montana Adult Bible Study ~ 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Joe Miller

Come Worship & Sing Praises To Our God. Spread the Word!



· Bible Study

Sunday School

and Sacrament Visitors Welcome

CHURCH OF

JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Ennis Branch

Sacrament Meeting

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

Society Sunday Service &

Each week a Bible lesson full of

11:20 a.m. R S & Priesthood 12·10 p m **Family History Center** 682-4911, 682-7415, 682-3614 Pres. Thompson 682-7415 133 MT Hwy 287

Madison County Episcopal Churches

In full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Join Us for Sunday Worship!

842-7713

St. Paul's

9:00 a.m.

www.rvec.org

Prayer requests:

843-5296

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You must consider your enemies as your friends, look upon your evil-wishers as your well-wishers and treat them accordingly.

> 451-3923 or 1-800-UNITE www.baha'i.org

Trinity

10 a.M. adult forum

11:00 a.m.

682-4199

ENNIS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Worship Service 10:30 AM **Wednesday Ministries** Family Dinner 5:30 PM Youth and Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM

Pastor Greg Ledgerwood

682-4197

healing Christian concepts is read aloud in our Sunday service.

Sunday School 9:30 AM Kids Club Submerge (K-6) 3:15 PM

Christian Science

10:15 am

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Sunday School 10 a.m.

ALL WELCOME

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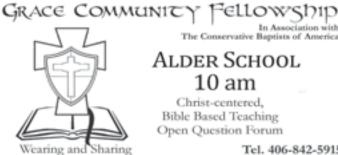
Christ Church

10:00 a.m.

Bible Study

9:00 a.m.

Ready Set Grow Preschool Contact Kaycee Gilman 842-531 to serving this valley!



THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

Alder School 10 am

Christ-centered, Bible Based Teaching Open Question Forum

> Tel. 406-842-5915 Pastor Tom Luksh

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 11: Beef stew, roll, dessert

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

October 18: Waffles, eggs and bacon, dessert

RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY SHERIDAN

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

MEALS ON WHEELS, SHERIDAN

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

ENNIS MEALS ON WHEELS, ENNIS Tuesday-Friday 11:45 am to 12:30 pm Reservations 682-4422

To help us plan, please call at least 24 hours in advance for meal delivery or if you plan to dine in. Ennis Senior

center, 315 W Main Street **OCTOBER 13 - OCTOBER 20**

THURSDAY OCTOBER 13: POT ROAST, MASHERS, VEGGIES, DESSERT

FRIDAY OCTOBER 14: HAM & BEAN SOUP, SALAD, CORNBREAD, DESSERT TUESDAY OCTOBER 18: RANCH CHICKEN, ROASTED POTATOES, SALAD, DESSERT-

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19: BREAKFAST CASSEROLE, TOAST, FRUIT, DESSERT

THURSDAY OCTOBER 20: TURKEY WITH STUFFING, CRANBERRIES, VEGGIES, BIRTH-**DAY CAKE**

SHOP SPACE FOR RENT

All sizes available up to 1,200 square feet Heated, insulated, large doors, half bath. Gary at 581-3531 or Paul at 581-7878

HARPONERO S A T I N A R C F O X C R U Z O R M O L U

- **King** Crossword **Answers** Solution time: 25 mins.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meeting Every Thurs. at 8 p.m., Church of the **ALANON MEETING**

ALANON Iges • Church of C Thursdays, 8 pm ALANON

1001 House • Wo Suzy 685-3692

"Keep it Simple."

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

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

SUazN. - 10 a.m., No Smoking. Virginia City Library
MON. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking WED. - 7:30 p.m., Trinity Church in Jeffers FRI. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking 682-3490, 682-7023 Ennis 843-5352 Virginia City

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

DAYSPRING MISSION 3648 Hwy 287, Sheridan 596-0707

PUBLIC NOTICES

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13, 2016

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following is the complete text of an amendment to the Montana Constitution that will be submitted to the voters of the state of Montana at the November 8, 2016 General Election. The text of the amendment below is being published under the authority of Section 13-27-311, Montana Code Annotated. To review the ballot language of the constitutional amendment, please refer to the Voter Information Pamphlet or the Secretary of State Office website at sos.mt.gov/elections. Questions can be emailed to SOSElections@ mt.gov, or you may contact us by phone at the toll free number 1-888-884-8683 (VOTE).
THE COMPLETE TEXT OF CONSTITU-

TIONAL 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

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 ac-

cused'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

(h) to be promptly notified of any release or escape of the accused;

the rights of the victim

(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;

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:

(I) 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

(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

(o) to proceedings free from unreasonable delay and to a prompt and final conclusion of the case and any related postjudgment pro-

ceedings; (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 infor-mation considered before a decision is made; and to be notified of any decision before the

release of the offender; and (r) to be informed of the above rights and to be informed that the victim may seek the advice and assistance of an attorney with respect to the above rights. This information must be made available to the general public and provided to all crime victims on what is referred to as a Marsy's card.

(2) A victim, the victim's attorney, the victim's

legal representative, or the prosecuting attor ney 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

(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 Legis-

(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 di-

rect or threatened physical, psychological, or financial harm as a result of the commission or attempted commission of a crime. 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 incapaci-

(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 incapaci-

(Pub. September 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 2016)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE

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

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

COUNTY OF Harrison) PAUL N. SHAMBRA, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:

CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of his knowledge and helief. I make this declaration under nenalty of perjury under the laws of the State of

/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 Telephone: (406) 682-7878 (Published October 6, 13, 20 2016) km

NOTICE TO MADISON RIVER WATER USERS

(Pursuant to Section 85-2-233(6), MCA) À Motion to Amend the Preliminary Decree of

Statement of Claim 41F 110428-00 has been filed with the Montana Water Court by Claimant Stephen P. McDonnell.

McDonnell requested to add a point of diversion in the SENESE of Section 31, T1S, R2E, Gallatin County and requested to correct the legal description for 30 acres of the place of use from the SW of Section 10 to the SE of Section 9, T1S, R2E, Gallatin County. McDonnell has also requested an information remark be added to the abstract of the claim stating water diverted from the Madison River in the SENESE of Section 31, T1S, R2E is diverted into Spring Creek (also known as Rey Creek and Hot Spring Creek) in the NWNESE of Section 20, T1S, R2E and noting that Spring Creek is used as a natural carrier to the place of use in Section 9, T1S, R2E, Gallatin County.

Objection Date Any response or objection to the Motion to Amend must be filed with the Montana Water Court, PO Box 1389, Bozeman, MT 59771-1389, by December 12, 2016 in accordance with Section 85-2-233(6), MCA. A copy of any response or objection must be served on Stephen P. McDonnell's attorneys, Dana Elias Pepper and Bina R. Peters, Pepper Law Firm, PLLC, PO Box 477, Bozeman, MT 59771. Please indicate "Claim 41F 110428-00" on any response, objection or other filing related to this Motion to Amend. (Published October 13, 20, 27, 2016) plf

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADI-SON IN RE ESTATE OF:
ROBERT BENJAMIN SYPHERT, also known

as ROBERT B. SYPHERT,

Cause No. DP-29-2016-24 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 NANETTE B. PELUSO, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 1311 Schley Avenue, Butte, MT 59701, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Dated: September 16, 2016 //s//NANETTE B. PELÚSO Personal Representative STATE OF MONTANA

COUNTY OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW NANETTE B. PELUSO, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says: That she has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of her knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of

//s//NANETTE B. PELUSO Personal Representative SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 16 day of September, 2016.

Notary Public for the State of Montana Residing at: Butte, Montana My Commission expires: October 20, 2018

Personal Representative's Attorney:

Karen McMu^ʻllin Post Office Box 55 Ennis, MT 59729 Telephone: (406) 682-7878 (Published October 13, 20, 27, 2016) km

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

(Pursuant to Section 85-2-233(6), MCA)
TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S
SALE on February 2, 2017, at 02:00 PM at
the Front Door to the Madison County Courthouse located at 100 West Wallace in Virginia City, MT 59755, the following described real property situated in Madison County, Mon-

A tract of land situated in Section 17 Township 4 South, Range 5 West, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana, more particularly shown as Lot 5 on the Amended Plat of 7M-4R Subdivi-

Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Ruby Valley Gun Club will be holding a

"Sight In Day"

at the club singe located on Wet Georgia Road on

The rifle range will be open to the public at no charge. Please bring your own targets. Call Jim @ 842-5960 with

directions to the range or with any questions.

sion as filed in Book 4 of Plats, page 322-A. records of Madison County, Montan Bret Carter and Connie L. Hill AKA Connie Hill, JT, WROS, as Grantors, conveyed said real property to First American Title Company of Madison County, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to American Federal Savings Bank, Corporation, as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust on March 12, 2008, and recorded on March 12, 2008 as Document No. 124997. The beneficial interest is currently held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. First American Title Company, LLC, is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution

of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana. The beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust by failing to make the monthly payments beginning March 1, 2013, and each month subsequent which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. The total amount due on this obligation as of September 30, 2016 is \$163,756.85 principal, interest at the rate of 5.87500% totaling \$35,276.12, late charges in the amount of \$203.52, escrow advances of \$11,525.76, and other fees and expenses advanced of \$1,057.50, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other costs and fees that may be advanced.

The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, un-less such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale and late charges, if any.

Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.

The sale is a public sale and any person, including the beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed without any representation or warranty, including warranty of Title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale. The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an inter est in the property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the beneficiary or the successor in interest to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually in curred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure

the default The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason, and in the event of a bank ruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the trustee for up to 120 days by public proc-

lamation at least every 30 days.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Dated: September 14, 2016

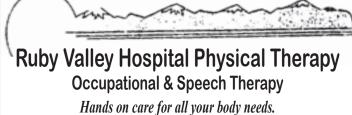
Kaitlin Ann Gotch Assistant Secretary, First American Title Company, LLC Successor Trustee Title Financial Specialty Services PO Box 339 Blackfoot ID 83221 STATE OF Idaho

County of Bingham On this 14 day of September, 2016, before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Kaitlin Ann Gotch know to me to be the Assistant Secretary of First American Title Company, LLC, Successor Trustee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Rae Albert Notary Public Bingham County, ID Commission expires:09/06/2022 J P Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.vs Hill 100786 (Published October 13, 20, 27, 2016) mk

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406-842-5081

Ennis Schools is offering free developmental screenings for children birth to age five.

Screenings offered include: hearing, communication, motor skills & general development.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 14th

To schedule an appointment or for more information,



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.



406-682-4529

100 Prairie Way #2 - Ennis, Mt 59729

Ruby Valley hosts FFA competition

SUBMITTED BY RODNEY BRAATEN Sheridan Schools

On Sept. 20, Southwest Montana's FFA community gathered in the Ruby Valley to compete in range, livestock and forestry events. The annual Ruby Valley Invitational, or RVI, is hosted by students and alumni in order to create the most welcoming and organized event for members. Annually, around 400 students attend and 50 volunteers help keep the day running smoothly. Each volunteer has a specific group they led and tested in their chosen activities.

In range and soils all

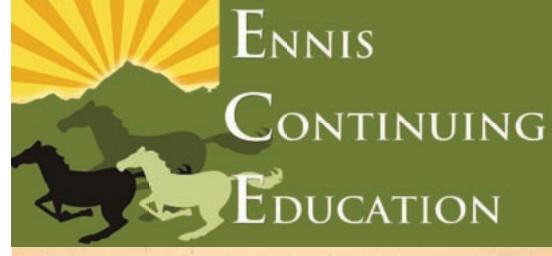
competitors identified different species of plants and their characteristics, along with land capability. This activity was facilitated by the Sheridan Natural Resources and Conservation Service.

Held in the Morse Land Co. Equestrian Center, livestock judging participants were divided into groups of around 25 people with one leader to guide them around the barn to judge eight classes of livestock.

Forestry was also led in separate groups at the Mill Creek Campground with students identifying trees, their potential, land management and even identifying different sections of agricultural maps. Overall, the day was successful with many students finding new passions in agriculture.

The Ruby Valley FFA Chapter won sixth in senior livestock; third in greenhadn livestock; third in senior range; and first in greenhand range. Charali Wetherbee got first in senior livestock judging; Coleman Gilman got seventh in greenhand livestock; Aislinn Deavel got second in greenhand range; Isaac Bendon got third in greenhand range; and Kenny Foster got third in senior forestry.

PHOTOS COURTESY RODNEY



Upcoming Workshops

ESTATE PLANNING | WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND **ENNIS ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA • 6 PM**

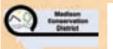
Learn from the Best: Dr. Marsha Goetting, MSU Extension Economics Specialist, will be in our area with her interactive and engaging presentation on Estate Planning. This topic is a great way to start thinking and talking about what you want for your family and your assets.

The event will have two locations and times:

 12 PM Lunch Sheridan- The Moraine Center (Philanthropy River Bldg)

Sheridan workshop.

 6 PM Dinner Ennis- Elementary Cafeteria Meals will be served at each event. RSVP by noon Oct 31 at 682-3181 for the Ennis workshop and 842-5741 x 106 for the











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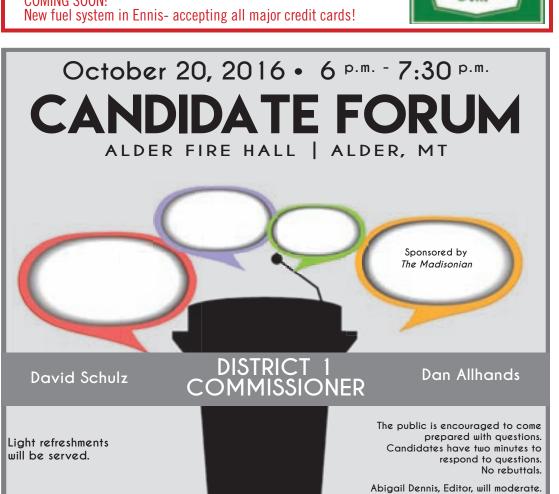
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WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12

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 14

Taste of Spain, Laurin The Tasting Room is rolling out their new Old World tasting menu at 6 p.m. Call Lark at

842-7100 for more information.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 20

Forum, Alder The Madisonian is hosting a candidate forum with David Schulz and Dan Allhands at the Alder Fire Hall beginning at 6 p.m. Come with questions. Call 682-7755 for more information.

Presentation, Ennis Presentation on the people who lived in the Madison Valley before the arrival of the Europeans at the senior center at 4 p.m.

Tour, Ennis Tour the renovated mammography suite.

talk with Dr. Davenport about mammography screening guidelines, meet our mammography technologists, and view the new 3D mammography at

beginning at 4 p.m. FRIDAY

OCTOBER 21

the medical center

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.

Medicare help, Twin Bridges

State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselors will be available at the senior center to help beneficiaries review current Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage, Medicare Advantage Plans or to assist with any other Medicare related questions. By appointment only so please call Southwest Montana Aging and Disability Services at 800-551-3191.

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.

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Celebration, Twin Bridges

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 30

Harvest dance, Whitehall

Come join the Whitehall Rotary and Interact Club for their second annual Harvest Dance. Live music will be provided by the Little Boulder

River Band. The event will run from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Whitehall Community center.

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-Phillipp 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

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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 Tues-day of each month from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Ennis Arts Association, Ennis Meet on the second

Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. ennisartsassociation. org

Children's Story & Craft Time for babies, Virginia City

Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Thompson Hickman Library.

Movie Night, Virginia City

Movie Night at the Thompson-Hickman Madison County Ubrary Every other Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

Open Table Tennis, Pony 7 - 9 p.m. For all ages and skill levels - Iwo 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 terinis 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 Pub-lic Library, 10:30 a.m. 682-7244

Grief Support Group, Ennis

Everyone welcome. Meets every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Madi-son 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 Auxilary Meeting, Ennis SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH

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

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

Library.

FRIDAYS

Tennis, Ennis 9 a.m. til 2p.m., come

play terinis 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-

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

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