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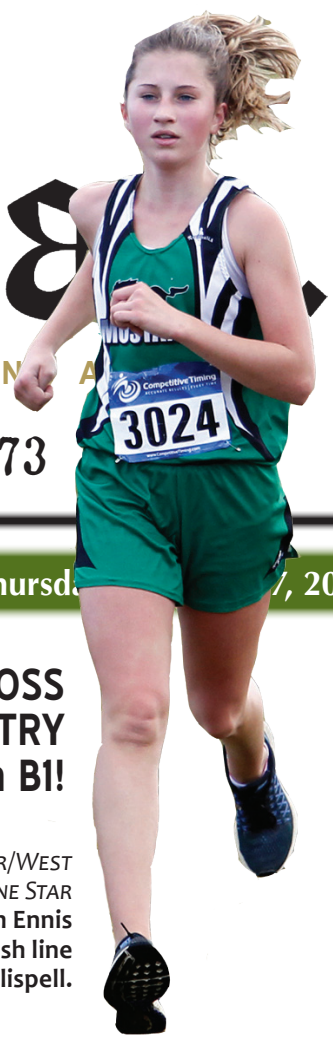

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Jeremy Weber/West Yellowstone Star
Maida Knapton from Ennis races toward the finish line in Kalispell.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 1

Candidates Allhands, Schulz participate in forum

Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
Commissioner Dave Schulz answers a question in front of a packed room at the Alder Fire Hall on Oct. 20.

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More than 70 people gathered at the Alder Fire Hall on Oct. 20 for a final candidate forum before residents head to the polls on Nov. 8. The forum, which was hosted by *The Madisonian*, provided an opportunity for community members to have their voices heard by asking questions directly to the candidates running for commission district one. Those candidates are incumbent commissioner of 15 years, Dave Schulz, and his opponent, Dan Allhands.

After establishing the protocol for the evening, *The Madisonian*'s editor, Abigail Dennis, asked for opening statements from each candidate.

In both candidates' statements, they stuck to their campaigns: Schulz cited his qualifications and knowledge because of his background, while Allhands stuck to his campaign for change.

"There are probably people who have more experience than I do but I'm running for this with an open mind," Allhands said.

Though he is new to the political scene on a countywide scale, Allhands does have previous experience serving on the Sheridan School Board when the board ran a levy to build the new school and gym.

Schulz has been the district one commissioner for 15 years and said he is confident in the job.

"I still love what I do and I know the county and most of the people very well," he said.

DON'T FORGET!

Election Day is Nov. 8! Head to your local polling place and make your vote count. Absentee ballots are out and can either be dropped or mailed to the clerk and recorder's office.

Questions from the public

After opening statements, Dennis started off the round of questioning, asking the candidates what they foresee being the biggest issues facing Madison County in the short term. Both Schulz and Allhands agreed emergency services countywide are a huge issue and one that needs to be dealt with promptly.

"In the Ruby Valley, we have an ambulance crew that has dedicated people but they're very burnt out," Allhands said, also mentioning the recent dissolution of the Harrison, Pony, Norris quick response unit.

Along with emergency services, Allhands stated the budget as one of his main concerns. With cattle and grain prices "in the dumps," Allhands stated change needs to happen on a federal level.

"A lot of federal money isn't going to be available anymore and we're really going to have to tighten our belts to get through it all," he said.

Schulz backed up Allhands' statement regarding county emergency services but expanded it to a lack of volunteerism.

"Every year we rely on people to serve in an emergency capacity as well as on the 25 or 30 boards that Madison County has," he said. "It's getting harder and harder to find dedicated people to serve in those positions and when you're asking someone to serve on a fire department or an ambulance or some purpose such as that, and to dedicate 20 or 30 hours a week to the service but also the extended training that's required, I think that is incredible."

Schulz followed up his concerns with the ever present issue that is Big Sky, adding Big Sky has "a desire to create more of a community of their own," and residents there have expressed interest in incorporating into Madison County.

"If that boundary line were to move, and it would

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ALDER SCHOOL

Community passes building reserve levy to benefit school

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On June 30, 2016, the Alder School's building reserve levy expired. The levy, which was passed in 2011 by district voters, was for $5,000 per year for five years. Just a few days after its expiration, the school discovered they needed funds for building repairs – the boys bathroom floor sunk.

"We passed another building reserve levy," explained Superintendent Pam Birkeland. "We did it all as a mail ballot – it was for $5,000 per year for five years."

The voters passed the levy request 100 to three.

The official language of the building reserve levy request says the money is for "minor/major construction, maintenance, remodeling of existing facilities and/or acquisition of additional school sites."

The Alder School Board plans to use the funds for fixing things in the buildings, Birkeland said.

"We have also received some very nice donations from community members," Birkeland said. "We sent a letter explaining what the building reserve levy was for and why we need the money. We talked about the bathroom, and that's probably why we had an outpouring of donations. We communicated and it worked."

The Alder School District was established in 1903, and by 1914, the school population had grown out of proportion for the original building, and the brick building that stands today was constructed in 1915.

The school's second building, the gray one, was brought to the site in the 1930s from nearby Ruby Town.

Though the two buildings handle the current student numbers, they are aging structures and require maintenance.

Birkeland said the board would have organized the levy request in the spring if they had realized the prior levy was expiring this year, but since she was new to the role of superintendent, they did not realize it was running out.

"We can run levies anytime in the year," she clarified.

Other business

A few months ago, Birkeland attended a Montana School Board Association Training and since then, she has been

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New face at the paper

Meet Rachel Anderson, our new sales manager

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When Rachel Anderson sent a query email to *The Madisonian* about potential freelance work, she never assumed a full time job would develop.

Anderson's background in marketing and journalism made her a perfect fit for *The Madisonian*'s sales manager. In addition to working in Madison County, Anderson is also the sales and circulation manager at the *West Yellowstone Star*.

When you see Rachel Anderson out and about, say hello! If you are interested in advertising in The Madisonian or the West Yellowstone Star, please give her a call at 640-2548 or email her at sales@madisoniannews.com.

"I like the aspect of being in a new town and new area," Anderson said. "The West Yellowstone part of the job really excites me because it's a completely new territory to tackle. It's my own baby, in a way – I'm in control of how it develops."

Anderson, a Wisconsin native, came out west doing seasonal work in Alaska and Driggs, Idaho, before ending up in Big Sky. A snowboarder and outdoor enthusiast, Montana's unique terrain and Lone Peak caught her interest and kept her in the area.

Three years ago, Anderson went back to school at Montana State University and got a bachelor's degree in liberal studies to complement her previously-obtained associate degree in marketing.

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
Rachel Anderson, new sales manager.

"I wanted to transition out of the ski bum lifestyle into a professional career," she said.

Journalism piqued her interest when she got an internship with *Explore Big Sky* two years ago.

"I started freelancing for them," she said. "It clicked as far as enjoying the outdoors of Montana and writing about it – that was a parallel I liked."

Though Anderson is excited about jumping head first into a sales position for *The Madisonian* and *West Yellowstone Star*, outside of work she loves snowboarding, hiking and running. Along with her boyfriend, Jaritt, and her dog, a 7-year-old Rottweiler/German shepherd named Maverick, Anderson cannot wait to explore more of Southwest Montana.

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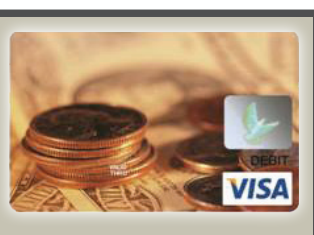

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have to happen legislatively, it is a real challenge for (Big Sky) fiscally, and for Madison County," Schulz said, pointing out the significant tax revenue Big Sky adds to Madison County.

Schulz finished his list of concerns focusing on county roads and transportation, stating the county has built good roads but residents continue to want "better and better roads."

"We've worked and strived to build good roads and obviously we cannot build paved roads because they cannot be built to a standard that they will hold up," he said.

After Dennis' question, she opened the floor to the public and attendees were not shy to have their voices heard and questions answered.

Craig George, who resides on the Ennis side of district one, asked about the (Targeted Economic Development District) proposal from Big Sky.

"What is your standing on the TIFF/TEDD issue?" George asked.

Allhands was first to respond saying he is adamantly "opposed."

"I don't think it is fair for (Big Sky) to ask us to freeze the taxable values where they are and go ahead and let (Big Sky) have the reserves," he said, adding Big Sky is not "socially and economically disadvantage because of their economy," but because of the value of the land.

Schulz stated that he too does not support the idea of a TEDD and over the last year and half it has been an issue he and the rest of the commissioners have studied to learn how the TEDD would impact the Ennis School, hospital district and other entities.

"(A TEDD) could have a devastating effect on Madison County, in my mind," he said, adding both Gallatin and Madison counties would have to support the proposal for it to move forward. "During our last meeting, we didn't say no, but made a fairly pointed statement that we don't like (the idea of a TEDD) and we'd like (Big Sky) to look at something else."

Budget

The future of Madison County's budget was on everyone's minds during the Oct. 20 forum, and most of the questions from the public reflected that. Sheridan resident Doris Fischer asked both candidates how, in a hypothetical situation, they would go about cutting the budget.

CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN
Dan Allhands.

"How would you, as one of three commissioners, go about arriving at a decision on who, what, were to cut, realizing that this county extends from Glen to Big Sky, Waterloo to Raynolds Pass and a lot of communities in between?" asked Fischer.

Schulz was up first and said he often thinks about what he would do if that were to happen.

"I would consider cutting back on public safety although I hate doing that," Schulz said. "I would certainly consider looking at the various departments that would be least impacted or least negatively impacted by a dollar change – I doubt it would be the treasurer's office, I doubt it would be the clerk and recorder's office, but we'd have to seriously look at every department and establish a protocol or a decision from that. I think about it every day."

Allhands said he could easily see a budget shakeup happening and stated he would first cut contingency funds.

"We've got some pretty good contingency funds, all totaled we've got $906,106 in Madison County," he said. "I wouldn't mess with the nursing home funds, but some of these others we can certainly do without."

Allhands said he would look at cutting the capital improvement fund in the budget, stating it is nice to have cushion but it could be reduced, and if that did not work, he would look at a reduction in work force.

"We've got over 180 county employees now and I don't think we can continue to keep feeding that," he said.

MACo

Dan Doornbos of Alder asked both Schulz and Allhands if they felt it was necessary to serve on extra state boards such as MACo and other resource advisory committees.

"Do you feel there is a need to serve on other committees when you wind up traveling out of the county?" he asked.

"I feel that Madison County commissioner is a full time job and I think we're better off having someone other than a commissioner going to the legislature and that, trying to get things done. So no, I think we need to stay here and do the job we were elected to and are paid for," Allhands said.

Schulz, who served as president of MACo, strongly disagreed with Allhands.

"A couple weeks ago I was in Missoula at meeting with (Department of Natural Resources and Conservation) and I had opportunity to meet and spend a few minutes talking with the chief of the forest," Schulz said. "To me, on behalf of you folks, that's a big deal because if someday we have a problem here or on the forest, I can call him and we have that contact."

Schulz noted the importance of serving on RACs and other grant programs that can potential bring money back into the county.

Will of the people

Bill Buyan of Sheridan was present at the meeting and asked if both candidates felt they "have or would" serve the will of the people, a question more or less regarding the building of the new annex building in Virginia City.

Allhands was first to respond, saying he "very much would follow the will of the people" and referenced his time on the Sheridan School Board when they had two bond issues fail in regards to building a new elementary school.

"We went around and had community meetings and we sold that bond issue to build that new school to the public in the Sheridan and Alder districts and that's how it needs to be done," Allhands said.

Allhands said he did not know how the new annex building came to be built or where the funding came from but that "the people voted the law and justice center down a couple of times."

"I don't think you can go ahead and do what you want to do because it reminds me of the executive actions the presidents of the United States are doing all the time and basically, well, doing it against the will of the people," he said.

"I believe I've always tried to serve the people, certainly the majority interest of the people," Schulz said in response to Buyan's question.

"It sounds to me like this is more of a question about the courthouse annex and the fact that the people were involved in the school and the perceived assumption that we didn't have the people's input on the annex, and I would argue that's quite the contrary," Schulz said. "We had a public group that met, we advertised for it and there's a number of people in this room that were part of that group, and we dialogued – not a building – we dialogued a process. What are the priority things we need to do?"

Schulz said the county saved over a period of time for the building and from the members of the public they did hear from, people were opposed to a jail, not an administrative building.

"In any case, we didn't make the decision, the working group made the decision to pursue the annex and we took that around to 19 or 20 different meetings and we heard nothing negative so that's why we moved forward with it," Schulz finished.

In closing

Each candidate was given three minutes for a closing statement before voters head the polls on Nov. 8.

Allhands was first, and once again addressed the importance of the federal budget.

"If the federal government keeps going into debt, that federal money won't be available," he said. "In closing, I think I'd do a good job. I consider myself a conservative and I think it's time for a change."

Schulz stressed the issues involving Big Sky once more during his closing statement and stated the importance of knowing the issues and the budget.

"I am knowledgeable of the issues and I know the budget and I think most departments will tell you I am probably the most frugal; I ask the hard questions and need the most justification on why that dollar is needed," he said. "I'm frugal and I do ask the hard questions and sometimes, I say no."

CAITLIN AVEY/THE MADISONIAN
Bil Buyan asks a question.

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giving the board members in Alder training about student discipline, open meeting laws and due process.

"For all school districts, open meeting laws have changed," Birkeland said. "If there is a closed meeting, they have to keep minutes now."

At the end of the closed meeintg, the minutes are reviewed by the board then sealed in an envelope.

"The only time they would be looked at again is if there was a court situation and litigation," Birkeland said. "Alder has not closed a meeting since I've been here."

Though it is rare to have a closed meeting, Birkeland said the law is good for the board to know.

ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN
The brick building was constructed in 1915 to meet demands of increasing enrollment.

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OPENING WEEKEND

Cameron, Alder check stations see high numbers of hunters, average success

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Opening day for rifle hunting deer and elk started with shooting light at 7:26 a.m. on Oct. 22. Saturday and Sunday, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks biologists manned check stations in Alder and Cameron to gather data about opening weekend.

"(At the Cameron check station) we checked 296 hunters on Saturday and 300 on Sunday for a total of 596 hunters," wrote Julie Cunningham, FWP biologist, in a report. "This is the second highest number of hunters in recent years."

Forty-four elk, five mule deer, two white-tailed deer and four pronghorn came through the Cameron check station over the weekend.

"The hunter success rate was 8.6 percent for deer and elk only, and the overall hunter success (including the four pronghorn) was 9.2 percent," Cunningham's report states.

An 8.6 percent success rate is a drop from recent years – opening weekend 2015 saw 11.8 percent success, and 2014 was 11.4 percent.

In Alder, FWP biologist Dean Waltee said there were more hunters out and about than last year.

"Success was about typical for opening day," he said. "We checked 43 elk, 15 mule deer, 10 white-tailed deer, three antelope and one bear at the Alder check station."

Since 513 hunters passed through the check station, that resulted in a 13 percent success rate.

"Folks noticed the increase (in hunters)," Waltee said. "We did hear some comments about how there were a lot of people out. That is not uncommon for opening weekend, because we attract a lot of hunters to this part of the world."

Conditions

Waltee said the weather was "very, very warm and without a lot of snow," which meant the elk were scattered and in small groups.

"That tends to make them harder to find, so the harvest stays very scattered," he said. "The forecast says it is supposed to remain warm and dry, and if that does come to fruition, I suspect it will slow hunter harvest rate for a few weeks."

DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

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Laabs enters not guilty pleas

Kenneth Laabs appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on Oct. 24 for an arraignment.

The state, represented by Deputy County Attorney Chris Christensen, charged Laabs with three counts: theft, false report to law enforcement agency or the alternative charge of unsworn falsification to authorities, and operating a motor vehicle without liability insurance.

The alternative charges on the second county mean Laabs can be sentenced to one, but not the other.

The charges stem from an incident that happened in September of this year – Laabs allegedly used a vehicle belonging to someone else without that person's permission, then tried to implicate someone else when questioned by law enforcement, according to court documents.

Laabs entered not guilty pleas to all the charges, and before releasing him back into the custody of the Madison County Sheriff's Office, Judge Tucker reduced his previously set bond of $15,000 to $6,000.

McCourt appears on petition to revoke

Jared Russell John McCourt appeared at the Madison County Courthouse before Judge Loren Tucker on Oct. 24 on charges he violated his suspended sentence.

McCourt was given a three year deferred sentence for criminal endangerment on May 19, 2014, and again appeared at the Madison County Courthouse on Sept. 15, 2014, when the state filed a petition to revoke his deferred sentence. That deferred sentence was revoked, and McCourt was committed to the Department of Corrections for a term of five years with two suspended.

"The defendant was placed at the Montana State Prison on March 4, 2015. (McCourt's) prison sentence discharged on Sept. 6, 2016. Since he was released on probation on Sept. 7 of this year, the state claims he violated the terms of that probation by consuming alcohol and drugs, spending time with a minor and frequenting a library, though he was banned for frequenting places where children congregate.

McCourt pleaded not true to all the allegations and was released back into the custody of the Madison County Sheriff's Office with a $10,000 bond.

Bear Creek area closure lifted

Recreators can access Lee Metcalf Wilderness from previously-closed trails

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On Oct. 20, the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest lifted the closure of the Bear Creek area of the Madison Mountain Range southeast of Ennis.

The area was closed following the Oct. 1 human-grizzly bear encounter 3 miles up North Fork Bear Creek on a recommendation from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

According to a Forest Service press release, the Madison Ranger District worked with FWP to determine when it was reasonable to lift the closure.

"We talked to FWP and looked at what was going on out there," said Dale Olson, Madison District Ranger. "Opposed to archery hunters sneaking around, now it's people in bright colors making more noise."

The closure lifted in time for opening weekend of rifle season – Olson had Forest Service representatives camped at the trailhead to warn hunters of the bear activity.

"We just wanted to enhance awareness and reemphasize that we've had bear activity in that area," he said. "You're not going to protect people from bears forever, or bears from people forever … we wanted everyone to be prepared."

The incident

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 not stop."

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

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

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

Meaning of a closure

When the Forest Service closes an area, it is patrolled by officers with the intention of informing and educating the public, according to Leona Rodreick, public information officer for the Forest Service.

For those who may not respect the closure, however, Rodreick said fines can run up to $5,000 or six months in jail.

"The base fine typically for violating this closure would start at $100," she said.

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian

The Bear Creek area is now open to recreators following a Forest Service closure.

Visiting bear country?

Keep in mind these safety tips

Provided by Forest Service

- **Carry bear spray and make sure it is readily available.**
- **Special rules apply for storing food and attractants on the BDNF; be in attendance of food and attractants or store them appropriately.**
- **Game carcasses can be stored in a solid sided vehicle or horse trailer, a bear resistant container or by hanging your carcasses 10 feet off the ground and four feet out from any tree or support pole.**
- **Be aware of your surroundings. Use caution and make plenty of noise before approaching areas where a bear may not hear, smell or see you coming and avoid bear food sources. If you smell something dead or see birds circling overhead avoid the area.**
- **Hike during the daylight hours. Bears are most active during early morning and late afternoon hours in the spring and summer.**
- **Watch for signs of bear – tracks, scat and markings on trees are all good indicators.**
- **Avoid hiking or hunting alone if possible and never let your small children run ahead or wander.**
- **Make noise by talking, clapping and singing to avoid startling a bear.**
- **Stick to the trail. It may take some of the adventure out of your visit, but by staying on the trail you will minimize potential bear encounters.**
- **Always make sure you let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.**
- **Check for current posted bear related information (trailheads and other locations).**
- **If you do have an encounter with a bear, report it to 1-800-TIP-MONT; it is a 24 hour number.**

SHERIDAN TOWN

Council approves Ennis' request to join Madison County Planning Board

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At the Sheridan Town Council meeting on Oct. 17, councilmembers unanimously approved a request from the Ennis Town Council to join the county planning board.

"Ennis has a town planning board, but they have real difficulties keeping a full board," explained Madison County Planning Director Charity Fechter, who attended the meeting. "They want to dissolve and get a seat on the county board."

Madison County has an 11-member planning board, and both Sheridan and Twin Bridges are part of it.

"They just want us to provide the services we provide for you and Twin Bridges," Fechter explained. "The first step is for them to submit a request in writing, which they did."

To move forward, Fechter said she needed agreement from the Sheridan council, as well as Twin Bridges.

"If you agree in concept, we can work out the details," she said.

Details like how the 11-member board will be set up. Currently, there are three representatives from district one, with one representing the town of Sheridan; three representatives from district two, with one from Twin Bridges; three representatives from district three; and one at large member, who is from Big Sky.

"I would assume one of the representatives from district three would be from (the town of) Ennis," Fechter said. "It's not a huge step. I don't see any changes in representation for district one and two."

Councilmember Paul Kramer moved to support Ennis having a seat on the planning board, and councilmember Bob Stump seconded. All members – Kramer, Stump, Mark McLaughlin and Michael Walter – voted in favor.

Fechter still has to get approval from the Twin Bridges council, but if that happens, a formal agreement will be sent around the county for everyone involved to sign.

Subdivisions

Fechter also informed the council members and Mayor Tom Shaffer that Sheridan's subdivision regulations are from 1995, meaning they are "very" out of date.

"You could adopt the 2014 version of (Madison County's subdivision regulations) in the meantime," she said.

Shaffer said the town discussed applying for a Community Development Block Grant to fund a subdivision update, but the public library is currently in a CDBG process, and only one entity from a given town can apply for that grant at a time.

"Could we get a copy of the county regulations?" Shaffer asked Fechter.

Fechter agreed to send them over, and recommended every councilmember review the regulations before adopting them to make sure Sheridan's growth policy is not at odds with anything in the county subdivision regulations.

Councilmembers also expressed interest in seeing Ennis' zoning documents – Sheridan does not currently have zoning laws.

Safety plan

The Department of Labor and Industry showed up at town hall for a surprise inspection, and found the town needs to implement a safety training program, according to Shaffer.

"We have to have safety training in place for all town employees," Shaffer explained. "I already talked to the county, and we can send employees to some of their trainings that apply."

Town clerk Ginger Galiger agreed to work with Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority to craft a plan and document training.

"If you don't have (a safety plan) in place and someone gets hurt, you're in a bad way," said McLaughlin. "All it takes is one serious back injury and it could cost us a lot of money and a lot of time. Training is worthwhile."

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Contingency funds critical in government

Dear Editor,

As chairperson for the Madison County Thompson-Hickman Library board, I was very interested to hear what the candidates for county commissioner had to say at the recent forum held in Alder. One topic that is critical to the library, and I am sure to the other county departments as well, is that of the contingency fund. I am sure most people realize county departments are not like private businesses when they have situations happen that are not budgeted for. Our library cannot go to the bank and borrow money. That is why we have a contingency fund. If we did not have this fund, those unforeseen things could not be dealt with. An example of this is that the library is using some of our contingency funds to replace antiquated wiring and an insufficient heat source in the original part of the library. This work was something we thought could be done in the future, but became necessary for safety issues and functionality.

The system of the contingency fund seems to be working well for us. Without it, the library, the commissioners and the county would have no way to deal with these situations without going back to you, the taxpayers.

Janet Doornbos
Alder

Schulz is a very experienced leader

Dear Editor,

I attended the district one commissioner forum Thursday evening in Alder. Several topics were discussed. Issues addressed included how much equipment is enough, equipment maintenance cost, sharing equipment and personnel across district boundaries, having an adequate shop in each district among other topics. Because I work for Commissioner Dave Schulz and Ray Rowberry, foreman, on the district one road crew, I feel compelled to discuss some of the topics.

- Because we have good equipment, that allows us to be more productive.
- Because we have good equipment, we seldom break down, meaning that we are working for you rather than repairing graders, trucks or other equipment.
- Our crew works very well together meaning that we get more done quicker.
- Our good equipment allows our crew to quickly respond to fires and other emergencies whenever called. In recent years we have been called upon a number of times.
- We are always responsive to resident complaints about a road and we fix the problem as soon as we can.
- We utilize each piece of equipment in our fleet regularly depending on condition of the road and needed maintenance.

I feel Schulz's experience and leadership enables the crew I am part of to provide you the quality job and roads that you deserve at the best bang for your tax dollar.

Gary Stewart

No need to change something that works

Dear Editor,

I am grateful both commissioner candidates participated in the forum on Oct. 20. I certainly know much more about our county government and how it works. Both candidates are from longtime Ruby Valley families, so the decision of who to vote for needs to be based on the issues. One of the duties of our commissioner is to pursue sources of funding for projects likes bridges and roads. This requires being on committees with state and federal agencies and going to the legislature to gain support. Sometimes it even means talking with our Montana senators and representative in Washington D.C., so they do not forget what our needs are in Madison County. When the Ruby Dam rehabilitation project needed funding, I was expected to do just that as president of the water users in the valley. We should expect no less from our commissioner, otherwise they will need to ask county residents for additional mill levies for these projects or not even do them at all. We need a commissioner who has the experience and knowledge and is willing to tackle the duties of that office.

Overall, we have an excellent county government that proves us with the services we expect from them. I really do not see a need to change something that is working.

Dan Doornbos
Alder

Support for candidate Dan Allhands

Dear Editor,

This is to inform the people who supported me in the primary for Madison County commission district one that I am supporting Dan Allhands and am urging them to do the same. There are issues that are not being handled in a timely manner and some that are being totally ignored. One is the handicapped access in the old courthouse and another is locked (closed) county roads; couple of these roads for years, the Bertha-Kennett Road since 2009.

We need to get some people in county government that will work to save the taxpayers money on taxes, not spend all collected and want more. The countywide mill has increased from about $15,500 in the mid 1980s to almost $89,000 the last couple years. I do not know many people working for wages whose salary has increased (quintupled) in that time. It seems people get in public office and get too complacent and lackadaisical. This is the reason I am also for term limits for our elected officials. Granted we will lose some expertise but we will be getting new blood and people fired up to get things done, not just waiting for retirement. Three terms should be enough, if elected officials cannot get done in that time, they should be out at least one term and then run to get back in. Be sure to get out and vote on Nov. 8.

Eli Thompson
Virginia City

Do not leave gut piles at trailheads

Dear Editor,

This past Thursday, six of us along with our three dogs arrived at the Papoose Creek Trailhead for a recreational trail ride into the Madisons. Much to our dismay, the dogs promptly found a fresh gut pile that was left on the south side of the trailhead parking lot in the grass less than 5 feet from the gravel. Someone carelessly left a bear attractant that could surely lead to a confrontation that could lead to injury or death.

The "sportsman" who left the remains of the kill apparently was unaware of the closure of several popular trails in the area due to bear activity. The actions were unthinkably rude with no concern for the safety of other people using the trail. A quick call to the Ennis Forest Service office said that it was a serious problem and that they would contact Montana Fish and Game to clean up the mess as the trailhead was their responsibility.

As the six of us went up the trail we made lots of racket with the hopes of not running into any bears that the gut pile might attract. On our return we were much relieved to see only ravens and magpies on the gut pile. Perhaps the strong wind that day carried the scent in another direction.

A sportsman considers how their actions can create a danger to others and should know better than to leave big game remains near a highly used area. Next time we hope that this hunter will think clearly and use better ethics when filling his tag.

As we were leaving, two very nice Forest Service employees arrived at the trailhead and removed the hazard.

Ann and John White
McAllister

The election will be here soon

Dear Editor,

The election will be here soon. But not soon enough. The United States is a large and complex nation. After we iron out a few problems, we will get on the right track facing in the right decision. Here are just a few of the problems facing America.

Legal drugs, non legal drugs, alcohol, being politically correct, not being politically correct, women's rights, the middle class.

Environmentalists, no taxes on corporations, paid holidays, Republicans, Democrats, all minorities, fringe groups, people who swear, people who do not swear, lawyers, school teachers.

People over 65, people under 65, ranchers, people on welfare, free speech. Farmers, people who own cats, dogs or zebras.

Professors, atheists, classical music, obscene art, vegetarians, unions, churches, people who write to the pages of opinion. People who work for the government, people who say they work for the government but do not.

Immigrants to this country since the year 1620, bird watchers, chocolate, coupons to save money.

This is just a small portion of the problems in America. These problems can be resolved. If you belong to any of these groups or support any of these you are part of the problem. No, not a part but the sum total of the entirety. The good old days will be here soon, promptly, full tilt, directly. So do not fret.

LaVon D. Brillhart
Dillon

Responding to Mary Bivins' letter

Dear Editor,

This is in reference to Mary Bivins' letter in the Sept. 29 issue.

Obviously she loves public lands. I think that there are way too many public lands. Why? Because they do not pay any property taxes to support schools, roads and many other public things.

And where is Congress supposed to get the money to fund public lands when the United States is running a huge deficit of $20 trillion or so? Perhaps they could ask Santa Claus.

You know the young people are the ones taking a hit on Congress' wild spending.

And, Bivins, in case you did not know it, the state land board made two huge acquisitions in the last few years. First, the Charlie Lincoln Ranch on the Marias River. Second near Ledger in Pondera County, they paid $3.5 million for it and are leasing it back to the original owner for $3,500 a year. Talk about stupid.

Your tax dollars at work.

Larry L. Maurer
Brady

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& SPORTS:

Volleyball Round Up

Harrison falls to Twin Bridges in final game of the regular season

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The Lady Wildcats hosted the Lady Falcons from Twin Bridges for their last regular season game on Oct. 18 before heading to the district tournament, which begins in Butte on Oct. 27.

Though tough competition provided by the girls in purple, the Wildcats fell to the Falcons' aggressiveness at the net in three sets.

Veteran varsity player Josie Hokanson led the Wildcat team as she dashed and dove around the court in an impressive display of athleticism as well as a will to win. Hokanson, a junior setter for the Wildcats, ended her night with four aces, 14 assists and 14 digs.

Sophomore Stephanie Strong grabbed the most kills for the Wildcats with five, while senior Sam Talley was able to net one block.

"We have a great position in the district tournament," said head coach Phil Taylen. "We are going full out on our offense and taking advantage of all free ball opportunities."

On the Falcon side, senior Brooke Schandlemeier led the way in team kills with eight, junior Savanna Stewart had 12 assists and eight aces for the night, while sophomore Taryn Johnson grabbed eight digs for the Falcons.

The Falcons are heading into the district tournament as the number two seed and will play Lima on Oct. 27 at 12:30 p.m. at the MAC center in Butte.

Harrison sits in the number six spot and will play number three Drummond Thursday at 11 a.m.

Harrison vs. Twin Bridges: 18-25, 14-25, 15-25

Twin Bridges

Prior to defeating the Wildcats, the Lady Falcons bested the Lima Bears on their home court on Oct. 17.

Junior Kailee Oliverson led the team in kills with six, while Jovi Rosselott, Savanna Stewart and Mara Johnson each contributed four aces to the team's 15 total.

Twin Bridges vs. Lima: 25-7, 25-9, 25-12

Ennis

The number one seeded Lady Mustangs hosted the Granite Lady Prospectors on Oct. 19, defeating the Prospectors in three sets.

Brigit Croy led the team in kills with 13, followed by Jourdain Klein who grabbed 10. Payton Fortner and Whitney McKitrick were able to make good on 19 and 11 assists, respectively, while Ana Garcia put up 10 digs for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs get a first round bye and will play their first district matchup game on Thursday, Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. against the winner of the Granite and Sheridan game.

Ennis vs. Granite: 25-12, 25-4, 25-9

Sheridan

Sheridan lost to the Lady Mustangs on Oct. 17 – for those game results see the Oct. 20 edition of *The Madisonian*.

The Lady Panthers will play their first district game on Oct. 27 at 9:30 a.m. when they meet Granite for a chance to advance and take on Ennis.

PHOTOS FROM LEFT

Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
Stephanie Strong grabs a dig for the Wildcats.

Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
Riah Edsall, 11, goes up for the tip against the Lady Wildcats' front line.

Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
Megan Busch, 14, grabs a kill for the Falcons.

FOOTBALL ROUND UP

Mustangs, Falcons advance to playoffs, Panthers' season draws to a close

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ENNIS

The Ennis Mustangs concluded their last regular season game on Oct. 19 in the same vein as the rest of the season – a triumphant win.

The Lone Peak Big Horns kicked off, and quarterback Tanner Wood was the first into the end zone, and Mustang Jake Knack made good on the two-point conversion to put Ennis on the board first with just one minute ticked off the clock.

The Big Horns got the ball back but struggled against Ennis' commanding defense, and the Mustangs forced a punt. The remainder of the first half was all about the Mustangs – they entered the locker room at half time up 66 – 0.

Lone Peak was able to sneak into the end zone twice in the second half, but the Mustangs cruised to an easy win, 74 – 14.

"We are looking forward to the playoffs starting," said Mustang head coach Chris Hess. "Our guys have been playing well all year and now it really matters."

First on deck is Scobey, the number four seed from the east. Head to Scully Field in Ennis on Oct. 29 at 1 p.m. for the game.

TWIN BRIDGES

The Falcons welcomed Plains to Twin Bridges for their final regular season game and got into a "shoot-out" of sorts right off the bat.

"But then our defense forced some turnovers and our offense was able to capitalize on their mistakes," said Falcon head coach Brett Nordhal. "Through the second and third quarters, we scored 48 unanswered points."

That push was enough to keep the Plains Horsemen at bay, and the Falcons rolled to a 62 – 33 win.

"Once we settled in and started playing football our offense executed well and finished drives by putting points on the score board, and our defense made some big stops and forced turnovers," Nordhal said. "I am really proud of the way the guys responded coming off the big loss to Charlo. They showed a lot of character by putting that loss behind them and preparing for Plains."

This weekend, the Falcons hit the road for their first playoff game against Belt.

"The guys are looking forward to this one and are hungry to go compete," Nordhal said. "We just need to play solid, fundamental football in all three aspects of the game and compete at a higher level."

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
Quarterback Tanner Wood (1) keeps the ball and heads into the end zone for the Mustangs first touchdown.

Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
Chace Guinnane (3) prepares to launch the ball downfield.

SHERIDAN

The curtain fell on the Panthers' season with a 14 – 69 loss to St. Regis at home on Oct. 22.

"We had a couple touchdowns in the second half," said assistant coach Mike Wetherbee. "It's pretty hard to play a football game with six kids."

The Panthers struggled all season with low numbers and injuries, and ended at the bottom of the league this year. However, there is already excitement brewing for next football season.

"We all come back, so that's a good thing," Wetherbee said, referring to the fact this year's team was mostly underclassmen. "We will gain at least three from the eighth-grade, so we're looking at more kids. And we're looking at the ones we've got trying to stay healthy and help us the whole season."

Wetherbee said the boys understand the game is not always about the final score – there are small victories in every game.

"Now they are just excited to hit the weight room and get ready for basketball season," he said.

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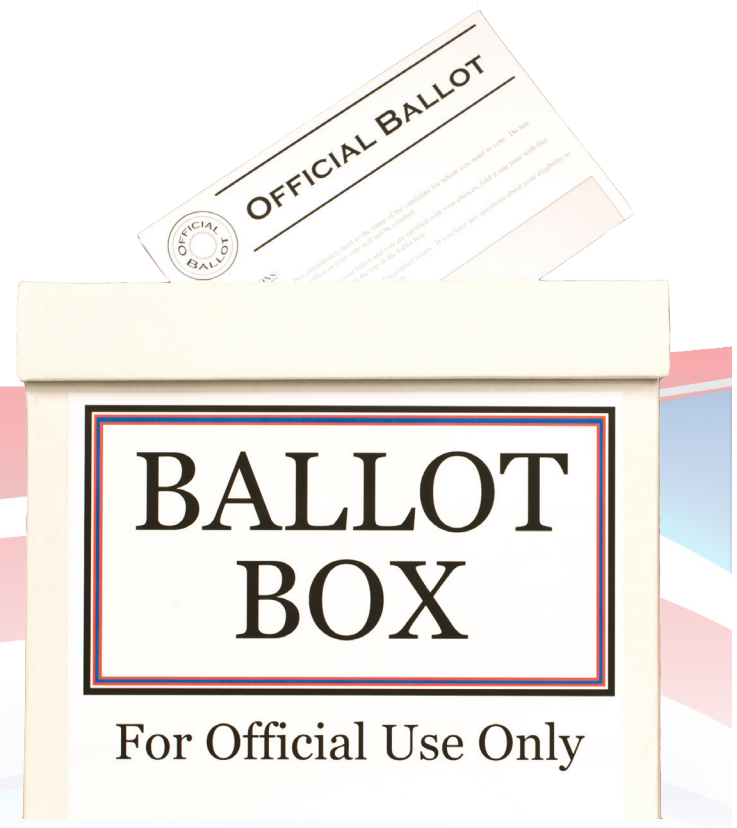

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We heard good feedback about the last few pieces we ran from this year's University of Montana journalism students about election coverage.
This week, we are running the pieces about the race for Supreme Court Justice and Public Service Commissioner.

Race profile: Montana Supreme Court

High court race pits established judge against outspoken lawyer

By Freddy Monares
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If choosing the next member of the Montana Supreme Court was a job interview, Dirk Sandefur argues the decision between himself and law professor Kristen Juras would be simple.

With 14 years experience as a judge in Cascade County and the backing of all living former members of the court, Sandefur is quick to make the case he is the natural choice for voters.

"I've been doing that work in the first instance, that makes me uniquely qualified and the only person qualified with relevant experience in this race to decide the cases that actually come before the court," Sandefur said.

But that experience is a big part of why Juras contends she is the right fit for the seat being vacated by Patricia O'Brien Cotter. Juras said that her 34 years of legal experience representing small business owners, farmers, ranchers and individuals is a view sorely missing from the high court. She believes the Supreme Court has legislated from the bench in the past years and would benefit some diversity of experience.

"We have people who have been former county attorneys, we have a former district court judge, we have a former administrative law judge, in my opinion those basis are covered," Juras said. "And the base that isn't covered is somebody with the sort of daily legal experience representing small business owners, farmers, ranchers, individuals, nonprofit organizations and what we call a private sector, a transactional practice."

Photo courtesy Dirk Sandefur
Dirk Sandefur

Photo courtesy Kristen Juras
Kristen Juras

The race for the Supreme Court has boiled down to perspective. Come election time, Montanans are going to have to vote on what they think the Supreme Court will need the most; experience or a new voice.

For one of the state's largest unions, the Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers Association (MEA-MFT), they choose experience. The union has already sent out two separate mailings to its members urging them to vote for Sandefur. MEA-MFT President Eric Feaver said that decision stems from the judge's past rulings.

"(Sandefur) has a good record as a district judge of correctly interpreting, so far as he is able, those matters that deal with our constitution and how we would go about making law in the state of Montana," Feaver said.

It is a record that has earned the endorsement from all the former Supreme Court justices currently alive, as well as the justice he hopes to replace, Cotter.

Juras, meanwhile, has drawn most of her support from individual attorneys from various law firms across the state.

Attorney and former Bozeman legislator Cindy Younkin believes Juras, if elected, will work to rein in a court she feels has grown too activist. Younkin said the court has been making public policy decisions instead of waiting for the legislature to act.

"You don't know what the court is going to do," Younkin said. "You got a lack of consistency and lack of predictability that you have zero control over it. And, at least, in the legislative process the public has the opportunity to be involved in that process and you do not when it comes to Supreme Court decisions."

But along with Juras' 34 years of experience in law, she does have a controversial past at the University of Montana. Juras led a public campaign in 2009 against a sex column published in the Montana Kaimin.

Media criticized Juras for trying to censor the publication, but she countered she was trying to point out that the column was not professional. Censoring the Kaimin was never the agenda, she said.

The story became an issue in this election when Juras posted to social media that the column had been discontinued due to the sexual assault scandal at UM, but the newspaper countered it ended only because the author graduated. The paper went on to call for Juras' defeat this fall.

A few years later Juras was at the center of attention again when the Christian Legal Society she served as the adviser to filed a lawsuit in federal court alleging they had been discriminated against because the group wasn't getting recognition from the law school.

In both cases, Juras stressed she will stick to an unpopular stand if she believes the cause is right.

"If I believe that a position is correct, I'll take that position and I'll take a stand," Juras said. " … and I think that's an important characteristic for a judge, somebody who is willing to make a decision that they believe is the lawful decision, the right decision; even if that's an unpopular decision."

Race profile: Public Service Commission (District 3)

By Margaret Grayson
Community News Service
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Pat Noonan, a Democratic candidate for the Montana Public Service Commission, said there is one question he gets asked in this campaign season more than any other: "What is the Public Service Commission?"

As the candidate in the third district, a sprawling, 14-county district in the southwest corner of the state, he answers by telling consumers to look at the total at the bottom of their power bill. The PSC regulates public utilities for the state and approves the rates Northwest Energy and others are allowed to charge consumers.

Noonan and independent Caron Cooper entered the race against incumbent Commissioner Roger Koopman, who was elected in 2012. The race presents voters with different visions for how much the government ought to be involved in the utility business.

For example, while all candidates say they are in favor of developing alternative energy sources, they differ dramatically on how much the PSC should promote it.

As a candidate and a former member of the state legislature, Noonan has supported green energy mandates and subsidies. Koopman, on the other hand, believes the government should not prop up new industries.

"I'm very much in favor of any kind of alternative energy source that can come in and compete and provide a better product, cheaper," Koopman said. "True entrepreneurship does not ride on the back of subsidies and special governmental favors and tax breaks."

He mentioned Noonan's support of Montana's renewable portfolio standard, which requires public utilities to obtain 15 percent of their power from renewable sources, as an example of a "crutch" for alternative energy providers that they don't need.

Noonan disagreed, saying, "I am far more open to what are all the avenues that we can create a better energy future for the next generation, whether that includes money from the feds or whether that includes revamping power systems."

Both Koopman and Noonan have served in the Montana House of Representatives and tout their experience in public service. They are joined this year on the ballot by a political newcomer, Cooper, who has a PhD from University of California, Berkeley's Energy and Resources Group. Cooper said she was inspired to join the race in part by her disagreements with the current PSC on renewable energy.

"All it takes is to say 'net metering' or 'clean power act' and you'd see the commissioners roll their eyes," she said.

She originally filed her exploratory committee under the Democratic Party, but changed to an Independent because she did not like the way the party accepted contributions. Part of her platform is not seeking or accepting PAC money.

Over the course of their careers, both Noonan and Koopman have taken money from the same sources during their legislative campaigns, most notably the NorthWestern Energy Employee PAC.

"That PAC is entirely controlled by front-line workers, and I think it would be irresponsible for me to not represent them," Noonan said. "Those are the people who are in my community."

Koopman said that while he accepted those donations during his legislative campaign, he agreed it could be a conflict of interest during the PSC race and neither he nor Noonan have accepted any donations, according to their most recent campaign finance filings.

While all of the PSC members are currently Republican, Koopman said he often differs from them in his thinking about the commission's role. He said the commission should serve as a substitute for competition to NorthWestern Energy, which has a monopoly on power distribution in Montana, and to "watch the back" of the ratepayers.

Still, Noonan counters that Koopman's political ideology prevents him from making decisions that are best for Montanans.

"There is no body in Montana that can change a person's future overnight like the Montana Public Service Commission," Noonan said. "And so I felt like it was an opportunity to be able to make an immediate difference in people's lives."

The contest in District 3 is not the only contested election for the PSC. In neighboring District 4, current Commissioner Bob Lake faces a rematch with the woman he ousted from the panel, Democrat Gail Gutsche, in 2012. Gutsche hopes to ride the votes from Democratic-leaning Missoula back into the PSC but she faces Lake, who for a long time represented the Bitterroot Valley in the Montana Legislature.

Gutsche has made renewable energy and Missoula's battle to take control of its water supply a central part of the campaign. Lake, on the other hand, has stressed that he is less a partisan and more a policy maker who works to keep utilities functioning and affordable.

BELOW
Photo courtesy Pat Noonan
Pat Noonan

LEFT
Photo courtesy Bozeman Daily Chronicle
Roger Koopman

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WHY VOTE?

GUEST EDITORIAL

Editor's note: So far, we've heard from county representatives, ranchers and community members. This week, Dan Happel from Pony answers.

Another election is around the corner and the remarkable question of why we should even bother to vote is heard from folks seemingly ignorant of the basic responsibilities of citizenship. Many of our forefathers gave their lives to bestow the rights that we enjoy today, and at the very least, we owe them the acknowledgement of that sacrifice with the act of voting for responsible elected public officials. Our Founding Fathers gave us a very remarkable system of constitutional, democratically elected, republican government, based on rule of law, not rule of man; intending this as the keystone of our freedom. This remarkable system allowed that our elected representatives would be chosen from among average citizens and assigned the duty to uphold, protect and defend, with their lives if necessary, the concept of individual liberty as outlined in our Constitution and Bill of Rights. The idea of professional politicians and a ruling class was unthinkable. Our system of government was never meant to be left untended like a weedy garden, but nurtured by informed and concerned citizens willing to give of themselves to assure freedom for their posterity.

Collectivist thinking has dulled our sense of personal responsibility and created a culture of lemmings ready to blame everyone and everything for the failures that come from their non-participation. Your life is the result of a series of choices; poor choices lead to poor outcomes, good choices lead to good outcomes; it' is really pretty simple. Our Constitution does not guarantee equal outcomes … it guarantees equal rights under the law for folks willing to save and sacrifice in the short term so they can benefit in the long term. It protects the rights of the minority against arbitrary control by the majority. Somehow we have morphed into a self-indulgent culture that selects elected representatives more resembling Santa Claus than Patrick Henry. It is high time to elect leaders because they have actual leadership skills and enough common sense to know that you cannot borrow and spend your way to prosperity. Above all, we should never expect responsible and responsive government if we depend on everyone else to do our thinking for us. We owe it to our offspring to be informed, involved and participate, at least at the most basic levels. One thing is certain; we can only expect to win if we are in the game, and informed voting is the most fundamental responsibility of citizenship in a free society.

We are faced with the most critical election in recent memory; possibly in the history of our great republic. Many of the freedoms that we took for granted are facing annihilation at the hands of unelected bureaucrats and special interests that seem to control our every action through administrative regulation and undue influence (money) greasing the wheels of power at all levels. Our elected representatives are all too often AWOL when important decisions need to be made, and have allowed the executive branch to exercise powers that were always intended to be made by Congress, or more importantly, by state and local governments. It is time to wake up and use the power our founders bequeathed us and the brains the good Lord gave us to read, learn and vote!

Dan Happel
Pony

OBITUARIES

Doris I. Keyser
September 25, 1932 – October 4, 2016

Doris Keyser, 84, went to be with the Lord on Oct. 4, 2016, at her home in Billings. She was born to Charles and Maude March on Sept. 25, 1932, in Cathay, N.D., growing up with one sister and four brothers. She attended country schools and graduating from Carrington High School in 1950. Doris was the first of her farming family to leave the area when she boarded a bus to Alabama to marry classmate and soldier Thomas C. Cousins in 1951. They were married over 30 years and raised six children. She began her working career out of high school, working for the government until the birth of her first child. After her children were born, she went to work in the restaurant industry to help support her family. Later, she worked at Cole's department store as a buyer, which gave her the opportunity to travel and meet people. She attended Billings Bible Church and First Baptist Church. Doris loved music, playing piano and singing in the choir when she could fit it into her schedule. She worked with child evangelism, AWANAS and taught Sunday school.

In 1990, Doris married Kerry Keyser and moved to Ennis for two years, until Kerry retired. They spent time traveling, attending grandchildren's events, going to museums, symphonies and the Billings Mustangs games. She enjoyed family functions, cooking large family meals and caring for her grandchildren and great grandchildren until her health declined. During the last two years, she has taught our family the meaning of faith, strength and courage. Doris kept an amazing attitude while recovering from a major stroke and then broken hip. She was preceded in death by her parents and infant sister Katherine March; son-in-law Michel Kuck; and grandson Joshua Hoffner. Doris is survived by her husband of 26 years Kerry Keyser, of Parkhaven at Manhattan; her six children: Connie Kick-Bermes (Ken), Kathy Scherbenske (Rodney), Tom Cousins (Lori), Heidi Hoffner, Heather Lambrecht and Kristie Buri (Kurt). Fourt step-children: Cheryl Lehr (Jerry) of Three Forks, Donna Crumley (John) of McAllister, Karen Rice (Greg) of Belgrade and Scott Keyser (Terri). Her three brothers: Charles March, Lewis March (Dorothy) and Albert March (Donna). A sister-in-law Alberta March. She and Kerry share the love and support of 27 grandchildren and 53 great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

Celebration of life was Friday, Oct. 14, at First Baptist Church with internment at Lakeview Cemetery in Cathay in June 2017. Memorials may be sent to the charity of one's choice.

Muddled Moose Minis

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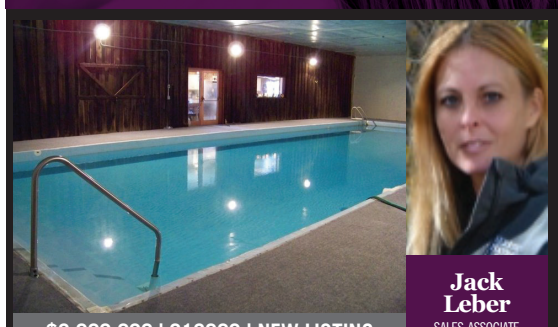

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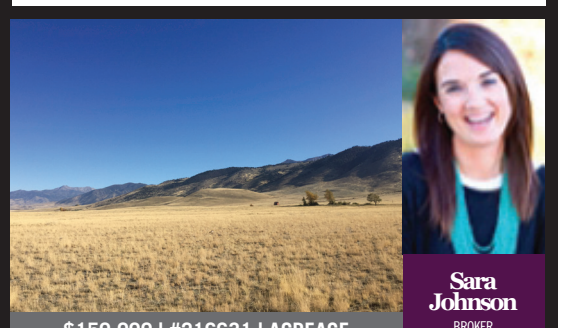

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MRF rescues fish from irrigation ditches

Photos courtesy David McCrory

On Oct. 13, 21 volunteers gave their time and effort to rescue trapped fish in the west Madison irrigation ditch. This is an annual event that happens when the irrigation ditches are drained. Over 1,000 fish were returned to the river on this date and numerous trophy fish on days that followed. While many fish were rescued, tens of thousands of fish perished ranging in size from 2 inch fry to trophy size. The result of this event is just a drop in the bucket to the solution.

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Ennis celebrates 31st annual Hunters Feed

Caitlin Avey
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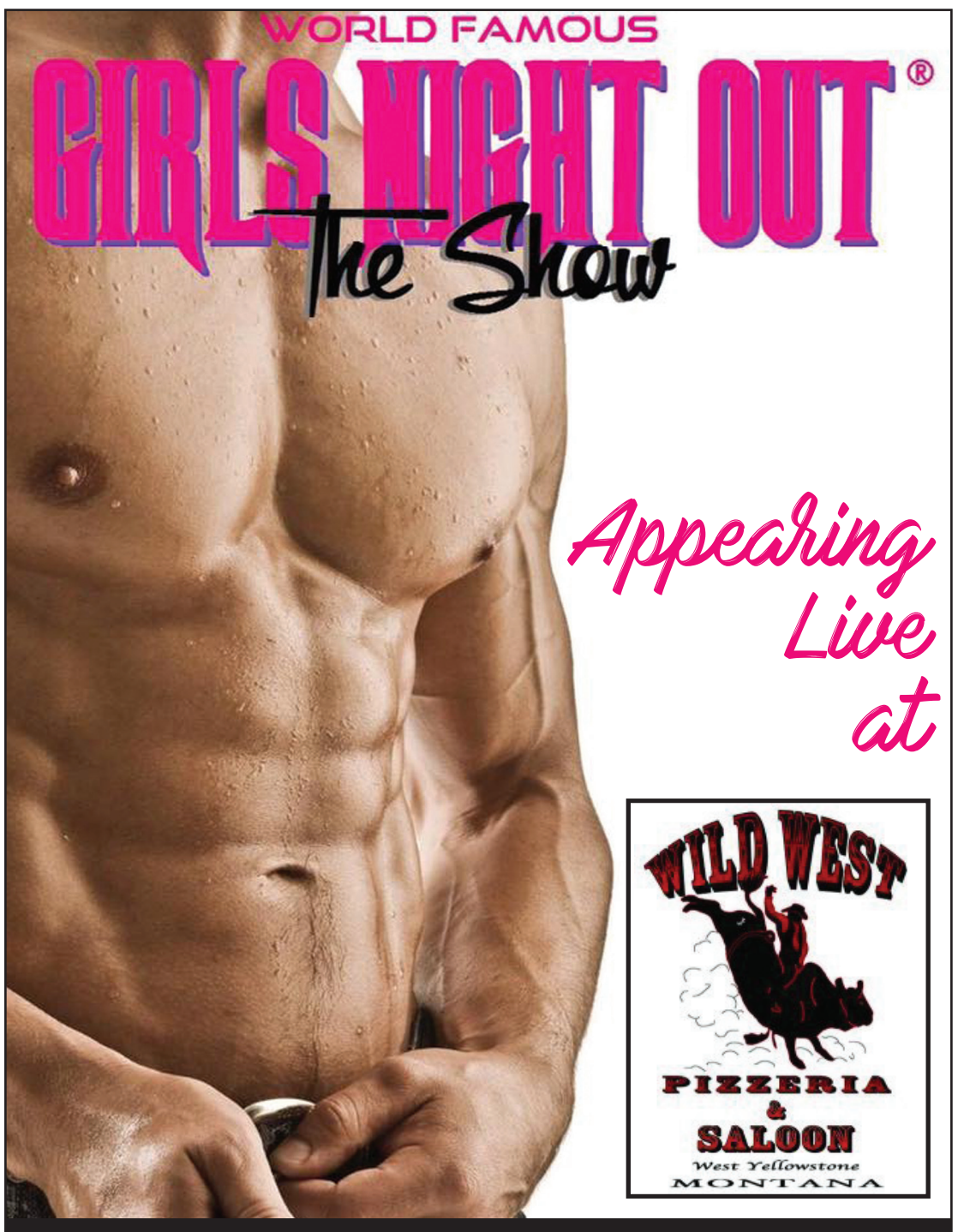
The downtown was packed on Oct. 21 as Ennis celebrated their 31st annual Hunters Feed. With tables of chili, alligator, stroganoff and whoopie pies, visitors from near and far lined Main Street to taste and vote on the best wild game dish.

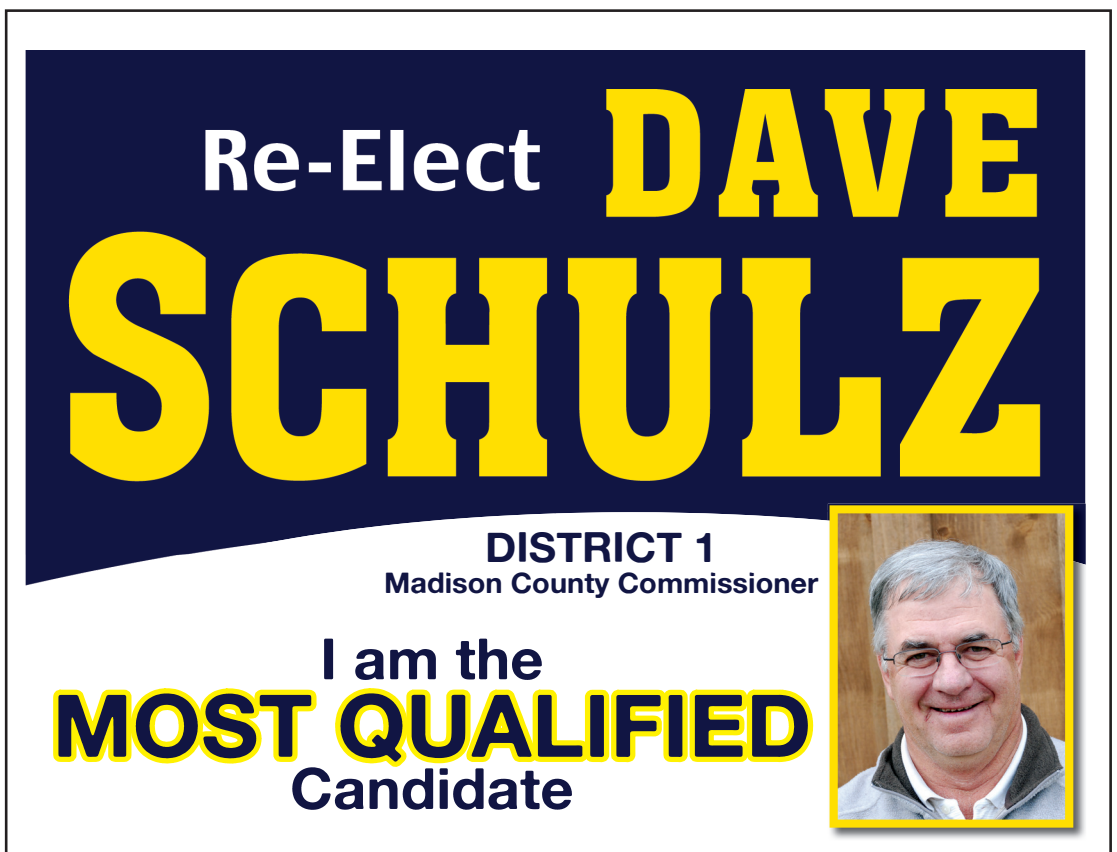
"We were here last year, but we got here late so we made sure to get here early this time," said Cheri Davenport, who was visiting with her husband and friends from the Mojave Desert.

Top prizes were awarded to the best dishes in four different categories: best chili dish went to the Bear Trap Grille for their elk chili; best non chili dish went to the Copper Door for their unique take on a venison stroganoff; most unusual dish went to Pic-a-nic Basket for their mini elk whoopie pies; and the top honor, judges' choice, went to Shannon Veltkamp from Bozeman who served elk ribeye with smoked gouda and mashed potatoes.

ABOVE
Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
William Steraszewski, 2, munches on an elk taco.

LEFT
Caitlin Avey/The Madisonian
Folks lined the sidewalks waiting for a chance to taste wild game dishes during the 31st annual Ennis Hunters Feed.





Buzz from the schools

Hello from Alder!

Last spring, Madison County students in third through eighth-grade participated in the Smarter Balance Summative Assessment. This is Montana's state assessment, which is administered online via a secure browser. Schools had a 12 week window in which the students could be tested. The assessment is a criterion-referenced assessment meaning that it assesses students' knowledge in comparison to the Montana Common Core State Standards.

Students are administered four parts for the assessment: two in English language arts and two in math. Each of the two content areas have a multiple choice/short answer component and a performance task component where students apply what they have learned. In math, the students are assessed in the following claim areas: concepts and procedures, problem solving, communicative reasoning and data analysis/modeling. In English language arts and literacy, students are assessed in these claim areas: reading, writing, speaking and listening and research.

Students who complete all four parts of the assessment will receive an overall scale score and a performance level for ELA and an overall scale score and a performance level for math. Performance levels are novice, nearing proficient, proficient and advanced. Students also receive a score or level for each of the claim areas listed above. The claim performance levels are rated as below standard, at/near standard, above standard. The scale score determines the students' overall performance. For an example, a student with a scale score of 2610 would have a performance score of proficient. Looking at the student's claim scores for English language arts, they might be at/near standard in reading, above standard in writing, at/near standard in speaking and listening and above standard in research.

The Alder staff prepared the students well for the assessment. Students took practice and training tests prior to taking the actual state assessment. These practice and training tests afforded the students the opportunity to experience the types of items that they might encounter on the test as well as giving them the opportunity to practice using the online tools available in the online testing environment. Alder's last year third and fourth-grade students did very well on the assessment. The percentage of students that were proficient in English language arts in grade three at Alder was 52 percent higher than the state percentages for grade three. The percentage of students that were proficient in math in grade three at Alder was 50 percent higher than the state percentage of proficient third graders. The percentage of students that were proficient in English language arts in grade four at Alder was 18 percent higher than the state percentages for grade four. The percentage of Alder fourth-grade students that were proficient in math was 10 percent lower than the percentage of proficient students at the state. Fourth grade students also took the state science test, a paper and pencil criterion-referenced assessment.

The classroom teachers at Alder use the information provided by the results of state assessments as well as classroom assessments to provide instruction to meet the Alder students' learning needs.

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SHERIDAN

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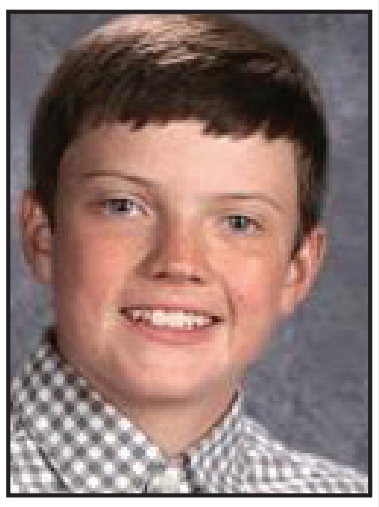

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Saturday
Cloudy with occasional rain showers. High 47F. Winds SW at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 60%.

Sunday
Sunshine along with some cloudy intervals. High 42F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.

Monday
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Quote of the Week:

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Superstars at state cross country

Madison County athletes race in Kalispell, many with personal records

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Runners from Ennis, Harrison, Sheridan and Twin Bridges headed for Kalispell on Oct. 22 for the state cross country meet. All teams had strong showings, with many top finishes and team placings. Read on for results.

Ennis

"Our team worked so hard all year," said head coach Cori Koenig. "We had some injuries and illness, but they stayed enthusiastic and are already geared up for next year."

The Mustangs boys varsity team placed 12th overall, with Dillon Williams running an 18:10 and coming in 24th. Max Trapp, who ran 18:38, which was a personal record, Quinten Hamilton and his 19:06, Wade Luly with a 20:51 and Wyatt Freson with a personal record of 24:49 all contributed to the team's place.

Maida Knapton, the sole girl runner placed 21st with a time of 22:01.

"All around, it was a great effort," Koenig said. "It was a positive way to end a very good season."

Harrison

Derik DeFrance was a "rock star" for the Wildcats, according to head coach Kaysha Young. He placed fifth at the meet.

"He beat his goal of running under 17 minutes at state and he beat his time from state last year by 16 seconds," Young said. "He is the first top five finisher Harrison had seen in a while."

Teammate Doug Christensen also had one of his best meets of the year.

"He had the best kick I've ever seen from him," Young exclaimed. "It was a great way for him to end his high school cross country career."

Young said she could not be more proud of the Wildcat runners.

"They make every practice a pleasure," Young said. "I'm beyond honored and thankful to be their coach."

Sheridan

This is only Sheridan's second season with a cross country team, but you would not know it if you looked at their runners. The Panthers placed sixth overall as a team.

Riain Deavel, a junior, set a new personal record and placed third. Another Panther junior, Ben Larsen, was just a little more than a minute behind, running a 17:57 and placing 20th. To round out the team effort, sophomore Tyler Haag ran a 18:40 and placed 41st.

"The Sheridan cross country team started off strong and finished strong," said head coach Myra Deavel. "We have a talented group of kids and I'm looking forward to next year."

Twin Bridges

The Lady Falcons had a strong showing in Kalispell with a fourth place team finish.

"They didn't know their team placing and how close they were to third until the long bus ride home," said head coach Nancy Bell. "Just .05; that's 5/100 of a second that separated them from overtaking third place Cascade and a plaque."

The whole team had solid races, led by Savanna Steward who finished eighth and earned all state honors.

"(Stewart) a junior with a 4.0 GPA, also plays volleyball during the fall season," Bell said. "She is now a three time all stater. (Stewart) ran a 20:24:12."

Teammate Mara Johnson finished second for the Falcons in 25th in 22:51.56. RaeAnne Bendon, fighting an injury and a head cold, completed the course in 23:30.49 in 43rd place. Blu Keim was 59th in 25:38.63 and Ruth Redfield was 64th in 26:00.29.

For the boys, senior Garrett Wentzel was 58th, running the course in 19:15:47.

"Two freshmen, Rob Dale and CJ Wayland ran personal best times finishing 63rd and 64th in times of 19:38.78 and 19:39.65," Bell said. "Roman Hendrickson, Kyle Minert and Noah Harbor also ran personal bests and finished 89th, 117th and 121st. They had times of 20:37.40, 22:50.20 and 23:10.74, respectively."

Clockwise from top right

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Savanna Stewart from Twin Bridges.

Ben Larsen from Sheridan.

Derik DeFrance from Harrison.

Dillon Williams from Ennis.

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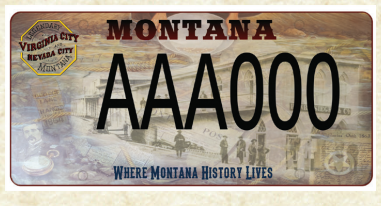

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

How do I prevent breast cancer?

Dr. Maura Davenport
Madison Valley Medical Center

Women commonly ask me what they can do to prevent breast cancer. Interestingly enough, the answer is not mammograms. Mammograms do not actually prevent breast cancer – they simply allow us to find breast cancer earlier, catching it before it spreads from the breast to other parts of the body. Most breast cancers occur in women without a family history. So what can you do to prevent breast cancer?

As women go through menopause, their metabolism slows down, which makes weight loss and sometimes even weight maintenance incredibly difficult. If you have already gone through menopause, obesity and perimenopausal weight gain can increase your risk of breast cancer. Talk to your doctor about strategies to prevent weight gain as you go through menopause. This is important not just to prevent breast cancer – it decreases your risk for cardiovascular disease and diabetes too.

Alcohol has also been shown to have a moderate increase in the risk of developing breast cancer, especially in women who take hormone replacement therapy. Folic acid supplementation may decrease this risk, however since most grain products in the United States are fortified with folic acid, it is not entirely clear that taking folic acid as a supplement can decrease your risk of breast cancer. Smoking may also increase your risk. This association is not quite as clear cut as alcohol intake, but likely does increase your risk. If you need help with smoking cessation, or decreasing alcohol consumption, talk to your doctor; there are a lot of great tools out there to help you achieve your goals.

Additionally, the use of hormone therapy for more than five years in certain age groups may also increase risk for breast cancer, although this is a difficult topic and is best discussed with your primary care provider.

On a more positive note, having children and breastfeeding in your 20s instead of 30s has been found to decrease lifetime risk of breast cancer. Regular physical activity has a protective effect as well. In postmenopausal women especially, regular exercise can infer a modest protective effect against developing breast cancer. A diet rich in fruits, vegetables, olive oil and fish can also confer some protective effect.

Most of these recommendations are nothing new. Eat healthy, exercise, try not to

Dr. Maura Davenport

gain too much weight and cut down on alcohol and smoking. By simply making it a goal to live a healthy lifestyle, you are decreasing your risk of developing breast cancer and probably a lot of other medical conditions as well.

On a final note, the above recommendations are based on my evaluation of the current medical literature. Medicine changes on a daily basis. What is true today may not necessarily be true tomorrow, and my own interpretation may be quite different from others. If you have any new research on breast cancer prevention please let us know – we are always looking for new ways to help ourselves and our patients lead healthier lifestyles.

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PREPARING FOR FALL

Family-friendly tips to transform your home

Submitted by StatePoint

Transition your interior décor when temperatures drop – it is a great time to tap into your creativity and make a statement. Here are some ideas – big and small – to freshen up your home this season.

Play with colors

When the weather is cool, think rich colors like plum, navy and amber. Bringing in a unique color palette will inspire you to make other changes as well, from painting a fireplace to adding an accent wall to incorporating a tile backsplash.

Make over a room

Make your home cozier by installing a soft, but durable carpet. Just remember to consider your household dynamics when making a selection.

"Those with pets or children will want to keep in mind that spills and stains can be a common occurrence and select a family-friendly carpet," said Jennifer Bertrand, designer for Flooring America and Flooring Canada.

Make life easier with material designed to release pet hair and reduce pet stains.

Pillows

Have fun turning vintage wool blankets into pillows. Or if you just want to purchase items, seek out plaid patterns or materials that are full of textures and heavier weights.

If you have pets, be wary of knit pillows, as animal hair can get stuck in the material. Look for tight weave fabric to fit into your lifestyle.

Capture some art

Update your framed photos around the house. If you have children, let them get creative and contribute to the overall design. Give them the phone or tablet and let them capture what the season means to them: nature, family, friends or whatever.

Paint together

Change your front door color. Have fun with colors like spice amber, plum, navy, black or whatever color makes your heart happy.

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As we find ourselves approaching Halloween, you may have noticed more creepy tales being shown on television. Many of you probably grew up watching the Twilight Zone and Outer Limits, either in their first runs, or certainly in reruns. What I always enjoyed was the suspense and the exploration of alternate realities. They seldom, if ever, required the shedding of blood to raise goosebumps as we watched. It is in that vein I wrote the following story – an alternate to my usual column. Please enjoy this tale of a little girl, her loving father and their search for a monster in her room.

Rev. Keith Axberg

The door creaked open
And the man looked in
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"There is a monster
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Will you chase it out?
You may need a broom."

Her father smiled
At his little child.
"I'll find this beast
Whether fierce or mild."

Her father checked
'neath the bed, of course,
But found no monster
Nor evil force.

He looked around
His daughter's room with care.
Like Sherlock Holmes
He looked everywhere.

"There are no monsters
In your room so bright.
I've checked it all;
There's not a creep in sight."

"But daddy dear,"
Said his daughter, Sue,
"I know I heard it
Give a growl or two."

Her father smiled
At his beloved child;
"I'll check the closet
For anything wild."

He opened up
the closet door,
t'was quite a mess
on the closet floor.

He looked up high,
He looked down low,
He looked 'round quick,
He looked 'round … slow.
He found a Barbie
With dead eyes staring,
She looked at him,
Or was she glaring?

But no, she hung
upon the closet hooks
This glamorous Barbie
With her killer looks.

"I do prefer,"
Said dad to self,
"to remove this doll
From hook to shelf."

He gently took her
Barbie bod in hand
And put her up
On her Barbie stand,

There in the closet
by his daughter's bed.
"I've found no monster,"
Is all he said.

Then turning toward
His Suzy dear
Eyes opened wide
At what did appear.
Barbie sat upon
Dear Suzy's bed,
Filling dad's heart
With so much dread.

She glared at him
With lifeless peepers,
her lips a' curl,
making nightmare creepers.

But Suzy sat
All quiet and droll;
"This is no monster,
Nor hairy troll;

"She is my Barbie
And I love her so,
She's here to comfort,
So you may go."

The mind's the monster,
Was daddy's thought.
His daughter's safe,
The thought he bought.

But looking back
At his daughter dear
He saw Barbie wink;
He had cause to fear. finis

NATURAL Resource News

By Ethan Kunard
Madison Conservation District

A SMALL PARASITE CAUSING MAJOR PAINS

This past summer, an unfortunate event put Montana in the spotlight of news all around the nation. This event, of course, was the Yellowstone fish kill. The parasite, which lead to the death of thousands of fish, has now been detected in several other rivers in Southwest Montana, including the upper and lower portions of the Madison. The presence of this parasite, however, should not necessarily spark panic in the communities around these affected rivers. Rather, it should raise awareness to the root of the problem, and position our communities to think about the tools we need to prevent similar events from happening.

The microscopic parasite that caused the proliferative kidney disease (PKD) outbreak in the Yellowstone River is known to exist throughout the United States and Canada, and likely has spread from recreation and fishing. The presence of the parasite, however, does not signify that fish are actually diseased. Though scientists working on the Yellowstone outbreak believe that those fish were "naïve" to the parasite, they also believe that one of the biggest factors that resulted in the outbreak was due to the conditions of the river itself.

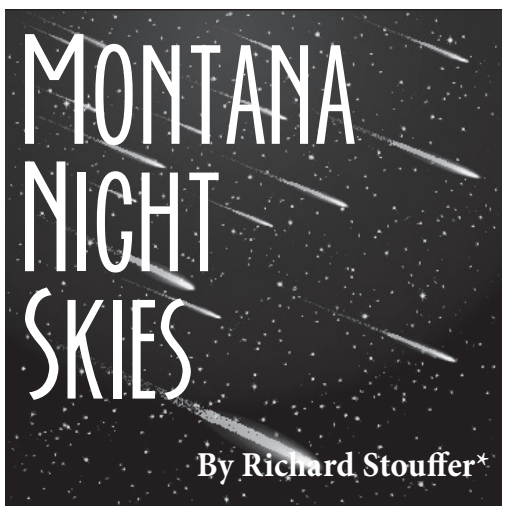
Around the globe, 2016 has been the warmest year on record (dating back to 1880), and that resulted in nearly record low flows and extremely warm temperatures on the Yellowstone. Those conditions added stress to aquatic life, and resulted in diseased fish. We now face the question of, "What does this mean for other rivers on which the parasite has been detected?" The answer – we need healthy and resilient watersheds.

We sometimes don't think about the value that a healthy watershed and river system provides to our community until there is a problem. That value became obvious when 183 miles of the Yellowstone River were temporarily closed to recreation and fishing. Preliminary estimates show that this closure of the Yellowstone and its tributaries cost Park County businesses upwards of half a million dollars in lost revenue. One might assume that impacts could be similar to communities on nearby river systems as well.

Although we didn't see impacts that compare to those on the Yellowstone, there were still some unfavorable conditions felt throughout our community as a result of the environmental circumstances we saw this summer. This should prompt us to begin discussing how much we value the health of our watershed (not just for fish, but for all uses). Furthermore, it's an opportunity to decide how much we want to invest back into it for future insurance.

To help start this discussion, the Madison Conservation District is initiating a multi-stakeholder process to help the community plan out its desired conditions in the Madison Valley. Once completed, this plan will identify ways to instill health and resiliency throughout the watershed to help prevent any future microscopic problems from having consequential results. If you'd like more information about this community planning process, please contact the Madison Conservation District, or look us up on the web at madisoncd.org.

Abigail Dennis/The Madisonian
The Jefferson River, where the parasite was also discovered.



The highlight of the Montana night sky for November is the increasing prominence of Venus in the evening sky. Venus is accompanied in the evening hours by Saturn and Mars for most of the month and Mars and Mercury toward the end of the month. In the meantime, Jupiter reigns alone in the hours before dawn. The moon makes a highlight of its own when it makes its closest approach to Earth since 1948 on the same day that it is full.

As the month begins, Venus shines brilliantly in the evening sky with much fainter Saturn about 5 degrees to its right. Far to the left of Venus is the red planet, Mars. By the end of the third week in November, Saturn becomes invisible in the solar glare. At about that same time, Mercury rises out of the solar glare in the evening sky, becoming visible during the fourth week of November. At the beginning of November, Venus sets almost two hours after the sun. By the end of the month, that time increases to about three hours after sunset. Saturn sets about the same time as Venus at the beginning of the month, but is lost in the solar glare by the end of the month. Mars sets around five hours after the sun all month long, but continues to dim as it speeds away from Earth. Turning to the morning sky, Jupiter is the only planet visible in the hours before dawn. At the start of November, Jupiter rises about 5:30 in the morning. By the end of the month, Jupiter rises about 3 a.m.

The main highlight for the moon is that it makes its closest approach to Earth since 1948. It also makes that approach on the same day that it is full on the morning of Nov. 14. That makes this moon a very special Super Moon, which occurs when the moon is at or near its closest approach to Earth when it is full. This approach will make the moon appear about 7 percent larger and somewhat brighter than it usually appears when full. As for other lunar events in November, the thin crescent moon will be well to the right of Saturn and Venus on Nov. 1 and above Saturn the next evening. The moon will then pass to the upper right of Mars on Nov. 5. The moon will be to the upper right of Jupiter on Nov. 24 and will form a triangle with Jupiter and Spica, the brightest star on the constellation Virgo, the next morning.

For meteor shower watchers, the annual Leonid meteor shower peaks on the morning of Nov. 17. The shower is predicted to peak at about 15 meteors per hour. The moon will be near full and thus make seeing meteors from this shower a bit of a challenge this year. On the other hand, the minor shower named the Taurid meteor shower, has a peak spread out over the first half of the month. This shower tends to produce very bright meteors, so you might see a bright meteor from this shower in the November Montana night sky.

Times after Nov. 5 are given for Standard time as the changeover from Daylight time to Standard time occurs on Nov. 6.

Commodity Insite! News and views

by Jerry Welch

** China's pork imports will fall in 2017 from this year's record highs, thanks to the boost that revived prices of the meat have given to domestic farmers to increase their hog herds. China's recovering hog prices – which in June stood at 20.58 per kilo gramme, up 38 percent year on year – has encouraged producers to rebuild herds, which is forecast growing in 2017 for the first time in four years." Agrimoney.com, Oct. 17

** "The (United States) soybean and corn crop size keeps getting bigger, according to the USDA/WASDE Reports Wednesday. In its October Supply/Demand and Crop Production Reports, the USDA juiced its U.S. 2016 soybean yield to 51.4 bushels per acre, over its September estimate of 50.6 bushels per acre. The USDA's soybean production estimate is now 4.269 billion bushels vs. its 4.201 billion bushels from last month. If realized, that would be a record-large crop. For corn, the USDA pegged the U.S. 2016 yield at 173.4 bushels per acre vs. its September estimate of 174.4 bushels per acre. The USDA's corn crop estimate is now 2.32 billion bushels vs. the September estimate of 15.093 billion." Agriculture.com, Oct. 12

** "Billionaire investor Carl Icahn told CNBC on Monday he is 'more and more' concerned about the stock market, and many S&P 500 companies are 'way overvalued,' considering the risk in emerging markets." CNBC, Oct. 17

** "As has been the case for some time, cattle prices are being hit partially by higher beef production, but mostly by artificial pressure caused by excess meat at the end user/retail level. Cow/calf producers have been in liquidation since spring/early summer, but that actually means higher production in the initial phase. Pork and chicken producers have not even started liquidation. Combined with the higher beef supplies next year, we are not looking forward to 2017 supplies or pricing. For those shocked about the break below $100, which we should all be, don't forget that we traded cash down to $81 as recently as 2009. This is right in the $80 to $90 price range that analysts are throwing out for a potential low price for next year. Heck, this market is trying to price in that washout price in this quarter." Rich Nelson, Alendale.

** "Sometimes, purchasing a lottery ticket isn't such a bad idea. If you have some spare cash, and betting on a moonshot doesn't make you nervous, buy natural gas before the winter. This could produce a big jackpot, if nature cooperates. Prices are still not far above historic lows, and winter is the time of year when demand can surge. Nearly half of all U.S. households use natural gas for heating, which has sent gas futures soaring during many winters. The highest price of nearly the past eight years – $6.149 per million British thermal units – came during the polar-vortex winter of 2014, which brought record-low temperatures across much of North America. That winter, prices climbed nearly 80 percent from early November to the mid-February peak. Just be careful, and don't be afraid to rip up that ticket if the winter turns warm and against the trade … But if the winter looks cold, gas could get hot."

** "Herd expansion has taken place and beef production is expanding quickly, but consumer level prices aren't yet reflecting that full reality which draws concerns we're not clearing beef supplies quickly enough. Over the past two years, retail (beef) prices are down 2 percent, wholesale prices down 23 percent and cattle prices down 35 percent." F.C. Stone, Oct. 16

** "Beef production will rise 5.2 percent this year and climb a further 3.4 percent in 2017 to a five-year high, the U.S. Department of Agriculture projects. Output is increasing as the cattle, hog and chicken industries expand simultaneously, leaving the nation set for a year of record meat production and declining prices. Consecutive years of bumper grain harvests have also sparked expansion as feed costs fell." Bloomberg News, Oct. 5

** "Only once since 2002 have hog futures traded at or below $46. A move to $50 with hogs would be classified as a wreck. A move down to $46 would be called a disaster. But whatever unfolds in the period ahead, it will pale in comparison to the debacle seen in the Fall of 1998 when the price of hogs fell to a 35 year low." Jerry Welch, Commodity Insite!, Sept. 9

** "Hog prices, which have suffered their worst quarterly decline on record, look likely to fall further, U.S. officials said, flagging the prospect of an extra 1bn pounds in domestic pork output next year. U.S. Department of Agriculture staff, expanding on price forecasts made last week, said that 'large hog supplies point to lower' prices yet, as the market absorbs extra pork output stemming from herd expansion." Agrimoney, Oct. 19

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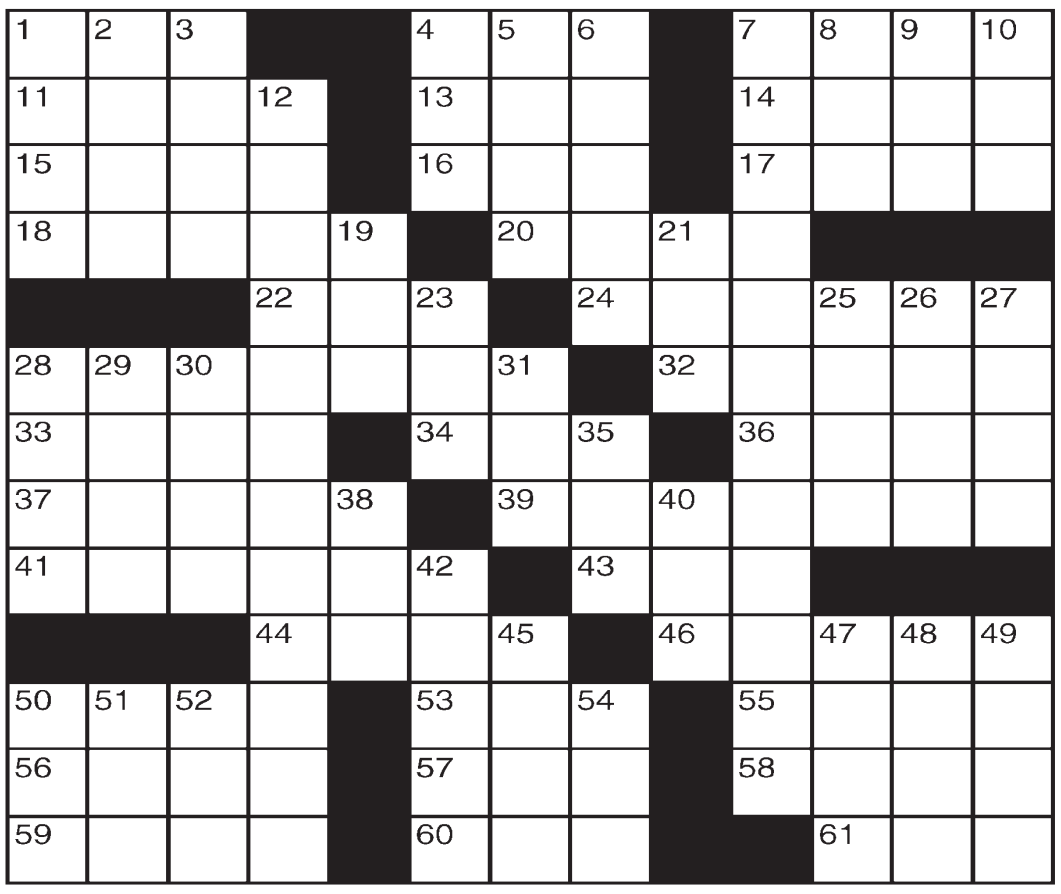

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18 Okefenokee, e.g.
20 Traditional tales
22 Conger, for one
24 The Enlightened One
28 Knot for human consumption?
32 Thin porridge
33 Apiece
34 Martini ingredient
36 Gumbo base
37 "Hogwash!"
39 Sleeping bag closers
41 Exact
43 Burst
44 Stole
46 Cardiff's people
50 Suitor
53 Uncooked
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56 React with boredom
57 Clay, now
58 Mouthful of drink
59 — Stanley Gardner
60 Coop dweller
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2 Pack away
3 Hawaiian dance
4 Morning moisture
5 Verbal
6 Chocolate substitute
7 B-list braggarts
8 — out a living
9 Have a bug
10 Explosive letters
12 Old music-based game show
19 Candy known for its dispensers
21 Carpet
23 Lower limb
25 Top-ranking noble
26 Mr., in Munich
27 "Sad to say ..."
28 Energizes, with "up"
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30 Reverberate
31 Claiborne of fashion
35 Pinch
38 Court
40 "Bam!"
42 O'Donnell of TV news
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47 Home turf?
48 Fit of pee-vishness
49 Lofty
50 "See ya"
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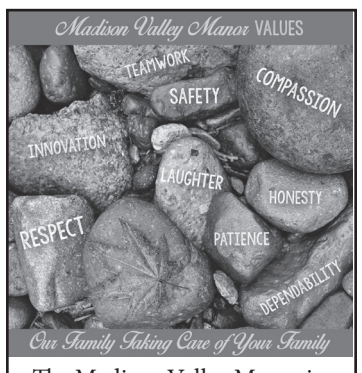

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Ennis sends students to Missoula for punt, pass, kick competition

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Punt, pass and kick participants from Ennis competed two weekends ago in Missoula. Justin Kloote, Megan Knack, Chevy Boyko, Marisa Snider and Caden Lovett. Marisa Snider took first in her age division in Missoula. (Not pictured, Blayze Choquette.)

Newell promoted to captain

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On Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016, First Lieutenant Courtney L. (Kaatz) Newell was promoted to the rank of Captain in the Army Nurse Corps. Newell is a 2008 graduate of Sheridan High School and a 2012 graduate of Montana State University College of Nursing. She is a labor and delivery nurse at Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, N.C. Her Captains rank was pinned by her husband Captain Daniel J. Newell, Commander, Bravo Company, 1-508 Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne.

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• mountain views, outdoor dining

Hilgard Trail - Madison River Ranches - $599,000
• 5 br 2ba 20+/- acres, 3072 sq ft log home • 1.5 miles of private Madison River fishing access • gated community, seasonal access • views of the Madison Range & Madison River • end of road privacy, lots of wildlife

Agua Lane – Ennis - $799,000
• 4bd 3ba, 3750 +/- sq ft, 2.52 +/- acres • panoramic views • high quality finishes, barn wood countertops • decorative rock accents throughout
• 2 car garage w/ additional 2.5 car shop

Green Acre Lane McAllister - $1,295,000
• 4 bd, 3 ba, 3745 +/ sf • 6.91+/ acres Madison Range views • vaulted ceilings, gourmet kitchen
• 40x60 barn style shop • all hi end detailing and finishes • radiant floor heat

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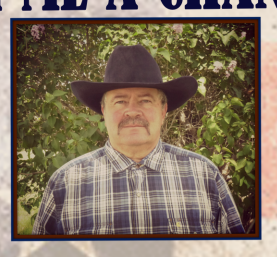
DAN ALLHANDS
A VOTE FOR ME A CHANGE FOR YOU



IN VISITING WITH PEOPLE AROUND THE AREA, I FEEL THE NEED TO ONCE AGAIN CLARIFY THE SITUATION THAT AROSE REGARDING THE COMMISSIONER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

WHEN I FILED FOR COMMISSIONER, I WAS LIVING IN THE UPPER RUBY, ALDER, IN DISTRICT ONE. I FILED WITH THE ADDRESS OF 27 PARSONS LANE, SHERIDAN, DISTRICT ONE, AS WE WERE MOVING TO THIS LOCATION. BECAUSE WE WOULD BE IN A NEW VOTER PRECINCT, I CHANGED MY VOTER REGISTRATION TO SHERIDAN, AND THE CLERK & RECORDER ISSUED ME A CARD CONFIRMING MY ADDRESS TO BE IN DISTRICT ONE. FOR MANY YEARS THE PEOPLE OF SAID PROPERTY HAVE VOTED IN DISTRICT ONE, ACCORDING TO RECORDS AT THE VIRGINIA CITY COURTHOUSE.

AS YOU KNOW, I WON THE PRIMARY AND CONTINUED ON IN MY CAMPAIGN. IMAGINE MY SURPRISE, WHEN WHILE I WAS ATTENDING A MEETING ON AUGUST 29TH, THE CLERK & RECORDER INFORMED ME THAT SHE HAD JUST DISCOVERED A MISTAKE IN THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES, AND OUR RESIDENCE WAS 40 FEET INSIDE DISTRICT TWO, AND THAT I WAS NOT ELIGIBLE TO RUN FOR COMMISSIONER IN DISTRICT ONE, AND WAS THEN ISSUED A VOTER REGISTRATION CARD FOR DISTRICT TWO. DUE TO THE COUNTY'S MISTAKE, I IMMEDIATELY MOVED BACK INTO DISTRICT ONE, WHERE I HAVE ALWAYS INTENDED TO BE, AND TO A PROPERTY I OWN AT 294 BIVENS CREEK ROAD, SHERIDAN. ONCE AGAIN, I CHANGED MY VOTER REGISTRATION.

WITH THIS BEING SAID, I AM ELIGIBLE TO RUN, MY NAME IS ON THE BALLOT, AND I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT ON NOVEMBER 8TH.

Please VOTE November 8th and with your help we can bring change to the Madison County Commission.

Paid for by Dan Allhands for Commissioner Myrna Allhands Treasurer, 294 Bivens Cr. Rd. Sheridan, MT 59749

Peter and Wendy performance in Twin Bridges

Submitted by Kari Montgomery

When Captain Hook sends his right-hand man Smee on a quest to capture Peter Pan, it is seemingly business as usual … at first. Little does Hook realize what fantastic adventures await him and his pirate posse in their search for the elusive Peter Pan.

Peter and Wendy was presented at 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14 and 15 with Twin Bridges students and the Missoula Children's Theatre.

The local cast featured Wylie Stockett as Peter Pan and Brikayla Salerno as Peter's Shadow. Playing Tinker Bell was Mary Reynolds with Jasmine, McKenzie, Hunter, Kameron, Lexie, Turner, Ethan, Ryan and George as the Lost Boys. Ruby Waller was Wendy Darling and John and Michael Darling were played by Kyra Oliverson and Ben Wayland. Mr. and Mrs. Darling were played by Ethan Wayland and Riley Boyd with Taylor and Leah as Nana and Liza. The notorious Captain Hook was Bailey Stockett with Brooke, Cooper, Brandt, Flint, James, Adrienne, Avery and Andrew as his pirate crew. Cecelia Madden was Tiger Lily and Mila, Kensey, Audrey, Kristen, Ayla and Emily were the Neverlanders with David, Haley, Jissica, Lily, Aiden, Maverick and Dawson as the Neverland creatures. Flying their way to Neverland were Eli, Paige, Lily, Abby, Karissa, Makayla, Hunter, Gus, Nathan, Reese and Leighton as clouds.

Clockwise from top left, Photo courtesy Kari Montgomery
Nana, played by Taylor Yeeny, tries to get Tinker Bell, played by Mary Reynolds, when Mr. Darling – Ethan Wayland – steps in.

Hook and Peter Pan on stage, played by Bailey Stockett and Wylie Stockett.
The cast of Peter and Wendy.

Ruby Valley Baptist Church
Tony Shaw, Pastor
842-5602
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Eve 7 p.m.
One block behind IGA, Sheridan

Find Fellowship With Us

Rocky Mountain Baptist Church
682-4949
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday evening bible study and prayer time, 6 p.m
606 Comley Way, Ennis
6 Blocks South of City Complex
Located in the heart of Madison Valley for the Hearts of Madison Valley

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Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School/Nursery
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Joel Trenkle/Pastor
Check website for ministries:
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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!

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Sheridan Ward - Visitors Welcome
Sunday School
11:20 a.m.
R S & Priesthood
12:10 p.m.
Mutual (Youth Group)
Weds. 7:00p.m.
3560 | MT State Hwy 287
Sheridan 842-5860
Bishop Dustin 684-5255

MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
MASS TIMES
St Joseph's in Sheridan
Sat. at 4 pm & Tues&Thurs at 7:30 am
St Mary's in Laurin
Sunday at 8:30 am
St. Patrick's in Ennis
Sunday at 11 am, Weds. at 9 am
Father John Crutchfield • Pastor ~ 842-5588

Madison Valley Presbyterian Church
WORSHIP
September - April ~ 11 a.m.
May - August ~ 9 a.m.
Everyone Welcome Fully Accessible
Rev. Jean M. Johnson
682-4355 ~ Ennis
Corner of S. Charles & W. Hugel

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 BAPTIST CHURCH
Aides for the hearing impaired

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
The Church of Word and Sacrament
Visitors Welcome
Pastor Ken Stensrud
• Sunday Service 9:00 am
• Bible Study 10:15 am
• Sunday School 10:15 am
Corner of Madison and Armitage St.
Ennis, Montana 406-682-4910

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Ennis Branch
Sacrament Meeting
10:00 a.m.
Sunday School
11:20 a.m.
R S & Priesthood
12:10 p.m.
Family History Center
682-4911, 682-7415, 682-3614
Pres. Thompson 682-7415
133 MT Hwy 287

Christian Science Society
Sunday Service & Sunday School 10 a.m.
ALL WELCOME
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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 to serving this valley!

Ruby Valley United Methodist Parish
Invites You To Worship With Us
Pastors Travis & Kristina Walker
Office: (406)842-5934
Home: (406)842-7732
Church of the Valley
Twin Bridges
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Group Weds at 6:30 pm
Bethel UMC
Sheridan
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Ready Set Grow Preschool
Contact Kaycee Gilman 842-5311

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Loving God, Loving People
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM
Wednesday Ministries
Kids Club Submerge (K-6) 3:15 PM
Family Dinner 5:30 PM
Youth and Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM
Pastor Greg Ledgerwood
402 Madison Ave - Ennis, MT
682-4197

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In full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Join Us for Sunday Worship!
Trinity Jeffers/Ennis
10 a.m. adult forum
11:00 a.m.
St. Paul's Virginia City
Sunday
9:00 a.m.
Christ Church Sheridan
Sunday
10:00 a.m.
Bible Study
9:00 a.m.
www.rvec.org
Prayer requests:
682-4199 843-5296 842-7713

GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP
In Association with The Conservative Baptists of America
Wearing and Sharing
THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD
ALDER SCHOOL
10 am
Christ-centered,
Bible Based Teaching
Open Question Forum
Tel. 406-842-5915
Pastor Tom Luksha

AREA SENIOR MEALS

MEALS FOR SENIORS, TWIN BRIDGES

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

SENIOR MEALS, VIRGINIA CITY

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

October 24: Broccoli Beef supper, black bean and corn quinoa, cherry vanilla crisp, cranberry walnut pie
October 26: Beef macaroni soup, tuna Cia battalion melts, lemon roasted squash, peach plum cobbler, cereal brittle
October 28: Chicken pot pie, loaded twice baked potatoes, Apple salad, pumpkin gingerbread pudding
Cards following meal on Mondays and Wednesdays.

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 26 - NOVEMBER 3
THURSDAY OCTOBER 27: HAM, BROCCOLI, CHEESE BAKE, DINNER ROLL, DESSERT
FRIDAY OCTOBER 28: FRIED SHRIMP, FRENCH FRIES, VEGGIES STICKS
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1: FRENCH DIP WITH CHEESE, ONION RINGS, DESSERT
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2: CHICKEN PARMESAN, VEGGIES, ROLL, DESSERT

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Meeting Every Thurs. at 8 p.m., Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges
ALANON MEETING
Same Time - Same Place

ALANON
Twin Bridges • Church of the Valley
Thursdays, 8 pm

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

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Bethany Hall, Sheridan
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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 27, 2016

NOTICE TO MADISON RIVER WATER USERS
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-233(6), MCA)
A 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
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON IN RE ESTATE OF:
ROBERT BENJAMIN SYPHERT, also known as ROBERT B. SYPHERT,
Deceased.
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. PELUSO
Personal Representative
STATE OF MONTANA
:ss
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 Montana.
//s//NANETTE B. PELUSO
Personal Representative
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 16 day of September, 2016.
Leaona L.Anderwald
Notary Public for the State of Montana
Residing at: Butte, Montana
My Commission expires: October 20, 2018
(SEAL)
Personal Representative's Attorney:
Karen McMullin
Post Office Box 55
Ennis, MT 59729
Telephone: (406) 682-7878
(Published October 13, 20, 27, 2016) km
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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, Montana:
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 Subdivision as filed in Book 4 of Plats, page 322-A, records of Madison County, Montana
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, unless 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 interest 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 incurred 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 bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation 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
ss.
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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Madison County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Monday, October 31, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana, to receive public comment on a petition requesting to close a portion of Second Street between former Block "A" and the current Block 6 of the Townsite of Alder (Book 2 of Town Plats, page 1), and more particularly shown as "Second Street" on the 2011 plat of Book 2 Page 292, and which is now to become a part of Acre Tract 32, as also shown on said plat; and that portion of Third Street between Block 6 and Block 5 of the original Townsite of Alder (2/1) and more particularly as "Tract 17" on the plat at Book 2, page 292; with the intention to attach the adjacent 40 feet of this street to Lots 1 and 2, Block 6, and Lots 11 and 12, Block 5, all located in the Townsite of Alder in Section 9, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana.
Copies of the petition are available for public review and comment at the Madison County Commissioners' Office.
Comments on the proposal are welcome. Written public comments may be submitted or delivered to the Madison County Commissioners' Office, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755; faxed to (406) 843-5517; or emailed to madco@madison.mt.gov. Written comments must be received by close of the October 31, 2016, public hearing.
(Published October 20, 27, 2016) mcc
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON
IN RE ESTATE OF:
MARIAN JOSEPHINE MARTINSON PETERSON, also known as MARIAN JOSEPHINE PETERSON,
Deceased.
Cause No. DP-29-2016-25
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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 JEFFREY EDWARD PETERSON or DIANE JANETTE MILLER, the Co-Personal Representatives, return receipt requested, at P.O. Box 1103, Ennis, MT 59729 or 12828 – 210th Avenue, New Richland, MN 56072, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.
Dated: October 3, 2016
/s/JEFFREY EDWARD PETERSON
Co-Personal Representative
/s/DIANE JANETTE MILLER
Co-Personal Representative
STATE OF MONTANA
:ss
COUNTY OF MADISON
JEFFREY EDWARD PETERSON, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:
That he has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of his knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana.
/s/ JEFFREY EDWARD PETERSON
Co-Personal Representative
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 3rd day of October, 2016.
/s/ JANET R. COOKSON
Notary Public for the State of Montana
Residing at: Ennis, MT
My Commission expires: 1/30/2017
(seal)
STATE OF MINNESOTA)
:ss
COUNTY OF FREEBORN)
DIANE JANETTE MILLER, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:
That she has read the foregoing NOTICE TO CREDITORS and that the facts and matters contained therein are true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of her knowledge and belief. I make this declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana.
/s/ DIANE JANETTE MILLER
Co-Personal Representative
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 19th day of September, 2016.
/s/ DESIRAE D. WAGNER
Notary Public for the State of Minnesota
Residing at: Albert Lea, Minnesota
My Commission expires: January 31, 2020
(seal)
Personal Representative's Attorney:
Karen McMullin
Post Office Box 55
Ennis, MT 59729
Telephone: (406) 682-7878
(Published Oct 27, Nov. 3, Nov. 10, 2016) km
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Project Manager, Dennis Miotke would like to remind the public that all roads along the East Bench Canal and Laterals are not public roads.
These roads are for the District and the Landowner's use. Anyone seeking permission to use these right-of-ways must ask the landowner's permission before entering.
(Published Oct 27, Nov 3 2016) ebid
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Madison County Board of Commissioners will not be holding their regular Commission meeting on Monday, November 7, 2016. The next regular meeting following this date will be held on Monday, November 14, 2016.
(Published Oct 27, Nov. 3, 2016) mcc
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PUBLIC HEARING ANIMAL ORDINANCE CHANGES/ADDITIONS TOWN OF ENNIS
The Ennis Town Commission will hold a Public Hearing on November 10, 2016 @ 6:45 p.m. @ Ennis Town Hall to receive public comments on the proposed Animal Ordinance Changes/Additions for the Town of Ennis.
A copy of the proposed Ordinance changes/additions can be picked up at Ennis Town Hall or Madison Valley Public Library during normal business hours.
Public comment may be given at the meeting or submitted in writing by sending it to: Town of Ennis, 328 W. Main St., Ennis, MT. 59729. Written comments must be received no later than 3:00 p.m., November 10, 2016.
(Published Oct 27, Nov. 3, 2016) toe
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) will be holding a public meeting to solicit public comments on the proposed SRI River Holdings, LLC (SRI) (formerly known as Hamilton Ranch)/DNRC land exchange. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Montana Room at the Twin Bridges High School.
The proposed land exchange is comprised of approximately 611 acres of state trust land in Madison County. 523 of those acres are located in the W1/2, W1/2 E1/2, NE1/4 NE1/4, Section 20 T3S R6W. 8 acres are located in a portion of the NW1/4 (north of the Melrose-Twin Bridges Road to be determined by survey), Section 29 T3S R6W. 80 acres are located in the E1/2 NE1/4 on the Jefferson River (less the Jefferson River bed), Section 16 T3S R6W.
The above state trust land is proposed to be exchanged for approximately 861.48 acres of SRI land. 630 of the SRI acres are located in the W1/2, SW1/4 SE1/4, NE1/4, E1/2 SE1/4, NW1/4 SE1/4 (two described parcels) Section 30 T1S R7W in Madison County. 111 acres (to be described by survey) are located on the Big Hole River near Pennington Bridge, Section 11 T4S R7W in Madison County. 120.48 acres are located in the SE1/4 NE1/4, E1/2 SE1/4, Section 25 T1S R8W in Butte-Silver Bow County.
The purpose of the proposed land exchange is to provide greater management flexibility for both the private landowner and state owned land, improve hunting safety zones near ranch residences, provide access for the public to currently inaccessible federal lands, and provide greater financial return to the state trust.
For any questions, contact:
Tim Egan, Unit Manager
DNRC - Dillon Unit Office
840 North Montana St
Dillon, MT 59725
tegan@mt.gov
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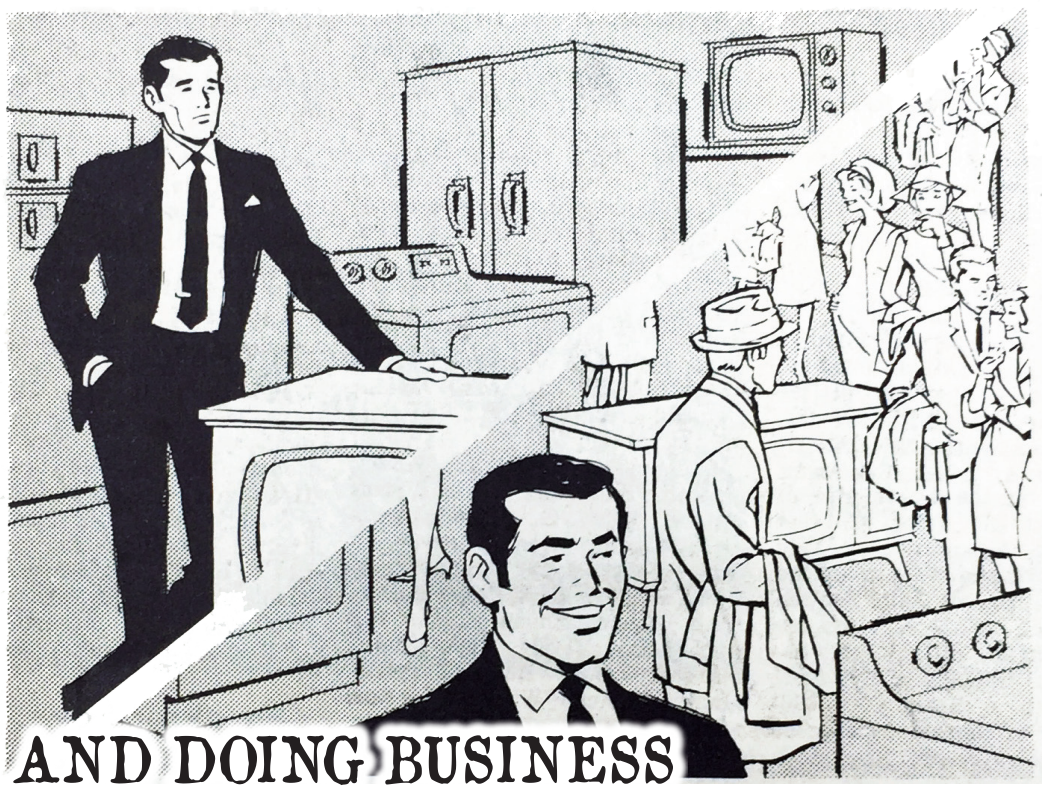

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October 6 – October 22, 2016

10/16

Animal Complaint on Shining Mountains Loop Rd Ennis

Accident at Armstrong Rd & MT Hwy 359 Cardwell

Medical Aid on US Hwy 287 MM 32 Cameron

Vandalism/Criminal Mischief at W Grizzly St & S Charles St Ennis

Wildlife Complaint on Ennis Lake Rd McAllister

Accident on MT Hwy 84 MM 1 Norris

Suspicious Circumstances in 600 Blk Beaverhead St Ennis

Bronco Rd Ennis

10/17

Attempt to Locate on Bieler Ln Sheridan

Assault in 100 Blk Harrison St Harrison

Suspicious Circumstances in 200 Blk Ruby St Sheridan

Theft Complaint in 100 Blk N Main St Twin Bridges

Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk W Ennis St Ennis

10/18

Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 25 Laurin

Animal complaint on Flyfisher Ln Alder

Standby to Assure Peace on

Accident at Main St & 6th Ave Twin Bridges

Suspicious Circumstances in 400 Blk Middle Rd Sheridan

10/19

Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 42 Ennis

Theft in 100 Blk W Main St Ennis

Theft in 300 Blk Wisconsin Creek Rd Sheridan

Standby to Assure Peace on Wapiti Ln Ennis

Citizen Assist in 100 Blk S Third St Ennis

Wildlife Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 35 Sheridan

10/20

Suspicious Circumstances in 200 Blk N Main St Ennis

Dog Complaint in 200 Blk W 9th Ave Twin Bridges

Fraud on Wisconsin Creek Rd Sheridan

Traffic Complaint on US Hwy 287 MM 77 Harrison

Medical Aid in 300 Ruby St Sheridan

10/21

Suspicious Circumstances on MT Hwy 359 MM 9 Cardwell

Suspicious Circumstances in 100 Blk E First St Ennis

Accident on US Hwy 287

MM 16 Cameron

Accident on MT Hwy 41 MM 51 Silver Star

Disturbance in 400 Blk MT Hwy 359 Cardwell

Trucking Complaint on US Hwy 287 Norris

Wildlife Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 6 Ennis

Wildlife Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 24 Alder

10/22

Abandoned Vehicle at Mill St & Elser Ln Sheridan

Traffic Complaint on MT Hwy 84 MM 5 Norris

Accident on MT Hwy 41 MM 26 Twin Bridges

Wildlife Complaint on MT Hwy 41 MM 56 Silver Star

Trespass Complaint on MT Hwy 287 MM 20 Alder

Accident on US Hwy 287 MM 55 McAllister

Suspicious Circumstances on W Canyon Rd Ennis

Abandoned Vehicle Out of County

Accident on MT Hwy 287 MM 16 Nevada City

Suspicious Circumstances on Ruby St Sheridan

The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 79 calls for service from Oct. 16 – Oct. 22, 2016.

Book fair in Sheridan

Submitted by Gayle Walter
Sheridan Schools

"What Arrrgggh You Reading," was the theme for Sheridan's Fall Scholastic Book Fair. The Sheridan Elementary School Library was decorated in a pirate theme and included books for all readers, ranging from pre-kindergarten to high school and was held on Thursday, Oct. 6 during parent/teacher conferences. The book fair brought in eager readers of all ages, along with parents, siblings and even grandparents.

New to the book fair was teacher's wish lists. All teachers were invited to preview the book fair and write down books they desired to put on their wish list for their classrooms. Several generous donations were made and many classrooms got a new book or two for their classroom collection.

All proceeds from the book fair went to the Sheridan library.

"Scholastic dollars help bring new books and resources to our library every year and would not be successful without our generous supporters," said Gayle Walter, assistant librarian. "For future book fairs, I envision more advertisement to attract our community, not just our school community. The fair is such a fun way to get children excited about reading and encourage adults to be supportive of young readers. I can't think of a more universal gift than a book – it really is the gift that keeps on giving."

Hunter participation up during antelope season

Submitted by Andrea Jones
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Biologists report antelope season hunter participation is up in Southwest Montana given early data gathered at the Kidd check station south of Dillon on opening weekend and anecdotal reports from around the region.

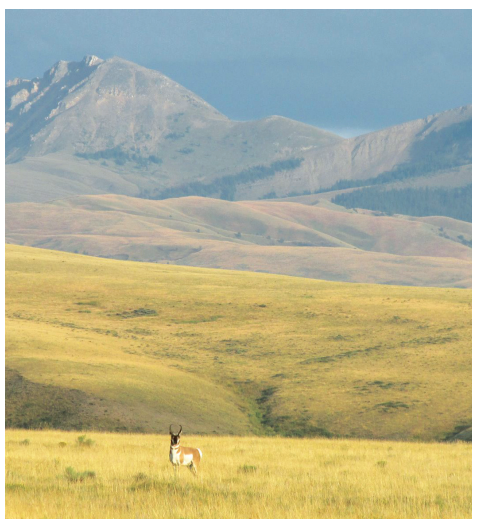
Specifically, at the Kidd station on Oct. 8 and Oct. 9, staff spoke with 251 antelope hunters. 158 harvested at least one antelope. A total of 173 antelope were checked over the weekend leading to an overall success rate of 63 percent, up from 61 percent the year before.

Area biologist Dean Waltee said weather conditions and population numbers contributed to hunter success, and said even the unsuccessful hunters saw antelope during their outings.

"All but a few hunters reported at least observing antelope, and only 1 percent saw no game animals at all," said Waltee.

In general, Waltee advised hunters to avoid large crowds to improve the experience and chance of harvest – especially on opening weekend.

Waltee also reminded hunters they are required to stop at check stations whether they were successful or not, and that they need to keep evidence of sex naturally attached to one hind quarter of a headless or quartered big game animal, or to a muscle from one hind quarter of a boned out big game animal.



AROUND THE COUNTY

Veterans tea in Sheridan

Submitted by Sally Schendel
Sheridan Schools

Sheridan Schools is hosting its annual Veterans Day tea on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 9 a.m. in the elementary lunchroom. Coffee, tea and cinnamon rolls will be served. As a special event, the Patchwork Pals Quilt Guild of the Ruby Valley will be presenting Quilts of Valor to our World War II veterans this year. All are welcome to come show their appreciation for our local veterans. Sheridan Elementary School is located at 211 Madison Street, near the hospital.

Ancestry.com at the Thompson-Hickman County Library

Submitted by Jack Albrecht
Thompson-Hickman County Library

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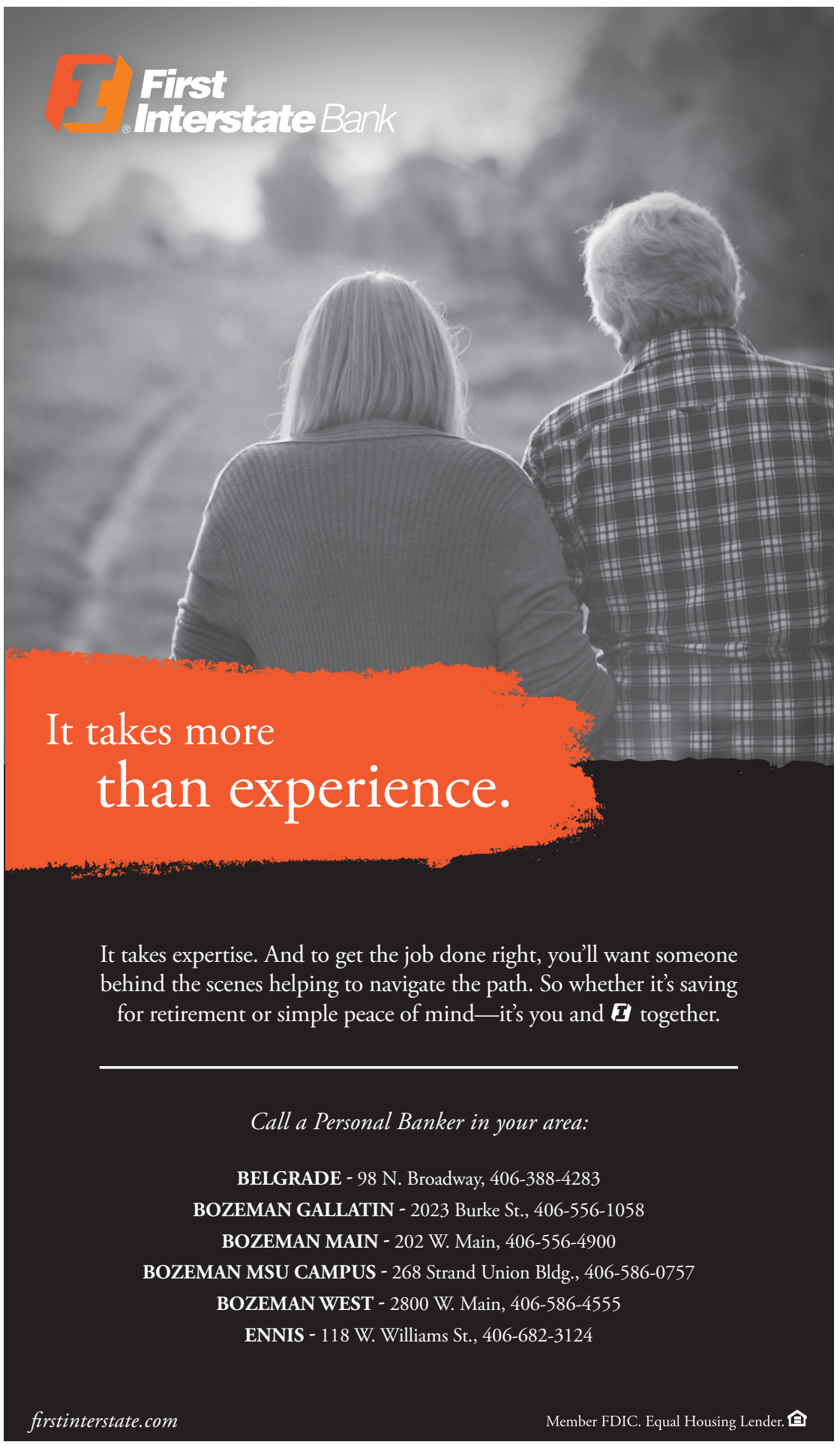

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WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 26

Celebration, Twin Bridges
All are welcome to attend the Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation's capital campaign celebration at 6 p.m. at The Round Barn, 2 miles north of Twin.

Dinner, Sheridan
Senior Harvest Dinner at the Sheridan Elementary School at 5 p.m. Call 842-5302 for reservations or more information.

Soil health workshop, Dillon
This workshop will feature grazing expert, researcher, rancher and author Jim Gerrish. The workshop will focus on improving soil health and increasing financial returns through managed grazing in the Lewis and Clark Room at the University of Montana – Western at 9 a.m.

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 27

Meeting, Four Corners
Monthly Mad Gals meeting at Betty's Kountry Korner Kafe in Four Corners at 12:30 p.m.

Shape Up, Ennis
New workout class for seniors at the Madison Square Athletic Club every Thursday at 9 a.m. The class focuses on a combination of stretching and toning. Please call 682-4560 for more information on the class.

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 29

Halloween fun, Virginia City
Carnival games with a Halloween flair. Costume parade, prizes, candy, pumpkin decorating, spooky food and a scary movie. Safe, Halloween fun for the little ones upstairs at the Virginia City Elks Lodge. 4-7 p.m.

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.

MONDAY
OCTOBER 31

Halloween fun, Ennis
Halloween carnival and bingo hosted by the Ennis Lion's Club. Kid's carnival in the elementary gym from 6-8 p.m. and bingo in the cafeteria from 7-9 p.m.

Trunk or treat, Ennis
Halloween Trunk-or-Treat sponsored by the LDS Church. 5 p.m. soup and bread dinner. 5:30 p.m. trunk or treating for all ages in church building parking lot.

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 3

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

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 5

Craft fair, Sheridan
Fourth annual craft fair at the elementary gym beginning at 10 a.m. For more information contact Robin at 596-1201.

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 6

Meet and greet, Twin Bridges and Ennis
Meet and greet with Greg Gianforte and Lesley Robinson at The Shack in Twin Bridges at 12 p.m. and at the Ennis Senior Center at 4 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.

TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 8

Election Day, Everywhere
Reminder to head to the polls and vote!

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 9

Veterans Day Tea, Sheridan
Coffee, tea and cinnamon rolls will be served while we honor our local veterans for their years of service. Patchwork Pals Quilt Guild of the Ruby Valley will present Quilts of Valor to our WWII veterans at the elementary school at 9 a.m.

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 this event.

Public hearing, Ennis
The Ennis Town Commission will hold a public hearing at the town hall at 6:45 p.m. to receive public comment on the proposed changes and additions to the animal ordinance.

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 12

Workshop, Virginia City
Ornament making workshop at 10 a.m. at the Elling House Arts and Humanities Center.

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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

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

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

TUESDAYS

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

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

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

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

Open Table Tennis, Pony 7 - 9 p.m.
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WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

Yoga, Virginia City
Gentle yoga with Andrea Frederick at 6 p.m. at the library. Call to confirm.

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
1 p.m., Madison Valley Manor SunRoom

Shape up, Ennis
Workout for seniors focusing on stretching and toning at the athletic club at 9 a.m.

FRIDAYS

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

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

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

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