

Ennis Mustangs defeat Scobey. Turn to A3!

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Tanner Wood takes the ball into the end zone.



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## DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL!

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Clancy Phillips from Twin Bridges serves the ball.

## Indian Creek Trail public

### Judge Haddon rules in favor of Forest Service



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The road to the Indian Creek trailhead. The trail passes through the Wonder Ranch property.

## LISTENING TO BIG SKY

### Madison, Gallatin county commissions hold joint meeting

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On Oct. 27, Madison County's commissioners – Dave Schulz, Jim Hart and Ron Nye – made the trek from Virginia City to Big Sky to meet with the Gallatin County commissioners to listen to Big Sky representatives present issues relevant to community.

Schulz opened the meeting, thanking the 35 people assembled for their attendance, before welcoming Bill Farhat, Big Sky Fire Department chief, for his presentation.

#### Fire department

Farhat explained the department's unique coverage, which extends across both counties, presents some difficulties. Recently, the fire department's master plan received an update, which outlined current and future concerns.

"To be blunt, we can't handle what we're facing now," Farhat said. "We won't be able to address what we're facing in the future."

Farhat cited two reasons: first, the fire department does not have enough resources; second, the resources they do have are in the wrong place, since Big Sky is a large area.

"We are looking to find a new spot for station one," Farhat explained. "It needs to be centralized and large enough to fit us now and for us to grow in the future."

Currently, the fire department's station one is at max capacity without much room to expand, and station two was not designed for 24/7 staffing.

"We want to remodel and staff (station two)," he said.

Farhat made a recent trip to Snowmass, Colo., since that community has many similarities to Big Sky, including cost of living, history of the fire department and staff size.

"It's helping us realize we're in a pretty good place," Farhat said.

Schulz mentioned other fire departments, ambulance services and first responders in Madison County are struggling to keep active crews, since they are volunteer based.

Though Big Sky's fire department uses very few volunteers, Farhat said it sounds like Big Sky's history.

#### Targeted Economic Development District

Kevin Germain, member of the Big Sky TEDD committee, Rob Gilmore, Madison County Economic Development Council, and Britt Ide, interim CEO of the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce, presented an update about a potential TEDD proposal.

A TEDD is a district that when established, sets a baseline on all property taxes within the district. Then, any new development or increased property tax revenue is considered an increment and those funds are set aside

**"Though you are often competing for the same dollars, here, it seems like you are competing on the same side."**

**- Dave Schulz, Madison County commissioner**

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In an Oct. 24 ruling, United States District Judge Sam Haddon issued an order in favor of the United States Forest Service and a prescriptive right to trail No. 328, or the Indian Creek Trail, which provides public access to the Lee Metcalf Wilderness and crosses a parcel of the 80 acre Wonder Ranch.

"Generally speaking, I'm certainly disappointed with the judge's ruling," said Chris Hudson, partial owner of the Wonder Ranch.

A complaint regarding the trail was filed in August 2014 by the Hudson family, who owns the Wonder Ranch, after a statement of interest was presented on behalf of the Forest Service, claiming an interest across their property. The case has since found its way into the spotlight regarding public access. A bench trial began on July 28, 2016, in Helena and ran for eight days – Judge Haddon issued the final decision two weeks ago.

"The order comes as a result of

litigation filed against the U.S. Department of Agriculture under the Quiet Title Act," according to a press release issued by the Department of Justice. "The Quiet Title Act allows the United States to be named as a defendant in a civil action to adjudicate a disputed title to real property in which the United States claims an interest."

Montana state law governs property ownership determinations, as noted in the release, and under Montana law, "a public easement by prescription is established through at least five years of continuous and open use that is adverse (not by permission) to the interests of the underlying landowners."

Because the Hudsons did not file their complaint within that five year time period and were aware of public use on the trail and across their land, the Forest Service was granted precedent.

"The Court found that ample precedent existed in Montana law to uphold a prescriptive right of access by the Forest Service and the public for the Indian Creek Trail, and that right had

been established no later than 1973," according to the DoJ release.

"I think for me, it means allowing us to again have that public access that we've had for a long, long time and it's great (the Forest Service) can maintain the trail accordingly," said Madison District Ranger Dale Olson about the ruling.

Dozens of witnesses testified to the recreational and administrative use of the trail, including members of the Madison Ranger District, community residents and business owners who have operated and used the trail over six decades.

The DoJ release stated Judge Haddon noted use of Trail No. 328 predates the Wonder Ranch and the acquisition of that property "as evidenced by an 1888 (United States Geological Survey) map depicting the trail, a 1940 Forest Service map designating the trail with its current administrative number of #328 and many years of grazing, outfitting and crossing permits."

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## COPP cites Schulz for 'technical violation'

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On Oct. 24, 2016, Jonathan Motl, Montana's commissioner of political practices, found sufficient facts to support a campaign practice act violation by Commissioner Dave Schulz.

Motl's ruling said Schulz's campaign did not disclose the cost of campaign ads that ran in *The Madisonian*.

Schulz is running for reelection as commissioner of district one.

"We addressed (the issue) with (Motl) that we had an understanding with the advertising agency – *The Madisonian* – that at the conclusion of the election we would remunerate all costs," Schulz explained. "The reporting form was unclear to my treasurer because we thought we only had to report payments that had been made, not those still outstanding."

Sheridan resident Peggy Buyan filed

the complaint with Motl.

When *The Madisonian* reached out to Buyan, she declined to comment about why she filed the complaint.

Candidates for local government offices must file campaign finance reports with the COPP if expenses and contributions exceed \$500, which Schulz's ads in *The Madisonian* did. Though Schulz's campaign believed they only had to disclose the information once the bill was paid, timely reporting "must include the amount and nature of debts and obligations owed," Motl's findings state.

Motl said it was a "technical violation."

"(That) means you cannot waive the requirements that obligations be reported and disclosed at particular times, but you can make a mistake, and that is what happened here," Motl explained. "(Schulz's campaign) immediately filed an amended and correct report once it was pointed out. He's

square as far as reporting and disclosure now."

Schulz was found in violation of reporting and disclosure by COPP earlier this year, and was assessed the minimum \$100 fine, Motl said. In enforcing this violation, Motl said the fine assessed will most likely be similar.

"We get a number of technical violations like this," Motl said. "Usually in the form of a complaint that is filed when there is ill will between candidates. They look at each other's campaign finance reports and find things of this nature."

Schulz said he has attempted to remain focused on the issues throughout the campaign.

"I've chosen to stay professional and be focused on my qualifications," he said. "I have attempted, in my campaign, to remain focused on the issues, not insignificant, technical errors that my opponent has done."

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## 'A five star facility'



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### Construction of new Ruby Valley Hospital to commence next spring

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"To think that, over all these years, we've come to a point where we've reached our goal is very positive," said John Semingson, Ruby Valley Hospital CEO.

Last Wednesday, Oct. 26, community members gathered for a groundbreaking ceremony on the lot that will be the home of

the new RVH.

"It was really just an incredible event," Semingson said. "There were probably between 75 and 100 people there – foundation members, board members, the public, auxiliary, the architect, contractors."

The new facility, which has been years in the making, is being funded through a United States Department of Agriculture loan for \$9.95 million and fundraising contributions

totaling more than \$2.5 million.

"We had hoped to start construction this year, but we got backed up with a variety of issues," explained Ken Walsh, chairman of the hospital's board of directors. "We could have started this fall, but we thought it would be better to get all the T's crossed and I's dotted, so when we hit the ground everything would be taken care of and smooth."

Since starting a construction project in

the winter means added costs of winterization, the hospital board decided to hold off until next spring to save money.

"It all depends on the weather, but it could start as early as February," Walsh said. "I would speculate more toward April."

According to Langlas and Associates, general contractors, construction will take

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# PLAYOFF FOOTBALL

## Mustangs topple Scobey and advance, Falcons fall to Belt

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Though the Mustangs kicked off to start their first round playoff game against Scobey, the Spartans did not have possession for long. A few well-placed tackles from Mustangs Corbin Wood and Jake Knack brought up a fourth down just a few seconds into the game.

Austin Baum sat back to receive

the punt, and as soon as it hit his hands, he was in motion. Baum weaved through the entire Spartan special team for a touchdown with just under two minutes ticked off the clock. Making good on the conversion, Knack added two more points and Ennis had eight on the board. Though Scobey put up a tough fight, the Mustangs continued their winning streak, defeating the Spartans, 62 – 8.

"It was a good first round game," said head coach Chris Hess. "We are excited to be playing another week."

Ennis' aggressive defense kept the Spartans scrambling – Scobey players were met with a thundering herd of Mustangs everywhere they tried to move the ball for the remainder of the first quarter.

On offense, the Mustangs capitalized on nearly every drive. Knack carried the ball into the end zone two more times, and the Mustangs had an impressive 22 – 0 lead heading into the second quarter.

Just a minute into the second, quarterback Tanner Wood launched the ball to his twin brother, C. Wood, who took it all the way into the end zone, and the Mustangs extended their lead, 28 – 0.

Again, the tough Mustang defense, led by Gavin McKittrick and Ty Morgan kept the Spartans far from the end zone.

With 7:44 left in the half, T. Wood connected with Knack who scored again. Baum made good on the two point conversion, and the Mustangs had 36 points to Scobey's 0.

Then Ennis hit a second quarter slump. The Spartans made it into the end zone and got two points after, and the Mustang defense stumbled briefly.

On offense, T. Wood made it into the end zone, but there was a flag on the play and the ball was brought back to Ennis' 25 yard line. A few plays later, Knack battled his way to the goal line for a touch-

down, but a referee's flag called it back again, bringing up a fourth down and a Mustang punt.

With Scobey back in possession and with momentum, the Mustangs needed a stop with the clock winding down on the first half. Enter C. Wood, who picked off a Spartan pass to put the ball back in Mustang hands. With less than a minute left in the half, T. Wood found Knack for another touchdown, and Ennis entered the locker room up 42 – 8.

The Spartans kicked off to start the second half, and on the next play T. Wood kept the ball and took it all the way, extending Ennis' lead to 48 – 8.

The Mustangs continued to put points on the board with two more Knack touchdowns – one from a recovered Spartan fumble. After a scoreless fourth quarter, the Mustangs clinched their victory, 62 – 8.

Ennis' total offense racked up 267 yards on 34 plays, averaging 10.8 yards per play. The powerhouse Mustang defense also sacked the Scobey quarterback five times for 29 yards. However, by the end of the game, Ennis had eight penalties, which resulted in 70 lost yards.

"We need to clean up some penalties, but overall played a good game," Hess said.

This weekend, Ennis welcomes Cascade to Scully Field for a quarter-final match up at 1 p.m.

### Twin Bridges

Despite a strong showing from the Falcons, Twin Bridges' season ended on the field in Belt on Oct. 29.

"We competed really well," said head coach Brett Nordhal. "We had opportunities to put points on the board but didn't get it done early in the game. We had a long touchdown called back from the third play from scrimmage, which would have helped us get momentum early. But it was called back and we ended up punting and (Belt) scored first."

Though the Falcons played Belt close in the first quarter, thanks to a well-placed pass from Chace Guinnane to Wesley Harshbarger, they were unable to keep up, ultimately falling to Belt, 27 – 58.

Twin Bridges found their way into the end zone in each quarter, but the undefeated Belt team slowly pulled ahead. At the end of the game, Belt had 540 total yards to the Falcons' 287.

"I'm really proud," Nordhal said. "They stayed in the game the whole time and really competed."

Counterclockwise from top left

ABIGAIL DENNIS/THE MADISONIAN  
Jake Knack races past a pack of Spartans all the way to the end zone.

PHOTO COURTESY KEN HALL  
Mustang defenders prevent a Scobey player from moving the ball.

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From L: Chace Guinnane, Cooper Christensen, Gage Baumeister and Wesley Harshbarger walk hand in hand to centerfield.





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# Correcting impression from Allhands ad

Dear Readers,

I feel the obligation to clarify several things Dan Allhands stated in his ad last week.

Allhands implied publicly at the forum that as soon as I discovered his residence was located out of district one, that Madison County Attorney Chris Christensen and I went directly to the commissioners to inform them. That is not the case. After speaking with Christensen, Allhands was the next person I contacted. He knew a full 48 hours before the commissioners did,

and a few hours after I discovered the problem. I reminded Allhands of this directly after the forum and he did not dispute it.

I want the residents of Madison County to know that there is not now, and never has been, "a mistake in the district boundaries" as Allhands asserted in his ad. Road numbers associated with three residences on Parsons Lane – specifically those north of the boundary of Sheridan and Twin Bridges precincts (and the two commission districts), were incorrectly placed into Sheridan's voting districts

rather than those for Twin Bridges in the county's voter system data base. The mistake was found when one of the residents in this area was asking about the school district boundary. All of the property taxes for the properties north of this boundary have been going into the Twin Bridges districts for almost 40 years. However, the voters at these residences have been voting, mistakenly, in Sheridan. That mistake was corrected in our records immediately, I have taken full responsibility for the error, and all affected voters were notified.

While MCA 7-4-2104 states the residency requirements which caused us to contact Allhands (and as I previously stated in *The Madisionian* in August), it is not up to the clerk and recorder (nor the county) to determine eligibility of a candidate to file or run for office. And, if a candidate chooses to proceed, any challenge to residency must come from a voter or voters.

Kathleen Mumme  
Madison County Clerk and  
Recorder  
Sheridan

## WHY VOTE? GUEST EDITORIAL

Editor's note: So far, we've heard from county representatives, ranchers and community members. Since this is the last issue before Nov. 8, Kathleen Mumme, Madison County election administrator reminds us about the ins and outs of voting. Please go vote!

### WHAT CAN INVALIDATE MY BALLOT?

We've had a few questions about this. In this election you may vote for only one candidate in each race, and either a yes or no on several court races and the initiatives. Anything above that is an overvote and not countable in the races where the overvote occurs. If you choose to leave any of these races unvoted, that is your right. Everything else on the ballot will be counted.

**IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE ON YOUR BALLOT, ASK THE JUDGE (or our office if you are voting my mail), FOR A NEW BALLOT.** The voided ballot will be accounted for as VOID in our records and kept separately.

### WHAT ABOUT WRITE-INS?

Only those who have formally filed as a write-in will be tallied.

### WHEN DO OUR ABSENTEE BALLOTS NEED TO BE RETURNED?

Your absentee ballot must reach this office (the administrative building across the street from the courthouse) or a Madison County Polling Place before 8 p.m. on Election Day. The postal service is working hard to get the county ballots delivered quickly! Remember, someone you trust can also deliver the ballot for you. **DON'T FORGET TO**

### SIGN THE BACK OF YOUR AFFIRMATION ENVELOPE!

### WHEN IS IT TOO LATE TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

You may request an absentee by mail, fax or e-mail (we need your signature) or in person until noon the day before the election. But, of course, you must reserve adequate time for it to reach you by mail and return it here or to the polling place.

### HOW DO I LATE REGISTER?

If you are currently not registered to vote in Madison County and wish to cast a ballot in this election, you must come in person to the election office, register and have your ballot issued. You cannot do this at a polling place. (Your identity must be verified through MT Votes, and this also prevents the possibility that any new registrant will try to vote somewhere else in the county or state on Election Day.) Remember, in Montana, you should be a resident 30 days prior to the election in order to be eligible to cast a ballot here.

Late registration will also end at noon on the day before the election, but will resume at 7 a.m. here at the Election Office until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

### MAY I VOTE AT THE ELECTION OFFICE ON ELECTION DAY?

If you are a current Madison County elector, and have not already voted, you must cast your ballot at your polling place. If you are not sure where your polling place is, please call us at 843-4270. Remember, three polling places – Virginia City, Alder and Jefferson Island – have fewer than 400 voters so those polls do not open until noon on Election Day. All others open at 7 a.m.

### ARE COUNTY VOTING MACHINES TESTED?

A public test of Madison County's vote tabulating scanner and the AutoMARK will be held on Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. (and again on Election Day at about 6 p.m.). The machine used to tabulate your votes is an optical scanner and is not attached to the internet. Because we use paper ballots, there is always a "paper trail." Should the scanner something happen with the scanner, we would then be able to conduct a hand-count. All counties in Montana use this system, unless they are small enough to hand tally exclusively. All ballots are delivered and counted here at the administrative building on election night. We do not begin counting early. All of these processes and tests are open to the public,

of course. All we ask is that people are not in the way and that they don't disrupt.

### Just a note:

As of this writing, about 40 percent of Madison County has either voted here or had a ballot sent by mail! However, still expect to wait in line at the polls, and don't forget to bring identification!

Why vote? Because, as Americans, we can! Think of the places around the world where voting is not allowed, where strict barriers exist, where your safety is at risk in even attempting to vote! We Americans look forward to the end of a very, very long campaign, but, no matter whether we are happy with the outcome or not, we will accept the outcomes, remembering that all across the U.S. voting is conducted locally by our neighbors, relatives and friends – people that we know and trust, folks who work hard to insure accurate, fair, honest and transparent elections. Thanks to all who work in our election offices, at our eight polling places in Madison County and here at the county offices on election night! You truly are on the "frontline" of our democracy!

Kathleen Mumme  
Madison County Election  
Administrator

# OBITUARIES

Ralph Dean Davis  
October 3, 2016



On Oct. 3, 2016, Ralph Dean Davis passed away at his daughter's home surrounded by family. Ralph was born in Bozeman and grew up in Deer Lodge where his father was

a conductor on the railroad and his mother was a school teacher. After high school, he went on to serve in the military as an aircraft engine mechanic crew chief, where he earned a medal for code of conduct. After serving he moved back to Deer Lodge where he met the love of his life, Ruth Dawn Theriault. They married shortly after and had eight children. Ralph worked at the Kerr Dam in Polson when he was given an opportunity to transfer to Ennis to work for the Mon-

tana Power Company down the Bear Trap Canyon at the power plant. After several years, Ralph retired and enjoyed it with his wife. Many people have told us our father was a "one of a kind" man. He could make anyone laugh with his humor and quick wit. He had stories of his past that he enjoyed telling people and people enjoyed hearing it even more. The stories and quick wit will be greatly missed. He is preceded in death by his wife Ruth; son Kenneth; his father Ralph and

mother Lucille; and brother Vince Davis. He is survived by his children Guy, Joel, Monte, Colette Davis and Brenda (Cameron) Funke of Ennis; Barbara (Kevin) Davis of Peyton, Colo.; and Keith of Wyoming. As well as many grandchildren and great grandchildren. There will be no services until spring where we will lay Ralph and Ruth to rest in Deer Lodge.

In lieu of flowers please give donations to the Wounded Warriors or St Jude Children's Hospital.

Harry Arthur Odden Jr.  
September 25, 1934 - October 12, 2016



Harry Arthur Odden Jr., 82 years of age, passed away in the early hours of Oct. 12, 2016, due to complications of COPD and arrhythmia.

Harry was born in Harlowtown on Sept. 25, 1934, and when he was 10 years of age his family moved to Sheridan, where he grew up. He moved to Alaska in the 50s, where he married his wife Marian. He worked as a history teacher at Hanshaw Middle School until he went to work for GoodYear Tire Company until he retired.

He spent many of his last years balancing his time between Sheridan and Anchorage and maintained many

close friends in both places.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marian; parents Harry Arthur Sr. and Marguerite; and sister Beverly Marsh. He is survived by his son Harry Arthur Odden III (Cindy); daughter Lucy Odden; daughter Ruth Coe (Gregory); grandchildren Sidney Coe and Emily Coe; and a great grandchild Paxton Coe; and his beloved dog Roxy.

Harry was a long time member of the Ala Aska Shriners, the Masonic Aurora

17 Lodge and the Mountain View Lions Club.

There will be a celebration of life at the Ala Aska Shrine at 1930 E. Northern Lights Blvd. on Nov. 6, 2016, at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations can be sent to: Ala Aska Shrine Patient Transportation Fund at 1930 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, AK, 99508.

Arrangements entrusted to Legacy Funeral Home, Witzleben Chapel.

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# & SPORTS:

## DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL

### Ennis takes title and advances to divisional tournament



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The Maroon Activities Center in uptown Butte was “bumping” with action as the teams from 12C converged on the facility for the district tournament on Oct. 27 and 28.

Seven teams, including all four of Madison County’s, saw court time, but only two teams – the Ennis Mustangs and Drummond Trojans – were lucky enough to advance to the divisional tournament on Nov. 3, 4 and 5.

#### SHERIDAN

The Lady Panthers were first on the floor in the opening match as they took on the Lady Prospectors from Granite. The Panthers, led by seniors Tionna Schwend and Janie Smart, put up a tough fight, especially in the second set, but were unable to match the Prospectors’ tough front row. Schwend led the team in aces and kills with three and five, respectively, while Smart was able to grab three blocks and four kills for the team. The Panthers lost in three sets: 11-25, 20-25, 15-25.

After an opening tournament loss, the girls in purple were sent to the consolation bracket for another early morning game on Oct. 28, where they met their Ruby Valley rivals – the Twin Bridges Lady Falcons. The winner of the consolation game would advance in the tournament, knocking out the other team.

The Lady Falcons defeated the Lady Panthers in three sets: 25-11, 25-12, 25-13.

Senior Mara Johnson had an impressive seven kills to lead the Falcons to victory, as well as six aces. Kailee Oliverson put down six kills for the Falcons and was able to shut down three Panther attempts from the top of the net.

For the Panthers, Smart once again led the team in kills, digs and blocks, while freshman setter Micara Devereaux led the team in assists with nine.

#### HARRISON

The Lady Wildcats opened their post-season play with a tough match against the number three seed, Drummond. The ‘Cats started strong, leading the Lady Trojans by five points in the first few minutes of play, but were unable to keep momentum and fell to the Trojans in three sets: 21-25, 12-25, 10-25.

Eighth grader Aleena Bacon had five digs against the Trojans while Stephanie Strong put down four kills.

The loss against the Trojans sent the Wildcats to a consolation game where they met the ladies from Lima, defeating the Bears in three sets: 25-15, 25-8, 25-17.

Junior Josie Hokanson led the team in digs with five and Bacon grabbed five kills while her older sister Alexys had seven aces against the Bears.

Thanks to their comeback, the hopeful Wildcats continued their tournament pursuit. In what would be their final game of the season, the Wildcats met Granite in a loser-out game and fell to the Lady Prospectors in three sets: 14-25, 4-25, 13-25.

#### TWIN BRIDGES

The Lady Falcons had the most games during the tournament and made their way into the semifinal match.

First up for the Falcons was a face-off with Lima. The Falcons won in three sets: 25-12, 25-9, 25-20.

Mara Johnson led the team to victory with seven kills, three blocks and seven aces, while

fellow senior Brooke Schandelmeier snagged two digs.

After sending the Bears to the consolation bracket, the Falcons met the Trojans – a team they have been even with throughout regular season play. The tension was on in the gym, not just between the teams but their followers and team mascots. Both student sections took turns chanting for their teams while their mascots, a menacing falcon and a strong warrior, met at half court, hoping to lead their team to victory.

Unfortunately for the Falcons, the Lady Trojans came out on top. Twin Bridges lost the battle in three sets: 23-25, 17-25, 19-25, and made a trip to the loser-out bracket.

Riah Edsall and Kailee Oliverson each had four kills for The Falcons. Edsall was also able to grab four blocks while teammate Savanna Stewart had seven aces against the Trojans.

The Lady Falcons were able to make their way back in to the game when they defeated the Lady Panthers in their third game of the tournament, knocking the Panthers out.

Back with a vengeance, the ladies in red made their way to the semifinal game after they defeated Granite in three sets: 25-21, 25-19, 25-13, and would play for redemption against Drummond.

Edsall and Oliverson once again led the team in kills and blocks, each grabbing six and two, respectively. Schandelmeier helped in the team kills, grabbing six points for the Falcons.

With a trip to the championship on the line, the Falcons played hard but were unable to redeem themselves against the Trojans, losing in three sets and taking home the third place plaque: 16-25, 11-25, 26-28.

Defensive specialist Clancy Phillips put up seven digs against the Trojans. Oliverson and Schandelmeier each grabbed four kills.

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The Lady Mustangs were able to continue their undefeated streak as they prevailed in their opening match of the tournament and easily secured their spot in the championship. The Mustangs played three games during the 12C district tournament, defeating each of their opponents in three sets.

In their opening match against Granite, sophomores Jourdain Klein and Whitney McKitrick led the team in kills, digs, blocks and aces. Klein grabbed a total of 17 kills and three blocks, while McKitrick put up nine digs and four aces in the game against the Lady Prospectors.

Ennis defeated Granite in three sets: 25-12,

25-12, 25-6.

In their semifinal match, the girls in green were pitted against Drummond, and the strong Mustang team was once again, unbeatable. Senior Brigit Croy put up eight digs against the Trojans and Josie Jenkins grabbed one block.

Ennis defeated Drummond in three sets: 25-7, 25-12, 25-8.

The championship match was a repeat of the semifinal as the Mustangs once again saw the Trojans for a quick game. Klein was a key player in the Mustangs’ success as she led in kills with 17, digs and blocks. Junior setter Payton Fortner put up 24 assists for Ennis and grabbed nine digs.

Ennis defeated Drummond in three sets, 25-12, 25-12, 25-12, taking the district championship and is the only Madison County team to advance to the Divisional tournament. The Mustangs will play Valley Christian at 11:30 a.m. at MAC in Butte on Nov. 3.



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Falcon Brooke Schandelmeier looks for a kill.

PHOTO COURTESY TANYA MOEN  
The Mustangs display their championship plaque.



## Communications coordinator honored

### Madison County’s Lynda Holt receives APCO’s highest award

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On Oct. 19, Sheriff Roger Thompson presented Lynda Holt, Madison County communications coordinator, with the Association of Public Safety Communications Officers’ director of the year award.

“I’ve only been in this position for a year and a half, so to mean that much to the people I work with means I’m doing something right,” Holt said. “It’s overwhelming – an honor.”

Holt joined the county as a communications officer in 2008, and was promoted to communications coordinator in June 2015. This year, her staff nominated her to the APCO for the award.

“I was all set up to go to the annual conference, and two weeks before, I received an email

from the awards chairperson saying I won,” Holt said. “Having my staff (nominate me) was amazing.”

As communications coordinator, Holt is the manager of the 911 center.

“I handle scheduling and activity and all the things that happen here,” she explained.

Madison County’s communications center has a staff of eight dispatchers – generally, one is in the dispatch center at a time, but during peak hours, two dispatchers are at work.

“As a communications officer, I really did enjoy the job of dispatching,” Holt said. “To be able to get people to places they needed to be, and to help citizens in times of need was fulfilling.”

What is the best part of the role of communications coordinator? If you ask Holt, it is the

people she works with.

“The sheriff and the deputies are all so great to work with and so supportive,” she said. “I have a great staff here at the communications center. Our officers are an awesome group of people who work hard and are dedicated.”

Thompson made the trip to Great Falls to see Holt accept the award, and when he arrived the conference coordinator asked if he wanted to present it.

“I accepted,” he said. “It’s a wonder to work with (Holt) – a great time.”

Thompson said Holt’s “honest initiative” makes her a great communications coordinator. “She brings experience and also an honest initiative to get things done,” he said. “She is a hard worker. That is what we needed in (that office).”



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Sheriff Roger Thompson (L) presents Lynda Holt (R) with the director of the year award.

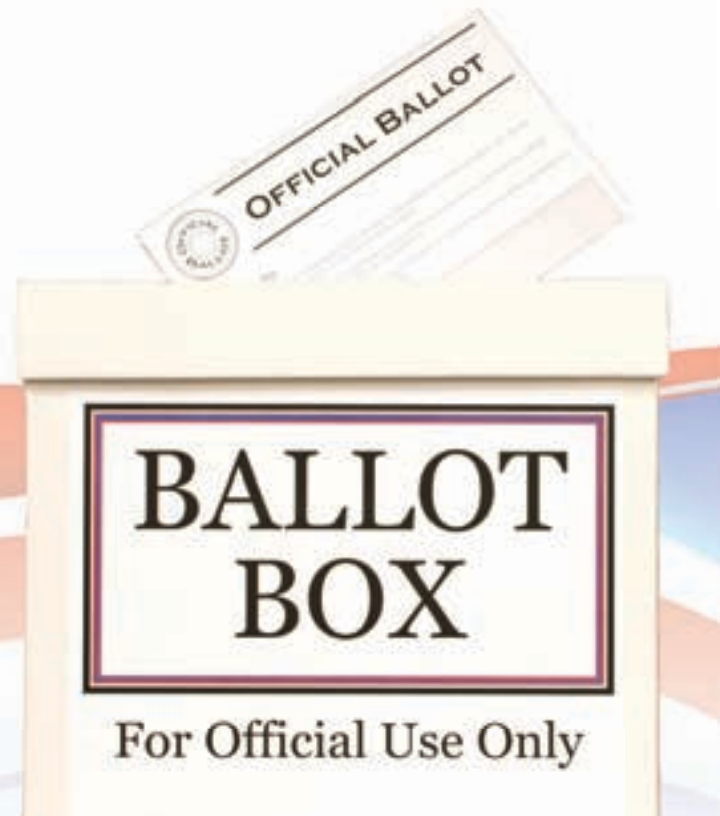


# & MORE NEWS:

## ELECTION COVERAGE

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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 Secretary of State and Superintendent of Public Instruction. Do not forget to vote on Nov. 8!



## Race profile: Montana Secretary of State

### Lindeen, Stapleton square off in Secretary of State campaign

BY ABBY LYNES  
Community News Service  
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Montanans are about to hire a new elections boss.

The Secretary of State's office keeps records for businesses and government and helps manage state lands, but its most visible role is overseeing elections.

For eight years that's been the job of Democrat Linda McCulloch, who supported making it easier to register and vote. The two major-party rivals running to replace her do not dispute those goals, but they differ on how to get there.

Democrat Monica Lindeen, currently Montana's State Auditor, said she supports Montana's same-day registration law, which allows voters to register right before they vote. She also would explore online registration.

"I absolutely would resist any attempts to suppress voters, meaning if someone wanted to get rid of same-day registration, that would be something I would oppose, definitely," she said.

She said she would explore requiring all elections be conducted by mail, though doing away with in-person voting would end a tradition important to many Montanans.

"So we may want to keep that," she said, "but it's also important that we look at the fact that there is a lot of money to be saved by having all mail-in elections."

She said she would like to revisit a McCulloch proposal to allow high school juniors and seniors to be election judges.

"Getting young folks more involved in the election process is something I feel very

strongly about," she said.

Her Republican opponent, Billings financial adviser and former state Senator Corey Stapleton, said the trend toward absentee voting is positive, but he would prefer ending voter registration before Election Day.

"Election days would be less chaotic if we didn't have voters registering to vote on the very last day, but that's our state law now, so as Secretary of State, I would honor that," he said. "My personal preference would be to give our elections staff more breathing room by shutting off new registrations a day or two before the election. I do like voting absentee myself, and think it's a positive trend for Montana in terms of convenience and ability to more thoroughly research initiatives and candidates."

The security of voter databases should be on the next Secretary of State's radar too, Stapleton added, citing attempts to hack such data in Illinois and Arizona.

#### Different career paths

Of the two, only Lindeen has managed a state agency. She was first elected as State Auditor in 2008. The office oversees the state's insurance and investment industries and employs about 75 people.

A Democrat from Yellowstone County, Lindeen earned a bachelor's degree in education from Montana State University-Billings, taught part-time in the school's English department and helped start one of Montana's first internet service providers.

For eight years, she represented a Montana House District that stretched from Huntley Project to Miles City. She ran unsuccessfully for the United States House of Representatives in 2006.

Stapleton grew up in Great Falls, graduated from the Naval Academy and earned a master's degree in political science from Temple University in 1995. He served as a naval officer before moving to Billings in 1997.

He served in the state Senate from 2000 to 2008, and ran unsuccessfully for governor in 2012 and for Congress two years later.

The next Secretary of State will also serve on the Land Board, which manages five million acres of state lands, the proceeds from which support public schools.

As auditor, Lindeen has been on the board for eight years. In one controversial vote, she sided with McCulloch and then-Governor Brian Schweitzer in approving leasing of state-owned coal in the Otter Creek area.

Lindeen said her Land Board priorities are whether the project is responsible and does not damage water supplies.

Stapleton said he would ensure that the state's lands are used in environmentally sound ways and protect public access. He also wants to see the Land Board meet regularly with legislators.

#### Support and supporters

As races go, this one has been low key.

Lindeen's supporters include former Billings state Senator Tom Towe and Democratic organizer Evan Barrett of Butte, who watched Lindeen rise from running a business to the Legislature and statewide office.

"She got a lot of bills passed and is a successful business person," Barrett said.

Stapleton's supporters include Attorney General Tim Fox and Greg Gianforte, the Republican nominee for governor.

Another is former Billings state Senator

Roy Brown, who ran for governor in 2008. He said he was impressed by Stapleton's work in the Senate, where he rose to become minority leader. If elected, he predicted Stapleton will do the job well.

"I think he'll do it strictly according to the laws and regulations we have here in Montana," he said.

The race also features Libertarian Party candidate Roger Roots, who ran for the office in 2012, finishing last with about 3.5 percent of the vote. State GOP officials tried to remove Root from the ballot this year but the Montana Supreme denied the request.



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Monica Lindeen



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Corey Stapleton

## Race profile: Superintendent of Public Instruction

### Arntzen, Romano vie to oversee Montana's K-12 system

BY ETHANIEL FITZGERALD  
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It has been more than 30 years since a Republican won election as Montana's Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The party's current nominee, Elsie Arntzen of Billings, is hoping her 23 years' experience as a teacher and 12 years as a state legislator – and support for local control of schools – will change that.

"This is Montana, and we need to make sure Montana schools continue as they are," Arntzen said. "These are Montana schools, they are not federal government schools. So making sure that local control means something in our state is something that I can put back into it."

But standing in her path is Melissa Romano, a fourth-grade teacher in Helena and a 13-year veteran of the classroom. In 2012, she won the National Science Foundation's President's Award for Excellence in Mathematics for her work as a kindergarten through eighth-grade math coach and as a second-grade and

kindergarten teacher.

She is not shy about her support for public schools and opposition to what she sees as a Republican push to privatize education.

"We know Republicans are about privatizing public education," Romano said. "Public education is the great equalizer. Everybody should have the chance to get the best life and have every single opportunity to be their best. We take every kid and push them as far as we can get them. And with Republicans in office, that's not going to happen."

Romano has endorsements from the Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers, which represents 18,000 teachers and school workers, and Montana Conservation Voters. Her priorities include adequate funding for K-12 schools, for pre-kindergarten and for funding to allow schools to accept students older than 18.

"Melissa believes in public education for all, not some, but all," said MEA-MFT President Eric Feaver. "She believes that public school teachers must be properly prepared, professionally developed, licensed and endorsed."

Arntzen has backers too. She has endorsements from the Montana Chamber of Commerce, which gives her a 100 percent score for her legislative voting record. The Montana Bankers Association has also endorsed her.

"Her experience as an elementary school teacher and business-friendly state legislator make (Arntzen) an excellent choice to oversee education, including Montana's future workforce," chamber officials wrote.

**Backgrounds and issues**  
Both candidates are

steeped in education. Arntzen earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Montana in 1978 and a bachelor's in education from Montana State University in 1992.

She said she is in the race to represent public schools.

"I grew up in our public school system, went to both of our university systems and my children are from our public school systems," she said. "All of that resonates with a lot of individuals."

But she is not opposed to cooperation with non-public schools.

"I'm running for this office to serve students in our public school system," she said. "However, I don't believe in a one-size-fits-all approach to education. My focus is on public schools, but it's important to have open lines of communication with schools outside of our public system, since thousands of students flow between our different education systems every year."

Romano has a bachelor's degree in science and a master's in elementary education from Connecticut's University of Bridgeport. She has been active in local and state groups working to improve teaching in math and science.

She also supports Common Core, the nationwide effort to set achievement standards with local and state educators determining how to meet them. She said she helped with their development in Montana.

"I'm a huge advocate of Montana Common Core," she said. "There are high standards for students, from a teacher's point of view. When teachers can collaborate, and teachers are learning more together, students learn more as an end result."

She said Arntzen's time spent in Helena and out of the classroom puts her "out of touch" with issues such as Common Core.

Arntzen, who retired from teaching in 2015, said Common Core is not necessarily bad but she is not necessarily a fan, either. She has called Common Core a "top-down man-

date" that came from out of state. She said it should be revised because parents and communities did not have enough input in the process.

"I don't think the door has been shut on the discussion of Common Core," she said. "Standards are here to stay. We've had standards in Montana for a long time and I view Common Core as the floor. It should not be the ceiling."

Arntzen also said Montana schools need less regulation by the federal government and they are also overburdened with too many requirements to collect data. She hopes that by pushing for more local educational freedom, schools can become more flexible.

Another issue dividing the two is whether local school districts should admit 19-year-old students who may have dropped out or have special needs. Current law allows schools to cut off public support for students at age 18.

Arntzen voted against a bill to allow that last session. Romano supports the idea.

"I'd like to make sure that every single student, whether you're a student with special needs, our highest achieving student or you're a 19-year-old has the resources they need to learn," Romano said. "I do believe we should fund 19-year-olds. We are the only state in the nation that doesn't do that."

Arntzen supports the current law.

"I believe it is important to direct funding to our students already in K-12 education instead of spreading resources too thin," she said. "We must serve the kids already in our buildings."

Compared to Montana's race for governor, this contest has been a low-profile affair, though Romano has teamed up with Gov. Steve Bullock in making campaign stops around the state.

Arntzen's has racked up the mileage, too.

"I have changed my oil in my car four times," she said. "I have a slow leak on my front, right tire. I feel pretty confident with what I'm doing."



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RVH from pg. 3  
12 months, meaning the new facility will be functional spring 2018.

**The need**  
RVH board and administration went through an extensive planning process before settling on their current plans. For example, they considered remodeling the existing facility, but scrapped

that plan when they realized it would be more cost effective to build new.

Changes in health care prompted the need for an updated hospital in the Ruby Valley, Walsh said.

"We felt we didn't have room for adequate diagnostic equipment, like radiology and X-ray machines," Walsh said. "The same with lab equipment - we are very crowded in that area."

Walsh cited the current set up for physical therapy at RVH, which takes place in the hallways of the facility now.

"The rooms are not private rooms, and we need private rooms and bathrooms," Walsh said. "At the clinic, our population has increased - we have more activity that we can't keep up with in the current facility."

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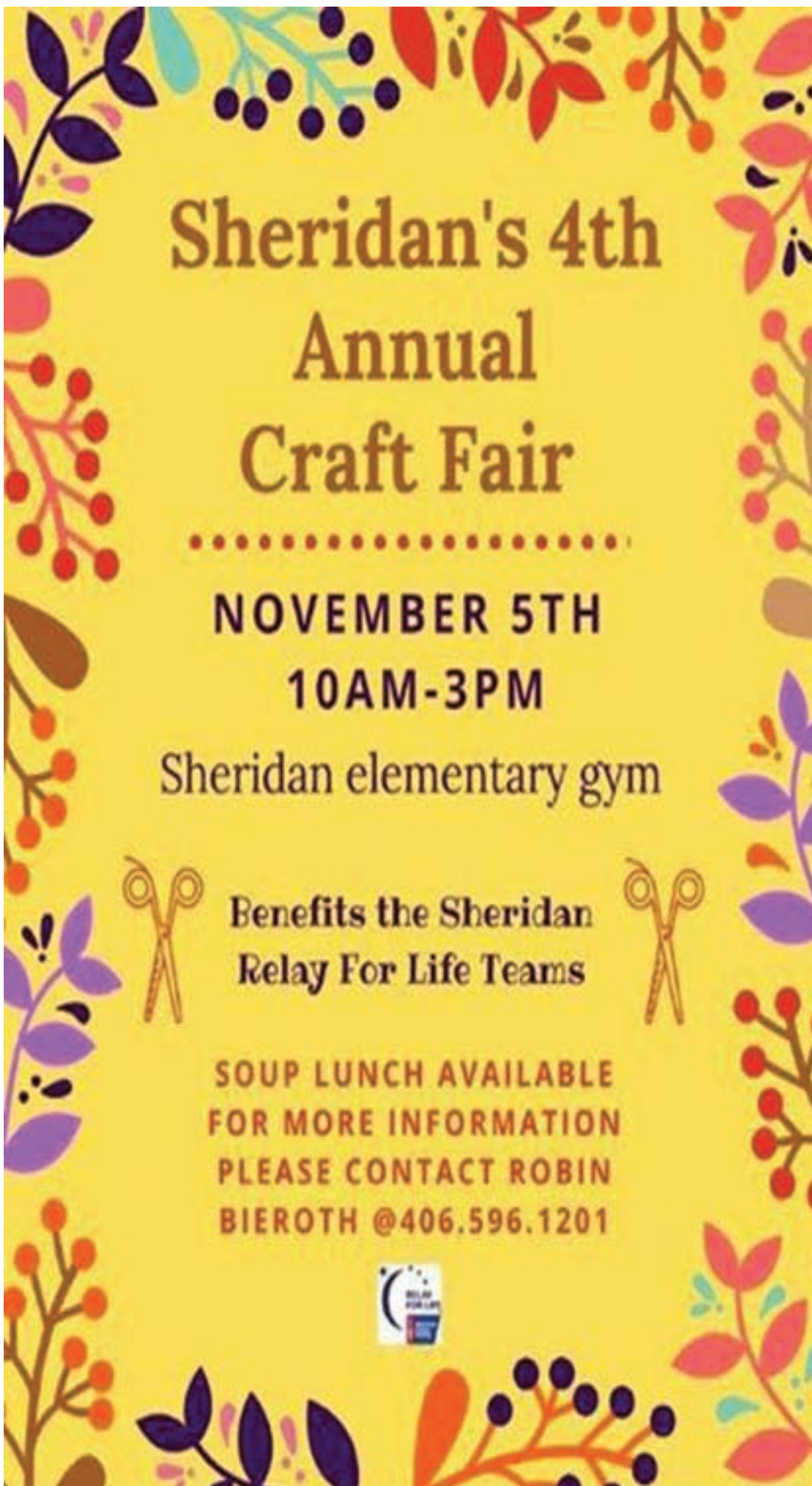
is excited to see the new facility take shape.

"As I've said before, we have an incredible medical staff and great hospital board," he added. "We have a dedicated, successful foundation, and our auxiliary is always there. When I sum it all up, we have a five star group of individuals. And this spring, we are going to start building a five star facility."



ABOVE  
PHOTO COURTESY SUE MARXER  
Board members and hospital administration break ground at the construction site on Oct. 26.

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From L: Jacob, Sam, Ben and Sarah Lind enjoy food and fun at a ground-breaking party for the Ruby Valley Hospital located at the Round Barn in Twin Bridges.





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Elaine A. West  
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Elaine A. West, 92, of Scottsdale, Ariz., died Friday, Oct. 21, 2016.

A memorial service celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Elaine was born Sept. 15, 1924, in Camden, N.J., to Crit and Lillian Alexander. In her earlier years, Elaine was a school teacher, followed by 20 years as a legal secretary for her husband Burke West

in Ridgecrest, and her last 15 years as a realtor in San Diego, Calif. Elaine was also an artist. She loved to oil paint and made beautiful arts and crafts, which she would exhibit and sell in arts and crafts shows. Her hobbies were traveling to new places, spending time with family and all her grandchildren, cooking and entertaining. Elaine was the true definition

of a lady. She was elegant, kind, loving, strong, generous and a selfless person. She touched everyone's lives with a happy heart and a positive attitude. Her blue eyes were captivating to all who met her. Most knew her as Elaine, but those who truly knew her as "Tutu," which means little cook in Tahitian. Elaine acquired this title back in the early 1950s after spending six

months at sea sailing on the Dwyn Win, an old wooden schooner with three masts. She was the cook on this sailboat, from California to the Hawaiian Islands and over through the Tahitian islands.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents, Crit and Lillian Alexander; and brothers Jack and Richard Alexander. She is survived by: her sister-in-law Sybil Al-

exander; her son Cedar West and wife Marilyn; daughter Diana Troyk and husband Bill; daughter Marine McKinney and husband David; grandchildren Mariah, Justin, Bronwyn, Morgan, Erin, Westin and Rylee; great grandchildren Avery, Addison, Elizabeth, Anna, Val, Xy and Valkyrie, Madden and Miles; and other friends and family.

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# Buzz from the schools

Hello from Sheridan!

I am encouraged as I look at the halls of Sheridan Schools. Students of all ages are learning at a speed and level as good as, or better than, almost all other schools in the state. Our academic achievement on standardized assessments is good, and our STEAM initiative has put us on a technological plateau that is solid with a foundation of equipment and software that exceeds what landed men on the moon. This said, there is always more work to be done. In our recent teacher in-services our teachers were learning more about addressing deficits in student achievement (breaking down test scores) and how to successfully integrate Lego-science into their classrooms.

Our elementary students just finished up their first quarter celebration with recognition of students of the month followed by presentations of a first quarter project by each class. They also drew three students' names to attend lunch with the principal at a local restaurant from the month's collection of Panther Positives. As always, they finished off the celebration with ice cream.



The high school is sending a group of students to Havre this week to learn about CAD related software called Solidworks as a part of their engineering and design class and their involvement with our F1 in schools program grant. Using this software they will mill a 1:20 scale formula 1 car and develop a portfolio and sponsorship around their car. They will compete in Butte at Montana Tech in April or early May with their design portfolio and car. This is a great program and gives students the opportunity to compete at a state, national and even an international level if they are good enough. To close, I would like to

mention we had a great Harvest Dinner with the senior citizens from the local area. The staff and board brought pies and the food crew cooked turkey, potatoes and the works and a great dinner was had. Thanks goes out to all who helped and attended. I was particularly impressed with the entertainment by our choir and Mr. Johnson.

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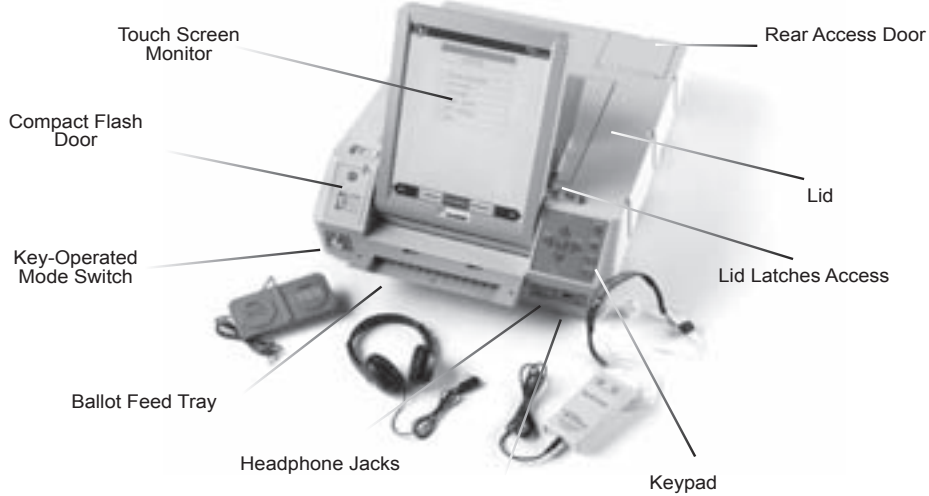
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MADISON COUNTY	STATE OF MONTANA	NOVEMBER 8, 2016
<b>FEDERAL AND STATE</b>	<b>FEDERAL AND STATE (Continued)</b>	<b>FEDERAL AND STATE (Continued)</b>
<b>FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT (VOTE IN ONE OVAL)</b>	<b>FOR GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR (VOTE IN ONE OVAL)</b>	<b>FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>
<input type="radio"/> HILLARY CLINTON DEMOCRAT FOR PRESIDENT <input type="radio"/> TIM Kaine DEMOCRAT FOR VICE PRESIDENT  <input type="radio"/> "ROCKY" ROQUE DE LA FUENTE AMERICAN DELTA FOR PRESIDENT <input type="radio"/> MICHAEL STEINBERG AMERICAN DELTA FOR VICE PRESIDENT  <input type="radio"/> GARY JOHNSON LIBERTARIAN FOR PRESIDENT <input type="radio"/> BILL WELD LIBERTARIAN FOR VICE PRESIDENT  <input type="radio"/> JILL STEIN GREEN FOR PRESIDENT <input type="radio"/> AJAMU BARAKA GREEN FOR VICE PRESIDENT  <input type="radio"/> DONALD J. TRUMP REPUBLICAN FOR PRESIDENT <input type="radio"/> MICHAEL R. PENCE REPUBLICAN FOR VICE PRESIDENT  <input type="radio"/> FOR PRESIDENT  <input type="radio"/> FOR VICE PRESIDENT  <b>FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE (VOTE FOR ONE)</b> <input type="radio"/> RICK BRECKENRIDGE LIBERTARIAN <input type="radio"/> DENISE JUNEAU DEMOCRAT <input type="radio"/> RYAN ZINKE REPUBLICAN	<input type="radio"/> STEVE BULLOCK DEMOCRAT FOR GOVERNOR <input type="radio"/> MIKE COONEY DEMOCRAT FOR LT. GOVERNOR  <input type="radio"/> TED DUNLAP LIBERTARIAN FOR GOVERNOR <input type="radio"/> RON VANDEVENDER LIBERTARIAN FOR LT. GOVERNOR  <input type="radio"/> GREG GIANFORTE REPUBLICAN FOR GOVERNOR <input type="radio"/> LESLEY ROBINSON REPUBLICAN FOR LT. GOVERNOR  <input type="radio"/> FOR GOVERNOR  <input type="radio"/> FOR LT. GOVERNOR  <b>FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (VOTE FOR ONE)</b> <input type="radio"/> MONICA J. LINDEEN DEMOCRAT <input type="radio"/> ROGER BOOTS LIBERTARIAN <input type="radio"/> COREY STAPLETON REPUBLICAN  <input type="radio"/> FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (VOTE FOR ONE)  <input type="radio"/> TIM FOX REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/> LARRY JENT DEMOCRAT  <b>FOR STATE AUDITOR (VOTE FOR ONE)</b> <input type="radio"/> JESSE LASLOVICH DEMOCRAT <input type="radio"/> MATT ROSENDALE REPUBLICAN  <b>FOR STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (VOTE FOR ONE)</b> <input type="radio"/> ELSIE ARNTZEN REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/> MELISSA ROMANO DEMOCRAT	<input type="radio"/> CARON COOPER INDEPENDENT <input type="radio"/> ROGER KOOPMAN REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/> PAT NOONAN DEMOCRAT  <b>FOR SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE (VOTE IN ONE OVAL)</b> Shall Chief Justice MIKE MOGRATH of the Supreme Court of the state of Montana be retained in office for another term? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO Fill in the oval before the word "YES" if you wish the official to remain in office. Fill in the oval before the word "NO" if you do not wish the official to remain in office.  <b>FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE #3 FULL TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)</b> <input type="radio"/> KRISTEN JURAS NONPARTISAN <input type="radio"/> DIRK SANDEFUR NONPARTISAN  <b>FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE #6 UNEXPIRED TERM (VOTE IN ONE OVAL)</b> Shall Justice JIM DHEA of the Supreme Court of the state of Montana be retained in office for another term? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO Fill in the oval before the word "YES" if you wish the official to remain in office. Fill in the oval before the word "NO" if you do not wish the official to remain in office.  <b>FOR STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 36 (VOTE FOR ONE)</b> <input type="radio"/> JEFF WIELBORN REPUBLICAN

MADISON COUNTY	STATE OF MONTANA	NOVEMBER 8, 2016
<b>FEDERAL AND STATE (Continued)</b>	<b>BALLOT ISSUES</b>	<b>BALLOT ISSUES (Continued)</b>
<b>FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 71 (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>	<b>CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 116 (VOTE IN ONE OVAL)</b>	<b>INITIATIVE NO. 181 (VOTE IN ONE OVAL)</b>
<input type="radio"/> RAY L. SHAW REPUBLICAN  <input type="radio"/>	<b>A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION</b> CI-116 would add a new section to the Montana Constitution establishing specific rights for crime victims. The rights enumerated include the right to participate in criminal and juvenile justice proceedings, to be notified of major developments in the criminal case, to be notified of changes to the offender's custodial status, to be present at court proceedings and provide input to the prosecutor before a plea agreement is finalized, and to be heard at plea or sentencing proceedings, or any process that may result in the offender's release. CI-116 guarantees crime victims' rights to restitution, privacy, to confer with the prosecuting attorney, and to be informed of their rights. CI-116 defines specific terms and requires no further action by the Legislature for implementation. CI-116, if passed by the electorate, will become effective immediately. Fiscal impacts are expected for the Office of the Public Defender, Judicial Branch, Department of Corrections and local governments from passage of CI-116, but those costs could not be accurately determined at this time.	<b>A LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION</b> I-181 establishes the Montana Biomedical Research Authority to oversee and review grant applications for the purpose of promoting the development of therapies and cures for brain diseases and injuries and mental illnesses, including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, brain cancer, dementia, traumatic brain injury and stroke. The grants, which are funded by state general obligation bonds, can be used to pay the costs of peer-reviewed biomedical research and therapy development, recruiting scientists and students, and acquiring innovative technologies at Montana biomedical research organizations. I-181 provides specifics for the Montana Biomedical Research Authority's membership, powers, staffing, grant eligibility and evaluation requirements, and reporting requirements. I-181 authorizes the creation of state bond debt for \$20 million per year for a period of ten years. Subsequent bond costs for debt service and other expenses would be \$17.30 million for the first four years and peak at \$16 million per year for fiscal years 2027-2037.
<b>COUNTY</b>		
<b>FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>		
<input type="radio"/> DANIEL W. ALLHANDS NONPARTISAN <input type="radio"/> DAVID SCHULZ NONPARTISAN		
<b>FOR COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER UNEXPIRED TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>		
<input type="radio"/> KATHLEEN D. MUMME NONPARTISAN		
<b>FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>		
<input type="radio"/> LINDA HAMILTON NONPARTISAN	<input type="radio"/> YES ON CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE CI-116 <input type="radio"/> NO ON CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE CI-116	<input type="radio"/> YES ON INITIATIVE I-181 <input type="radio"/> NO ON INITIATIVE I-181
	<b>INITIATIVE NO. 177 (VOTE IN ONE OVAL)</b>	<b>INITIATIVE NO. 182 (VOTE IN ONE OVAL)</b>
	<b>A LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION</b> I-177 generally prohibits the use of traps and snares for animals on any public lands within Montana and establishes misdemeanor criminal penalties for violations of the trapping prohibitions. I-177 allows the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks to use certain traps on public land when necessary if nonlethal methods have been tried and found ineffective. I-177 allows trapping by public employees and their agents to protect public health and safety, protect livestock and property, or conduct specified scientific and wildlife management activities. I-177, if passed by the electorate, will become effective immediately. I-177 reduces approximately \$61,380 of state funds annually, resulting from a loss of trapping license revenue. In addition, the state will incur other costs associated with monitoring wolf populations and hiring additional full-time employees at the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.	<b>A LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION</b> I-182 renames the Montana Marijuana Act to the Montana Medical Marijuana Act and amends the Act. I-182 allows a single treating physician to certify medical marijuana for a patient diagnosed with chronic pain and includes post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) as a "debilitating medical condition" for which a physician may certify medical marijuana. Licensing requirements, fees and prohibitions are detailed for medical marijuana dispensaries and testing laboratories. I-182 repeals the limit of three patients for each licensed provider, and allows providers to hire employees to cultivate, dispense, and transport medical marijuana. I-182 repeals the requirement that physicians who provide certifications for 25 or more patients annually be referred to the board of medical examiners. I-182 removes the authority of law enforcement to conduct unannounced inspections of medical marijuana facilities, and requires annual inspections by the State.
	<input type="radio"/> YES ON INITIATIVE I-177 <input type="radio"/> NO ON INITIATIVE I-177	<input type="radio"/> YES ON INITIATIVE I-182 <input type="radio"/> NO ON INITIATIVE I-182



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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**  
**TWIN BRIDGES**

The Twin Bridges High School student of the week is Haley Fornier. Haley is an outstanding student who does a tremendous job not only in the classroom, but throughout the community and in other activities. Haley's senior year includes classes such as trigonometry, AP chemistry, AP literature and composition ... looking toward equine science upon graduation. Haley is a four year member of band and was selected to the University of Montana Honors Band Festival on Nov. 11 - 13! She serves on the executives student council while holding offices in FFA, the senior class and the TBHS music council. Congrats, Haley!



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**Saturday**  
 Mostly sunny skies. High 54F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph.

**Sunday**  
 Partly cloudy. High 52F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph.

**Monday**  
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Trick-or-treaters loaded up on candy in Harrison.



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Madison County schools were all about Halloween on Monday, Oct. 31. Countywide, students and faculty spent the latter part of the school day celebrating the spooky holiday with costume parades, games, treats and probably a few tricks! From Twin Bridges to Harrison and every stop in between, ghosts and ghouls, princes and princesses, superheros and more, showcased their very best.

"They're always excited to dress up," said Teresa Murdoch, Alder School teacher.

Murdoch and the kids at the Alder school spent the last part of their school day with a costume party while other places, like Harrison, celebrated early with their annual Trick-Or-Treat street.

"Due to declining enrollment, we called upon area organizations to help sponsor games for the kids," said Harrison Superintendent Fred Hofman.

Harrison celebrated on Oct. 29 with bowling, bingo, a cake walk and much more!

The Alder community celebrated fall and Halloween for all of October with a local pumpkin patch, straw maze, train rides and a bouncy house.

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Students in Alder play a Halloween edition of Bingo.



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Ennis second grader  
Barrett Garland  
impressed with his  
head in a jar costume.



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Seventh grade students in Twin Bridges pulled out all the stops for Halloween.

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ROD STOUT  
Sheridan fifth  
grader Lexi  
Manis and  
fourth grader  
Eleanor Sutton  
parade through  
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Pattyn Wuefling gets a ride  
in a wagon during an outing  
to the pumpkin patch in  
Alder.



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Austin Smail, 7, and Trey Frydenlund, 6, oversee the pumpkin  
patch in Alder.



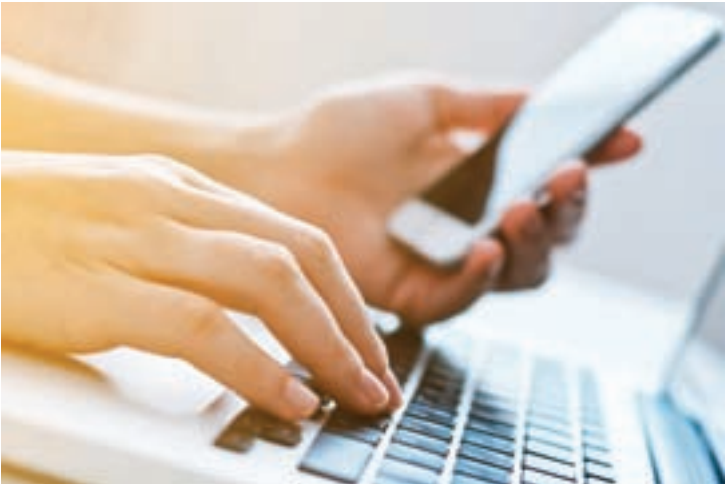
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## Why online banking makes financial cents



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Driven by lower banking fees, better interest rates on savings accounts, round-the-clock convenience and mobile phone usage, more consumers than ever are doing their banking online than at brick-and-mortar locations.

The adoption of online banking has doubled since 2004, reaching 71 percent of consumers in 2015, according to Javelin Strategy and Research's Online Banking Forecast 2016. And these numbers are growing, as more consumers are made aware

of the different services they can take advantage of at home and on-the-go.

National Online Bank Day, observed for the second year in a row, highlighted the advantages of online banking on a day when traditional brick-and-mortar banks are closed.

From the distinct cost advantage over traditional banks, (since they do not have the expenses associated with maintaining a physical branch network) to their flexibility and convenience, here is a deeper look at how online banks are providing advantages to

their customers.

### Customer-centric focus

Some online banks are able to offer consistently competitive rates and are always open with 24/7 live customer service. In addition, most online banks have a "customer-friendly" fee structure in contrast to traditional banks, as they often do not impose monthly maintenance fees and typically offer lower fees on transaction services.

### Digital technology

Advances in digital technology have literally put a broad range of services at customer's fingertips. Mobile payment services and online bill pay and mobile check deposit mean customers can complete many transactions from

home or while on-the-go using mobile devices.

Most banking transactions that used to require a visit to a brick-and-mortar location are now conducted online, fundamentally changing customer banking behavior and expectations. Online banks are striving to make handling personal finances simple and flexible with no time wasted in line at a neighborhood bank.

To learn more about National Online Bank Day and the advantages of banking electronically, visit [nationaldaycalendar.com/national-online-bank-day](http://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-online-bank-day).

If you are seeking a more modern banking experience, it is worth investigating online banking to determine if it is right for your pocketbook.

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## Fire, fireplace safety tips

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The holiday season is full of family, friendship and good cheer, but it is important to keep in mind that this time of year can also pose specific safety risks, particularly around the use of candles, fire and heating products.

In 2015, one home structure fire was reported every 86 seconds, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Unfortunately, the hustle and bustle associated with this time of year may mean you are paying less attention to safety precautions. To protect your family and home, check out these tips.

### Safety devices

Double check all of your home's safety devices, including carbon monoxide detectors and smoke alarms for functionality and to ensure batteries are still working.

Doing so will offer you greater peace of mind during a time of year with additional fire risks.

### Fireplaces

Nothing beats the charm and warmth of a fireplace, particularly around the holidays when the family is gathered together. Here are

some tips:


- Ensure gas fireplaces are outfitted with safety screens.
- Never leave children or pets unattended near a lit fireplace or one that was recently turned off. Safety screens are meant to protect against contact with hot glass, but remember that the metal can also heat up, and your heating equipment – fireplaces, stoves, inserts and their surrounding material – will remain hot for some time after use.
- Ensure gifts, trees and holiday décor are all placed a safe distance away from the fireplace.
- Consider annual maintenance for both wood-burning and gas fireplaces, as recommended by experts.

### Candles

Candles can be a feast for the senses, but they are also a major cause of accidents and house fires, especially when your home is decked out with extra combustible décor. Do not burn candles near curtains, trees and other flammable objects.


Never leave candles unattended. Ensure all flames are extinguished before leaving a room and before going to sleep. If you have pets or children, make sure any open flames are well out of their reach and consider alternatives such as candle warmers.

The greatest holiday gift you can give this season is the gift of safety. While decking the halls, take steps to make your home safer, too.



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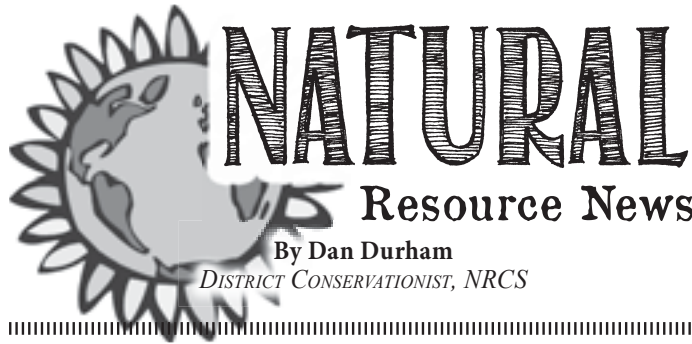
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# COLUMNS



## PHOTOSYNTHESIS IMPROVES YOUR BOTTOM LINE

Last week, local land managers had the opportunity to hear grazing expert Jim Gerrish speak about ways to improve their soil, and financial bottom line, through improved grazing management. Jim has an extensive background in agricultural research as well as decades of hands-on experience with his own ranching endeavors. The premise of his message was that a better understanding of fundamental ecosystem processes such as the water cycle, photosynthesis and the nutrient cycle can increase production, lower costs and result in more economically and environmentally sustainable ranching operations.

Throughout the day Jim addressed many important concepts and practical applications. However, one of the most basic (yet often overlooked) ideas he discussed was the role of plant leaves as "solar panels." We all know that photosynthesis is the process that allows

plants to take sunlight and, in the presence of water and carbon dioxide, use that solar energy to produce leaves, roots and fruit. This process occurs primarily in plant leaves, so essentially each leaf acts like a small solar panel. The more leaf area that a plant (or a square foot of pasture) has at any point in time, the more solar energy it can collect and use for growth. Therefore, as land managers we need to always consider how much leaf area is on the landscape to maximize productivity.

If pastures are grazed too heavily there is very little leaf area remaining to capture sunlight. Therefore, regrowth is going to be slow and overall forage production will be less than the potential for that site. When grazing animals are carefully managed to leave more grass, we retain the plant's photosynthetic capacity so it can regrow quickly and produce more biomass over the course of the growing

season. According to Jim, a difference of a couple inches of grass residue left after grazing can mean up to 60 percent greater forage production in the long run. That equates to dollars in your pocket. It turns out that leaving some grass behind also improves your soil, makes plants more drought tolerant and means your livestock are only eating the most nutritious part of the plant.

Improved grazing management can be accomplished a number of ways, but much of the recent workshop focused on the use of temporary electric fencing to quickly rotate grazing animals through multiple pastures. By allowing critters to use smaller paddocks for shorter periods of time, they eat the best part of the plant and then move on, leaving plenty of solar panels behind and allowing for rapid regrowth. Increased plant residue also reduces evaporation and puts carbon and nutrients back in the soil. Some land managers think they do not have enough time to rotate their animals. However, there is quite a bit of evidence to suggest the economic and natural resource returns make it well worth the additional labor. Moreover, there are all kinds of gadgets on the market these days to make rotational grazing much easier including better electric fencing, geared fence reels, solar fence chargers, step-in fence posts, automatic gate openers and portable water

systems.

Management intensive grazing techniques are most applicable to irrigated or sub-irrigated pastures where the plants are not limited on water and will therefore allow for multiple grazings during the growing season. Typically these pastures are also closer to home so checking and moving livestock are pretty easy. However, the idea of leaving some grass behind for increased regrowth, root development and soil health is also important on rangeland pastures. In fact, there are already local ranchers that recognize the importance of grass residue and are using electric cross fencing to shorten their rotations on native pastures with great success.

Like many things in natural resource management, if you think it will work, you are probably right. Likewise, if you think it will fail, you are also probably right. Each generation of land managers has adopted new tools and techniques that they have found work for them and will improve their operation and land. There is overwhelming evidence that finding ways to leave more grass on the landscape is a concept that this generation should give a lot of consideration. Of all the things we learned from Jim Gerrish: there is no such thing as wasted grass!

PHOTO COURTESY JIM GERRISH  
Cows peek through healthy grass.



## HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

By Art Kehler  
FOR THE MADISONIAN

### WET LEAVES

A less-heralded source of fall colors

Well it is that time of year again – autumn. Once more, brook trout (technically a char) and brown trout are swimming up our rivers and streams to spawn. Just as surely, the rainbow and cutthroat trout are following them upstream in order to callously gobble as many of those laboriously laid eggs as possible. But then, as is only fitting in the often mean-spirited



Art Kehler

natural realm, the brook and brown trout will return the favor when the rainbows and cutthroats run upstream to spawn in the spring.

What's more, during their aquatic marathon, the testosterone-driven male brook and brown trout will become extraordinarily aggressive. Their collective mood turns so foul that they will furiously attack anything resembling an invading threat (i.e. a marabou streamer) to the all-important task in progress. Then, after the hook is set, a fiercely-contested, no-holds-barred fight erupts, involving an enraged fish and (by way of the streamer) an electrified fisherman. On a disturbing note, if it is released back into the water, the trout's disposition will likely grow even nastier.

Worse yet, during the actual mating ritual, male brook and brown trout engage in a blatant act of spousal abuse. In the midst of the frenzied procreation activities, they virtually knock the stuffing (eggs) out of their respective female companions – and get away with it! Add to that the fact that the females' noses were already out of joint because nature had assigned them comparatively bland spawning colors, and it's not hard to imagine those male fish suffering the "cold fin" later.

Nevertheless, there is an aspect of the finned fellows' procreation ritual that (even if it is unintentional) more than compensates for their unsavory behavior. Thanks to the ornery male brook and

brown trout, a person has only to look beneath the surface of our rivers and streams to discover colors that surpass even the brightly colored, fall foliage currently displayed.

Over the years, I have caught numerous male brook trout arrayed in their spawning finery. Individually, the shades of black, scarlet, purple, blue and milky white seemed too starkly opposed to possibly merge in a congruent manner. Yet, amazingly enough, they formed a mosaic unmatched. Not even the arresting red rose bush and yellow willow bush leaves could match the kaleidoscopic creatures that flopped in my net.

Likewise, I have caught numerous male brown trout, clothed in their mating colors. For sure, their tones were not as showy as the brook trout's. Nonetheless, those fish were also a treat for the optic senses. From the dark green along their backs, to the light-brown sides with red, black and orange spots, to the reddish brown flanks, to the gold-tinged bellies – they were a study in exquisitely nuanced hues. Again, even the celebrated, golden cottonwood leaves were left wanting by comparison.

These days, I can no longer navigate stream banks to fish. As a result, I don't see many spawning trout. However, I don't need photographs to remember the dazzling creatures I once held in my hands. All that's necessary for me to see them again is to close my eyes and smile inwardly.

In the final analysis, I am left to believe that spawning male brook and brown trout are the – "wet leaves" – of autumn. Shimmering in the watery depths, they offer a less-heralded, but nonetheless exquisite, source of fall colors. Like the bank-side foliage, those splendid fish still brighten my world just by being there.

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

## The Headless Horseman of Warm Springs Creek: Part I

By Charlie Rossiter

There's a story about an incident that happened in 1923, at the head of the North Fork of Warm Springs Creek in the Upper Ruby. At that time, the area was very sparsely populated with the nearest neighbors being anywhere from 10 to 20 miles in distance from each other. According to the tale, in 1898, a well-to-do family from Murphysboro, Tenn., sent a problematic son (it was never revealed as to what his transgressions were) to Montana where he was banished for life. His name was Marion D. Lyttle, and at age 38 he arrived in the Ruby Valley and took up residence in this lonely part of the west. He was highly



Charlie Rossiter

educated (a graduate from Princeton University) and had been a classmate of former President Woodrow Wilson. He also had other friends and acquaintances in high government offices, with whom he occasionally corresponded. President Harding's secretary of the interior, Albert Fall, and Attorney General Harry Doheny were two such people of notoriety who Lyttle corresponded with. (Both were later indicted in the Teapot Dome Scandal and one wonders what their dark connection was.)

Lyttle raised a few head of horses on his property and was crazy about the animals. It seemed it was the only interest that he ever talked about when he came to town for supplies and usually he could be caught in conversations or small talk dealing with horses. For

26 years he inhabited a small cabin with very little contact with the outside world. Lyttle had business dealings with some of the area folks as he raised some very fancy and sought after horse stock. In 1910, he traveled to Tennessee (it was rumored he was collecting some inheritance money) and returned with two magnificent purebred stallions (one a Kentucky Walking Horse and the other was a Thoroughbred racehorse stud). Upon his arrival in Madison County, he traveled to Virginia City and made a deal for the purchase of the Home Park Ranch, which was owned by the Elling State Bank at the time. The deal seemed to be a go for the ranch but then something went wrong that caused the deal to fall through and he was left with the two stud horses and no place large enough to keep them. He knew of a fellow from the Madison Valley named Morgan Lewis Morgan, who had a fair num-

ber of horses, and summered his stock in the Gravellys near Lyttle's property. Morgan, whose horse ranch in the Madison Valley was in the Bradley Basin on a stream above Wigwam Creek. (It was later named Morgan Gulch.) Morgan was very interested in getting his horses bred by such pedigreed stock and readily made a deal with Lyttle. Lyttle was to receive a share of the colts as stud fee and other considerations. They were in business for a very short time when an argument at Morgan's place ended the partnership and almost their lives. The dispute was so heated that Morgan started running for his cabin to get his gun, and Lyttle beat it towards the barn. Morgan said later, "I stuck my gun out through a hole in the wall and tried to get a bead on him, but he was zigzagging like a coyote and got away." The feud had begun!

Check back next week!



# COMICS & PUZZLES



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# Ruby Valley FFA at the NILE

SUBMITTED BY DESTINY FABEL  
RUBY VALLEY FFA

On Oct. 17 the NILE, or Northern International Livestock Exposition, kicked off their annual FFA and 4-H youth competitions featuring livestock judging as well as the sales contest, both popular and competitive events in Montana. At the NILE, the Ruby Valley Sales team took eighth place overall with a team consisting of committed, experienced members including Destiny Fabel, Kenny Foster, Juan Pablo Du-Pond and Moxon Lee. The chapter advisor Rodney Braaten said, "there is time to grow," as he and the team have hopes of competing well at John Deere Agriculture Expo in November.

The success quickly traveled to the scores of the youth livestock judges in the ring as they placed seventh among all Montana FFA teams overall. Seniors Janie Smart and Charali Wetherbee contributed greatly to the team score with help from younger members Coleman Gilman and Grace Larsen. Wetherbee placed fourth among nearly 200 Montana FFA youth.

In conclusion, this group of kids has a future ahead of them in two very important parts of the agricultural community.



# Bennett receives lifetime achievement

SUBMITTED BY LYMAN H. BENNETT  
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# AROUND THE COUNTY

## Boot stations coming back next year

SUBMITTED BY LIZ DAVIS  
Madison River Foundation

The four boot cleaning stations at Varney Bridge, Three Dollar Bridge, Valley Garden and Ennis Town fishing access sites were picked up at the end of October and stored until spring. Many anglers and others have used the stations to clean their gear before moving to another watershed. This practice is encouraged by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the Invasive Species Action Network to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. The stations will be put back in place in the spring. The Madison Conservation District and the Madison River Foundation partnered in this effort and received a grant to purchase these stations from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.

## Annual Sheridan craft fair

SUBMITTED BY ROBIN BIEROTH  
Ruby Valley National Bank

On Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., head to the Sheridan elementary gym for the fourth annual

craft fair. The fair benefits the Sheridan Relay for Life teams. There is a soup lunch available. For more information, call Robin Bieroth at 596-1201.

## Love INC offers a hand up

SUBMITTED BY LAURA MALESICH  
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Family Dinner 5:30 PM  
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10 a.m. adult forum  
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Sunday  
9:00 a.m.

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Sunday  
10:00 a.m.  
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9:00 a.m.

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## AREA SENIOR MEALS

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

**Monday October 31:** Tombstone chicken and green bean bake, breads tick bones, purple potion punch, Birthday cake

**Wednesday November 2:** Pot roast with roasted vegetables, cornbread dressing, vinegar coleslaw, pineapple bake

**Friday November 4:** company chili, skillet cornbread, squash and corn casserole, cranberry sauce

**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 am to 3 pm for \$4.00.

**November 1:** Halloween pulled pork slider with fries, dessert

**November 3:** Ham, mac and cheese, roll, dessert

**November 8:** Lasagna, salad, garlic toast, dessert

**November 10:** Enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, dessert

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

**MEALS ON WHEELS, SHERIDAN**  
The Sheridan Senior Center offers meals for seniors 60 years and 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

**NOVEMBER 3 - NOVEMBER 10**  
**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3:** BLT, POTATO CHIPS, FRUIT, DESSERT  
**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4:** HAM & SCALLOPED POTATOES, VEGGIES, DESSERT  
**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8:** BAKED MAC & CHEESE, VEGGIE, DESSERT

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

682-3490, 682-7023 Ennis  
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596-0707



# PUBLIC NOTICES

## FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3, 2016

**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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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF MADISON

IN RE ESTATE OF:  
WALTER JAMES WARDEN, also known as WALTER J. WARDEN,  
Deceased.  
Cause No. DP-29-2016-27  
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 HARRIETT L. WARDEN, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 805 S. Taft Street, Humboldt, IA 50548, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.  
Dated: October 11, 2016  
/s/ HARRIETT L. WARDEN  
Personal Representative  
STATE OF IOWA

ss  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
HARRIETT L. WARDEN, 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/ HARRIETT L. WARDEN  
Personal Representative  
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 11 day of October, 2016.  
/s/ Michelle Nielsen  
Notary Public for the State of Iowa  
Residing at: Iowa  
My Commission expires: 9/25/17  
(SEAL)  
Personal Representative's Attorney:  
Karen McMullin  
Post Office Box 55  
Ennis, MT 59729  
Telephone: (406) 682-7878  
(Pub. November 3, 10, 17, 2016) km  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Garnet USA, LLC (Garnet USA) has requested full bond release on the Red Wash Alluvial site, a Quarry that operated under Operating Permit No. 00157. The Red Wash Alluvial site is located on private land in portions of Section 24, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, about three miles Southeast of Alder, MT, in Madison County.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has previously approved partial bond reflecting successful reclamation of most of the disturbed area (36 acres) at the site. DEQ retained bond in the amount of \$10,800 to ensure reclamation of erosion features and a parking area. DEQ inspected the site on August 4, 2016 and now proposes releasing the remainder of the reclamation bond.

Pursuant to Section 82-4-338(5), MCA, DEQ may not release or decrease a reclamation bond until the public has been provided an opportunity for a hearing and a hearing has been held if requested. A request for a hearing on the proposed bond release must be submitted by November 25, 2016 to the postal or e-mail address set forth below.  
Comments on the proposed bond release or

requests for additional information should be sent to:

Herb Rolfes  
Operating Permit Section Supervisor  
Hard Rock Mining Bureau  
Department of Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 200901  
Helena, MT 59620-0901  
Mr. Rolfes also can be reached at (406) 444-3841 or hrolfes@mt.gov.  
(Pub. November 3, 2016) deq  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE-POLLING PLACES**

THE POLLING PLACES FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON General Election November 8th, 2016 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT #1-1 VIRGINIA CITY: Virginia City Players Rehearsal Hall (on Idaho Street)  
PRECINCT #1-2 ALDER: Alder Community Fire Hall  
PRECINCT #5 SHERIDAN: Sheridan Public Library  
PRECINCT #7 TWIN BRIDGES: Twin Bridges High School's Montana Room  
PRECINCT #15-1 JEFFERSON ISLAND: Cardwell School  
PRECINCT #15-2 HARRISON: Harrison School  
PRECINCT #20 ENNIS (RURAL): Ennis Rural Fire Hall  
PRECINCT #21 ENNIS (TOWN): Ennis Town

Hall

For Absentee Voting, electors may request an absentee ballot by mail, or come to the new Madison County Administrative Building, directly across the street from the Courthouse, at 103 West Wallace, Virginia City, at the Clerk and Recorder / Election Office, from 8 am to 5pm, Monday thru Friday.

Absentee voting will end at NOON November 7th, 2016.  
FOR PRECINCT 5, 7, 15-2, 20 AND 21: THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

FOR PRECINCT 1-1, 1-2, AND 15-1 (Polls having fewer than 400 registered voters), THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm

If you have questions, please feel free to contact us at 406-843-4270 or visit our web site at madisoncounty.mt.gov  
Kathleen D Mumme  
Madison County Election Administrator  
(Pub. November 3, 2016) mccc  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
SHINING MOUNTAIN AIRPARK/MUSTANG RANCHES

Is soliciting bids for road improvements and snow plowing services. Interested parties should contact Helen Harris at helenharrisster@gmail.com for a copy of the bid specifications. Closing dates for bids is: 11/15/2016. (Pub. November 3, 2016) sma/mr  
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**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!**

To The ladies from Sheridan (Rachel, LaTesa, and Hannah) with the Sheridan Baseball League. What a great 23rd Annual Granny Lueck Memorial Golf Tourney on Saturday, September 24, 2016. Even though we had fewer teams, we sure had a good time, weather was beautiful, and the Sheridan ladies put on a wonderful baked potato bar for lunch and had numerous door prizes and a silent auction, along with the 50/50 raffle! Also, many thanks to Golf Pro Patrick Stoltz and Madison Meadows Golf Course for making the Granny Lueck Memorial Golf Tourney such a success every year with the proceeds generated funding many needed projects throughout the Madison Valley!

We truly appreciate being able to keep my Mom's memory alive by having this tournament every year. Many of you who participate in the tourney every year did not have the pleasure of knowing "Granny" Lueck. She was a very special lady who always had a good time and loved to golf and cook!!! A few years back, Judi Stonebraker, a very good friend of Granny Lueck, wrote a short version of Granny Lueck's fun-filled life along with a picture. This year we had copies of Judi's story available at the tourney, and we will have copies available for the upcoming tournaments so that everyone can share our memories!! See you in September 2017!

Mickie, Dennis & Allison Petty

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**406-842-5081**



# Helicopter rides for a good cause

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HIGH COUNTRY LANDSCAPING

Alder residents John and Mary Sullivan donated helicopter rides on Oct. 22 from the High Country Garden Center in Alder. All the proceeds were donated to Stella Witham for her heart transplant.

The helicopter took 32 trips with 141 people and raised more than \$6,000 for Witham.



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## Be a Friend in Deed, Help Those in Need

During the 15th Annual Food Bank Campaign, Town Pump is committed to **RAISING OVER \$3,000,000** by matching **\$500,000** of your contributions to these participating food banks.

Cash donations are being accepted between now and the end of November at these participating food banks and your local Town Pump Food Stores. For more information, go to [www.townpump.com](http://www.townpump.com)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alberton Community Food Pantry</li> <li>Anaconda Project Care</li> <li>Ashland St. Labre Food Pantry</li> <li>Big Fork Food Bank</li> <li>Big Timber Food Bank</li> <li>Billings Food Bank</li> <li>Billings Montana Rescue Mission</li> <li>Boulder Jeffco Food Share</li> <li>Bozeman Gallatin Valley Food Bank</li> <li>Bridger Community Food Bank</li> <li>Browning The Nurturing Center</li> <li>Browning Blackfeet Foodbank Center</li> <li>Butte Emergency Food Bank</li> <li>Butte Rescue Mission</li> <li>Chester Loaves and Fishes Food Bank</li> <li>Chinook Food Bank</li> <li>Choteau Teton County Food Pantry Inc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colstrip Community Food Bank</li> <li>Columbia Falls Food Bank</li> <li>Columbus Project Hope of Stillwater County</li> <li>Conrad Pondera Food Pantry</li> <li>Cut Bank Harvest Food Pantry</li> <li>Darby Bread Box</li> <li>Deer Lodge Food Pantry</li> <li>Dillon Beaverhead Community Food Pantry, Inc.</li> <li>Ennis Madison Valley Caring and Sharing</li> <li>Eureka Tobacco Valley Food Pantry</li> <li>Forsyth Samaritans Pantry</li> <li>Food 4 Frenchtown</li> <li>Glendive Dawson County Food Bank</li> <li>Great Falls FISH</li> <li>Great Falls St. Vincent DePaul Society</li> <li>Great Falls Rescue Mission</li> <li>Great Falls Helping Hands/1st English Evangelical Lutheran Church</li> <li>Hamilton Haven House Food Bank</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helping Hands in Hardin, Inc.</li> <li>Harlem Food Bank</li> <li>Havre Community Food Bank</li> <li>Havre Feed My Sheep Soup Kitchen</li> <li>Helena Food Share</li> <li>Hot Springs Food Bank</li> <li>The Joliet Food Bank</li> <li>Kalispell Flathead Food Bank</li> <li>Kalispell Northwest Montana Veterans Stand Down &amp; Food Pantry</li> <li>Lame Deer Northern Cheyenne Food Bank</li> <li>Laurel Community Hope, Inc.</li> <li>Lewistown Central Montana Community Cupboard</li> <li>Libby Food Pantry</li> <li>Livingston Food Pantry of Park County</li> <li>Malta Food Bank</li> <li>Miles City Custer County Food Bank</li> <li>Miles City Soup Kitchen</li> <li>Missoula Food Bank</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Missoula Poverello Center, Inc.</li> <li>Missoula Union Gospel Mission (formerly Missoula 3:16)</li> <li>Noxon Community Services Fellowship, Inc.</li> <li>Granite County Food Bank</li> <li>Plains Community Food Pantry</li> <li>Polson Loaves &amp; Fish Food Pantry</li> <li>Red Lodge Carbon County Community Food Bank</li> <li>Ronan Bread Basket Food Pantry</li> <li>Roundup Musselshell County Food Bank</li> <li>Shelby Sagebrush Food Pantry</li> <li>Sheridan Ruby Valley Food Pantry</li> <li>Sidney Richland County Food Bank</li> <li>St. Ignatius Mission Valley Food Pantry</li> <li>Stevensville Pantry Partners Food Bank</li> <li>Superior Community Food Bank of Mineral County</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thompson Falls Community Harvest Food Bank</li> <li>Thompson Falls Gospel Mountain Assembly of God Food Pantry</li> <li>Three Forks Headwaters Area Food Bank</li> <li>Townsend Broadwater Food Pantry</li> <li>Troy Food Pantry</li> <li>West Yellowstone Food Bank</li> <li>White Sulphur Springs Meagher County Nutrition Coalition</li> <li>Whitefish North Valley Food Bank</li> <li>Whitehall Area Food Pantry</li> <li>Wolf Point Food Pantry Inc.</li> <li>The Yaak Food Cupboard</li> </ul>
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**“According to the Center on Hunger and Poverty: Thirteen percent of Montana households are ‘food insecure’ - defined as having limited availability to nutritionally adequate and safe food - 3.8 percent of house holds experience hunger.”**

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# OUTPOSTEVENTS.NET

B10 Thursday, November 3, 2016

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## 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 & 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!

**Ornament painting,  
Jeffers**  
Ornament painting  
at 10:30 a.m. at  
the Trinity Church  
with the Ennis Arts  
Association.

**Meeting, Ennis**  
The Madison  
Meadows Golf  
Course's Board of  
Directors' monthly  
meeting at the  
Madison Valley Public  
Library conference  
room at 6 p.m.

**Dinner, Twin Bridges**  
Veterans dinner  
sponsored by Women  
for Veterans Auxiliary  
at 6 p.m. at the  
Church of the Valley.

## WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9

**Veterans Day tea,  
Sheridan**  
Veterans Day tea  
at the Sheridan  
Elementary School at  
9 a.m. with coffee, tea  
and cinnamon rolls.  
The Patchwork Pals  
Quilts Guild will also  
be presenting Quilts  
of Valor to WWII vets.

**Meeting, Ennis**  
School Board meeting  
at 5 p.m. in the high  
school.

## THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10

**Book club, Ennis**  
Book group  
discussion of "The Art  
of Hearing Heartbeats  
by Jan-Phillipp  
Sender. 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.

## TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15

**Workshop, Sheridan**  
Mental Health First  
Aid is an 8-hour class  
that gives people the  
skills to help someone  
who is developing a  
mental health problem  
or experiencing a  
mental health crisis.  
The workshop begins  
at 8 a.m. at the  
Moraine Room in the  
Philanthropy Building.  
Please call Doris at  
842-7161 for more  
information.

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20

**Ruby Valley FFA  
auction, Sheridan**  
Come support FFA  
at the annual alumni  
auction! Lunch will  
be served starting  
at noon. The auction  
will begin at 1:30  
p.m. at the Sheridan  
Elementary School.



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A reflection on Quake Lake.

## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

### MONDAYS

**Commissioner's  
Meeting, Virginia City**  
Madison Co. Com-  
missioners 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 Tues-  
day of each month  
from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Ennis Arts Association,  
Ennis**  
Meet on the second  
Tuesday of every  
month at 10:30 a.m.  
[ennisartsassociation.org](http://ennisartsassociation.org)

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

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

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

### 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 9 a.m.  
Meetings at 9:30 a.m.  
MVMC in downstairs  
conference room.  
Jeanne, 682-3299

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

**Grief Support Group,  
Ennis**  
Everyone welcome.  
Meets every Wednes-  
day, 5:30 p.m. Mad-  
ison 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 Val-  
ley Manor SunRoom

**Shape up, Ennis**  
Workout for seniors  
focusing on stretch-  
ing 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**  
Willie's Distillery hosts  
live music in the tast-  
ing room, 5:30 p.m.,  
See the weekly ad on  
this page for perform-  
ers.

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY- SUNDAY

**Live Music - Norris**  
7 p.m.

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**SHERIDAN**  
School Board Meeting  
**Tuesday, November 8  
7 p.m.**  
Media Tech Center  
Charles B. Murray Building

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MUSIC THIS WEEKEND:  
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9:00-10:00  
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**DEEPWATER HORIZON (PG-13)**  
Friday & Saturday 7:15 pm Matinee Sunday 4:00 pm  
COMING SOON:  
THE ACCOUNTANT (R), INFERNO (PG-13)  
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**FRIDAY NOV 11TH: ED & KATIE COYLE**  
**FRIDAY NOV 18TH: FOOLS GOLD**  
**FRIDAY NOV 25TH: MATT GABRIEL**  
**FRIDAY DEC 2ND: LEFT FOR DEAD**  
**FRIDAY DEC 9TH: DAVE HORTON**  
**FRIDAY DEC 16TH: ED & KATIE COYLE**  
ASK ABOUT OUR WEEKLY BOTTLING PARTIES