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## GRIZZLIES IN THE GRAVELLYS

### Two bear attacks in the same area, on the same day

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Donivan Campbell wrapped his hands around the back of his head and neck as a grizzly bear pinned him face down in a forest west of Black Butte, the highest peak of the Gravelly Mountains. He felt the moist warmth of the bear's mouth on the hand covering his head as a large tooth slid between his fingers. At the same moment, his hunting partner shot at the grizzly from behind, jolting the bear into the nearby brush.

When Chris Gregersen got to his friend seconds later, the bushes shook, and the ground cracked under the weight of the bear charging the bow-hunters again.

The end of summer in the Greater Yellowstone area aligns with the beginning of bow-hunting season. Cooler temperatures alert all of the incoming winter, especially bears preparing for hibernation.

"They have this hunger to consume, that in itself makes it

more likely for them to be aggressive," Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Region 3 Information and Education Manager, Morgan Jacobsen said.

Campbell and Gregersen met at Washington State University in their field of study,



Above: Black Butte several minutes before the grizzly bear attack, which happened in the conifer forest to the right Sept. 16. PHOTO BY CHRIS GREGERSEN

Left: Donivan Campbell's wound from the grizzly bear attack at St. James Healthcare in Butte, Montana. Sept. 17. "If we weren't together," Campbell said. "I think it's pretty obvious that I wouldn't be here." PHOTO BY CHRIS GREGERSEN

wildlife biology. Over shared interests in the outdoors, they became quick friends. They have hunted together all over the West, but this was their first time in Montana.

Nearly 12 hours prior, a grizzly bear attacked two different bow-hunters on the same north-facing slope near Cottonwood Creek in the western Gravelly Mountains.

According to FWP, the hunters from New Mexico were walking south from Cottonwood Creek, when a grizzly bear attacked them. As one of the hunters reached for the bear spray around his waist, the bear struck him to his hands and knees and grabbed onto his backpack.

The other hunter deployed his bear spray causing the bear to attack him. He continued to spray the bear and it eventually left.

They drove to Madison Valley Medical Center in Ennis, where they were treated for moderate injuries and released later that day.

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## NATIONAL DOG WEEK

### Pets pretty much have superpowers



"When I'm busy, he'll just lay up there," Burt said. PHOTO BY KEELY LARSON

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In case this was not already on your calendar, we are in the midst of National Dog Week. Most residents of Gallatin and Madison county do not need an extra excuse to celebrate their dogs, but it never hurts to shamelessly post large quantities of pictures of your pup on social media.

National Dog Week also offers a different lens through which to view pet compan-

ionship. Home Instead Senior Care in Bozeman aims to give seniors the best quality of life wherever they call home by offering independence, dignity and pets. Home Instead recently developed a Pets and Adults program, encouraging pet interaction and ownership with aging adults. "Some of their pets are family members," Cindy Sander, Home Care Consultant with Home Instead, said.

Pets provide various physiological benefits for aging adults including lower blood pressure, pain relief, improved

heart health, less stress, increased exercise and reduced feelings of loneliness. These benefits were found by a survey done by the main branch of Home Instead in Omaha, Nebraska.

Pet ownership may not be feasible for all, but other options are available and still provide the same advantages. For example, Big Sky is an enthusiastically pet-friendly community. Dogs hang out in businesses and people are out

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The town of Sheridan reported a stolen plaque from one of the lamp posts on Main Street Sept. 17. The lamp post plaques have been a repeated source of vandalism in town.

Each time a plaque is damaged or stolen, the Main Street Improvement Team pays about \$80 to replace the piece of town property.

"I'm hoping people realize they're not hurting people," Main Street Improvement Team Committee member, Kay Colwell said. "They're destroying city property."

When Montana Department of Transportation reconstructed Sheridan's sidewalks about 11 years ago, all 28 donated lamp posts were erected. The infrastructure addition cost about \$45,000, which grant funding helped pay.

It was a major campaign for the town and the Main Street Improvement Team to install the black, period style lamp posts along Main Street.

## SHERIDAN VANDALS

### Vandalism on Main Street

One of the vandalized plaques on a lamp post along Main Street, Sheridan. Each time a plaque is damaged or stolen, the Main Street Improvement Team pays about \$80 to replace the piece of town property. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

Families, businesses and organizations purchased the lamp posts for nearly \$3,000 and donated them to the town. A small golden, metal plaque on the base of each lamp post recognizes its donor.

One plaque was severely scratched to the point that the donor's name was illegible about two years ago. The plaque was replaced about four months later and was damaged again in similar fashion.

"They're not easy to scratch, they're metal," Colwell said. "This particular person had their mind set to destroy the name on it."

The plaque in front of the Moriah Motel was noticed missing about two weeks ago. Sherry Huff and Larry Moltin, former owners of the motel, had donated the lamp post to the town. Their names and business were carved into the metal plaque that was stolen.

The thief took his time, using a special wrench to remove the plaque, and replacing the backing, nuts and bolts.

"Families are so upset, and they can't figure out who in the world would take it," Colwell said.

  
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**“That’s really what saved us, hunting together”** Gregersen said. **“because it was a 50/50 chance of what person it went for and that alone gives the other person enough time to fight back.”**

After the second attack, Cottonwood Creek Road was closed and FWP wardens and Forest Service law enforcement began investigating the area.

“Hunters are, by nature, going against what we advocate to be bear aware,” Jacobsen said. “And are more likely to surprise a bear at close encounter because they’re being quiet, wearing scent control and wearing camouflage.”

Grizzly bear encounters in the Northern Rockies have been on the rise over the last several decades, partially due to populations growing and expanding. When grizzly bears were

roll out into the Madison and Ruby Valleys.

Campbell and Gregersen left their wall tent along Cottonwood Creek road for the second time on Sept. 16. They hunted separately that morning, but left together for the afternoon hunt around 3:30 p.m.

They drove up Cottonwood Creek Road about four miles from their camp site and parked. Sliding their packs over their shoulders and situating their compound bows, they didn’t say much. It was the third day of their two-week hunting trip in Montana.

After a few hours, Campbell and Gregersen started walking back toward the truck, when they found elk tracks going in the same direction. The afternoon light softened as they followed the tracks down a north facing slope.

A crashing sound broke the silence and a grizzly bear emerged out of the brush about 20 yards to their left, charging at full speed. Gregersen yelled, “BEAR,” and threw himself down the hill as it charged toward him with its mouth open and breathing hard.

“It was just like a shot out of a cannon toward us,” Gregersen said. “There was nothing you could do about it except try and get out of its path, but that was a second. You could have been holding bear spray in your hands and it wouldn’t of been enough time.”

Campbell turned right and took a couple of steps to get out of the way. As he looked over his shoulder, the bear was nearly on him. It had turned to Campbell the second Gregersen lunged downhill, and then Campbell tripped and fell face down.

The bear bit into Campbell’s left thigh, flipping him over. Campbell saw his leg in the bear’s mouth. The bear moaned and grunted as it tugged at Campbell’s leg. His pants and flesh ripped in its jaws.

“Before I looked up, I could hear him screaming and I knew

Campbell fired multiple times into the brush as they both screamed as loud as they could at it. The bear stopped, retreated and charged a third time. Campbell shot again into the brush and they listened to the grizzly bear slowly walk away until it was out of ear shot.

“I knew he got me good,” Campbell said. “I could feel the crunch, so I knew that it was bad.”

The entire attack played out in a matter of seconds. But they were about a half a mile from the truck and an hour from the nearest hospital.

Using trekking poles and adrenaline, Campbell made it down the steep hill covered in fallen timber and across Cottonwood Creek.

“Moving about as fast as if both your shoes are tied together,” Gregersen said.

The last stretch to their truck was a sage brush hillside that rose about a quarter of a mile, but Campbell couldn’t walk anymore. Understanding the distance that they still had to travel for medical treatment, but not the extent of the injury, they decided to split up.

“I knew I couldn’t get up there,” Campbell said. “That was it for me.”

Gregersen went to get the four wheeler at the campsite, while Campbell waited on the open hillside in the fading day light.

A tourniquet, made from game bags and Gregersen’s ripped shirt, wrapped around Campbell’s leg. Any movement was excruciating.

“I knew he [the bear] was coming out,” Campbell said. “I thought he was following us the whole time.”

Campbell thought about surviving during the 20 to 30 minutes he waited for Gregersen to return. He thought about his wife, Megan, seven-months pregnant with their first child in Pullman, Washington. He thought about every noise he

heard around him and in his head.

Finally, Gregersen returned with the four wheeler.

Someone at the campsite hurried to a nearby cabin to call 911 from a landline. Gregersen and Campbell started driving toward the Ruby Valley Medical Center in Sheridan. The ambulance met them past the Ruby Reservoir.

Campbell was transferred to St. James Healthcare in Butte, where he had two surgeries and was released four days later. A skin graft and at least one more surgery will have to be done.

Cottonwood Creek Road remains closed and FWP wardens and Forest Service law enforcement conducted two extensive ground searches and a helicopter search but did not locate any bears.

The mauling site was confirmed with the locating of Campbell’s and Gregersen’s belongings. But weather muddied the investigation and as time passes, it grows less likely that they’ll be able to confirm a grizzly bear.

It is unclear if the same bear was involved in both of the attacks, according to FWP.

Campbell and Gregersen are experienced hunters and outdoorsmen. As wildlife biologists, they are trained to notice certain indicators of wildlife. Their knowledge and preparedness to recreate in bear country contributed to their survival, but not nearly as much as hunting with a partner did.

Hunting with a partner was crucial for the survival in both bear attacks in the Gravelly Mountains on Sept. 16.

“That’s really what saved us, hunting together” Gregersen said. “because it was a 50/50 chance of what person it went for and that alone gives the other person enough time to fight back.”



Chris Gregersen and Donovan Campbell pose with their kill in Washington. Gregersen and Campbell both love the challenge of bow-hunting. “The animal has every advantage on you,” Gregersen said.. PHOTO BY CHRIS GREGERSEN

listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act in 1975, as few as 136 grizzlies were estimated to be in Greater Yellowstone. Today, there are more than 650 Yellowstone grizzlies occupying 48 percent more of their Greater Yellowstone habitat than in 1975, according to the International Grizzly Bear Committee.

Grizzly bear distributions in the Greater Yellowstone and the Northern Continental Divide zones have expanded beyond zone-boundaries, and into more human populated areas in Montana and Wyoming, according to U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services. An estimated 1,029 grizzlies are in the Northern Continental Divide population, according to International Grizzly Bear Committee.

“Grizzly bears in the Gravelly Mountains are a prime example of them passing their recovery zones,” Jacobsen said.

The Gravelly’s rolling peaks set them apart from the jagged mountain ranges that surround them. Residents and visitors recreate year-round in the subalpine meadows and conifer forests that

the bear had him,” Gregersen said. “By the sound of the screams, I wasn’t sure if he was going to be alive when I got to him.”

Gregersen fell when he landed downhill and turned to see Campbell with the bear on top of him through some bushes. As he got to his feet, Gregersen pulled his semi-automatic 9 mm pistol from its holster and ran up the hill toward them.

The grizzly bear let go of Campbell’s leg, giving him a second to flip onto his stomach and cover his head. Seconds later, Gregersen was about 15 feet away, when he had the first clear shot at the bear.

“I could just see the bear facing away from me and on top of him, kind of pushing him into the ground, trying to bite,” Gregersen said. “I just took a shot as fast as I could.”

The bear disappeared into brush, then turned around. Campbell rotated on his back and pulled his pistol. They heard the bear’s heavy breathing through the thick brush as it charged toward them again.



Donovan Campbell’s wound after two surgeries at St. James Healthcare in Butte, Montana a few days after the attack on Sept. 16 in the Gravelly Mountains. PHOTO BY CHRIS GREGERSEN

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at all intervals taking their dogs on a walk. Home Instead recommends practical alternatives such as volunteering at an animal shelter and getting to know your neighbors' pets as ways of finding pet time. These options provide aging adults with social interaction and some exercise, both benefits of pet interaction. "They're part of the family! Having that companionship, that connection," Ruth Ann Marchi, CSA with Home Instead, emphasized. Both Madison Valley Manor (MVM) and the Tobacco Root Mountain Care Facility in Madison County have pet policies that do not allow residents to own pets, but employees find ways to bring animals into their residents' lives. Armon, maintenance supervisor Tom Burt's Pomeranian, struts the halls of MVM

looking for head scratches and treats. "He is like our mascot for the facility," Bonnie O'Neill, Chief Administrative Officer for Madison County, said. "If Armon's not next to me every day the residents will ask, 'where's Armon?'" Burt laughed. Occasionally, employees and caregivers bring their pets in for the residents to pamper. Excessive treat giving in the past resulted in weight gain in visiting dogs. Leona Stredwick, new activities coordinator at MVM, has a solution. Stredwick is working on implementing a baking activity with the final product going to the dogs. "I just thought as a way to combine an activity with a purpose to do a baking day and to do pet friendly treats," Stredwick explained. Pet friendly and healthy treats. This way, residents are interacting with each other and

with the pets, two different types of social interaction. Stredwick wants to bring residents to a ranch in the spring so they can experience the baby horses and cows. Another pet related idea she brought up included an educational and science component. Through this, she would introduce a different animal each week and teach a lesson about a specific component of that animal. "I'm hoping to get enough pets lined out so I can have a pet every week, or just an animal. It doesn't have to be a standard dog/cat thing," Stredwick said. Both women at Home Instead and employees at MVM emphasized how everything they do is for their residents. "We like to make a difference in our senior's lives," Sander said. "They touch our hearts." "Pets give something that humans can't. They don't expect a whole lot back from

them (humans) and just that kind of unconditional attention and love really benefits people," Allison Veland, social worker with MVM, said. "They may not remember everything we said to them, but they remember how we made them feel," she continued. Veland's sentiment is not only relevant to aging adults—anyone spending time with a pet can experience that love and attention. With this in mind, the divide in ages is irrelevant. Armon will be a name all MVM residents remember. He added to their happiness and brightened their days. He made them feel loved. This National Dog Week, maybe bring your best canine friend to visit a grandparent or a beloved resident at a care facility. It would make for a long-treasured memory.



Armon received a sausage snack from Stredwick as he strolled into the meeting space. PHOTO BY KEELY LARSON

ENNIS SCHOOL Let's try this again...

# Nutrition and administration

Ennis School employees were awarded for their efforts



Tammy Wham, Ennis Schools head cook, and Katie Lohrenz, Ennis Schools assistant cook, in the kitchen ready to start the new school year Aug. 28. PHOTO FROM MONTANA SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION FACEBOOK PAGE.

BY HANNAH KEARSE news@madisoniannews.com

Two Ennis School employees were awarded certifications during the monthly school board meeting Sept. 11. Ginger Martello, Ennis School's district clerk, completed an extensive professional certification program with the Montana Association of School Business Officials. MASBO Director Denise Williams and President Lori Carey presented Martello with the certification. "We hope you and your community recognize how much your business manager does," Carey said. "We think she's a gem." The program requires at least three years of experience, a letter of support from the superintendent, 120 hours of training, a test and another 180 hours of training. The second certification went to the Ennis School's head cook Tammy Wham. Montana School Nutrition Association audited Ennis Schools' kitchen in February and was ranked among the top four schools in the state for their nutritious menu, scoring a 98 out of 100. The state average was a 70 out of 100. Wham was curious about the minor two-point reduction and asked to see the score sheet. She thought it could have been because a whole-grain option wasn't available one of the days. They awarded Wham with a set of knives and certificate for her attention to nutrition in the Ennis Schools.

## Student of the Week

**JAKE HUGHES** represents all the best qualities of a Twin Bridges Falcon. He is extremely kind and polite to everyone he comes in contact with. He's an outstanding student, and he's active in school sports and clubs. Jake has a quiet demeanor, and probably would be content without much

recognition. However, being recognized as the Student of the Week is well deserved. He is one of those kids that makes Twin Bridges such a great school. He's an excellent role model who deserves praise for doing right things every day.

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10am-4pm  
Elizabeth Trithart | Commons Room | \$50 | Limit 4  
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weaving experience is required.

#### GOOGLE WORKSHOPS-BASIC GMAIL SETUP

Wednesdays Oct 9th  
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6-8pm | Warren Hinerman  
HS RM #3| \$35  
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## Bill Dringle

March 2, 1938 to September 9, 2019



Bill Dringle passed away September 9, 2019 in Ennis, Montana surrounded by his family. He died of complications related to Parkinson's.

He was born March 2, 1938 in Bozeman, Montana to George C Dringle and Dorothy T Noble.

Bill graduated from Harrison High School in Harrison, Montana in 1955 and continued his education at Montana State College in Bozeman. Bill returned to the family ranch at Cherry Creek just outside of Norris, Montana and shortly after, he married Karen Warburton on October 4, 1958. They had two daughters Sherri and Brenda while living in Cherry Creek.

They sold the ranch in Cherry Creek and purchased a ranch north of Belgrade, Montana in 1965 where he was in partnership with his dad George C. and his brother George R. "Chop." Shortly after moving to Belgrade, he and Karen had

two more children, Mark and Melanie.

Bill was very active in the community. He was a Director and President of Gallatin Beef Producers, Bozeman Jaycee Rancher of the Year and a 4-H leader. In 1973 they sold the ranch and moved to Ennis, Montana and purchased the Rainbow Valley Motel. Approximately seven years later they sold the motel and opened Fan Mountain Real Estate. While operating the real estate company he became a 3 Rivers Telephone Director "33 years", a Madison County Commissioner "6 years", built and owned Fan Mountain Inn "8 years", was a member of the Elks club, rodeo club, and was a part of several other organizations.

Bill's love was his family, his work, and everything about

life. He was always there to help someone. He was preceded in death by his parents George and Dorothy Dringle, also his brother Chop.

Bill is survived by his wife Karen of 60 years, Joel and Sherri Shows "daughter", Bruce and Brenda Howard "daughter", Mark and Tami Dringle "Son", Duncan and Melanie Hedges "daughter", and 10 grandchildren and spouses, three great grandchildren, soon to be 4.

A memorial service will be held in Ennis at the Presbyterian Church at 1 PM on September 28. A reception will be at the EL Western Convention Center immediately following. Arrangements are made by K-L Mortuaries. Please send donations to Madison Valley Hospital Nursing Department.

## Ed Curnow



Ed Curnow Madison River Guide, historian and friend of the fish and fisherfolks passed away recently surrounded by family and friends. He was a Madison River fly-fishing guide for some 34 years and for 14 years owned Ed's Tackle Shop in Ennis. He was born in Reno, Nevada in 1937 of a 4th generation Nevada family. His parents, Erma and Dick Curnow were silversmiths and owned a jewelry store where he did some silversmithing. He graduated from Reno High School, was an SAE at the University of Nevada, and received a B.A. in History from Peabody College then an M.A. from the University of Montana in Western History where his research focused on the History of the Wolf. He was nationally known for that research and spoke at numerous hearings and groups. He worked as a consultant for Presidents Nixon and Ford and became fast friends with Gerald Ford—with whom he often fished and skied. He served on a national Presidential Energy Commission.

In Reno, he became Supervisor of Recreation, directed

the city's ski program and swimming pools and raced slalom and giant slalom. He clocked in at some 60 miles an hour on one downhill race. In later years he was a Pro-Am racer, teamed up with his good friend, the Olympic medalist Stein Erickson. Ed was a forerunner and a gate keeper at the Olympics in Utah. For some 10 years he worked as a ski area consultant. He helped start the Little Grizzly Ski Program, directed several boards, including the Missoula Ski foundation. He met his wife Maureen at a ski hill bar near Reno. He taught skiing in the U.S. and in Europe, and at one point his wife Maureen, son Jason and daughter Carina raced with him and won a family race at Lost Trail Ski Area.

He was an Eagle Scout and a troop leader at several levels—including the Brownie Girl Scout troop of his daughter Carina. He was a Mason and a Shriner like his father before him. He was active in the Red Cross and was on its Missoula Board of Directors for four years. In Missoula he was for years very active in the

City's Parks and Recreation Board. Earlier while doing his degree at Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee, he was a member of the Air National Guard and was the photographer who did the preliminary photos over Cuba as the U.S. prepared for the Bay of Pigs. Ed was invited to the White House and met President Kennedy as the President went over those photos.

As his children, Jason and Carina, moved into soccer, he became active—coaching, directing tournaments and served on several boards, including the Montana State Soccer Committee. He was a state and regional soccer tournament committee member and director.

Fly-fishing and guiding became the focus on his work from 1965 on after he and his wife moved back to Montana—winters in Missoula the rest of the year at the family ranch in Cameron, Montana running Ed's Tackle Shop, guiding fly fishermen and preparing riverside gourmet meals for his clients. He enjoyed working with other guides—particularly his nephews Eric and Kevin Shores. His children Carina and Jason actively worked and fished with him. In the winter he fished steelhead, working for the Corps of Engineers in hydrology, run rand salmon/steelhead habitat restoration. He worked with President Carter on a National Energy Council and was often working on Department of Interior issues. Ed was well known in the fishing world. He was the subject of a 30-minute television special on the series "Fishing the West." He did nine articles on

steelhead fishing for Lewiston, Idaho publishers. He did a weekly newsletter and fishing report for a sporting goods store in Missoula. For three years he had a radio show in Missoula called "The Outdoor Minute" and briefly did a radio interview program called the "Sportsmen's Corner."

Ed and his wife Maureen traveled and lived in Europe—studying, traveling and skiing for a year. He also returned to Europe several times, assisting Maureen with university study abroad programs and working with his children, nieces and nephews in study and travel in Europe. When his daughter Carina did post-tsunami medical relief work, he went to Sri Lanka where he traveled and fished. In later years, he was frequently in Michigan where he was a consultant at ski areas, fished and traveled with friends.

Ed lived a full, vital life that he defined and he will be fondly remembered and missed by his wife, Maureen, children Jason (Faye) and Carina (Michael), his grandchildren, Logan, Bronwyn, Connor and Cordelia, his nieces and nephews Eric, Kevin, Kristy, Gabrielle, Lance, Tammy, as well as Karen Shores and Larry and Kay Cheney. His family is grateful to his many friends—especially N. Bylsma and others in Michigan who were the friends of his last fishing years. A memorial service is scheduled for July 3, 2020 at 5 p.m. at Trinity Church in Jeffers-Ennis. Written remembrances of Ed would be appreciated—send to Curnow Family 9210 Newbury Court Prospect, KY, 40059.

## Sally A. Andren



Sally A. Andren, age 75 died peacefully on Friday, September 20, 2019 in her home in Whitehall, Montana. Loved and cherished by all who knew her, she will be greatly missed. Faithful to God, Sally attended the Jefferson Valley Baptist Church, and loved attending a local ladies Bible study every Thursday morning. She is survived by her husband Evan Andren of Whitehall, Montana. Her sisters Sandy Thorpe and

Sue Shaw of Virginia. Son Jeff Mason of Spokane, Washington, and daughter Laura (Mason) Fields of Longview, Washington. Heidi (Andren) Miles of Prairieville, Louisiana, Holly (Andren) Pitman of Gilbert, Arizona, Hope (Andren) Ordorff of Laurel, Montana, and Aaron Andren of Salt Lake City, Utah. Sally is grandma to 25 grandchildren and great-grandma to 9 great-grandchildren. Sally nev-

er missed sending a birthday card with a little gift to each of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral Service will be Saturday, September 28, 2019 at the Jefferson Valley Baptist Church in Whitehall Montana at 11 a.m., followed by a luncheon at the church.

## Memorial Service

Services planned for H. Lee Overcast  
Oct. 5, 2019

Military graveside - 11 a.m. at the Sheridan Cemetery  
Celebration of Life - 12:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Sheridan  
Lunch and fellowship to follow at Bethany Hall

# SPORTS

## VOLLEYBALL

### Conference wins for the Mustangs

Ennis volleyball defeats conference competition in three rounds

BY HANNAH KEARSE  
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It only took three rounds in both of this week's games for the Mustangs to defeat two teams in its Class C, District 12 conference. The Mustangs went up against the Harrison Wildcats Sept. 19 on their home court. Senior Riley Robinson demonstrated her experience on the court, leading the team in kills, digs, assists and aces. The Wildcats got two points closer to with each round but weren't able to surpass the Mustangs in points. The next night, the Mustangs took on the Falcons in Twin Bridges. Their fans chanted and made their presence known in the Falcons gym. Again, Robinson lead the Mustangs in assists. She was a critical player in both games. The Falcons played hard each round but couldn't out score the Mustangs.

Watch the Mustangs take on the Drummond Trojans at their Homecoming game on Sept. 28.

| Ennis Mustangs vs Harrison Wildcats  |   |
|--|---|
| Win, 3 - 0<br>Sept. 19<br>25 - 11, 25 - 13, 25 - 15  | DIGS<br>Team total: 8<br>Individual Leader: Landri Paladichuck/ Riley Robinson<br>Individual Total: 3 |
| KILLS<br>Team total: 24<br>Individual Leader: Riley Robinson<br>Individual Total: 7                    | ASSISTS<br>Team total: 21<br>Individual Leader: Riley Robinson<br>Individual Total: 11                |
| BLOCKS<br>Team total: 2<br>Individual Leader: Elina Dilschneider/ Shelbey Klein<br>Individual Total: 1 | ACES<br>Team total: 17<br>Individual Leader: Riley Robinson<br>Individual Total: 5                    |

### Wildcats fall to the Mustangs

A three round battle loss for the Wildcats Volleyball

BY HANNAH KEARSE  
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It was a quick Thursday night game for the Wildcats in Ennis. They lost to the Mustangs in three rounds, each round scoring a little more. Ultimately, the Wildcats could not out score the Mustangs. Freshman Wildcat, Dana Lerum, has proven to be a valuable addition to this team. Lerum lead the team in assists for the game Sept. 19. She also led in blocks with junior Aleena Bacon, who continues to be an asset for the Wildcats. Bacon was the sole leader in kills for Harrison. The Wildcats will go up against the Wolverines at West Yellowstone High School on Sept. 26.

| Ennis Mustangs vs Twin Bridges Falcons  |   |
|---|---|
| Win, 3 - 0<br>Sept. 20<br>25 - 18, 25 - 10, 25 - 16                                 | DIGS<br>Team total: 7<br>Individual Leader: Karlie Hedge/ Olivia Lohrenz<br>Individual Total: 2 |
| KILLS<br>Team total: 27<br>Individual Leader: Kennedy Davies<br>Individual Total: 9 | ASSISTS<br>Team total: 23<br>Individual Leader: Riley Robinson<br>Individual Total: 15          |
| BLOCKS<br>Team total: 6<br>Individual Leader: Riley Robinson<br>Individual Total: 3 | ACES<br>Team total: 15<br>Individual Leader: Shelbey Klein<br>Individual Total: 6               |

### Panthers fall in Big Sky

Sheridan Panthers volleyball against Lone Peak Big Horns

BY HANNAH KEARSE  
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The Panthers almost had the Lone Peak Big Horns in the first round Sept. 19 in Big Sky. But the Big Horns took the lead with larger gaps in the next two rounds. Panthers junior, Mackenzie Fabel was a valuable player in the game, dominating the Panthers' blocks. She and senior, Tina Hill lead the team in kills. The Panthers will be taking on the Granite High School Prospectors next in Sheridan Sept. 26.

| Harrison Wildcats vs Ennis Mustangs   |   |
|---|---|
| Loss, 0 - 3<br>Sept. 19<br>11 - 25, 13 - 25, 15 - 25  | DIGS<br>Team total: 7<br>Individual Leader: Rosie Chater/ Payton Mallett/ Trudee Lewis<br>Individual Total: 2 |
| KILLS<br>Team total: 8<br>Individual Leader: Aleena Bacon<br>Individual Total: 4              | ASSISTS<br>Team total: 4<br>Individual Leader: Dana Lerum<br>Individual Total: 3                              |
| BLOCKS<br>Team total: 2<br>Individual Leader: Aleena Bacon/ Dana Lerum<br>Individual Total: 1 | ACES<br>Team total: 1<br>Individual Leader: Trudee Lewis<br>Individual Total: 1                               |

### Home court loss for the Falcons

Falcons volleyball loss in three rounds against the Mustangs

BY HANNAH KEARSE  
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The Falcons came closest to beating the Ennis Mustangs in the first round but were unable to out point the competition. Avery George, Twin Bridges senior middle hitter, lead the team in kills and aces. She shared the lead with Callie Kaiser in blocks. Fran Pollorena, a sophomore for the Falcons, showed her value on the team, accounting for every assist that the Falcons played. The girls played hard but ultimately, the Mustangs walked away with the win.

| Sheridan Panthers vs Lone Peak Big Horns  |   |
|---|---|
| Loss, 0 - 3<br>Sept. 19<br>21 - 25, 12 - 25, 16 - 25  | DIGS<br>Team total: 23<br>Individual Leader: Micara Devereaux/ Madison Fabel<br>Individual Total: 5 |
| KILLS<br>Team total: 12<br>Individual Leader: Tina Hill/ Mackenzie Fabel<br>Individual Total: 4 | ASSISTS<br>Team total: 11<br>Individual Leader: Desaray Tipton<br>Individual Total: 7               |
| BLOCKS<br>Team total: 15<br>Individual Leader: Mackenzie Fabel<br>Individual Total: 8           | ACES<br>Team total: 0<br>Individual Leader:<br>Individual Total:                                    |



Mustangs junior, Avery Oliver, jumps for a spike during the volleyball game against the Falcon in Twin Bridges Sept. 20. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

| Twin Bridges Falcons vs Ennis Mustangs  |   |
|---|---|
| Loss, 0 - 3<br>Sept. 19<br>21 - 25, 12 - 25, 16 - 25  | DIGS<br>Team total: 23<br>Individual Leader: Micara Devereaux/ Madison Fabel<br>Individual Total: 5 |
| KILLS<br>Team total: 12<br>Individual Leader: Tina Hill/ Mackenzie Fabel<br>Individual Total: 4 | ASSISTS<br>Team total: 11<br>Individual Leader: Desaray Tipton<br>Individual Total: 7               |
| BLOCKS<br>Team total: 15<br>Individual Leader: Mackenzie Fabel<br>Individual Total: 8           | ACES<br>Team total: 0<br>Individual Leader:<br>Individual Total:                                    |



Panthers #20 Amanda Grow digs for the assist. PHOTO BY JANA BOUNDS



Falcons freshman, Callie Kaiser, spikes the ball in the first round of the volleyball game in Twin Bridges Sept. 20. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

# SPORTS

## FOOTBALL

### Panthers bomb Renegades

By MIKE WETHERBEE

On Friday night the Reed Point Rapelje Renegades rolled into Sheridan for a nonconference football game. The opening series the Renegades held the Panthers who attempted a field goal and then marched down for a score on their first possession. The Panthers answered with an impressive rushing game which culminated in a 53 yard run from scrimmage by Hartson Van Houten. This was followed by the Panther defense picking up its tempo and holding the Renegades scoreless in the remainder of the first half while they rolled of 32 unanswered points mostly through the air. Cade McParland had another impressive rushing night as he rolled up 209 rushing yards and 2 touchdowns. The score when the lights were finally turned off was an impressive 62- 20 win for the Panthers who improve to 3 and 1 in nonconference play. The Panthers open their conference play in Noxon on Friday, September 27 at 7 p.m.

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| <b>DEFENSIVE</b>   |  |
| Hartson Van Houten | 9 tackles, 3 sacks, and 2 forced fumbles                       |
| Kaiden Batzler     | 6 tackles  |
| Coleman Gilman     | 6 tackles, 1 sack, and 2 fumble recoveries                     |
| Jason Chisholm     | 4 tackles  |
| Zac McCormak       | 3 tackles, 1 interception 1 force fumble and 1 fumble recovery |
| <b>RUSHING</b>     |  |
| Cade McParland     | 25 carries 209 yards and 2 touchdowns                          |
| Hartson Van Houten | 5 carries 59 yards and 1 touchdown                             |
| <b>RECEIVING</b>   |  |
| Kaiden Batzler     | 11 receptions for 153 yards and 3 touchdowns                   |
| Hartson Van Houten | 5 receptions for 46 yards and 1 touchdown                      |
| Jason Chisholm     | 1 reception for 12 yards and 1 touchdown                       |
| <b>PASSING</b>     |  |
| Kole Hill          | 18 for 32 and 5 touchdowns with no interceptions               |
| <b>PAT</b>         |  |
| Caden Theis        | 5 for 8 and ten points   |

### Falcons lose to Wampus Cats

A tough competition for Falcon football

BY HANNAH KEARSE  
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The Twin Bridges Falcons traveled to Clark Fork High School in Idaho to take on the Wampus Cats under Friday Night Lights. It was a tough game for the Falcons. Clark Fork took the lead in the first quarter with two touchdowns. Falcon's quarterback, senior Bryce Nye, threw a 43-yard pass to Nate Konen for their first touchdown of the game. Wampus Cats quarterback, Bryan Mask, finished the first quarter with a 28-yard pass for another touchdown. Mask started the second quarter with another pass to Jake Calloway for Wampus Cats' fourth touchdown. Points racked up quickly in the second quarter. Nye connected with Trysten Harmon with a quick one-yard pass for the Falcon's second touchdown. Clark Fork's Trey Green finished the quarter with three more touchdowns for the Wampus Cats, rushing nine, four and six yards into the endzone. Clark Fork scored the only touchdown in the third quarter and Twin Bridges scored the only points in the fourth quarter. Fraser rushed eight yards into the "zone" ending the game. Falcons: 22 and Wampus Cats: 60.

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| <b>TWIN BRIDGES FALCONS VS CLARK FORK WAMPUS CATS</b>             |  |
| SEPT. 20  |  |
| LOSS, 22 -66  |  |
| 8 - 23, 15 - 53, 15 - 60, 22 - 60                                 |  |
| <b>TACKLES: 35</b>  |  |
| Individual Leader: Nate Konen                                     |  |
| Individual Leader Tackles: 14                                     |  |
| <b>INTERCEPTIONS: 1</b>   |  |
| Individual Leader: Anthony Kelley                                 |  |
| <b>SACKS: 0</b>   |  |
| <b>RECEIVING YARDS: 86</b>  |  |
| Individual Leader: Nate Konen                                     |  |
| Individual Leader Yards: 46                                       |  |
| <b>RUSHING YARDS: 194</b>   |  |
| Individual Leader: Chris Fraser                                   |  |
| Individual Leader Yards: 83                                       |  |
| <b>TOUCHDOWNS FALCONS: 3</b>                                      |  |
| Individual Leader: Nate Konen/ Trysten Harmon/ Christopher Fraser |  |
| Individual Leader Touchdowns: 1                                   |  |

# Madison County DISPATCH

SEPTEMBER 15 - 21, 2019



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## CROSS COUNTRY

### Cross country in Twin Bridges

Teams face sprinklers and rain

By KEELY LARSON  
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Last weekend, Madison County cross country teams convened in Twin Bridges. The day started out dreary and cold, and progressed to become drearier and colder by the time the boys' varsity runners lined up at 10:30 a.m. However, runners tend to prefer cooler temperatures instead of 85 and sunny.

Twin Bridge's home team times are as followed: Morgan Hendrickson (18:21), Rob Dale (20:12), Will Morris (20:38), CJ Wayland (22:14) and Hunter Sager (22:56) Hendrickson PR'd with his time at this race. In a moment of camaraderie, Sager reached out to encourage a runner on a different team having a difficult time at the end of the race.

"Super proud coaches today," Coach Melinda Legg of the Ennis cross country team said. Maida Knapton finished 12th (21:34.2) in the girls' varsity division, a personal best. Wyatt Fredson ran his second fastest time in his high school career (22:04). Both Coach Legg and her assistant coach ran around the course to cheer their runners on at different points, and encouraged their other team members to do the same.

Sheridan's Luke Dvorak finished first with a time of 17:30. He gets closer each meet to the Sheridan school record (16:46). Dvorak, for better or worse, has caught the running bug and pushes himself to improve every meet. Being first is not what satisfies him, but shredding seconds off his time does the trick. Simah Anson ran with the JV girls in Twin Bridges and finished with a time of 26:41.



Twin Bridges runners taking a warmup lap over the bridge. PHOTO BY KEELY LARSON



So close to the finish line. Fredson recently has been sworn into the Marines. PHOTO BY KEELY LARSON

September 15, 2019

A disturbance was reported in Ennis. Wildlife complaints were made in Sheridan. An animal complaint was made in Nevada City. Medical aid was administered in McAllister.

A wildlife complaint was made in Sheridan. An abandoned vehicle was reported in Alder.

September 16, 2019

A welfare check was performed in Ennis. A traffic complaint was made in Twin Bridges. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Silver Star. Medical aid was administered in Alder.

September 17, 2019

Vandalism and criminal mischief was reported in Sheridan. Burglary was reported in Silver Star. A traffic complaint was made in Cameron.

September 18, 2019

A traffic complaint was made in Cameron. A wildlife complaint was made in Ennis. A fire alarm was reported in Sheridan. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Alder.

September 19, 2019

A wildlife complaint was made in Sheridan. Suspicious circumstances were

reported in Harrison.

September 20, 2019

Medical aid was administered in Ennis. A coroner callout was made in Whitehall. An animal complaint was made in Harrison. A trespass complaint was made in Cameron. A wildlife complaint was made in Sheridan. A welfare check was performed in Twin Bridges.

September 21, 2019

A welfare check was performed in Twin Bridges. An accident was reported in Sheridan. A welfare check was performed in Nevada City.

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## Winter clothes drive and giveaway

Submitted by  
ANDY THOMAS

The Madison Valley Medical Center rehab department

is hosting a winter clothes drive again this year. We are seeking donations of clean, new or gently used coats, winter boots, gloves and mittens.

We are accepting donations through Oct. 4, 2019. Items may be dropped off at the therapy clinic or at the hospital front desk.

This year, the giveaway will take place during the week of Oct. 14-18. No appointment is needed. Pick up will be available between 8

a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, during that week. Anyone interested in benefiting from the giveaway needs to check in at the therapy clinic at Madi-

son Valley Medical Center in Ennis during the designated hours. For more information call 406-682-6605.

# 2019 Madison County Fair Results-3

**Beginner Baking:** Purples- Lynzey Ortiz and Onnalie Chandler x5. Blues- Aliyah Rawson, Colt McLean, and Stella Witham x2.  
**Beginner Cooking:** Purples- Shelby Klein and Sage Buus. Blues- Shelby Klein x2, Sage Buus x4.  
**Intermediate Cooking:** Purples- Makenzie Boyko x5, Kara Dale x3, and Emma Konen x3. Blues- Kara Dale x2 and Emma Konen x2.  
**Advanced Cooking:** Purple- Raelynn Hagan x4.  
**Cloverbud Cooking:** Marley Rawson.  
**Cake Decorating**  
**Beginner:** Grand Champion and Purple- Natalie Schrank. Reserve Champion and Purple- Keira Rice. Purples- Ellen Brown, Riley Chisholm, Isabelle Lyons, Keira Rice, and Carli Wood. Blues- Koy McDougal and Keira Rice.  
**Cake Decorating**  
**Intermediate:** Grand

Champion- Jazzmin Nephew and Blue- Katherine Ball.  
**Cake Decorating**  
**Advanced:** Grand Champion and Purple- Addison Oliver. Reserve Champion and Purple- Joselyn Nephew.  
**Junior Shotgun**  
**Interviews (8-13 yrs):** Grand Champion- Lane Chase. Reserve Champion- Caden Keller.  
**Senior Shotgun**  
**Interviews (14 yrs+):** Grand Champion- Kurt Funston. Reserve Champion- Frederick Livezey.  
**Junior Shotgun Shoot (8-13yrs):** Grand Champion- Lane Chase. Reserve Champion- Kaleb Rice.  
**Senior Shotgun Shoot (14 yrs+):** Grand Champion- Michael Green. Reserve Champion- Kurt Funston.  
**Junior Air Pistol**  
**Interview (8-13yrs):** Grand Champion and Purple- Lane Chase. Reserve Champion

and Purple- Hannah Todd. Purples- Andrew Ball, Chevy Boyko, Finn Graden, and Sophia Paulson. Blue- Leland Miller.  
**Shooting Sports**  
**Educational Display:** Grand Champion and Purple- Mavrick Greemore. Reserve Champion and Purple- Andrew Ball.  
**Junior Air Rifle**  
**Interviews (8-13yrs):** Grand Champion and Purple- Lane Chase. Reserve Champion and Purple Sawyer Anson. Purples- Quinn Gilman, Hannah Todd, and Gunnar Decker. Blues- Stran Barnosky, Seeley Driskill, Molly Gilman, Gavin Hokanson, Taya Keller, Isabelle Lyons, John Martens, Koy McDougal, Miles McLean, Keira Rice, Brayt Wood, and James Reedy.  
**Senior Air Rifle**  
**Interviews (14yrs+):** Grand Champion- Cassidy

Carruthers. Reserve Champion- Joselyn Nephew.  
**Junior Archery**  
**Interviews (8-13yrs):** Grand Champion- Ellen Brown. Reserve Champion- Caden Keller. Purples- Andrew Ball, Lane Chase, Daniel Dietrich, Mavrick Greemore, Taya Keller, Miles McLean, and Allison Paulson. Blues- Ethan Babcock, Chevy Boyko, Makenzie Boyko, Gage Kidwell, Justin Kloote, Morgan Kloote, Ethan Norby, Sophia Paulson, JC Raty, Trey Schrank, and Evan Smith. Reds- Leland Miller, Natalie Schrank, Madelyn Seccomb, and Nicholas Seccomb.  
**Senior Archery**  
**Interviews (14yrs+):** Grand Champion- Cassidy Carruthers. Reserve Champion- Jaxson Kloote.  
**Archery Shoot:** Grand Champions- Ellie Brown, Mavrick Greemore, Morgan Kloote x2, Caden Keller

x2, Lane Chase, and Jaxon Kloote. Reserve Champions- Justin Kloote and Cassidy Carruthers. Blues- Andrew Ball, Leland Miller, Trey Schrank, Sophia Paulson, JC Raty, Miles McLean, Taya Keller x2, Ethan Norby, Daniel Dietrich, Evan Smith, Mavrick Greemore, Zane Downey, Nicholas Seccomb, Justin Kloote, and Cassidy Carruthers. Reds- Allison Paulson, Daniel Dietrich, Natalie Schrank, Timothy Seccomb, Gage Kidwell, Chevy Boyko, David Stack, Ethan Babcock, Andrew Ball, Madelyn Seccomb, Chevy Boyko, Andrew Ball, and Mackenzie Boyko.  
**Jr. Photography:** Grand Champion Photograph- Lexi Stratton. Reserve Champion Photograph- Dana Lerum. Grand Champion Photographer- Miles Mclean. Reserve Champion Photographer- Dana Lerum.

Judge's Choice- Dana Lerum.  
**Sr. Photography:** Grand Champion Photograph- Avery Oliver. Reserve Champion Photograph- Rebekah Cook. Grand Champion Photographer- Avery Oliver. Reserve Champion Photographer- Rebekah Cook. Judge's Choice- Rebekah Cook.  
**Photography 100:** Purples- Dana Lerum x6, Rebekah Cook, Lexi Stratton, Miles McLean, and Isabelle Lyons. Blues- Dana Lerum x7, Miles McLean x7, McKenzie Kountz x3, Isabelle Lyons, Zoey Crain x2, Zachary Foss x2, Adisyn Wood, Jaelyn Hartman x2, Rebekah Cook x5, and Seeley Driskill.  
**Photography 200:** Purples- Lexi Stratton x2 and Hannah Todd. Blues- Hannah Todd x2, and Dana Lerum.  
**Photography 300:** Purples- Avery Oliver x4. Blues- Avery Oliver x2.

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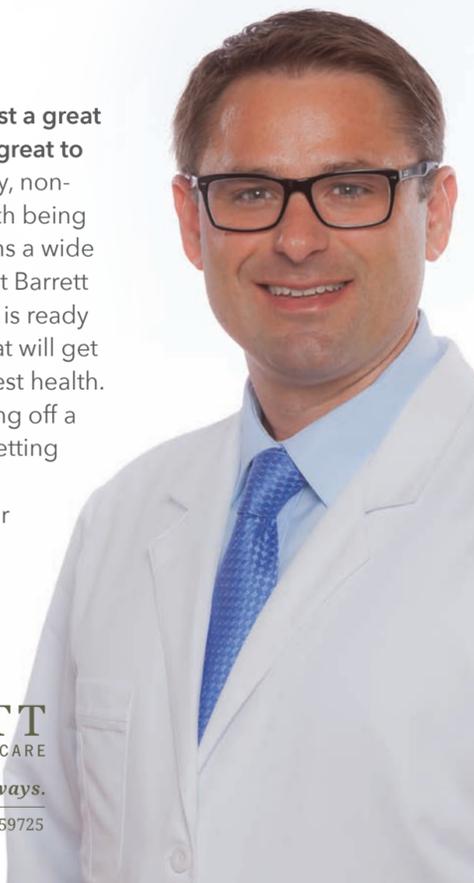
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MARY ANN SUSSMAN

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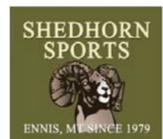


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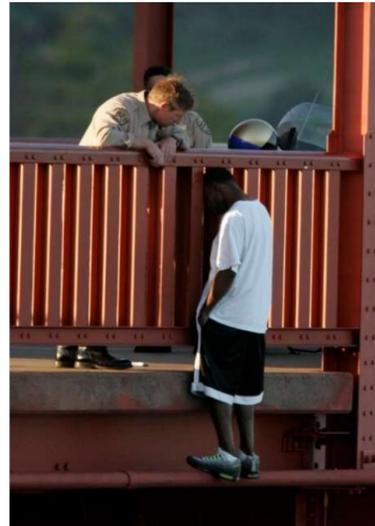
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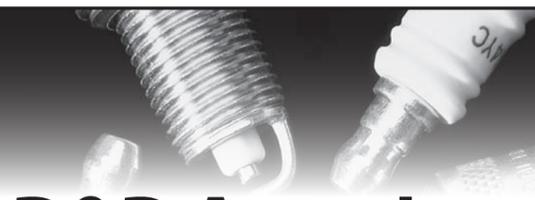
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| Thursday |  <p>Considerable cloudiness with occasional rain showers. High 53F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.</p>                            |
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| Friday   |  <p>Overcast with rain showers at times. High 52F. Winds W at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.</p>  |
| Saturday |  <p>Rain and snow showers in the morning changing to rain showers in the afternoon. High 44F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 60%.</p> |
| Sunday   |  <p>Snow showers. High around 35F. Winds NNE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of snow 40%. Snowfall around one inch.</p>                                  |
| Monday   |  <p>Occasional snow showers. High 32F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of snow 50%. 1 to 3 inches of snow expected.</p>                         |

## Quote of the Week:

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# PANORAMA

## Watershed approach to natural resource management

Success in partnerships and collaborations with landowners and conservationists

BY HANNAH KEARSE  
news@madisoniannews.com

The longest tributary to the largest river in the North America starts in southwest Montana, an area that is seeing new pressures from climate, people and animals. Where the Jefferson River, Madison River and Gallatin River meet, the Missouri River begins.

Flowing through seven states before merging with the Mississippi, the Missouri River is a significant water resource for life in the United States. Its southeast flows stretching for 2,341 miles and its many tributaries fertilize a swath of land that expands the Midwest.

The Missouri River basin area incorporates 529,300 square miles. The health of its headwaters in southwest Montana affect the rest of the river and the large area that it benefits. Through the

Montana Watershed Coordination Council (MWCC), which unites and supports Montana's watershed communities to promote a healthy and productive landscape, the Missouri Headwaters Partnership (MHP) functions as a coalition of local of local watershed organizations in four counties.

MWCC and MHP convened for a three day watershed tour across the Missouri Headwaters basin. The group came through Madison County to observe and learn about successful projects of the Ruby Valley Conservation District / Ruby Watershed Council and Madison Conservation District on Sept. 12.

Both projects focused on uniting conservation, agriculture and restoration, and working with private landowners to benefit the watershed communities of the Missouri Headwaters. "Agriculture, wildlife, rec-

reation and human occupation can co-exist and benefit the landscape," executive director of the Ruby Habitat Foundation, Les Gilman said.

A group of about 75 joined the tour, including students from the University of Montana Western, conservation groups, landowners and ranchers.

The tour highlighted collaborations between conservationists and private landowners that benefited each's interests. Conservation can yield shared interests of preserving and using the land.

The Woodlands Ranch in Sheridan, Montana presented successes in restoration along the Ruby River and Clear Creek. The Ruby Habitat Foundation recently put about 400 acres out of the ranch's 1,100 acres into a wetland reserve easement.

As the Ruby Valley Conservation District, Ruby Water-

shed Council, Ruby Habitat Foundation and the Nature Conservancy work together to reverse harmful mining and agricultural tactics of the past like straight-lining, river reach and water levels have improved greatly.

An assessment showed that the 2.8 miles of Clear Creek that went through the Woodlands Ranch, which is where the Ruby Habitat Foundation runs out of, was not sustainable. The realization lead to an urgency to improve the creek.

Gilman's great-grandfather was a part of the restructuring of Clear Creek decades ago. It was seen as a revolutionary concept that would benefit the land. The oxbows and vegetation that keep the water temperatures low and support fish habitation were straightened and cleared.

"It's a matter of perspective and time," Gilman said.

Clear Creek flows into the Ruby River, which flows into the Beaverhead River. The Big Hole River and Beaverhead River converge to make the Jefferson River, which flows into the Missouri River in Gallatin County.

The Woodland wetland conservation efforts continue to range from extensive to passive.

The second project highlighted in Madison County, the Endecott Ranch in McAllister, demonstrated a passive restoration tourniquet that benefited Endecott Ranch's business and South Meadow Creek, which flows through the property and into Ennis Lake.

Madison Conservation District started working with the Endecott family in 2010. They identified ways to protect their 200-plus cattle from hazardous winter conditions in the creek. A half mile of riparian fencing along the entire South Meadow

Creek that went through the Endecott's property and supplemental stock water sources to provide cattle with year-round access to clean water were created in 2012.

This passive restoration approach combined with limited short-term grazing in the riparian area has transformed South Meadow Creek within seven years. Fish habitat is better and water quality is improving.

Another collaboration made further improvements in 2015, relocating the creek to its historic channel. More work with Madison Conservation District is currently underway to improve pool habitat for fish.

"Maintaining viable agricultural operations is one of the most beneficial ways of sustaining healthy land and water resources, while also protecting open spaces for the future," according to MWCC.



**CLOCKWISE, starting top left:**

Agencies from around the region meet for the second day of the Montana Watershed Coordination Field Tour in Virginia City Sept. 12.

Les Gilman, executive director of the Ruby Habitat Foundation, speaks on the Montana Watershed Coordination Field Tour at the Woodson Ranch about restoring the lower Ruby River and Clear Creek outside Sheridan.

Janet Endecott, cattle ranch owner in McAllister, speaks about the success of the passive restoration project on her property during the Montana Watershed Coordination Field Tour.

Ethan Kunard, Conservation Programs Manager at the Madison Conservation District, speaks to participants about restoration efforts in the Madison County.

The second day of the Montana Watershed Coordination Filed Tour is well attended.

ALL PHOTOS BY HANNAH KEARSE



# Barrett Hospital & HealthCare selected as National Virtual Quality Improvement Mentor

Submitted by  
CHRISTIE TRAPP

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare announced today that Ben Power, Quality Coordinator / Data Analyst has been selected to serve as a member of Virtual Quality Improvement Mentors. This new initiative aims to broadly transfer knowledge from leading critical access hospital's quality improvement staff to other critical access hospitals across the country on how to address common quality improvement challenges. The Virtual Quality Improvement Mentors is an initiative orga-

nized through Rural Quality Improvement Technical Assistance (RQITA), a program of Stratis Health supported by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP).

Ben Power was selected as one member of eight leading critical access hospitals to be a national Virtual Quality Improvement Mentor. The mentors were selected from a pool of candidates across the country who were nominated by their respective state Flex programs as quality improvement leaders. They each successfully report and use data to support quality improvement

activities in their rural hospital. They represent the diversity of critical access hospitals across the nation, with varying rural locations, service lines, and patient volumes which average 2.5 to 16 patients per day and 1,300 to 13,000 emergency room visits annually.

"This appointment recognizes individuals who embrace quality as a central focus of their work, and Ben does just that," said Maria Koslosky, Chief Quality & Compliance Officer Barrett Hospital & HealthCare. "Quality is critical to satisfying our patients and retaining their loyalty, and

because of Ben's leadership in quality improvement, our staff is able to provide a higher level of care to family, friends and neighbors."

The new Virtual Quality Improvement Mentors are:

- Amy Arnett, Horizon Health - Paris Community Hospital, Paris, IL
- Cindy Gilman, Carroll County Memorial Hospital, Carrollton, MO
- Mariah Hesse, Sparrow Clinton Hospital, St. Johns, MI
- Karen Hooker, Kit Carson County Health Service District, Burlington, CO
- Christy Mintah, Avera

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- Ben Power, Barrett Hospital & HealthCare, Dillon, MT
- ArvaDell Sharp, Pembina County Memorial Hospital, Cavalier, ND
- Brenda Stevenson, Titusville Area Hospital, Titusville, PA

### ABOUT BARRETT HOSPITAL & HEALTHCARE

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare is a non-profit critical access hospital (CAH) in Dillon, Montana. Critical access hospitals make up approximately twenty-five percent of

hospitals in the United States; there are 1,343 in the nation, with 50 critical access hospitals in Montana. They are, by definition, at least 35 miles from another hospital and have no more than 25 acute care beds at any given time with most hospitals being located in rural areas. Barrett Hospital & HealthCare is a four-time recipient for being a Top 20 Critical Access Hospital of the 20 highest ranked Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) in the nation by National Rural Health Association (NRHA). For more information, visit [www.barrethospital.org](http://www.barrethospital.org).

# Mental health, suicide prevention and the Golden Gate Bridge

Submitted by  
DORIS FISCHER  
Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 3, Madison County residents and friends will have a chance to hear Army Veteran and Retired Sergeant Kevin

Briggs, California Highway Patrol, link mental health, suicide prevention, and the Golden Gate Bridge. Briggs will relate his experiences as a first responder who encouraged more than 200 people not to jump from the famous bridge, go over its rail, or come back to solid ground from where they had been

standing precariously. These challenging but rewarding efforts earned Briggs the nickname "Guardian of the Golden Gate Bridge." Briggs now promotes mental health awareness and suicide prevention across the globe.

One in five Americans suffer from a mental disorder. Montana has one of the high-

est suicide rates in the country. Alcohol is a factor in almost half of the suicides in the state.

Briggs addresses such issues with an emphasis on how professional care, self-care, and support can combine to improve a person's quality of life. His personal story includes being a cancer survivor, overcoming heart issues,

divorce, PTSD, and depression. Briggs is also a survivor of suicide loss.

Briggs will speak in the Madison County Administration Building Community Room in Virginia City. His presentation is free and open to the public. This event is co-sponsored by the Madison County Mental Health Local

Advisory Council, American Legion Posts 31, 65, and 89, Madison County Sheriff's Office, Madison County Local Emergency Planning Committee, Madison Valley Medical Center, Ruby Valley Medical Center, and Southwest Montana Prevention.

For more information, call 842-7161.

# SITTING IS THE NEW SMOKING

## What are the risks of sitting too much?



By  
EDWARD R. LASKOWSKI  
M.D., Mayo Clinic

When you sit, you use less energy than you do when you stand or move. Research has linked sitting for long periods of time with a number of health concerns. They include obesity and a cluster of conditions — increased blood pressure, high blood sugar, excess body fat around the waist and abnormal cholesterol levels — that make up metabolic syndrome. Too much sitting overall and prolonged periods of sitting also seem to increase the risk of death from cardiovascular disease and cancer.

Any extended sitting — such as at a desk, behind a wheel or in front of a screen

— can be harmful. An analysis of 13 studies of sitting time and activity levels found that those who sat for more than eight hours a day with no physical activity had a risk of dying similar to the risks of dying posed by obesity and smoking. However, unlike some other studies, this analysis of data from more than 1 million people found that 60 to 75 minutes of moderately intense physical activity a day countered the effects of too much sitting. Another study found that sitting time contributed little to mortality for people who were most active.

More study is needed on the effects of sitting and physical activity on health. However, it seems clear that less sitting and more moving overall contribute to better health. You might start by simply standing rather than sitting when you have the

chance or finding ways to walk while you work. For example:

- Take a break from sitting every 30 minutes.
- Stand while talking on the phone or watching television.
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## COMMUNITY

## Montana's first Gold Star Memorial marker

Submitted by  
GLENN WALTEE

The term "Gold Star" describes a family member who has lost a loved one in military service. The Gold Star first made an appearance during World War I. The name came from the custom of families of servicemen hanging a banner called a

service flag in the window of their homes. The service flag had a star for each family member in the United States Armed Forces.

Gold Star Families have been in the news a lot in the United States in the past months. Gold Star Families are immediate relatives of U.S. Armed Force members who died in battle or in support

of certain military activities. These relatives can be parents, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters or other loved ones.

The original service flag included a Blue Star for every immediate family member serving in the armed forces of the United States, during any period of war or hostilities in which the armed forces were engaged. If that

loved one died, the Blue Star was replaced with a Gold Star. While their hero paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, survivors live daily with the pain of this sacrifice.

The Whitehall Garden Club and the Whitehall Veterans established a Blue Star Memorial Marker at the our Silver Tower Park on May 21, 2011, Armed Forces Day.

This year, 2019, a special day has been designated on the yearly calendar as "Gold Star Mother's Day", Sunday, September 29. Whitehall Garden Club will hold a Dedication Ceremony, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. with the revealing of the Gold Star Memorial Marker. The Marker will be placed in Whitehall's Silver Tower Park near the Blue Star

Memorial Marker and the Veterans' Wall.

The public is invited to attend the Dedication Ceremony. There will be a program with music, guests, speakers and refreshments. If there is a "Gold Star Mother" in southwest Montana who can attend, please contact the Whitehall Garden Club at 406-498-8780.



## COLUMNS



## COMMODITY INSITE: Timing, choice and judgment

BY JERRY WELCH

According to Wikipedia, "herding cats" is an idiom, "denoting a futile attempt to control or organize a class of entities which are inherently uncontrollable – as in the difficulty of attempting to command individual cats into a group (herd)." The best description I can offer about the week that just ended for the entire Big Four: stocks, bonds, currencies and commodities is to describe it as five days of herding cats. The markets were "inherently uncontrollable" and fraught with volatility each and every day.

The craziness began over the weekend when a drone missile attack destroyed the two largest oil refineries in Saudi Arabia. The following Monday, the first trading day after the attack, Brent crude oil futures, the international benchmark, rose 19.5%, the largest one day rise in history. And because crude tends to be, "the stick that stirs the drink" a host of commodity markets were also sharply higher.

There is not enough room in this week's column to describe the various movements seen with the Big Four due to a record setting rally with crude oil. Believe me, every market was wild as the proverbial

March Hare with huge price swings seen in stocks, bonds, currencies and commodities. The icing on the cake, so to speak, for the week was the fact the Federal Reserve lowered U.S. interest rates at mid-week by ¼ percent.

An issue many had with the Fed hiking rates was the simple fact that there was dissent about the decision. For example, five Fed members thought the rates should not have been lowered at all. Five members approved of the point cut but also wished to keep rates unchanged through the rest of the year. And seven members favored at least one more rate cut this year. It was the most dissents for a Fed decision since December, 2014.

The reason the Fed cut rates was because of the numerous signs showing the U.S. economy is slowing with loud hints a recession is close at hand. In order to keep the economy expanding and to fight off a recession, rates were cut. However, several well respected Wall Street analysts were quick to remind everyone about the rate cut back in September, 2007, 12 years ago when the economy also began to show

signs of slipping into a recession.

Back in '07, the Fed cut rates by ¼ point and stocks as measured by the Dow Jones still rallied into October 9, 2007 when the market closed above 14,164, an all-time high. But exactly 17 months later the Dow closed at 6,547, shedding more than half of its value.

And from CBS News in an article written by Alan Roth on October 11, 2010, 9 years ago with a headline, "3 Years After the Stock Market Peak: Here are the Lessons." Mr. Roth wrote, "One year later, in October 2008, the market crashed, leading to the most painful economic hangover in our lifetimes. Lehman Brothers and AIG were household names. Suddenly, the risk mavericks were jumping ship like rats off the Titanic. And the market kept on falling, eventually bottoming out on March 9, 2009, when The Great Depression Ahead was a best-selling book."

It has been a very difficult week for investors, traders and agriculture producers. The situation with the bombing of the two largest oil refineries in

Saudi Arabia remains in play in terms of retaliation, or whatever. Any further cuts in Saudi oil production will spawn even more volatility. And the Fed cut rates because they do not like what they see when it comes to the U.S. economy. Keep in mind that the fundamentals, economic weakness in this case, that bring about rate cuts are not necessarily bullish for stocks or commodities.

I am not comfortable looking back in time and recalling the Fed cutting rates in September 2007 only to see the Dow peak out in early October, 2007 and then dropping more than 50% in value over the following year and a half. I am also not comfortable knowing that September is the most bearish month of the year for stocks with October being the month that has always had the largest one-day declines in history.

Moving forward, the environment unfolding will be as challenging and difficult as herding cats. It will be a landscape where conditions are, "inherently uncontrollable." Consequently, money will be made or lost based on timing, choice and judgment.

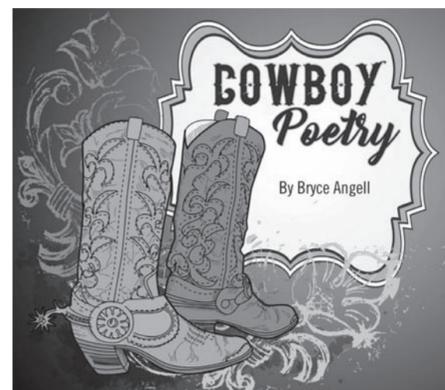
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Then mounted. We were gone.  
I'd only worn a t-shirt, but my hat was pulled down tight. My hat would keep the rain off. Heck,  
I knew I'd be alright.  
If I'd only known what really lay ahead of me that day. I'd have heeded all my father's words. I  
darn sure had to pay.  
By afternoon the sky turned black, for sure the dankest cold. I knew I was in trouble. Wished  
I'd done what I was told.  
The cold dark clouds soon emptied out. They soaked me head to toe. The weather turned to hail  
and then the wind began to blow.  
My mind was still coherent. I recalled what Father said. "Your horse will throw off heat. Just  
snuggle up. You won't be dead."  
So, I wrapped myself around old Stretch. The heat was coming through. My saddle horse had  
saved me. Didn't have to say adieu.  
Just then I heard a tree branch snap. I saw my father's face. He came riding in on Shortcut and I  
yelled out words of grace.  
He didn't have to say a word. His look plumb pierced my soul. He tossed a coat and slicker.  
Didn't offer an earful.  
Well, that was fifty years ago. It seems like yesterday. Now I always tie a raincoat even on a  
sunny day.  
'Cuz the coldest that I've been was 1969 July. The mountains ain't forgiving and I dang near  
said, "Goodbye."  
And when the other cowboys say, "You carry too much gear." I think about that day and know  
I'm lucky to be here.

# COMICS & PUZZLES

## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Bread choice
- 4 Ignore
- 8 Platter
- 12 "— the fields we go"
- 13 Watergate evidence
- 14 "Do — others ..."
- 15 Succumb to gravity
- 16 Bloodhound's clue
- 17 Poker variety
- 18 Half an aphorism
- 21 Atmosphere
- 22 Spring time
- 23 Counterfeit
- 26 Festive
- 27 Kreskin's claim
- 30 "— Lang Syne"
- 31 Tenor Peerce
- 32 Tolerate
- 33 Spelldown
- 34 Follow relentlessly
- 35 Linger
- 36 Old French coin
- 37 Scale member
- 38 18-Across' other half
- 45 PC operator
- 46 Requisite
- 47 Martini ingredient

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- 48 Stead
- 49 Figure-skating jump
- 50 Genetic stuff
- 51 Mary's follower
- 52 Muse's musicmaker
- 53 Early bird?
- 7 "The Seventh Seal" director
- 8 Failing the white glove test
- 9 Grooving on
- 10 Phaser setting
- 11 "The Da Vinci —"
- 19 Praise highly
- 20 Put into words
- 23 "Terrif"
- 24 Wish otherwise
- 25 Hearty quaff
- 26 Joke
- 27 Wet wriggler
- 28 "Erie Canal" mule
- 29 Use a crowbar
- 31 Blog
- 32 Ointment
- 34 Fawn's mom
- 35 Random drawing?
- 36 Bush
- 37 Villain's look
- 38 Sea flier
- 39 Largest of the seven
- 40 Abound
- 41 Alluring
- 42 Shrek, e.g.
- 43 Croon
- 44 Hosiery mishap

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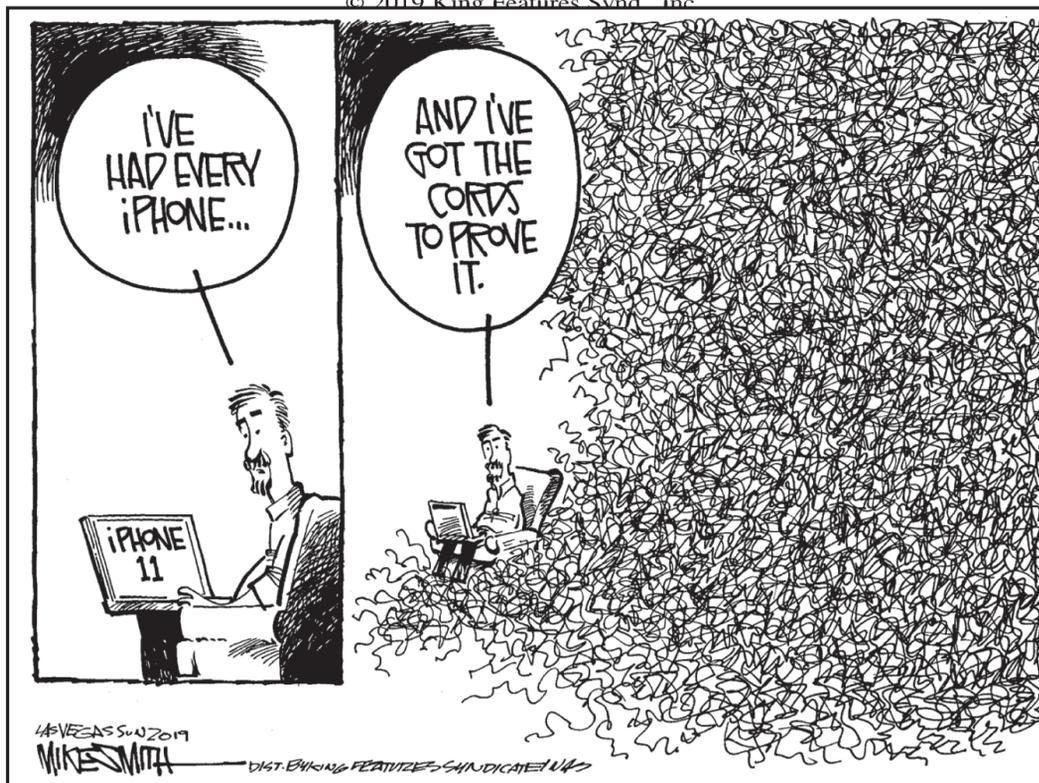
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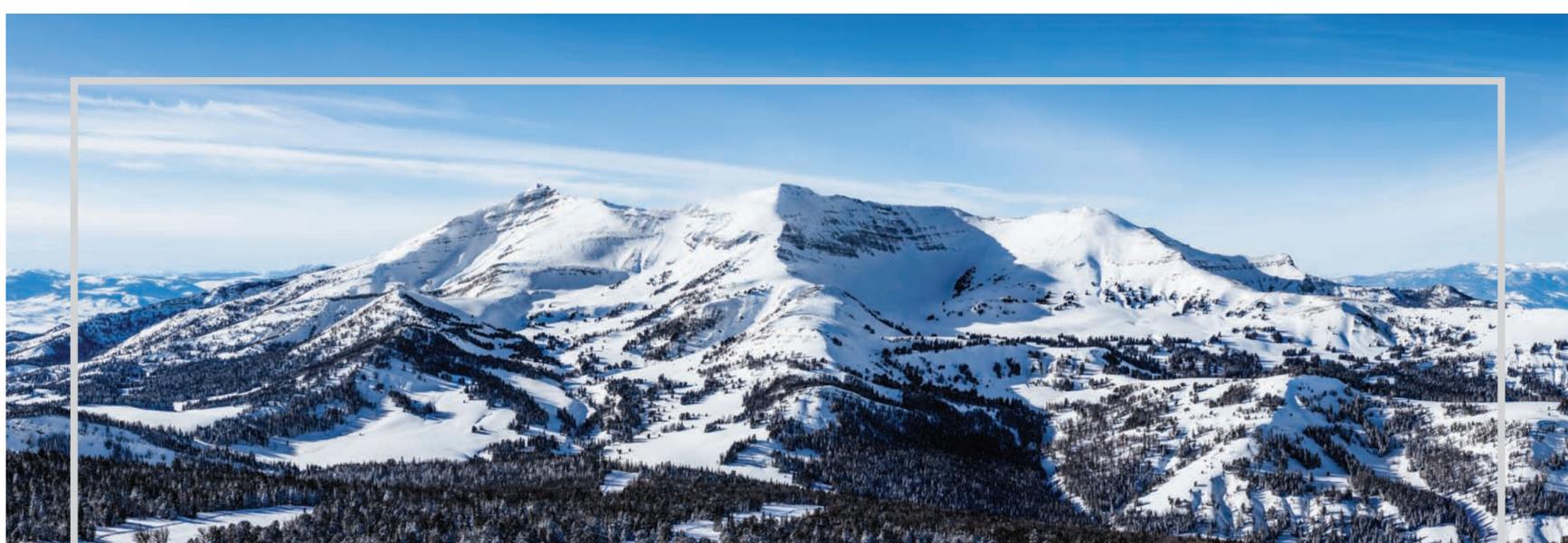
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**SUMMONS OF PUBLICATION**  
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY MICHAEL STEARS, MARIE B. STEARS, CAUSE NO. DV-29-2016-49 Plaintiffs, Judge: Luke Berger -vs- Town of Ennis, Montana and all other persons, unknown, claiming or who might claim any right, title, estate, or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in the complaint adverse to Plaintiffs' ownership or any cloud upon Plaintiffs' title, whether such claim or possible claim is present or contingent. Defendants. To UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS: THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS: YOU, THE UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS, ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Amended Complaint in this action, which was filed in District Court on January 12, 2017. Within 21 days after service of this summons on you by publication, exclusive of the day of service, you must serve on Plaintiffs' attorney an answer to the Amended Complaint or a motion under Rule of the Montana Rules of Civil Procedure. Do not include the day you were served in your calculation of time.

The answer or motion must be served on Plaintiffs' attorney, whose name and address are listed above. You must also file your answer or motion with the court. If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. This action is brought to quiet title to land situated in Madison County, Montana, and described as follows: a twelve foot wide strip of land (hereafter referred to as the "alley") that lies between two parcels of land owned by Plaintiffs in the Town of Ennis, Montana and whose west boundary is the Ennis Ditch and whose east boundary is the Madison River. Plaintiffs' respective parcels of property adjoin the alley, immediately to its north and south. Plaintiffs' real property adjoining the alley immediately to its north is described as follows: Tract A: A tract of land situated in Section 4, Township 6 South, Range 1 West, P.M.M., more particularly shown on Certificate of Survey filed in Book 7 of Surveys, page 103, records of Madison County, Montana. Plaintiffs' real property adjoining the alley immediately to its south is described as follows: A tract of land situated within the NE1/4 of Section 4, 16S, R1W P.M.M. Being more particularly described

as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Block 6, Armitage Addition to the Town of Ennis, Montana, Thence-SOUTH a distance of 12.00 feet; thence EAST a distance of 152.00 feet to the true point of beginning; thence from said true point of beginning, S22degrees20'15"3"W a distance of 155.69 feet; thence WEST a distance of 15.80 feet; thence SOUTH a distance of 48.44 feet; thence N89degrees33'15"E a distance of 297.29 feet to a point on the westly bank of the Madison River; thence N24degrees47'11"W a distance of 209.47 feet to a point on the westly bank of the Madison River; thence WEST a distance of 134.46 feet to the true point of beginning. This tract contains 0.962 acres all in accordance with the Certificate of Survey filed in Book 7 of Surveys, page 107, Records of Madison County, Montana. Z. 4 'a) GIVEN under my hand this 29TH day of 2019, at the hour of 4:10 o'clock P.M. /S/ KAREN J. MILLER CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT (Pub. SEPT 12, 19, 26, 2019) CD Meyer MNAXLP

whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same. Shannon Gavin Notary Public Bingham County, Idaho Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company vs Neil O. Peterson; Penny L. Peterson ; Periann Washenfelder 107375-1. (Pub. SEPT 12, 19, 26, 2019) Mackoff Kellogg MNAXLP

**MAYOR VACANCY** - The Town of Twin Bridges Mayor's position will be vacant effective September 13th. The Town is looking for qualified candidates that are interested in filling the position. If you are interested in filling for the position, please drop a cover letter and resume with references off at Town Hall (104 E. 6th Ave) or mail to PO BOX 307, Twin Bridges, MT 59754 by October 1, 2019. In order to be the Mayor you need to be at least eighteen (18) years old, a resident of the State of Montana for three (3) years and a resident of the Town of Twin Bridges for two (2) years. The current term expires December 31, 2021. Re-election will occur for the next four year term during the November 2021 general election. Position requirements can be obtained at the Town Office. If you have any questions or need additional information please contact the office at 406-684-5243. (Pub. SEPT 19, 26, 2019) Madison County Commissioners Town of Twin Bridges MNAXLP

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE on December 16, 2019, at 11:00 AM at the Front Door to the Madison County Courthouse located at 100 West Wallace in Virginia City, MT 59755, the following described real property situated in Madison County, Montana: A tract of land situated in Government Lot 2, Section 3, Township 5 South, Range 5 West, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana, more particularly shown and described as "TRACT M" on Certificate of Survey filed in Book 7 of Surveys, page 2043-ME, records of Madison County, Montana. Penny L. Peterson and Neil O. Peterson, as Grantor(s), conveyed said real property to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Beneficiary, by Deed of Trust dated on November 19, 2008, and recorded on December 3, 2008, as Document No. 129216. The beneficial interest is currently held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company. First American Title Company of Montana, Inc., is currently the Trustee. The beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to death. The total amount due on this obligation as of June 30, 2019 is \$127,025.70 principal, interest totaling \$34,108.83, and other fees and expenses advanced of \$13,726.81, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other costs and fees that may be advanced. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale and late charges, if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person, including the beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed without any representation or warranty, including warranty of Title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale. The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor or any other person having an interest in the property, at any time prior to the trustee's sale, may pay to the beneficiary or the successor in interest to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the deed of trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default. The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason, and in the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Dated: July 31, 2019 Rae Albert Assistant Secretary, First American Title Company of Montana, Inc. Successor Trustee Title Financial Specialty Services PO Box 339 Blackfoot ID 83221 STATE OF Idaho ss. COUNTY OF Bingham On this 31 day of July, 2019, before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Rae Albert, known to me to be the Assistant Secretary of First American Title Company of Montana, Inc., Successor Trustee, known to me to be the person

Madison County Election Office (103 West Wallace Street, Virginia City) in order to register and have their ballots issued to them. LATE REGISTRATION IS NOT AVAILABLE AT POLLING PLACES! Hours for late registration are: Monday through Friday between 8 am and 5pm until the Friday before the election (October 8-November 4th) From 8 am until NOON on the day before the Election (November 5th ) From 7 am until 8 pm on Election Day. Inactive electors may reactivate by: \*\*appearing at the polling place to vote \*\*by requesting an absentee ballot in any election \*\*or by notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of the elector's current address in the county. DATED this 13th day of September, 2019. Madison County Kathleen D. Mumme Election Administrator (Pub. SEPT 26, Oct 3, 2019) MC Clerk and Recorder MNAXLP

**NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCIES:**  
The Madison County Board of Commissioners has one vacancy on the Fair Board, one vacancy on the Housing Advisory Board; one vacancy on the Mental Health Local Advisory Council, one vacancy on the Planning Board, representing the Twin Bridges or Harrison/Pony/Norris Area; two vacancies on the Public Health Board, two vacancies on the Road Review Committee, one vacancy on the Tax Appeal Board and one vacancy for a Substitute Member on the Tax Appeal Board; one vacancy on the Madison Valley Cemetery District Board, and one vacancy on the Pioneer Cemetery District Board. If you are interested in filling any of these vacancies, please contact the Commissioners' Office at 406-843-4277, or by email at madco@madisoncountymt.gov. PDF application forms can be found on the county website at https://madisoncountymt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/833 Please return completed applications to: Madison County Commissioners' Office P.O. Box 278 Virginia City, MT 59755 (Pub. SEPT 26, Oct 3, 10, 2019) MC Commissioners MNAXLP

**THE TRUSTEES' FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND SCHOOL BUDGETS**

The Trustees' Financial Summary and school budgets for the school year 2018-2019 of each district in the Madison County are available for inspection in the office of the County Superintendent of Schools at the Courthouse in Virginia City by appointment. To view the beginning and ending cash balances, total revenue, and total expenditures for all funds for each district (MCA 20-3-205) please visit http://madisoncountymt.gov under departments choose Treasurer or Superintendent of Schools. Madison County Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year 2018-2019 General Fund Balances for each District in Madison County **SEE CHART A** If you have any questions please feel free to contact Pam Birkeland, County Superintendent of Schools at 843-4280 or pbirkeland@madisoncountymt.gov or the following district clerks: Alder: Kathleen Wuelfing, Ennis: Ginger Martello, Harrison: Judi Ward, Sheridan: Becky Larsen, and Twin Bridges: Tara Rhea. (Pub. SEPT 26, 2019) MC Superintendent of Schools MNAXLP

**TOWN OF ENNIS: NOTICE OF 2ND PUBLIC HEARING FOR CHANGES TO THE FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF ENNIS**  
The Town of Ennis will hold a Public Hearing on October 10, 2019 at 6:45 p.m., at the Ennis Town Hall located at 328 W. Main Street, Ennis, MT for the purpose of obtaining public comments on the proposed changes to the Floodplain Ordinance for the Town of Ennis. Interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their opinion regarding the proposed changes to the Floodplain Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on October 10, 2019 and will be read for the record at the public hearing. Written comments may be mailed to Town of Ennis/Floodplain Ordinance, 328 W Main St., Ennis, MT, 59729, faxed to 406 682-5011, or delivered in person to 328 W. Main Street. Copies of the proposed ordinance changes can be viewed at Ennis Town Hall or Madison Valley Public Library during normal business hours. (Pub. SEPT 26, Oct 3, 2019) Ennis Town MNAXLP



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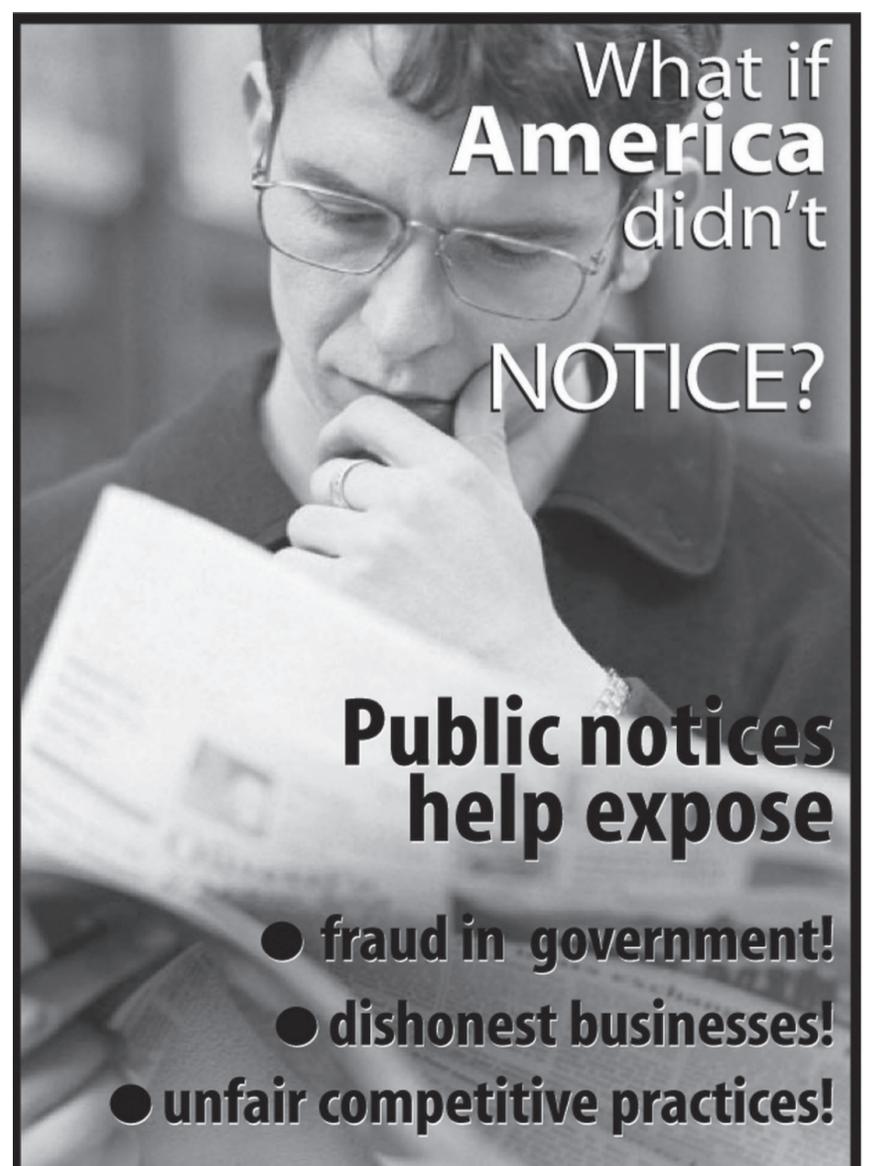
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# MISSOURI RIVER CORPS OF REDISCOVERY PART 15: CONFLUENCE

*"We came too this evening in the mouth of a little river, which falls in on the Stard. side. This stream is about 50 yards wide from bank to bank; the water occupyes about 15 yards. the banks are of earth only, abrupt, 'tho not high—the bed is of mud principally. Capt Clark, who was up this stream about three miles, informed me that it continued about the same width, that it's current was gentle and it appeared navigable for perogues..."*

*This stream my friend Capt. C. named Marthas river."*

—Meriwether Lewis, April 29, 1805

Fort Union Trading Post was reconstructed based on sketches and archaeological excavations. The Bourgeois House was rebuilt first, followed by the palisades and bastions.



of its foundations. The fancy "Bourgeois House" was completed before our 500-mile walk across Montana in 1988, while the palisade walls and bastions were reconstructed later.

In a confluence of past and present, paddling 700 miles to Fort Union brackets the major events of my life. The walk across Montana was undertaken before marriage and family, while the present journey by canoe comes post-divorce and after the kids have left the nest. Strangely, I've always traveled north-south, not east. Fort Union is on the Montana-North Dakota border. Everything beyond is the new frontier, fitting for this new era of my life.

Over time the Missouri River has shifted so far south that the fort is largely inaccessible by water, so we tied our canoes downstream and walked two miles back by road. We were heartily greeted by the staff and enjoyed a lazy afternoon learning about the fort while recharging cameras and phones. They graciously gave us a ride back to the canoes after closing. As we paddled away, Sawyer, the site historian and re-enactor, came running to the river bank with mail: a letter of introduction written in pen and ink for us to deliver to American Fur Company headquarters in St. Louis, "if they are still in business."

"A letter of introduction for Mr. Pierre Chouteau. These fine men are most able-bodied canoers and tried and true men of the river. Each has stopped at Fort Union and made himself and his good character known. Where they came is some great distance, and has fully served as a test to their employability with the Company as promising

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THOMAS J. ELPÉL

Before there were railroads and highways there were rivers. Navigable rivers were thoroughfares of travel and commerce, so Lewis and Clark noted potential sites for forts and settlements along the Missouri. The junction of two major rivers was of particular interest to early American expansion, so both captains evaluated the confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers with an eye for future "establishments." In a rare rebuke of his co-captain, Lewis noted that Clark's site suggestion was a lousy idea. Twenty-three years later, the American Fur Company

constructed its Fort Union Trading Post three miles up the Missouri on a high bluff with access to a deep port for boats by the front gate. The company imported wares from Europe, Asia, and the American colonies, including beads, cookware, guns, knives, blankets, cloth, and alcohol, which were traded for furs and buffalo robes from regional tribes. Fort Union exported \$100,000 in furs and hides annually to world markets, staying in business from 1828 to 1867.

Fort Union was then sold to the U.S. Army and dismantled for materials to expand Fort Buford closer to the confluence. Fort Union as it exists today was rebuilt based on artist sketches and archaeological excavations

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We paddled downriver to the confluence and stayed at the campground and interpretive center. The water is deceptively placid, and paddling the Missouri often feels like paddling a long lake more than a big river, yet the current typically moves at two to four miles per hour, bringing submerged trees into the path faster than one might anticipate.

Another day of paddling brought us to Trenton Lake, formed from an old bend of the Missouri. Here we camped and joined a community pow wow hosted by the Turtle Mountain Chippewa. We were welcomed like family to the dinner and dances. John and I joined the potato dance where partners place a potato

between their foreheads and dance until losing the potato. Dusty and I made it to third place. Anita and Brett Williamson sent us with a pouch of tobacco containing the community’s prayers to accompany our journey downriver.

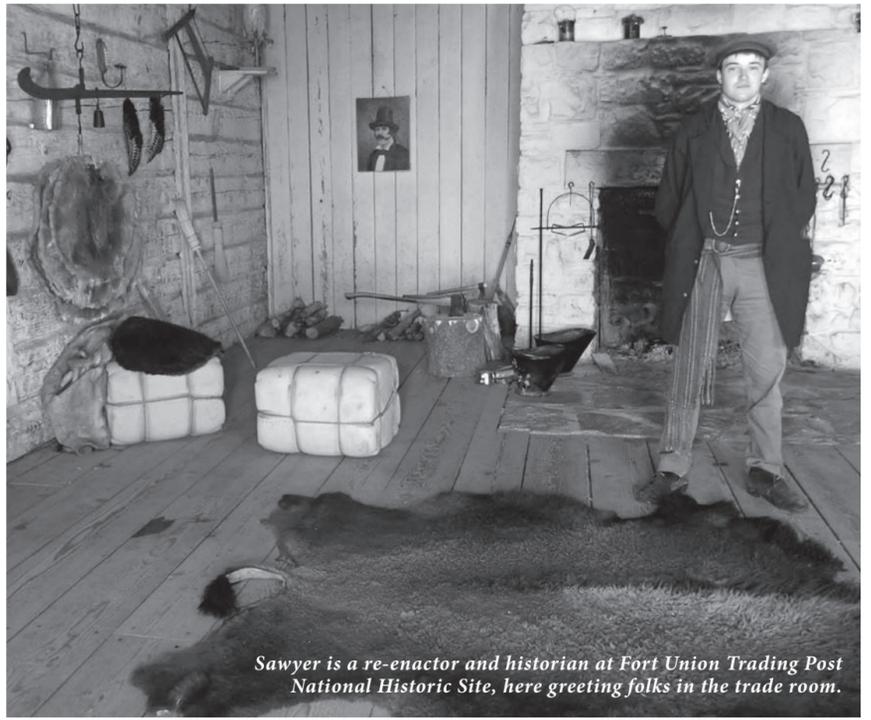
We were joined by Charles Tatch, who drove up from Georgia to paddle with our expedition for a week. Thick willows and thicker mosquitoes limited campsite opportunities, so we paddled down to the fishing access at Lewis and Clark Bridge on Highway 85.

The quiet energy of the merged Yellowstone and Missouri rivers gave way to its confluence with commerce. Oil rigs sprouted up beside the river, and oil trains rumbled by, laying on the horn. Trucks and cars roared over the

bridge. Helicopters buzzed overhead. As if attracted to all the energy, a storm rolled in at nightfall, adding it’s lightning, thunder, wind, and rain to the commotion.

That was a lot of noise for a crew that has spent six weeks paddling through one of the most remote, least-populated sections of the lower forty-eight states. Yet it is all part of the experience for the Missouri River Corps of Rediscovery on our continuing journey to explore the river from Three Forks, Montana to St. Louis, Missouri.

*Thomas J. Elpel is president of the Jefferson River Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.*



Sawyer is a re-enactor and historian at Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site, here greeting folks in the trade room.

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Thursday, September 26 - Swedish meatballs over rice, veggie, roll and dessert

**TWIN BRIDGES SENIOR CENTER**

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. Activities include bingo each Monday, cards on Wednesday. The Senior Center Group meets the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m.

Thursday, September 26 - Chicken fried steak, mashers, veggies, dessert

Friday, September 27 - Sloppy joes, chips, pickle, dessert - Pinochle at 12:30 p.m.

Monday, September 30 - Goulash, salad, garlic bread, dessert - Mahjong at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, October 1 - Reuben, onion rings, pickle, dessert - Pan at 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 2 - Chicken & stuffing, veggies, dessert - Mahjong at 1 p.m.

Thursday, October 3 - Kielbasa & veggie skewers, roasted potatoes, dessert

Friday, October 4 - Corn chowder, salad, croissant, dessert - Pinochle at 12:30 p.m.

**RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY, SHERIDAN**  
Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 12 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 older, Monday - Friday. Seniors may choose to eat at the Senior Center, family style for \$3.50, or have their meals delivered for \$4. Delivered meals are within the city limits of Sheridan and should be called in by 10 a.m. Contact Shirley Sand at 842-5966.

**VIRGINIA CITY CAFÉ**  
Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$4.00.

