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Joint commission meeting discusses mining proposal

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TWIN BRIDGES – At a joint meeting in Twin Bridges on Wednesday commissioners from Madison and Jefferson Counties received a presentation from Monique DiGiorgio of Common Ground Conservation on the Missouri Headwaters Mine Reclamation Project, which aims to use the revenues from reprocessed mine tailings to create jobs, restore the environment and bring revenue into rural communities in southwest Montana.

In a concept paper written by DiGiorgio the outline for the project is to analyze a cost recovery mechanism for the restoration of abandoned hard rock mining sites using the proceeds from reprocessed mine tailings. The project also seeks to prioritize mines for reclamation in order to recover costs from some sites and maximize environmental benefit at others. This will be done using existing data on the location, size, ownership, mineral yield estimates and environmental hazards of abandoned mines.

"We're really trying to balance the cost recovery mechanism, where we could look at particular sites that would really have a high cost recovery and then match that with areas that have environmental hazards and public safety issues," said DiGiorgio.

The goal for the project is

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Man accused in Bear Trap Fire makes court appearance

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VIRGINIA CITY – The man accused of starting the Bear Trap 2 Fire that burned more than 15,000 acres this summer along the lower Madison River, made his initial appearance in court Monday morning.

Kyler Schmitz, who is from Bozeman and now lives in Billings, showed up for his initial appearance dressed in a suit and tie, with his parents in attendance. After District Judge Loren Tucker went through the charges, he asked Schmitz if it was okay for him to enter a not guilty plea for all charges. Schmitz said it was.

Schmitz is charged with eight felony counts of arson for starting a wildfire with fireworks in the Bear Trap Canyon Recreation Area on June 25. Schmitz also faces seven alternative charges of misdemeanor negligent arson on seven of the eight felony counts. On the eighth count, Schmitz faces the alternative of misdemeanor or felony negligent arson.

With each of the felony ar-

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School board and commissioners to meet about audit report

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The Ennis School Board and Madison County Commissioners will have at least one more joint meeting to discuss the audit of the school district's books.

The audit, asked for by the commissioners and paid for by the school district, is complete and the auditors will present it to a joint meeting of the school board and commissioners next Monday, Oct. 29 at 5 p.m.

The audit is the only thing on the joint meetings agenda, however, the auditors have told school board members that recommendations based on the audit won't be distributed until after the meeting, said school board chair Lisa Frye.

"Basically it's just going to be a discussion about the report," Frye said.

A special audit of the school district's book has been discussed for more than three years. However, the county commissioners became more involved after Madison County deputy attorney Chris McConnell requested an opinion from Montana Attorney General Steve Bullock.

Central to McConnell's request was the funding for the new

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CHECKING THE HUNT



Photos by Ben Coulter

MSU students Christine de Caussin and Amber Knutson (left) survey hunters travelling north on Highway 287 near Cameron on Sunday.

Local check station has active opening weekend for big game season

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CAMERON – As general rifle hunting opened across the state last weekend volunteers, staff and biologists with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks were out collecting harvest data from hunters across southwest Montana to keep up to date statistics on big game hunting in the region.

According to a news release for FWP Region 3 issued on Monday, 2,149 hunters passed through five different check stations spread out throughout the area over the weekend. Hunters were asked to participate in a questionnaire about their hunt at stations in Cameron, Divide, Mill Creek, Silver City and the Gallatin Canyon.

On Sunday, three work-study students from Montana State University in Bozeman were busy talking with hunters at the Cameron Check Station about where they went, how they did and what they saw.

"We're looking at what hunting district they were in, what drainage, the number of hunters, the number of day's they've been out consecutively," said Brent Cascaddan of Bozeman. "If they've seen any bear, wolf, mountain lion scat, tracks, that sort of thing."

Overall, 7.3 percent of hunters in Region 3 were successful on opening weekend, up from 6.5 percent at the same check stations in 2011. A total of 129 elk, 18 mule deer and 10 whitetail deer were reported this year, compared to 105 elk and 34 deer last year.



MSU student Brent Cascaddan removes a tooth from a cow elk carcass to determine its age Sunday afternoon at the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Region 3 game check station in Cameron.

Cascaddan and the two other students apparently had their hands full, as a summary of the data issued in Monday's news release gave Cameron the highest success rate of the five check stations in Region 3. From the 374 hunters who passed through over the weekend, 15.8 percent had harvest game between two whitetail bucks, five mule deer bucks, 11 antelope and 39 elk. Last year the opening weekend success rate in Cameron was 8.2 percent.

The station that saw the most traffic was Silver City with 908 total hunters between Saturday and Sunday. A total of six whitetail, seven mule deer, 47 elk were reported, adding up to a 6.6 percent success rate. Of the 47 elk harvested in the Silver City area 17 were bulls, 22 were cows and 8 were juvenile.

The Gallatin Canyon check station the number of hunters decrease from 317 to 242 and their success rate drop from 6.6 percent to 4.5 percent. A total of 11 elk were reported harvested there this weekend.

Mill Creek hunter traffic increased from 300 last year to 331, and 11 elk were harvested there also with a hunter success rate of 3.3 percent. The check station in Divide saw a 9.9 percent success rate among 294 hunters who harvested two whitetail, six mule deer and 21 elk.

All hunters are required to stop at check stations regardless if they have harvested game. According to the news release the data collected from hunters by the FWP volunteers, staff and biologists helps to compile statistics, determine future hunting seasons and augment species population information.



South Meadow Creek irrigation project gets underway

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McALLISTER – A project on South Meadow Creek near McAllister is going to make irrigating more efficient next summer as well as make the creek a little better for the aquatic critters that live there.

A new diversion structure is being built on the Endecott Ranch on lower South Meadow Creek. The concrete structure will replace an inefficient diversion structure that was difficult to manage and susceptible to high water events.

The new structure is hopefully the first of three along the creek, said Sunni Heikes-Knapton, Madison Watershed Coordinator.

Photo by Greg Lemon
South Meadow Creek Rancher Wyatt Gibbs looks down on the work starting to install a new water diversion structure in South Meadow Creek. The project will provide more efficient water use for neighboring ranches, along with a more fish-friendly diversion.

The Madison Conservation District funded an irrigation study along the creek with grant money from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. The study included water monitoring and an irrigation structure analysis up and down the creek.

The study also looked at the riparian areas along the creek, Heikes-Knapton said.

When combined, the studies gave the conservation district a good idea of where to focus work on irrigation structures. The first priority being the one at the Endecott place, which services the most senior water rights on the stream. One lateral off the structure goes to Endecott's and the other ditch is used by both the Endecott and Gibbs ranches.

"The overall intent of the project is to allow irrigators to have more control over the water going through their irrigation systems," Heikes-Knapton said.

The preparation work for the fittings got underway last

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WE GOT SPIRIT! YES WE DO!

Photo by Josh Kelton

On Oct. 17, Harrison High School takes time out of the day to show their support for that night's games. The boys played Three Forks and the girls battled against MHC.

County-wide burning ban lifted by commissioners

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VIRGINIA CITY – During a special meeting with the Madison County Director of Emergency Management Chris Mumme and Sheriff Dave Schenk in Virginia City on Thursday the Madison County Commissioners carried a motion to lift the Stage One burning restrictions outlined by Madison County Resolution 14-2012.

As of 12 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19 open burning is allowed on private property with a permit issued by the County. These permits can be obtained by contacting the treasurer's office in Madison County at 843-4215, the sheriff's office in Beaverhead County at 683-3700 or going online to www.burnpermits.mt.gov.

The previous restrictions prohibited the building, maintaining, attending or use of a fire or campfire except within an improved, designated recreation site and smoking anywhere outside an enclosed building or vehicle, developed recreation site or any area cleared of flammable materials at least three feet in diameter.

The restrictions affected private lands in Beaverhead and Madison Counties as well as lands managed by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation.

Commissioner Dave Schulz pointed out the regular burning season has already been cut short this fall due to dry weather, and added that open burning is usually closed from the end of November through the end of February to preserve air quality. Schulz asked what landowners who need more time to burn should do, and Mumme explained that residents could submit a written request to the Department of Environmental Quality to extend the season on their burn permit.

"There is no question we've still got to keep a wary eye out," said Mumme. "If you don't have to burn, please don't."

Commissioner Dan Happel also made the motion to reopen the Revenue Flats Road to through traffic in light of recent cold, wet weather. The road was closed to the public in July due to extreme fire danger and extensive use by recreation enthusiasts from outside Madison County.

Happel's motion was approved.

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son charges, Schmitz can be sentenced to 20 years in jail and/or $50,000 in fines. The felony negligent arson charge carries a maximum of 10 years and/or $50,000 in fines. The misdemeanor charges carry a maximum $500 fine and/or six months in jail.

The Bear Trap 2 Fire burned on both public and private land, consuming miles of fence line, one home and eight horses. The estimated damage from the fire is about $4.55 million in property, income and property value lost. The cost of fire suppression is currently at more than $1.23 million.

Schmitz was released on his own recognizance and was forbidden to have any contact with victims or witnesses of the crimes he's being charged with, with the exception of his brother and his brother's girlfriend.

Schmitz is also an active duty Marine based in Billings. His lawyer told the judge that Schmitz was scheduled to go to Virginia with the Marines, but that plan was delayed by the charges. He has no prior criminal history.

Though the Madison County Attorney's office asked the judge to prohibit Schmitz from possessing a firearm as terms of his bail, Tucker made an allowance that he could possess firearms as needed for military service.

Court documents filed in the case say that Schmitz admitted to law enforcement officers that he started the fire on June 25 by lighting fireworks in a restricted area.

"The Defendant clearly stated to several law enforcement officers ... that he lit the firework/mortar that created the explosion which started the fires," reads the affidavit filed in the case.

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that it will be a self-sustaining loop that essentially funds itself. DiGiorgio said the hope is that revenues from reprocessing will provide the capital funding for cleanup and additional projects to get underway, but there is also a potential opportunity for businesses like the Golden Sunlight Mine to get involved. In the proposal DiGiorgio emphasizes that start up and staffing funds from local counties, businesses and foundations as well as state and federal government will be critical, and a rough estimated budget included in the proposal came in at $62,000 for a potential project launch date in January 2013.

"I think that could be the biggest barrier in terms of getting it to the point of launching it once we can actually develop a business plan that shows that this works," DiGiorgio said.

Other potential barriers to the project include the various liabilities involved for landowners and third parties involved in active cleanup operations, the timeline for reprocessing third party ores at the Golden Sunlight Mine, Montana's Small Miner Operations and Permit Exclusions and building constructive relationships with landowners.

Criteria for the projects success include the number of reclaimed mines, jobs created, acres of land/wetlands restored and in conservation ownership, miles of stream segments with increased water quality, measurable improvements in groundwater quality and demonstrated change in number of wildlife species and individuals using reclaimed sites.

So far partners in this project are listed as the Sonoran Institute, Future West, Craighead Institute, Madison, Jefferson and Beaverhead Counties, the United States Forest Service, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the Bureau of Land Management, the Golden Sunlight Mine and various communities and landowners affected by the project.

Madison County Commissioner Dan Happel called the project a good opportunity to do something about the liability presented by abandoned hard rock mine sites, adding that the liability could be turned into an asset.

"It's going to be important through this whole process to try to bring everybody together so that we can do things that are natural resource industries and start promoting that process again," said Happel.

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school building in Ennis.

Bullock's subsequent opinion on the matter stated the school district was wrong to use adult education and transportation funds on the new building.

Once Bullock issued his opinion, the county commissioners urged the school board to do a comprehensive audit of their finances, said Dave Schulz, Madison County Commissioner.

It was obvious the way the school district had moved funds around for the new school concerned people in the community as well as in the county attorney's office, Schulz said. Though Bullock's opinion pointed out the obvious flaws in how the new school was funded, an audit was important because it would open up all the books.

"Until you got into the books, we didn't have the whole picture," he said.

Ultimately, the goal the commissioners have had all along is to find a way to set the record straight and help the community and the school move forward together.

"My hope is that with the new administration, with a partially new board, with a new school year and new facility that what comes out of this does not any longer obstruct the good community relationships that Ennis and the school has," Schulz said.

And though the audit is being kept private until the meeting, Frye did say that there aren't any real surprises.

"We got the draft report and there's no surprises," she said. "It's kind of what we thought."

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week. Fall is the best time of year to do work on irrigation structures, said Molly Skorpik, an engineer on the project from Morrison Maierle, Inc. in Missoula.

The structure will be in place by spring and ready to use, Skorpik said.

The new diversion will be able to withstand a 100-year flood and will also allow for much easier control of the creek flow using stop logs. With the old diversion, irrigators had to nearly stop water flow in the creek to get water down their ditches. Now more water will be left in the river, she said.

The two laterals off the diversion will also allow for measuring water more accurately, Skorpik said.

The structure will also create a series of pools below to allow for fish passage. This didn't exist on the old diversion, she said.

Rancher Janet Endecott was pleased to have a new diversion structure and pleased with what it would mean for the creek.

"This structure has been needing some help ever since we moved here,"

Endecott said. "I'm really hoping with this new system we can keep a little water going in the creek even on a dry year like this."

The conservation district has used the grant money to fund design work on two other irrigation structures on South Meadow Creek. The hope is to eventually secure grant funding to complete those projects as well, Heikes-Knapton said.

And along with the diversion work, she will be monitoring several sites on the creek to see just how the new diversion is impacting stream flow and riparian health.

"I think what we'll be able to see in future years is something that we can learn as an example," she said.

GOOD COOKIN'

Hunters feed provides fun, food for big crowd in Ennis

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When most people think of a pre-game meal before heading out on an adventure in the woods, they picture a hearty feast laden with protein to give them the energy they'll need to survive the brutal elements of fall in southwest Montana. That's exactly what people got Friday night in Ennis during the 27th Annual Hunters Feed.

Groups and businesses from around Ennis prepared their finest, most filling entrée for the annual event, and more than 300 sportsmen and non-hunters alike came out to taste what each of them had to offer. Competition categories included Best Chili, Best Non-Chili and Most Unusual Dish, and those who participated in the judging enjoyed a treat that only comes around once a year.

From trout chowder and teriyaki duck to antelope chili and smoked Cajun deer sausage, each one of the 25 different entries offered one more way to fill ones appetite before heading out for opening day of hunting season.

As always the event was organized and sponsored by the Ennis Chamber of Commerce.

Jim Kramer of Ennis and his wife Nancy came out this year to experience the Hunters Feed for the first time.

"We don't hunt, so it's a good chance for us to taste the various game animals," he said.

Local business owners kept busy serving up their prize dishes, some keeping the recipe a closely guarded secret while others were happy to share.

Stacey Reid of Coverups on Main Street also participated for the first time this year with a sampling of Mountain Madness Elk Fudge.

"We had one guy that doesn't believe us that there is actually elk in here," she said.

Reid was happy that this year's event wasn't foiled by foul weather, and said the best part of the annual Hunter's Feed is the camaraderie of local businesses coming together with both locals and visitors.

"I think it really kind of brings the community together," said Reid. "It's just kind of a fun thing to do before it gets cold."

This year's chili cook off winners were the Ennis Trading Post with an Antelope Chili Verde, and runners up were the Friends of the Madison Valley Public Library with Elaine's Navy Bean Green Chili. Winners in the non-chili category were the Corral Creek Coffee Company with a Whitetail Deer Carne Asada and runner up was the Madison Valley History Association with a Trout Chowder. The award for most unusual dish was Yesterday's Soda Fountain with Biscuits and Mountain Lion Gravy, with runner up being the elk fudge from Coverups.

The Ennis Community Children's School raised more than $2,100 by holding a raffle for a hunting rifle, and Ennis Chamber 50/50 raffle winner was Chris Murphy, who went home with $181.

As Shad Sterzick from the Ennis Trading Post served up his award-winning Antelope Chili Verde, asking whether patrons wanted hot or mild, he said the highlight of the Hunter's Feed is just serving the people who come strolling down the sidewalk like he has for the last 11 years.

"Wanna try some?"





Photos by Ben Coulter

Above: Ashly Pederson (right) of the American Land Title Company in Ennis serves elk fajitas Friday afternoon during the 27th Annual Hunters Feed. **Below: Teriyaki duck grill bites prepared** by the First American Title Company simmer on Main Street during the 27th Annual Hunters Feed on Friday.

Commissioners, county begin to zero in on annex plans

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VIRGINIA CITY – At their regular meeting on Tuesday the Madison County Commissioners met with Scott Stroh of ThinkOne Architects in Bozeman and several county employees to review preliminary designs for the Madison County Annex Building.

The building would be constructed on the northwest corner of Wallace and Broadway Streets, directly across from the historic Madison County courthouse, and address the need for additional spacing for county offices.

A few county employees asked questions specific to their proposed office spaces in terms of function and practicality, such as the front counter window of the County Treasurer and Motor Vehicle Licensing office and the proximity of the Finance office to the Clerk and Recorders office. Stroh reminded those present at the meeting that the designs are still preliminary, and the architects want to work with county employees to fine tune their needs for the new office space.

"We're going to probably have to come back to rethink and re-quantify the equipment and see it one more time, because it always makes a little more sense after we've talked about and heard more and more about how you need to operate," said Stroh. "So far things have been falling in to place we think fairly well."

The lower level of the proposed structure has approximately 4,617 square feet of space and takes up 60 percent of the overall footprint of the building, Stroh said. The basement level will have space for the county's facilities maintenance and IT/GIS department offices, as well as over 1,800 square feet of space general and secure storage and approximately 500 square feet of space for mechanical and electrical equipment.

The main level of the building covers 7,560 square feet of space and will hold offices for the county commissioners, finance, clerk and recorder, treasurer and motor vehicle licensing. The designs allow for maximum efficiency in the flow of traffic between the lobby and the county treasurer and motor vehicle licensing offices. There is also approximately 1,150 square feet of space allotted for public meeting rooms that connect to the county commissioners office. The two proposed public meeting rooms on the main level may be sealed from the rest of the building, and have doors that open outside onto a courtyard / patio area and sidewalk that runs adjacent Wallace Street.

Commissioner Dan Happel explained the idea behind the main level public meeting rooms is to have a large common area to accommodate events with a large number of people.

"The reason for the big meeting room on the front is so that it's really accessible to that public courtyard," Happel said. "It can be used for big public gatherings where we can lock off the rest of the building."

The upper level of the proposed annex building has the same square footage as the main level, with 2,500 square feet of that space to be left open for the future growth of county offices. Offices for the county sanitarian, planning department, superintendent of schools, human resources and grants will be housed in the upper level, and there will also be an additional large conference room here.

People will be able to move through the building via two staircases located at the north and south ends as well as an elevator. Restrooms are also located on all levels of the building.

Ennis school board discusses staff survey, board training

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At a relatively short monthly meeting last week, the Ennis School Board prioritized board training options, looked over results from a staff survey on the positive and negative aspects of the Ennis Schools and discussed moving back to a standard 10-point grading scale.

Ennis superintendent John Overstreet asked the board members to look over board training topics from the Montana School Board Association. The board members generally agreed that training on four topics would be good. The topics for training will be: trustee and board duties, board and superintendent relationships, board and community relationships, and how to handle community complaints.

Overstreet said he would work with the board to get the training scheduled and discussed doing it in an afternoon with a dinner break.

Overstreet also presented the board with the results of a staff survey he completed with all the teachers at the school. The idea was to see where the teachers felt the school was excelling and what things still needed work.

The top six vote getters for positives at the Ennis Schools were: staff, students, administration, new school, technology and small class size.

The top vote getters for areas needing improvement were: technology issues, more professional development opportunities, teachers holding a grudge, more title one help, communications, student absenteeism, trust in the community.

Given the controversy surrounding the school in the past three years, Overstreet didn't seem surprised that some of that was pointed to for improvement, but he sees things getting better.

"I do feel teachers are sincere and ready to move on," he said.

And the fact is trust in the community is just going to take some time to earn back, Overstreet said.

"That probably bothers me more than the money issues," he said. "It (trust) was lost over a two or three year period and it's going to take a couple years to get it back."

In other news, Ennis High School Superintendent John Sullivan discussed the idea of bringing back a standard 10-point grading system.

Sullivan polled 11 other schools districts in southwest Montana, both large and small and all of them had the 10-point system.

"It's something I think we should consider looking at," Sullivan said.

The grading scale would be simpler: 90-100 would be an A, 80-90 would be a B and so on.

Ennis is currently on a system that offers plus and minus grades.

The increased rigor of the curriculum at Ennis Schools in the motivator behind changing the scale, Sullivan said. Ennis is offering a wide variety of advanced placement courses and a 10-point grading scale would give students a more even playing field.

"Basically, the rigor of our curriculum in the high school is making us look at this change," he said.

The board took no action Monday on the idea.

True Value donates 50th bicycle to Lions Club



Photo by Ben Coulter

Ennis Lions Club members (from left) Glen Schroeder, Wayne Black and Dee Loveland display donated children's bicycles at True Value Hardware on Friday.

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At this year's annual Halloween Bingo Party and Carnival, the Ennis Lions Club will award some lucky person a special bicycle that will represent more than two decades of giving.

Since the late 1980s, Wayne Black, owner of Ennis True Value, has been donating new bicycles to the Lions Club bingo party. This year he donated six bringing the total of bikes donated to 50.

"That kind of support is just incredible," said Glenn Schroeder, Ennis Lions Club president. "Not only for the Lions Club, for the fundraiser, but a tremendous donation to the community."

For Black, who is a member of the Lions Club himself, the donation represents a larger philosophy passed along from his parents – local business owners have a responsibility and privilege to give back to the community.

"When we first started this business my folks always encouraged us to be involved in the community and try to make things better for everybody," Black said.

People in the Ennis community support True Value and Black. In turn, his obligation is to support the community. And with this kind of support the community gets stronger – businesses are more successful and people are a little bit happier.

"Being a retailer in this community is a very unique position but it's also a very unique responsibility," he said. "Not everybody has the ability that I do because I've got a retail store. I generate revues via the community and not everybody can do that."

The bikes donated to the Lions Club this year include two small bicycles for kids just learning to ride, two 20-inch bicycles for school-aged children and two adult-sized bicycles.

The annual Ennis Lions Club Halloween Bingo and Carnival will be Oct. 31 at the Ennis School. Tickets for the bingo games can be purchased at the event.

Readers Speak: Tester is no friend to those in agriculture

By Rick Sandru

Voters need to know the true story about Senator Tester's Forest Jobs and Recreation Act. His signature legislation has failed to pass congress for six years and is once again hidden in an appropriations bill. Tester has tried again and again and this misleading piece of legislation cannot pass on its own merits, so Tester and Harry Reid try to get it through congress attached to other legislation. Last year it was in the omnibus federal lands bill and citizens of Beaverhead and Madison County fought it until the session was adjourned.

The Wildlife Federation, Montana Wilderness Association, Trout Unlimited and some desperate sawmill owners wrote this bill as a way to get some logs to the mills. The catch is there is nothing in this bill that changes any laws to ensure one tree will ever be cut or a job ever created. What is an absolute is approximately 600,000 acres of new wilderness will be designated in the Beaverhead Deerlodge National Forest.

Incidentally, Madison and Beaverhead counties were not part of this "collaborative effort" even though they will be severely impacted should this legislation pass. Senator Tester touts this bill as a compromise, yet when I personally met with Tester's staff and proposed a compromise it was not even considered.

The proposed 92,000-acre Snowcrest Wilderness Area would include roughly half the Upper Ruby Three Forks grazing allotment. Seven Ruby Valley ranches rely on this allotment's summer grazing for 2,600 cow calf pairs. Within the proposed wilderness boundary would be miles of pipeline and 20 water tanks installed to better distribute the cattle and utilize the upland grasses, 30 miles of barbed wire fencing to manage our rest rotation grazing system, and 20 miles of roads traditionally used by the permittees for maintaining range improvements, salting cattle, and accessing noxious weed infestations. Woodcutters, hunters and other recreationists have also been using these routes for generations. Tester's ads claiming the bill ensures access for hunters and recreation while protecting water quality are just not true. Cattle have been grazing the Upper Ruby for over 100 years. In the last 20-plus years the Ruby Valley Stock Association Three Forks allotment has emerged as southwest Montana's premier grazing association with an unmatched record of stewardship. We have been first in nation to adopt Beaverhead riparian guidelines, documented improvement in riparian health and function, employ three full time riders for daily cattle management, developed ambitious upland watering system installing over twenty watering tanks for cattle and wildlife, implemented voluntary trailing guidelines, worked on multi-agency hardened crossing and corral relocation project to minimize sedimentation in Ruby River, embraced Arctic Grayling restoration project – the only successfully restored population in lower 48, supported aspen regeneration projects, removed old and obsolete wire fencing at permittees expense and established and implemented a control and mapping plan to irradiate noxious weeds on the allotment and are now moving into a watershed wide co-op plan

Through active management we are able to provide succulent and diverse feed for our cattle, and also robust herds of elk, deer, moose, upland birds and many other wildlife species. We have also been able to avert catastrophic fire, as the cattle grazing creates natural fire breaks. Managed as wilderness, or basically no management, the Snowcrest would deteriorate. Unchecked weed infestations and more numerous and potentially severe wildfires would lead to high sediment in the river, and less desirable feed for wildlife.

We are constantly looking for ways to more effectively manage our grazing and to improve the resources we rely upon. The permittees and residence of Southwest Montana realize the success of our grazing permits directly impacts our communities and are an integral part of our ranches success. The vast majority of open space and wildlife habitat in the valleys depend upon the availability of summer grazing in the Upper Ruby. We have a bond with and deep love for the Upper Ruby and resent outside interests taking away our ability to manage and improve this precious resource we so depend upon.

We would like to see a meaningful timber harvest program implemented on Forest Service land and would help to clear that path. However, we would never throw another of our multiple use partners under the bus. Developed and well-managed grazing lands should not be designated wilderness. Congressman Rehberg recognizes this fact and has worked tirelessly on our behalf. Please consider who's really doing what's right for Montana when you go to the polls.

Rick Sandru is a third generation Montana rancher currently operating the family ranch in Twin Bridges. He is president of the Ruby Valley Stock Association, director of Montana Public Lands Counsel, director of Southwest Montana Stockman, supervisor of Ruby Valley Conservation District, chairman Madison County Livestock Protective Committee, member Montana Stockgrowers and National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Readers Speak: Tester is the appropriate choice

By Melody Wall

I don't consider myself a political person. I'm a kindergarten teacher. I'm happily married and I'm a proud mom of two. But when I was young, joy and fulfillment in my life were never certain. Then I met Jon Tester, my dad.

This election is filled with ugly and untrue attacks on Jon. I feel it's important to share my very personal story about the kind of man Jon Tester really is, because he is a man who truly represents Montana in the United States Senate.

After a challenging childhood that involved a lot of moving around the country, I ended up in Big Sandy as a young teenager. Lost and lonely, my life started unraveling. My relationship with my real mother was suffering. Although she tried her best as a single mom, I spent most of my childhood acting like the grown-up. I cared for my younger sister and baby brother, worked my own job, and paid rent to sleep on the floor of our living room.

In school I became friends with Christine Tester — Jon's daughter. She was — and still is — the best friend I needed to get through each day. She helped me find faith.

I spent a lot of time at the Tester farm, where Jon and Sharla made me feel welcome. They saw right away that I was alone and empty. When my own parents made unhealthy decisions, the Testers were there to hold on to me, to make sure I didn't drift away or fall apart.

Then I made the most difficult decision of my life. I left the pain of my home. The minute I walked away from my family, Jon and Sharla welcomed me into theirs. They've called me their daughter ever since.

Jon and Sharla Tester supported and encouraged me. Jon reminded me that we live in a country where any future is possible if you work hard for it.

Because of him, I started believing in myself and strived for a positive future.

With newfound strength I went to college. While there, one terrible night, I got a phone call — my younger sister had died in a car accident. Friends drove me through the night to Big Sandy, and when I arrived, Jon was waiting for me.

I'll never forget what happened next. Jon wrapped me up in a big hug and told me that whatever I needed, he and Sharla were there for me. They sat behind me during my sister's funeral and they cried with me. I had never experienced that kind of love before.

After college, Jon was truly concerned about me finding a job and cheered me on when I did. He and Sharla helped whenever it was needed. When I got married and had children, they were delighted for me. They've shared in all of the joys and struggles, birthdays and anniversaries, hopes and dreams.

Like Jon, I became a teacher. Jon showed me that good role models can make all the difference in the lives of young people. And that's what I strive for every day. It is my honor to pay forward those values, which Jon helped instill in me.

Sometimes Jon stops by to read to the students in my class. I introduce him as my dad, hoping they too will understand all of the future possibilities our country has to offer.

This is the real Jon Tester — a good, loving and honest man who lives by the values we share as Montanans. I should know. Thanks to Jon, I've been blessed by these values.

They are the values Montana deserves in any candidate seeking public service, and they are truly the values we have in Jon Tester, our U.S. senator.

I'll be supporting Jon again this November because I know he is right for Montana, and right for our country. I hope you will too.

Melody Wall is a kindergarten teacher in Helena.

Readers Speak: Planning board looking for more public input on growth policy update

By Laurie Schmidt
President
Madison County Planning Board

As was previously noticed and written, the planning board will be conducting a public hearing on the draft 2012 update of Madison County's Growth Policy on Oct. 29 at 6:15 p.m. As there seemed to be some public confusion, and it has been a while since the work on this update began, perhaps some more background and history would be helpful.

Madison County adopted its first Comprehensive Plan in 1973. It was updated in 1988 and again in 1999. The Madison County Growth Policy adopted in 2006 amended the 1999 Comprehensive Plan Update and brought it up to new statutory standards.

Growth and change impact a variety of county resources, including the economic base, air and water, vegetation and wildlife, open landscape, sense of community, and public service systems. Many long-time county residents perceive the negative impacts of growth and change as a serious threat to their rural lifestyle. Many newcomers fear that continued growth and change will degrade the quality of life, which drew them here. These impacts and fears have been aggravated by the uncertainties created since a major national recession began in late 2007. Madison County Commissioners, in turn, face increasingly difficult decisions regarding land development and conservation. One of their greatest challenges is to provide essential public services at an affordable cost to an expanding population.

There are many other benefits of community planning: less need for increases in taxes and fees through more efficient provision of services, fostering wise and thoughtful investments in major public facilities, such as roads, water and sewer systems, solid waste, and fire protection, making communities safer and healthier by protecting water quality and deterring development in unsuitable areas such as floodplains, wetlands, fault zones, and unstable slopes, protecting special community values, such as historic, cultural, scenic and natural features and rural, agricultural character , to name a few.

Long-range planning activities are very broad and inclusive efforts. These efforts take into account the effects and interrelations of as many relevant physical, social, and economic conditions and trends as possible. "Comprehensive planning" is a holistic attempt at understanding a community's past and present, and to influence future social, physical, and economic trends to that community's benefit. A growth policy is an official public document adopted and used by a local government as a general guide for decisions regarding the community's physical development.

The Madison County Planning Board and commissioners recognize the need to strengthen their capacity to address the issues associated with growth and change. That is the importance of having, and updating, the Madison County Growth Policy.

The most important step in this update process was getting input from the county's citizens on how they felt the current plan was serving its purpose and need. Most of you may recall receiving a very lengthy questionnaire last fall, as well as advertised community forums held during the spring to gather further input. The responses and response rate, which has been the subject of previous articles, validated that the growth policy is important and is still serving its purpose so the planning board and staff focused on updating statistical information, making some minor changes suggested by citizens to the vision, guiding principles, and goals, adding citizen suggestions for implementation actions, and reformatting the growth policy by combining the 1999 Comprehensive Plan and 2006 Growth Policy into one more easily read document.

This draft 2012 update of the growth policy is exactly that, an update, not a revision. It is a guidance document, not regulation. Your input is once again important and the planning board and staff look forward to receiving it.

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Kim Miller will listen to constituents

Dear Editor,

This letter concerns Kim Miller, who is running to be Madison County's Representative, District 71, in the lower house of the Legislature. I've known Kim for many years and I am impressed with her positive approach on the many issues that face our state.

She will not be beholden to any political party or special interest group – exactly why she is running as an Independent. I like that! She has no "axe to grind" for or against any particular ideological position. I know she will be open-minded and will thoughtfully consider any bill brought before the House. She will listen to her constituents' opinions, doing what's right for Montanans.

I urge you to vote for Kim Miller; she will be a real credit to all of us in Madison County in the State Legislature.

Bob Kensinger
Ennis

In support of McKinnon for Supreme Court

Dear Editor,

We support Judge Laurie McKinnon for election to the Montana Supreme Court. Judge McKinnon is currently a District Judge. She is the only candidate who has served as a judge. Her experience gives her important insight that her opponent cannot offer.

Judge McKinnon reviews all cases impartially and knows a judge's responsibility is to follow the law, not to make law.

Please join us in supporting Judge Laurie McKinnon for Supreme Court.

Loren Tucker
MaryAnn O'Malley Tucker
Virginia City

Vote Koopman, isn't it time for a change?

Dear Editor,

It's hard to imagine a more ideal person to put on the Public Service Commission than Roger Koopman. For too long the PSC has been racked with political turmoil. Career politicians like John Vincent thrive in that kind of atmosphere, but business people like Koopman won't put up with it.

Roger will be there to do a job on behalf of Montana's rate payers, and to get utility bills down where they belong. Vincent sees the commission as just another way to push his environmentalist agendas. It's no surprise that during his first term, John voted "yes" for every power company rate increase and every green energy project, no matter how costly!

John stayed home for two-thirds of the meetings, and when he did show up, his chair might as well have been empty. The PSC recordings reveal that Vincent was always ill-prepared, asked no helpful questions and contributed nothing but politics to the process.

How quickly we forget that his days on the county commission were also marked with frequent absences and unprofessional behavior (illegal pay raise meetings, $120,000 in hush money to county employees Kuyath, outrageous slandering of a local developer, etc.). Isn't it time for a change?

Casey Emerson
Bozeman

Honesty is the best policy

Dear Editor,

In response to Ken Yecny's apology in The Madisonian on Oct. 18 to the Ruby Valley Hospital, I would like to say; how about the statement you made about the RVH having $750,000 in surplus while still asking us for another mill levy?

Honesty is still the best policy in any election and Mr. Yecny, you sill have our vote.

Mr. and Mrs. Mullen
Alder

Koopman's record is one of extremism, division – vote for Vincent

Dear Editor,

Every week a hand-picked Koopman cronie dutifully marches forward and unwaveringly mischaracterizes him. The thought is laughable that Koopman was the "first to check his politics at the door" and "reserved." Do a Google search and you will find the truth of his record. He called the legislative body he served "a muck heap" and his legislative colleagues "lice on the body politic." Of 14 bills he introduced, all were too extreme to pass the house. He was against required school attendance, and public access to streams, but for fetal death certificates.

In 2008, Koopman, supported by Western Traditional Partnership and Montana Conservative Alliance, used his polarizing, extremist, political rhetoric to wage war against traditional Republicans. A great Bozeman Chronicle article on Mar. 14, 2008 by conservative columnist, Tamara Hall, described a realistic overview of politics at the time. She said she knew many of the honorable people on Koopmans's hit-list and stated that ultra-conservative Koopman's divisive, unreasonable actions were not admirable.

I don't know Mr. Vincent except by reputation. I've had dealings with Koopman and view him void of old fashion Republican values and a true RINO. Sometimes a voter needs to cross party lines to support honor and ethics. Vote Vincent.

Jesse M. Barnhart
Broadus

Vote for Miller for HD 71 representative

Dear Editor,

I have known Kim Miller for more than 20 years and worked beside her for more than 10.

I first met Kim when she interned with me while she was completing her degree from the U of M. I worked side by side with her while she was the social worker in Madison County. I watched her try to put families together as well as remove children for their protection.

I watched Kim when she worked as grant writer for Madison County where she brought more than $1,000,000 back into the county to deserving and needed projects.

Kim is a small business owner and knows the trials of keeping the doors open. She has generously donated her time to the schools in the area teaching weaving, spinning and felting—all a part of her business experience.

Kim is smart, hard-working, knows how to work successfully to bring opposite sides together and won't back away from controversy if she believes she can make something positive happen. She cares deeply about the people of Montana and is especially cognizant of issues that involve the citizens of House District 71.

This is one election when we especially need to look at the experience of the candidates and to be sure that the person for whom we cast our ballot can do the best job of representing us.

Kim deserves your vote.

Lynn Giles
Dillon

Koopman addresses Vincent's record and attendance

Dear Editor,

The race for PSC hinges on one basic question: which candidate will work to lower your utility bills and which one will take actions that drive the cost of energy up? Mr. Vincent has stated publicly that protecting consumers is not a legitimate role of the PSC. Consequently, John has never once voted against a power company rate increase. Instead, his focus has been on expensive green energy agendas that place a heavy financial burden on Montana's rate-payers, their families and their businesses.

By contrast, I am passionate about the PSC fostering the lowest possible utility rates and most dependable forms of energy. This is accomplished not by subsidizing certain forms of energy and penalizing others, but by letting every source compete on a level playing field and stand on its own merits. That's how consumers are best served and how technological advances are best accomplished.

And as I've tried to explain to John, when you put consumers first, you also put families first, jobs first and the future of our state first. In the long run, you also strengthen the utility monopolies themselves by demanding greater efficiency and accountability – something I know a lot about as a small business operator for 33 years.

In closing, a word about John's absenteeism. Vincent's denials notwithstanding, he has indeed been physically missing from 65 percent of PSC meetings (76 percent in 2011), and hasn't traveled to any important conferences to defend Montana's interests. View the PSC videos and see the empty chair representing district 3. It was not I who first raised the attendance issue, but Mark Sweeney, John's Democrat primary opponent. And it was not I who dubbed Vincent the "Ghost Commissioner." John did.

If you agree that both taxpayers and consumers deserve better, I'd be honored to have your support.

Roger Koopman
Candidate for
PSC, District 3
Bozeman

Miller discusses record of success, hard work and professionalism

Dear Voter

When you cast your vote this election season you are essentially hiring a candidate to fill a very important position. As with any hiring process, the candidates should clearly show why they are qualified for the position. I know as a small business owner I certainly asked for an employment application and resume, and I would also do due diligence on a person's integrity of character knowing they would be representing my business.

As a state representative - District 71 candidate I have spent the last few months conveying my "resume" through mailings, public forums, newspaper discussions and driving throughout this district to personally visit with people. I have described in detail, real actions and accomplishments in working with our local government and communities that show my ability and experience to do this job effectively. These details define the difference between my candidacy and my opponents.

I am proud of my record of success in this area and of my character and actions while running this campaign. I believe my campaign has been run with honesty, integrity, and transparency. If given the opportunity to work for you in Helena you can expect the same level of professionalism.

I thank you for your time this political season and I would appreciate your vote.

Kim Miller
Independent Candidate
House District 71
Virginia City

Miller prepared to serve people of HD 71

Dear Editor,

I attended the voter's forum in Twin Bridges on Oct. 10 and was really impressed with candidate for House District 71, Kim Miller. Unlike her opponent, it was clear she had done her homework and researched important legislation that could affect the people of HD 71. Instead of talking in generalizations and making vague promises, she was informed and ready to work on important issues like charter schools, predator control and tax holidays for oil companies. With her extensive experience as a Madison County grant writer, social worker and community volunteer, I think Kim will make a hard-working and effective advocate for the constituents of HD 71 in the state legislature. Vote for Kim Miller!

Leslie Clark
Waterloo

Politics and breech of the public trust

Dear Editor,

So when is it profitable to violate the law? When there is no reasonable expectation that you get caught, or when the end justifies the means. This is apparently the thinking of the "Friends of Steve Bullock Campaign" when they ran a commercial featuring Col. Mike Tooley of the Montana State Patrol and numerous sheriffs and deputy sheriffs proclaiming "Law Enforcement supports Steve Bullock for Governor."

Consider – MCA 2-2-21 Rules of conduct for Public Officers and Public Employees. (1) Proof of commission of any act enumerated in subsection (2) is proof that the actor has breeched a public duty. (2)(a) A public officer, or public employee may not use public time, facilities, equipment, supplies or personnel or funds for the officer's or employee's private business purpose. (3) (b) A public officer or public employee may not use public time, facilities, equipment, supplies, personnel or funds to solicit support for or opposition to any political committee, the nomination or election of any person to public office or the passage of a ballot issue unless the use is (i) authorized by law (ii) properly incidental to another activity required or authorized by law. (MCA 44-1-105 states that all uniforms equipment used for the performance of their jobs shall remain the property of the State of Montana.) Paid for by all taxpayers, not just Democrats.

It is a shameful fact that many of us are unaware of the law that restricts the activities of law enforcement and the sacred trust that is violated when law enforcement violates the law. Who will hold these public servants accountable? Steve Bullock – the subject of the violation? May I suggest it is your duty (stated in Article II, Section 3 of the Montana Constitution). If you wish to protect your property and your right to preserve equal treatment under the law, then you must consider that these people are fully aware that if Bullock wins, they have little to worry about and much to gain. These acts are timed as such that by the time action is taken it is merely academic. There is an old saying, "Tell me who your friends are and I will tell you who you are".

Montana cannot afford another Brian Schweitzer in a new suite, breaking the law has become just another calculated risk in the high stakes world of Montana politics from the highest executive position to the highest positions of law enforcement. The abuse of authority and breach of public trust can be stopped by a vigilant, educated electorate voting them out.

Rep. Bob Wagner
House District 71
Harrison

Defending the growth policy update, calling for commissioner support

Dear Editor,

A recent letter concerning the 2012 updated Madison County Growth Policy seems intentionally misleading, citing seven partially-stated, out-of-context, cherry-picked sentences.

The updated Policy clearly states that one of its 5 guiding principles is "Respect Private Propery Rights." Property rights are not at issue. A full reading and honest interpretation of the Policy would be a good suggestion for the writer.

This updated Policy supplements background from the 1973, 1988, 1999,and 2006 policy statements with new informative maps, trends, characteristics, sand/gravel information, and implements suggestions from county residents. It adds to the 39 years of effective guidance on local decisions about growth, development and conservation. These principles, goals and objectives, primarily offered by citizens, honed by our friends and neighbors who serve on the planning board, and the many commissioners over the years, have succeeded in making Madison County the "place we're proud to call home."(page 1-1).

It is puzzling as to why the disgruntled letter-writer is continually suspicious and negative about the common sense of Planning. Planning must have enhanced his legacy in the Madison Valley. Planning protects landowner investments, economic interests, recreation, property-rights, natural resources. Each of us must provide planning in our personal lives, so what's the beef about planning for the place we live? Mercenary possibilities? Blatant obstructionism? Puzzling.

The writer asks where the commissioners stand on the Updated Draft Growth Policy. Let us hope the commissioners actually do take a stand with an up or down vote. Last year they retreated to a presumed safe place when pushed to a decision on the planning board's recommendation to adopt the streamside protection document for the Madison River. The commissioners made a choice that avoided choosing. After some three years of public hearings and study by the Planning Board, 21 months of study by a subcommittee, the cost of some $32,000 in tax payer money, they took "no action" on this important matter. Our electorate deserves decisions from its elected officials. And the planning board deserves a vote of appreciation for their long, hard, excellent, volunteer work on behalf of Madison County.

Pat Bradley
Twin Bridges

Suspicions about growth policy update, what it could mean for property owners

Dear Editor,

I foolishly longed to have a hassle-free summer, after the last four years of contentious debate about private property rights and streamside setbacks. However, another kick in the shins was awaiting me…..so hello again!

The new draft growth policy, up for public comment on Oct. 29, contains vague, undefined terms such as "optimal well-being" in its definition of public health and safety, and then uses strings of terms such as "public health, safety and welfare" throughout.

The last time I checked, optimal well-being is a very subjective term, not a legal term that is measurable and verifiable. Health had to do with physical and mental health, freedom from disease, and public health services. Safety is self-explanatory. Welfare? Would someone please find a legal definition for this convenient string of words? Without that, severe conflicts will arise. Who will be the arbiter of the public health, safety and welfare?

The proposed policy uses the term "development" throughout, but there is no definition in the glossary. That is a glaring omission, in my eyes. Does development refer to all new construction, or new subdivision applications?

Another goal of the growth policy is to respect private property rights, but newly added is the proviso that the public health, safety and welfare will be considered (optimum well-being again?) Whoa, that's giving away the keys to the kingdom! Is this an end-run around the county commissioners' last vote on setbacks? Do citizens want the county telling them where they can place their homes? Read the policy closely, "building location" is mentioned. Add that to viewshed and river corridors, and you have "setbacks redux." I, by the way, have "setback fatigue."

I urge all landowners in Madison County to comment on this draft growth policy, with a stern eye to what is being given away. The planning board will say that this is not a regulatory document, yet they quoted the old growth policy many times in the fight to institute setbacks. They say that everyone thought the old growth policy was working just fine, but they needed a few tweaks…hmmm. Now they intend to introduce zoning, which they infer is the wish of "local citizens" based on surveys, meetings, etc. All well and good….it is time that all of the landowners of Madison County in newly-created zones have a voice in Madison County government. Instead of stuffing local post office boxes, all landowners in Madison County deserve a voice. After all, our taxes do pay for government salaries and public services. And by the count of the planning board, 63 percent of landowners in Madison County have permanent addresses elsewhere. That's a large number.

Lorraine Snipper
Madison County

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I want to thank my family and friends for helping me celebrate my 80th birthday. Thanks for the cards, flowers and phone calls.

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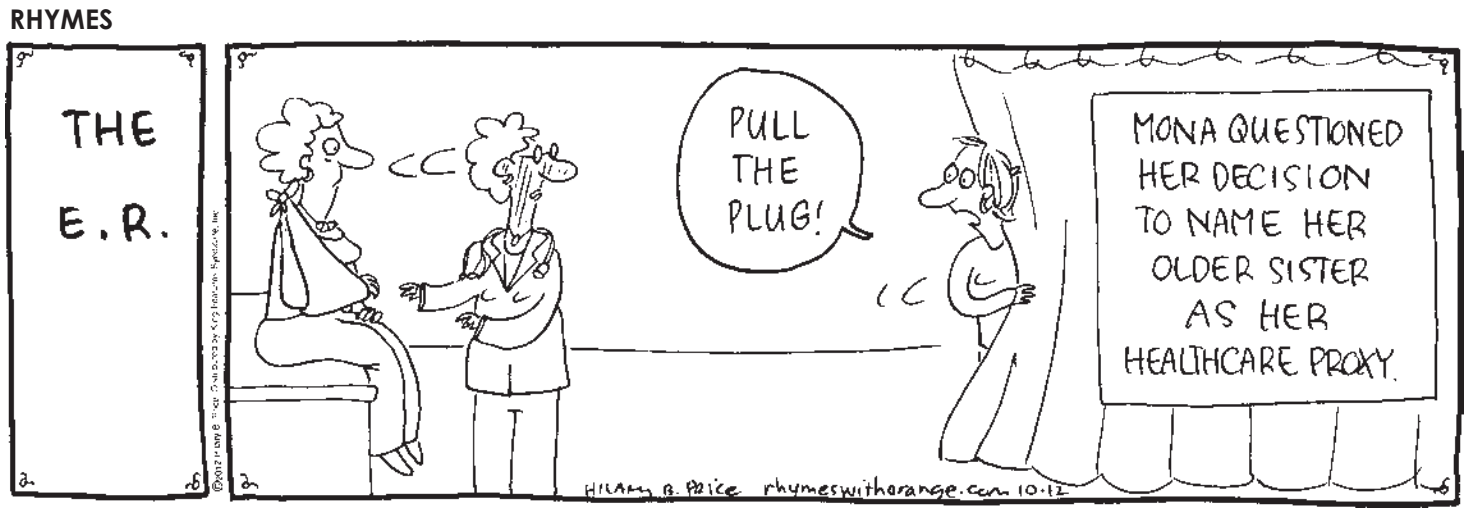
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dear maddy

By The Madisonian

Do you have a question you'd like to submit?
Email dearmaddy@madisoniannews.com

Dear Maddy,

I have a young family and I live in Madison County. During the winter, we have a hard time coming up with activities that provide us fun and exercise. Do you have any suggestions?

Bored in Madison County

Dear Bored,

You are in good company – anyone who has lived in Montana long enough has probably experienced the same frustration. Whether it's snow, wind, gloom or cold temperatures, staying active during the winter months can be a challenge.

But it can be done—and the fun can start in your own backyard. Building snowmen, snow forts and snow angels can provide hours of fun while getting hearts pumping.

Bundling up for a brisk—no pun intended—walk can provide a welcome new perspective on the same paths you and your family take in other seasons.

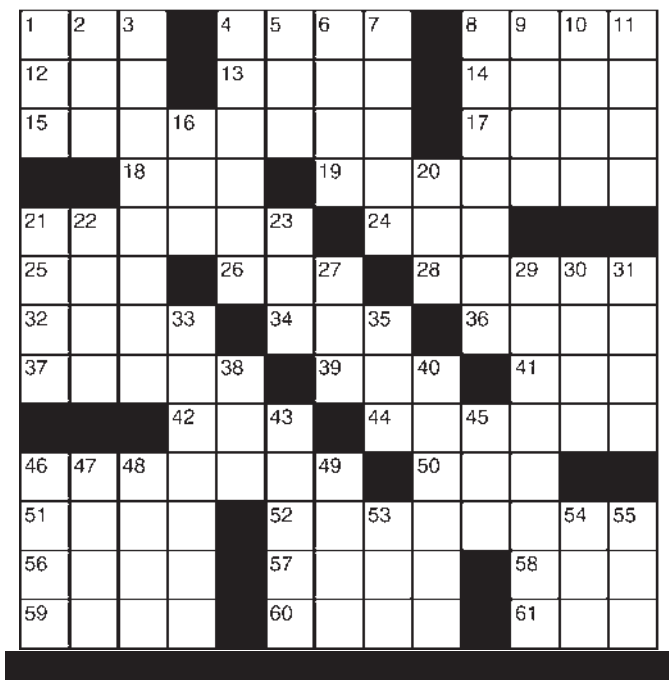
Have a little more time to kill? Activities like cross country skiing, snowshoeing and sledding can wear out your crew—dogs too! Downhill skiing destinations often offer free skiing to kids 12 and under, making it a more affordable option for families. Ice-skating is another great choice—try the skating rink in Virginia City.

If the weather is just too much for you, try a 'more temperate' alternative. Bowling can be a lot of fun and, of course, swimming at a local hot springs can take the edge off of a cold day while your family burns some energy.

The main thing is to keep moving and try new things. The worst thing to do during the long winters in southwest Montana is to give in to the urge to "hibernate." That will only lead to feeling depressed and gloomy. Also, make sure to get out in the sunshine. The vitamin D found through the sun's blessed rays will perk everyone up.

for entertainment purposes only.

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Maxine Croy

Jan. 20, 1931 – Oct. 21, 2012



On Oct. 21, 2012, Maxine Croy went to live in Heaven with our wonderful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Maxine was born Jan. 20, 1931 in Happy Corner, Kentucky. She was one of five daughters born to Lorenzo Dow Staggs and Ida Myrtle Dillow. They later moved to Ohio where Maxine attended school. She enjoyed going to school sporting events with her dad and sisters.

Later she married Bill Dutiel and they were happily married for 10 years until Bill's passing. Together they had four children: Mark, Lynn, Julie and Joey.

Maxine and Bill met Holly and Flo Croy at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota in 1963. Bill and Flo both died in May of 1963.

In November of 1963, Maxine married Holly Dean Croy. Holly's 13 children welcomed Maxine and her three young children to a ranch in Ekalaka, Montana. Together, Maxine and Holly had five more children for a total of 21. They moved to Ennis in 1968 and continued ranching until Holly died in 1991.

Ranching and farming was a huge part of Maxine's life and she had many fond memories of driving the tractor, one of her favorite pastimes. Maxine also loved to play games with her family, go to church, and play with her grandchildren. She loved people, traveling, children, and most of all, her Lord Jesus. She also loved spending time with her sisters and was able to recently see them. Even though she loved Montana, Maxine always thought of Ohio as home and enjoyed going there immensely.

Maxine is preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Bill; her second husband, Holly; her son, Joey Dutiel; and her daughter, Letty Croy.

She is survived by: James (Dorothy) Croy (Ill.), June Cordes (Ill.), Carl (Davida) Croy (Ore.), Bob Croy (Mont.), Alvin (Becky) Croy (Mont.), Lois (Dennis) Dryden (Ill.), Sue (Arley) Beach (Mont.), Ann (Larry) Gentry (Ill.), Joe (Betty) Croy (Mont.), Mark (Lynda) Dutiel (Mont.), Donna (Kurt) Blain (Wyo.), Julie (Sonny) Eblen (Mont.), Sharon Davidson (Ill.), Lynn (Dave) Uptain (Mont.), Hank Croy (Mont.), Hue (Colleen) Croy (Mont.), Chief (Stacy) Croy (Mont.), Jesse Croy (Mont.), Amy (Casey) Veltkamp (Mont.), Guy (Shelbie) Croy (Mont.); her four sisters, Billie Patton (Ohio), Juanita Kelsey (Fla.), Ettie (Gary) Parks (Fla.), Donna Middaugh (Ohio); numerous grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Saturday, Oct. 27, at 10 a.m. at Rocky Mountain Baptist Church in Ennis. Graveside service following. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Faith Baptist Church Christmas Missions or Rocky Mountain Hospice.

Zabel Memorial Service

A memorial service for Larry Zabel will be held Friday, Oct. 26 at 1 p.m. at Journey Church in Bozeman (off of N. Love Lane).

Mitchell celebration of life

A celebration of the life of John Mitchell will be held at the Silver Dollar Saloon in Ennis at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3. Bring your favorite potluck dish.



Local student earns First Pick award

From Pacific University

Austin White, a 2011 graduate of Harrison High School, has earned the honor of being First Pick for her freshman year at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore.

Selection is based on being among the top twenty freshmen students both academically and in community involvement. White participated in Abby's Closet as a personal shopper and cash register attendant in nearby Portland, assisting in a prom dress resale organization for disadvantaged neighborhoods. She initiated a Christmas gift collection of small toys and educational supplies that were shipped to Haiti for children affected by the earthquake, through Operation Christmas Child.

First Pick recipients are allowed to have first choice for the following year's on-campus housing, which is required for the freshman and sophomore years at Pacific.

At the close of freshman year, White was inducted into two honor societies: Pi Delta Phi, the national French language student honor society, and Phi Etta Sigma, a national academic society. She is double majoring in French and in business administration, with emphasis in international business.

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Madison Valley Aquatic Center site boast new sign

By Eileen White
MVAC board member



Take a look to the West as you drive out of town on U.S. Highway 287 heading north to Norris.

Just off Mountain View Road is the new Madison Valley Aquatic Center sign showing the location of the future home of our facility.

The MVAC board has recently acquired five acres in this ideal site for a community enhancing facility that will be geared toward health and wellness, a competition pool and family centered activities.

Myrstol Post and Pole in Livingston helped obtain the special 13 ft. treated posts; Wes Frank, owner of High Caliber Concrete and Mark Woods, owner of Perimeter Fence donated the supplies and labor needed to erect the sign; and the crew at Ennis Lumber Company helped to figure out the ratchet straps, and also gave a discount, to secure the banner to the billboard.

In small communities in Montana the generosity of businesses such as these is what advances worth while projects.

Explore your the depths of your roots with Ancestry Library Edition

By Kathy Knack
Madison Valley Public Library

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LEARNING ABOUT HISTORY



Submitted Photo

Virginia City is such a close neighbor to us that we tend to forget that not everyone has been there so it was nice to take a trip to a new place for some of our young ones that have just moved to Ennis. We took in the sights and talked about what it might have been like to live there long ago. Of course we had our resident tour guide Harper Leonard along with us. Our favorite place was the Virginia City Creamery where we encountered a gentleman by the name of Mark who was kind enough to set us up with a yummy taste test. Delicious!

MADISON COUNTY WEATHER

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Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow showers. Lows 15 to 20. Highs 30 to 40.

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Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow showers. Lows 15 to 20. Highs 30 to 40.

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HHS is proud to present senior Kolton Moe as its Madisonian Student of the Month for October. With his mischievous sense of humor, quick wit, and outstanding work ethic, Kolt has most definitely left his mark on our school over the past several years. He has been a force to be reckoned with on both the football field and basketball court, and a leadership presence in his class. He is dedicated to his academia, and most recently, has been volunteering his time as a one-on-one elementary student mentor. Kolt's future plans include serving his country as a US Marine. His Harrison School family wishes him a memorable finish to his senior year and many successes to come!

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PROTECTING AND ENHANCING

Cross-boundary project succeeds in protecting homes, improving forest health

By Greg Lemon
The Madisonian
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Looking through the aspen thicket, it was hard to imagine what the slope looked like three months ago.

Strewn across the ground were small logs, red-needled pine branches and crushed sticks. To an untrained eye, it might seem like the feller bunchers that harvested nearly all the lodgepole pine on this slope had left only devastation in their wake.

But to the foresters and other Bureau of Land Management professionals touring the site last Wednesday, what they saw was the first phase of rejuvenation.

Next year there will be native grasses and forbs. The following year there may be a few saplings. In five years this hillside will be full of three-foot tall lodgepoles.

This slope, which is on the west side of the Madison Valley above the Sun West Ranch subdivision and in the foothills of the Gravelly Mountains, is part of the BLM's Sun West Stewardship project. Included in the project was 224 acres of commercial logging, aspen stand regeneration and other fuels mitigation work.

The work was all done as a stewardship project, which means the BLM trades the value of the timber for restoration work needed in the project area, said Aly Piwowar, BLM forester who put the project together.

And if this was simply a small BLM project, the story may not go much further. But what makes this project unique is that just down the hill from the BLM ground, the Sun West Ranch property owners have done similar work and coordinated their efforts with the BLM.

The work on Sun West's side of the fence was funded in part by grants from both the BLM and Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation funneled through Madison County, said Chris Mumme, director of Madison County Emergency Services.

The Sun West area was identified in the 2003 Madison County Community Wildfire Protection Plan as a high priority for fuel treatment.

The concept was thinning out timber stands on the edges of the property would help reduce the chance of a wildfire burning off of the federal land and through Sun West homes.

The Sun West Homeowners Association started doing fuels reduction work as far back as 2009 with the DNRC grant money, Mumme said.

However, when they secured BLM Community Assistance Program money for the work, it became evident that work on both sides of the fence ought to be coordinated.

That's where Terina Mullen comes in. Mullen is the Fire Mitigation and Education Specialist with the BLM out of Butte.

She had been working with Mumme on securing the BLM funding for the Sun West work and realized there may be an opportunity to make a bigger impact by coordinating efforts with the agency.

So in February, folks from Sun West, Madison County and the BLM office in Dillon met in Butte to see if they could figure out a way to work together.

And in fact, both sides needed each other, Piwowar said. The BLM needed to access their land through the Sun West Ranch, and to adequately secure their property against wildfire danger the homeowners association needed the BLM to do the work on the adjacent land.

The two sides agreed on a contractor to do the work and an access agreement and by June the work was underway. By late August it was largely complete.

Different Beginnings

While the Madison County Community Wildfire Protection Plan identified the Sun West property as a priority for fuels reduction work, a different document highlighted the need for work on the BLM's land adjacent to the ranch a priority.

In 2009, the BLM completed a Madison Watershed Assessment. This document is basically an inventory of ecological conditions in the Madison watershed, which included the Tobacco Root Mountains down through the Gravellys, Piwowar said. It also took into consideration existing conditions and recent work done on private lands and ground owned by other agencies.

"It's really a comprehensive land health assessment," Piwowar said.

The assessment took into account five aspects: upland health, riparian health, air quality, water quality and providing for biodiversity.

The watershed assessment becomes a tool for identifying projects and, like the community wildfire protection plan, it pointed out the need for work near the Sun West Ranch.

However, the work identified in the watershed assessment process was more than hazardous fuels reduction, she said.

On the benches above the Sun West property are some of the largest aspen stands in the Gravelly Mountains and southwest Montana, Piwowar said. Yet they were getting crowded out by both lodgepole pine and Douglas fir. Additionally, the lodgepole stands in the area were sick from several years of mountain pine beetle infestation – in some cases infestation rates were at 80 percent. The lodgepole was also getting crowded with blow down as dead trees were stacking up on the ground.

In general, it all needed a good cleaning up.

The stewardship project was bid by Osler Logging out of Bozeman, which was also the logging company hired by the Sun West Ranch to do the work on their land.

And rather than going through the 350 acre BLM project area and marking each tree that needed to be cut, Piwowar focused on desirable outcomes like aspen regeneration, reduced fuels and utilizing wood products.

She worked for a few days with the logging crews making sure they were all on the same page and then largely let them do the work, she said.

In the old days, government timber sales were all marked by crews and loggers had to cut only marked trees, but that process is inefficient, Piwowar said.

By focusing on desirable conditions, the agency is able to build more of a trusting relationship with the logging company by not micromanaging their work.

"On private land that's what they're doing anyway and they're more comfortable with it," Piwowar said.



Dave Krueger, from Sun Mountain Lumber in Deer Lodge, was also on the tour and he agreed.

Sometimes all it takes is just getting the government to sit down with the logging companies and talk about what the desired outcomes are and what are the things needing protection and then let the crews go to work.

"The timber industry isn't out there to steal timber," Krueger said. "We're out there to be a tool for you managers."

Along with communicating with the logging company doing the work, Piwowar and her co-worker Kipper Blotkamp met with Sun West landowners to talk about the work and how it would change the look of the landscape.

For the past few years Sun West had been doing a little fuels reduction work each year, said landowner Teresa Dockery, who also attended the tour. But this summer's project was a big step. The communication the landowners got from Piwowar and Blotkamp was helpful.

"It was important to come and talk to property owners, because we didn't know what to expect," Dockery said.

And though some of the changes were dramatic, it's been a great improvement, she said.

"It's really opened things up," Dockery said. "We hike here every day and it's really opened up a lot of trails."

Piwowar explained to the landowners that in some areas the change was going to be dramatic, especially in the lodgepole pine stands.

Lodgepole pine is unique because stands are typically single aged and so when they age entire stands become susceptible to disease and insects. Additionally, lodgepole is difficult to thin because the root systems are shallow and the space between trees often allows for more wind-felled timber. So the treatment for mature stands is often overstory removal, which is a fancy way of saying clear-cut.

The lodgepole pine treated within the Sun West Stewardship project were mostly overstory removal treatments and though it looks dramatic now, it's the best thing for creating biodiversity and reducing fuels in the area, Piwowar said.

The other thing the stewardship project did was provide a seamless transition of fuels reduction from the public land to the private land, creating a more safe and defensible environment around the Sun West Ranch, said Terina Mullen.

Ultimately, the success of the collaborative effort is really both social and ecological, she said. The land is certainly healthier and the homes are safer.





"Wildfire doesn't respect jurisdictional boundaries and nor should we when we do (wildfire) mitigation work," Mullen said.

The other benefit to the entire Sun West project is it provides a road map for other collaborative efforts between BLM and private landowners, she said.

The community wildfire protection plan has identified other areas in the county that need fuels reduction work and money is available to help homeowners with their portion of the work.

The goal is to help landowners make their properties safer from the threat of wildfire and also make the forest healthier, Mullen said. The Sun West work shows that both can be accomplished in one project.

For more information on fuels reduction work or to get more information about available funding, contact Chris Mumme at 843-4253.



Clockwise from top: 1. Bureau of Land Management forester Aly Piwowar (right) leads a tour through a recently completed unit on BLM land near the Sun West Ranch. Lodgepole pines were removed from the unit in an effort to encourage aspen growth and to provide more forest diversity and health. The work also provides a more effective fire break for adjacent private land. **2. Douglas fir and lodgepole pines** were recently removed from this aspen stand on BLM land near the Sun West Ranch. Conifer encroachment can deplete aspen stands, which need direct sunlight. The work was done as part of the BLM Sun West Stewardship project. **3. John Thompson, Fire Management Officer** with the Bureau of Land Management's Western Montana District looks at before and after pictures of work recently done on the Sun West Stewardship project. Thompson was part of a tour of the project area led by the BLM. **4. Lodgepole pines typically grow in** single aged stands and after about 80 years, the stands become unhealthy and can be vulnerable to insects or wildfire. As part of the Sun West Stewardship project, the BLM addresses the health issue, removing entire lodgepole stands like the one pictured, which was infected with mountain pine beetle.

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The Twin Bridges Cross Country teams were very successful this week at the state meet in Helena. The girls team won first at state, and the boys team won second at state. Team members are: Coach Nancy Gesling, Girls team- Mikayla Tilstra, Kelsie Dustin, Morgan Martin, Dusty Kiem, Paige Phillips, Jessica George, Hannah Konen,and Julia Cox, boys team- Andrew George, C J Cox, Ben Corrigan, Clark Mocilac, Brock Wood, Tristian Guilliot. Pictured is team when leaving for state. Congratulations to both teams!!!

Twin Bridges runners take state, boys snag second

By Kurtis Koenig
The Madisonian
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The question of whether or not solid runners come from Twin Bridges is easily settled. With two state trophies to add to the Falcons' case after this weekend's state cross country meet, there is little doubt.

However, who gets the bragging rights in the George house is another matter altogether.

Jessica George was crowned the class C champion after her 19:47 effort in the three-mile course.

Andrew George had to settle for a bronze medal, but his time was 17:11.

The age-old question is begged: Is it better to grab the prettier medal, or the prettier time?

On a day where no one ran their best, likely due to the inclement weather in Helena last Saturday, runners from across the state battled for position more than they battled for time.

For Twin Bridges, the most important counting was the counting of trophies.

In class C, only the top three times per team are counted. In the case of the Twin Bridges girls team, six-time defending state champion Belt was simply out-gunned.

Along with J. George's first place finish came Hannah Konen, who fought her way into the top four with a 20:15 effort.

Sophomore Paige Phillips missed the top ten by seconds, but her 11th place finish sealed the deal for the state champion Lady Falcons. Morgan Martin finished 19th with a 22:31, Mikayla Tilstra ran a 22:53 for 24th.

Julia Cox ran a 23:35 for 28th and Dusty Keim ran a 30:23.

The boys team placed two runners in the top three. Tristen Guillot earned second place, just four seconds behind the state individual champion. A. George's third place finish was bolstered by CJ Cox's 19:32 effort. Clark Mocilac finished 30th with a time of 19:35. The boys finished second in state.

Harrison runner Spencer Ore medaled with a time of 18:53, which was good enough for 12th place. Teammate Oliver Blanchard clocked a 20:33.

Ennis runners Wyatt Murdoch and Race Owens ran 18:56 and 19:31 respectively.

Taya DeFrance represented the Lady Wildcats with a time of 22:42, and Madison Owens of Ennis paced a 21:05, which was good enough for eighth place.

Mustangs claim the division crown for first time in 16 years

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When East met West last Friday night, the fans at John F. Scully field in Ennis certainly got their money's worth.

The undefeated Broadview-Lavina Pirates have been consistently stomping teams for the past seven weeks.

That is until they crossed swords with Ennis.

On paper, both teams boasted size, strength, and perhaps most importantly, an abundance of speed.

Broadview's head coach, Mark Iddins, knows what it is to create an offensive attack. He has played in some big games in Bobcat Stadium as the Bobcat's signal caller.

His Pirates have rolled teams by more than 30 points five times this season.

The Mustangs have boasted similar numbers.

The final game of the regular season pitted two teams who can really utilize a variety of weapons to wreak havoc on opposing defenses.

But there would be no shoot out.

The Mustangs kicked off and promptly forced a Pirate punt.

After sputtering for a few plays, Dalton Bullock found Connor Sullivan in the corner of the end zone for a 28-yard scoring strike.

Broadview battled right back with a touchdown pass of their own. Christian Hanser completed an 11-yard pass to Ian Glenie. The conversion gave the Pirates a two-point advantage, which they kept until the second quarter.

Using an aggressive, blitz-heavy defense, the Mustangs kept Broadview out of the end zone for the rest of the half.

Offensively, it was the "Roy Moen Show." Moen scampered into pay dirt on runs of 13 and five in route to a 180-yard performance on the night.

Moen continued his romp in the third quarter when he extended the Mustang lead to 20 on a five-yard run.

The Broadview-Lavina defensive front featured a 245-pound nose tackle flanked by two speedy ends. The Mustang offensive line managed to hold the hard-hitting Pirates at bay making it easy pickings for Moen.

Broadview did close the gap to 28-14 on a 20-yard pass from Hanser to Glenie, but it would be too little too late.

The final stanza included a blistering 76-yard interception return by Sullivan during which he received multiple crack blocks by the stampeding Mustangs.

Moen scored his final touchdown midway through the fourth to seal the deal and secure the top seed from the southern division.

Ennis defeated the Pirates 42-14.

Bullock completed 9 of 16 passes with a touchdown and one interception. He also rushed for 52 yards. Sullivan caught five balls for 91 yards and a touchdown.

The Mustangs will host Circle this Saturday at 1 p.m. in the first round of the state playoffs.

The Twin Bridges Falcons destroyed Park City last Friday 45-12, but no details were available at press time. The Falcons will travel to Fairview for a first round rematch of the 2011 State Championship Game this Saturday.

Panthers end football season on a high note

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Not many football teams end their season with a win. The Sheridan Panthers, will look ahead to next season with the positive mind-set they ended with one.

Although they spotted the visiting Harlowton Engineers a 16 point first quarter lead, the Panthers decided that they would not go quietly into the night.

Xavier Harris tossed two second quarter touchdowns, one to Mike Tilstra for 20 yards and one to Keny Stoffel for 38, and the Panther defense held strong.

At the break the scored stood at 16 points each.

The two teams traded touchdowns in the third period. Stoffel pranced into the endzone from 15 yards out to negate a previous Harlow score, and the board read: 24 – 24 at quarters' end.

The final period confidently made the statement that though things didn't go as planned in the 2012 campaign, the Panthers are still very much alive and will be chomping at the bit for next season.

Sheridan dominated the fourth quarter, erupting for 24 points while holding their opponents to just six.

Stoffel scored on runs of 15 and two, while Tilstra caught a second pass from Harris.

Stoffel ended up with 228 yards on 25 carries. Harris completed 4-6 passing for 94 yards and three touchdowns.

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Madison County Volleyball Roundup: Local teams finish season strong

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Ennis defeats Twin Bridges

The Lady Mustangs squeaked out a fifth set win to topple the Falcons for the second time this season.

Twin dominated the first two sets 25-15, 25-17, but Ennis rallied in the third and fourth by scores of 25-18 and 25-13. The fifth set lasted two extra points but the Mustangs came out on top 17-15.

The relentless Falcon attack garnered 45 kills, but the Mustang back row dug up 59 potential kills to keep the game even.

Daphne Puckett slammed 12 kills and totaled 7 blocks for Twin while Rylee McKinney killed nine balls and dug up 13.

Kills
Twin (45) Puckett 12
Ennis (30) McKinney 9
Assists (36) Kristen Ashcraft 30
Ennis (24) Cassie Frye 14
Digs
Twin (44) Heather Breakall 10
Ennis (59) McKinney, Kortney Dietz 13
Blocks
Twin (17) Puckett 7
Ennis (9) Delaney McNally 5
Aces
Twin (18) Bayley Butler 8
Ennis (12) Frye, McNally 3

Harrison defeats Twin Bridges

Despite 29 kills and 54 digs, the Falcons fell to the hard-hitting Harrison Wildcats last week in three sets.

Kristen White earned 16 kills, 11 digs and a pair of aces for her Wildcats.

Kristen Ashcraft accounted for all 15 Falcon assists, 13 digs and five aces.

The Wildcats won 25-17, 25-18, 27-25.

Kills
Twin (29) Morgan Martin 6
Harrison (34) K. White 16
Assists
Twin (15) Ashcraft 15
Harrison (25) Becca White 14
Digs
Twin (54) Ashcraft 13
Harrison (38) Jaci Nesbit 12
Blocks
Twin (9) Megan Martin 4
Harrison (8) Britt Cooper 7
Aces
Twin (10) Ashcraft 5
Harrison (5) K. White 2

Gardiner defeats Harrison

Last Wednesday, the Gardiner Bruins dominated the Lady Wildcats in three sets.

Britt Cooper led the way for the Wildcats with two aces, seven assists, six kills, three blocks and four digs.

The Wildcats lost 19-25, 5-25, 11-25.

Becca White- 8 assists, 4 digs
Britt Cooper- 2 aces, 7 assists, 6 kills, 3 blocks, 4 digs
Tori Wilson-3 digs
Jaci Nesbit- 1 ace, 5 kills, 6 digs
Kristen White- 1 ace, 4 kills, 4 digs
Alecia Panagakis- 1 assist, 4 digs
Sierra Panagakis-1 dig

Harrison defeats Lima

In four quick sets, the Lady Wildcats closed out their regular season with a win over the Lima Bears.

Britt Cooper chipped in 11 kills and eight aces, while Kristen White added nine kills of her own.

Harrison ran away with the win 25-16, 25-14, 25-12.

Becca White- 1 ace, 20 assists, 1 dig
Britt Cooper- 8 aces, 7 assists, 11 kills, 2 blocks, 3 digs
Tori Wilson- 2 aces, 3 kills, 1 block, 2 digs
Jaci Nesbit- 1 ace, 8 kills, 1 dig
Kristen white-2 aces, 9 kills, 3 digs
Alecia Panagakis- 3 aces, 1 assist, 4 digs
Hailey Hokanson-1 kill
Addie Nesbit-1 assist, 1 dig

Sheridan defeats West Yellowstone

Though they fell behind in the first set, the Lady Panthers tore through the final three sets to defeat the Wolverines in four.

The Panthers earned 57 digs and tallied 32 kills in the match

Brooke Lueck killed 14 balls and Tiffany McCormack dug up 8. The Panthers stacked up 20 kills, six of which belonged to Lueck, in the win.

Sheridan won the match 19-25, 25-20, 25-10, 25-19.

Kills (32) Lueck 14
Assists (21) Brittany VanDyck 14
Digs (57) McCormack 8
Blocks (5) Lueck, Jonnie Lee 2
Aces (20) Lueck 6

SENIOR NIGHT



Photo by Josh Kelton

On Senior Night Kolton Moe takes a time out to honor his parents for their support. Kolton played four years with Whitehall High School and lettered in all of them. His football career ended very well with a 42 to 12 victory over the Three Forks Wolves.

Breakfast & Lunch Menu

ENNIS

Lunch includes: *fresh salad/fruit bar & milk*

Monday - October 29
Breakfast - Donuts
Lunch - Chicken ala King

Tuesday - October 30
Breakfast - French toast, ham
Lunch - Chicken fried steak, potatoes

Wednesday - October 31
Breakfast - Biscuits & gravy, hashbrowns
Lunch - Raviloi

HARRISON

Monday - October 29
Breakfast - Sausage gravy, biscuits
Lunch - Pizza, fruit, veggies

Tuesday - October 30
Breakfast - Yogurt, granola, cinnamon toast
Lunch - Chicken enchilada bake

Wednesday - October 31
Breakfast - Cook's Spooky Breakfast
Lunch - Cook's Goulish Lunch

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Lunches include: *vegetables, fruit and milk*

Monday - October 29
Lunch - Oven fried chicken

Tuesday - October 30
Lunch - Cheesy potatoes and ham

Wednesday - October 31
Lunch - PB&J sandwiches

TWIN BRIDGES

All breakfast menus include: *toast, fruit, milk, juice*

All lunch menus include: *salad bar, fruit, cold milk*

Monday - October 29
Breakfast - Cinnamon pizza
Lunch - Chow mein rice, noodles. fortune cookie

Tuesday - October 30
Breakfast -Choice of cereal, apple crisp
Lunch - Chili cheese fries

Wednesday - October 31
Breakfast - Brains on a biscuit
Lunch - Night crawler on a bun, bat droppings, witches brew, blood clot salad
Lunch - Hamburgers or fish sandwich, potato salad

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Friday, October 26 - BUFFET

Tuesday, October 30 - Hamburger tator tot casserole, carrots, sliced tomatoes, biscuits, jello with topping

Wednesday, October 31 - Pork roast, dressing, peas, cottage cheese, fruit & jello salad, bread, danish roll

Thrusday, November 1 - BBQ Chicken, potatoes, corn, cucumber, onion and tomato salad, bread, iced brownie



Friday, November 2 - BUFFET

We ask a $4 minimum donation for meals and they are served at 12 p.m. On Fridays you can take what is left over home (bring your own containers). All meals are subject to change without notice.

Commodity Insite.com

By Jerry Welch
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A PROCESS NOT AN EVENT

According to the latest Gallup poll, U.S. consumers are more optimistic about the economy now than they have been at any time since May, six months ago.

Gallup noted that this survey was the first to include a full week of results following the positive Employment Report released in early October. Gallup also noted that the overall improvement in confidence has come, "almost exclusively from Democrats and Independents" while, "Republicans continue to be as negative on the economy as before."

It is no coincidence that a host of commodity markets have improved with consumers more upbeat now than they have been over the past six months. Bull markets are born out of confidence and conviction, not uncertainty. The rise with consumer confidence was the best news to hit the wires in months and probably possibly the leading reason why several major commodity markets appear to have carved out important long term lows.

Feeder and live cattle prices for instance, recently slumped to multi-month lows but are now in the midst of solid rallies. The live market has recovered enough over the past week to where the 2013, futures contracts are within striking distance of all-time highs. If confidence in the period ahead continues to improve, the outlook for cattle prices in the New Year will be eye squinting bright.

The same can be said of the pork complex. June 2013, lean hog futures hit a multi-month low in mid-September but prices came roaring back to with the market trading consistently over the $100 level. Historically, a lean hog contract over the $100 level is a rare scenario to behold.

The grain complex is also attempting to recover and here too, I contribute the improvement to a rise in confidence among grain producers, end users and traders. Prior to this week, the doom and gloom regarding grains was so thick it could be cut with a chain saw. Soybean prices were in the midst of a $3.03 a bushel free fall, corn prices slumped $1.44 a bushel and wheat values eroded to the tune of $1.13 a bushel. There has been little to cheer about when viewing grain prices.

However, based on market performance this week, it appears as if the harvest lows have been carved out for all three major grains. History suggests that once the harvest lows have been posted, the entire complex rallies strongly into the New Year. But few times in history have grain fundamentals been as long term bullish as they are right now with harvest pressure winding down, coming to an end. And that fact, of course, suggests the post harvest rally could be historic in nature.

The last USDA report estimated supplies of corn below pipeline requirements, a bullish development, hinting prices need to rise high enough to ration demand to keep the U.S. from literally running out of supply. A daunting task even though demand has softened in recent months.

The same report showed an unexpected rise in soybean production as well as ending stocks and rightly fully viewed as a bearish development. But looking closer at the soy complex where demand remains robust, the rate of soybean consumption as a percentage of available supply will be the highest in history. Soybean prices will also have to rally high enough to ration demand or supplies will dwindle to unacceptably tight levels; another daunting task.

It is also noteworthy to mention cocoa, cotton and coffee prices have also been under heavy selling pressure along with grains and livestock.

Those markets also appear to have posted important lows. And as long as confidence continues to build, there is no reason to expect much lower prices for those commodity markets in coming weeks.

With all that said, understand that there may be more weakness ahead because the Chinese economy continues to struggle, South American grain production is expected to be record large and fears are rampant the global economies are too weak to sustain higher commodity prices.

Therefore, sustainable, tradable rallies in oversold commodities such as grains, livestock and a handful of tropical markets may be hard fought until a more certain outlook for prices can be seen. Still, the lows seem to be in place.

More importantly, understand that when markets begin the process of bottoming, of carving out seasonal lows it is a process, not an event. An event is a one-time phenomena. A process takes time. But there is no doubt in my mind that due to an encouraging rebound in consumer confidence, buying breaks in the period ahead will prove to be more profitable than selling rallies.

Hollowtop Smoke Signals

By Art Kehler
for The Madisonian

A Season Both Golden and Grim – A few contrasting autumn reflections

There's no doubt in my mind that autumn's radiant splendor has the power to temporarily bewitched the senses. Under its influence, it is easy to perceive this earthly existence as ideal. However, over time, I have come to recognize that there are a some grim aspects of the golden season, especially as it concerns our wild neighbors. Following are some examples.

To begin, a few Octobers ago, I stood on the bridge, located on the outskirts of Harrison, that spans South Willow Creek. From that privileged perch, I observed the brown and brook trout's annual spawning run. Their mating colors challenged even the gaudy, streamside foliage. No longer interested even in eating, they were driven solely to preserve their species. Watching that soul-stirring rite unfold, filled me with a warm and fuzzy feeling of continuity. Nonetheless, in the back of my mind, stark reality lurked. I knew the rainbow and cutthroat trout would closely follow their genetic cousins, in order to devour those devotedly-deposited eggs. So much for warm and fuzzy.

Recently, I listened spellbound, as bull elk bugled, spine-tingling, rut-induced, challenges. In my fertile mind, I assigned English translations to each effort – such as, "Bugling-Blowhard," "Rag-Rack," and "Wolf-Drool" Ironically, these were the same male elk I watched harmoniously hanging out together, just two months before. Nevertheless, they were soon engaged in fierce combat, to win the favor of the same wapiti damsels they had ignored for the previous 10 months. Finally, while the bulls beat the stuffing out of one another other, in a disturbing act of spitefulness – the cows ignored the bulls. Alas, it seems that, even in the natural world, "all's fair in love and war."

Additionally, in contrast to its awe-inspiring, foliage display, autumn is also the season when fool's-hens (franklin grouse) turn from being just plain dimwitted to being both dimwitted and belligerent. To illustrate, a few Septembers ago, while hiking behind Pony, a male franklin grouse flew out of a patch of gilded aspens and landed nearby. In the rut and all puffed up, he brazenly strutted right up to my feet,---on the fight. With extremities flopping wildly, we took turns charging one another, until the old boy grudgingly flew off. Strangely enough, in the aftermath, no female fool's-hens were to be seen anywhere. So, why did he waste his time?

Yet another disheartening revelation came about through hunting Hungarian partridges. No doubt, the stark color contrast of rust-hued birds streaking over yellow wheat stubble, proved enthralling. Nevertheless, over the years, I suffered considerable mental anguish at the beaks of those feathered rockets. It was only after intense scrutiny, that I stumbled onto the secret to their blinding wing-speed – an autumn-long diet of ripened grain. Simply put, when being hotly pursued by shotgun pellets, that protein-packed, power fuel enabled those huns to break the sound barrier! Only so were they able to, with grim regularity, elude my deadly-mortal aim. Thus was the mystery solved, and my reputation as "old-one-shot-meat-in-the-pot" justly restored – even if only in my own mind.

Cynicism aside, I have to admit, autumn remains and always will be, my favorite time of year. Why? Because it's awe-inspiring splendor and unmistakable affirmation, far overshadow any contrasting reflections. Indeed, of the four seasons, I think perhaps autumn is the most fitting metaphor for life itself.

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

MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRELINE

As we watch the snow falling outside, it is hard to believe that the National Weather Service, U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook is calling for drought across most of Montana to persist or intensify through Jan. 31, 2013.

Local burning restrictions have been rescinded as of 12:01 a.m. Oct. 19. A burn permit AND activation is still required to perform controlled burns in Madison County. Additionally, Revenue Flats hiking and day use area restrictions have also been rescinded. Revenue Flat is now open.

Although the precipitation received to date has been insufficient to end the drought conditions or stem the ever-present firer danger, the temperatures are turning colder. Now is the time to start thinking of preparing for winter travel. Make sure that you have extra clothes in your vehicle as well as candles, sand or kitty litter, first-aid kit, and water. Have your vehicle checked to make sure that antifreeze is at sufficient concentration, batteries are fully charged, tires are properly inflated, and window washer fluid is full.

On Oct. 15 at 12:43 p.m. the MVRFD, along with the Ennis Ambulance and the Madison County Sheriff's Office, was dispatched to a one-vehicle rollover accident at the top of the Virginia City Hill on MT Hwy 287. The MVRFD responded a Rescue and a Command with six firefighters. The responding MVRFD units were canceled en route after a Sheriff's deputy arrived on scene and determined that fire department response was not required.

The Harrison Fire Department, Harrison QRU, Ennis Ambulance, and the MVRFD were dispatched to a one-vehicle rollover accident near mile marker 7 on MT Hwy 84 on Oct. 18 at 3:17 p.m. The MVRFD responded a Rescue with three firefighters. First arriving HFD units found a pickup truck over the cement barrier, still attached to a fifth-wheel trailer setting on the highway. MVRFD firefighters established traffic control operations and assisted HFD units with scene duties. Firefighters were on scene for over five hours until the roadway could be cleared and normal traffic could resume.

If you have any questions or concerns, Madison Valley Rural Fire Chief Shawn Christensen invites you to contact us at 682-3311. We look forward to hearing from you. If no one is available, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. Remember, you can get up-to-date emergency information at the Madison County Montana Emergency Information web site, at http://madison.homestead.com/.

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The Real Estate Corner

By Tanya Matson
Prudential Montana Real Estate

SELLING IN COLDER MONTHS

Warmer months are generally when home sellers get their property ready for sale.

Yet there is no reason to drop the ball on sprucing up a home from late fall through spring. Here are some tips for selling a home in the winter months.

Heat it up: If you are having a showing, turn up the thermostat to make the home warm and inviting. A cold home shopper will race through a house and start questioning the windows and insulation.

Use photographs: Your beautiful lawn, amazing landscaping, or large deck may be overlooked because of the snow. Take some photographs during the warm months and display them during winter showings so buyers can get a better understanding of what the outside truly offers.

Take care of snow and ice: In climates such as ours, be sure the walk is clear, the driveway is shoveled and there is salt to eliminate icy surfaces. If a buyer has to walk through inches of snow, they may not bother even looking. If the home is vacant, hire a neighbor to clear it for you.

Light it up: This is the perfect opportunity to show a potential buyer how cozy a fireplace can be.

Emphasize the positives: Is your home located in a subdivision that plows the roads frequently? Is your home located close to town and school so walking is a possibility during heavy snows? Is it located on a school bus route? Is it close to a great sledding hill for the kids? If so, highlight these features.

Since many sellers will be waiting until spring to put their home on the market, having a home ready in the winter is a great way to beat the rush.



Tanya Matson

Panning the Tailings

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For this month's Pannin' I decided to use the November 3, 1961 edition.

For those of you who know and love me, this date is very familiar. For others, such as my co-workers and especially Mr. Big Shot Editor, the date is a pain in their backsides, as about this time I start letting everyone know they only have a limited number of shopping days left. And I let them know, and know, and know.

No, I'm not referring to Christmas…it's my birthday! Don't bother doing the math – I'll be 51 this year. Holy Hannah how did that happen? Is it just me, or does it seem like the older you get, the faster time goes by? Well shoot, that definitely makes me sound older than I feel!

November 3 of 1961 not only was an auspicious occasion due to my birth, it was also noted in that edition of The Madisonian that the birthday of the Twin Bridges American Legion post would be observed on Saturday.

"Twin Bridges post 31 was chartered by the National American Legion in October 1919. The original minute book, dating back 42 years, is still in possession of the post, although time has yellowed the entries, making them slightly difficult to read."

Bill O'Donnell who was the adjutant of the post at that time, was quoted in The Madisonian: "Naturally, said Adjutant O'Donnell, 'We wish to extend an invitation to eligible veterans to become card-carrying Americans and join the Legion. This is the most appropriate time to express our gratitude to those of us who did not make it home. They did not fight and die, just so we could come home and forget.'"

Amen!

The U.S. had fought in World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the U.S. presence in Vietnam was escalating and would eventually kill almost 60,000 U.S. servicemen and women (58,282 per Wikipedia).

Sorry, I get a little sad and weepy around my birthday.

On the lighter side, the Sheridan Panthers were playing for the Class C district title (I won't keep you in suspense – they won). They also went on to win divisionals, which at that time was the top honor. Per an article in The Madisonian, "It is the first time Sheridan has ever gone 'clear to the top.' The Class C schools do not play for state championship, but end title play at the divisional level."

In November of 1961 you could visit Armitage Ford Sales in Ennis and purchase a 1960 Falcon 4-door wagon in excellent condition for $1,450. The Ennis Café ran and advertisement announcing they were to be closed from Dec. 1st until Spring and thanking Bettie's Café for staying open through the winter!

Happy birthday to all you November babies!

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AROUND THE WOOD STOVE

by Gail Banks

My gosh Sunday was a beautiful fall day, and no smoke and wind!

For those hunting this past weekend, even if they didn't get their tags filled, it would have been a great weekend to be outside. Heard of a few that filled those tags though. Good Lord, Friday evening, the highway to the Upper Ruby looked like rush hour in LA. Pickups with horse trailers and campers and RVs all with the over anxious hunting season fever. I heard about a lady up in the Big Hole that was hunting; as the story was told to me, she was from out of state, rich, and over dressed for hunting season. She had one of those big fur coats on, thinking that the weather was colder than it ended up being on opening day. Anyway, she was walking in the timber, caught that ol' fur coat on a fallen branch and she fell down. When she got back up she had seven tags on her fur coat.

Like I said, some of the hunters are anxious to fill those tags.

It is funny how when we get older we kind of forget about some of the little things our kids did when they were little. The little stunts were just part of a daily routine. My two-year-old grandson, Gus, spent the weekend with me, which means I am up and moving until I can talk him into a nap. I'd say, "Gus how about you and I taking a nap?"

Gus would say, "No way Granma." He begged and begged for a pickle before we went to bed. So I gave in and let him have one. I am laying in bed trying to listen to the Tester/Rehberg debate, and all I can hear is ummmmmmmm, lots of crunching, and lots of slurping on that big ol' pickle. Which I have got to tell you crunching, smacking lips, crunching, and slurping on anything, no matter what age you are, are things that can drive me nuts! Finally, I ask Gus if he is about done with that pickle? He crawls up on my bed and hands me pickle parts that have been chewed on but must have not been good enough to swallow, telling me to feed it to the dogs, Granma. In a few minutes, I hear giggles coming from where he is suppose to be trying to go sleep. I peek over and he has talked both of my boxers, Phatty and Dasey, into bed with him. He is using Phatty for a pillow and cuddled up with Dasey, with lots of licking going on. What can I say, what happens at Grandma's stays at Grandma's. Most of the time anyways, sometimes the evidence is too strong and the parents figure out what happened at Grandma's. I return Gus and his dad says, "Why does he smell like Vicks, he doesn't have a cold?" Well, maybe cause I was trying to sleep just a little longer and he got into the Vicks, and used nearly all of the jar on his neck, chest, and toes. Maybe ate a little too…

His mom says to me, "Did Gus fall down or something happen to him, he has Band-Aids all over his legs and he says his knees hurt. Well maybe cause he watches me change the dressing on my knee throughout the day, and he wants bandages too. My knees hurts, his knees hurt.

I am rich with priceless children and grandkids!

Congratulations to the Twin Bridges Falcon cross country team, the girls won state last weekend and the boys came in second at state.

The Class C football playoffs start this next Saturday and the volleyball district tournament starts this Thursday in Butte. So it will be a busy week again for parents and fans!

Halloween is right around the corner. Then Daylight Saving Time ends on Nov. 4 and the election is the 6th.

So, what have we learned this week? Time to get a flu shot! Stars can't shine without darkness. Chocolate doesn't ask silly questions, chocolate understands. Forget about what hurt you, but don't forget what you learned from it. Dip it in chocolate, and it will be fine! Everyone deserves somebody to make them look forward to tomorrow. Change the filter on your dream catcher once in a while.

Do have a fun Halloween. Looks like we might have a slight change in the weather and have a bit of the white stuff on the ground. Wonder what the "news" stations are going to talk about when this election is over?

"Someone else is very happy with less than you have."

Sustainably Sadie

Sarah Miller,
For the Madisonian

I have seen in the last few years, possibly made popular by the 2000 film drama, Pay It Forward, or perhaps just human compassion that I recognize more easily as an adult, wonderful Random Acts of Kindness.

I have an amazing customer at the coffee shop, who regularly buys the customer behind her in line a cup of coffee by leaving an extra five dollars with me at the drive-through window. Friends told us last year that there is someone in Butte who goes to Kmart on Christmas Eve and pays off amounts owed at Lay-Away. These friends had a couple hundred dollars left to pay on their Christmas toys and gifts purchased at Kmart and this generous soul relieved them of that debt. They never met the person; they most likely never will.

I stumbled across a blog post via (you know it, my favorite new obsession) Pinterest.com from a mom blogger who did an advent of Random Acts of Kindness with her children to teach, through example, the true meaning of the holidays. Some examples were to leave a gift – not just a gratuity, but an actual gift for their waitress at a restaurant; a gift for the mailman and leaving a small package of diapers and wipes on a changing table in a public restroom. They hid dollars in the toy aisle of the dollar store. And they visited the local nursing home, bringing treats and joy to the some of the residents.

These little gestures brighten people's day (and hearts). Not expecting anything in return, the original giver starts a chain reaction whereby the recipient of an unexpected gift pays the gesture forward. As we speed into the holiday season, keep these random acts in mind and over tip a waitress once in a while (also, please remember that tipping at a restaurant averages between 15 percent and 20 percent for good service nationally). Make an extra holiday pie for the single guy at the end of the street. Find special ways to show the kids that this time of year about giving, not just receiving (if possible).

I find it's the people you least expect to be so generous. It's not people who own two or three homes, not the affluent, but the hand-to-mouth working class that can show such unselfish generosity. In a small community, such as ours, these little efforts go a long way. Even something as small as helping a friend by babysitting for an afternoon or doing a sink full of dishes can be a grand gesture of a gift.

Give generosity this season and brighten the community! Share your Random Acts of Kindness at www.sustainablysadie.blogspot.com or email sustainablysadie@hotmail.com.

Twin Bits

October artist at Debra's Art Wall is Tom Agnetti. There is a Halloween-themed party/ art reception Wednesday October 31, 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the TB Public Library. Stop by for candy, punch and meet the artist while out trick-or-treating with the kids!

The GRVCCA Annual Ag Banquet, honoring our agriculture community and heritage, is Saturday Oct. 27 at the Twin Bridges Airport. Chris Noon is the contact person for this event, rkymtnsly@3rivers.net. The GRVCCA is still in need of Table Sponsors for this event.

Ruby Valley SAR is on Facebook…*Friend* our local Search And Rescue page to stay informed of trainings.

The Midway Colony Hutterites will be in Twin Bridges and Whitehall Nov. 1 and 2 selling Turkeys, Chickens, Squash, Potatoes, Bread, Rolls and More. They will be set up at Main Street Park, next to the Fire Hall in Twin from noon to five on the 1st and 8:30 to 11 a.m. on the 2nd.

From TBS Calendar:

Thurs Oct 25 to Sat Oct 27: District Volleyball @ Butte MAC

Fri Oct 26: End of 1st Quarter

Sat Oct 27: FB First Round Play-Offs (tba)

Mon Oct 29: 2nd Qtr begins

Tues Oct 30: Gibson Guitar Tour & Music Villa Field Trip; Grades 3 – 8 Mock Elections @ MT Room, am

Wed Oct 31: Elem Halloween Parade, 2:30 pm

Thurs Nov 1: Early Out, 12:30 pm; 1 pm – 8 pm Parent/Teacher Conference

Nov 1-3: VB Divisionals @ Butte

Fri Nov 2: No School, Fall Day

Sat Nov 3: FB Quarter Finals (tba)

Nov 21, 22, 23: No School, Thanksgiving Vacation

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Football Playoffs Oct. 27

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OCT. 25 VS SV @ 2:30

Ennis Mustangs FOOTBALL



Taylor Davis, Connor Sullivan, Tucker Ott, Reid Farnes, Walker McKitrick, Dalton Bullock, Brady Croy, Gabe Leum, Haakon Fredrickson, Kyler Barney, Roy Moen, Colton Shand, Cole Crowley, Ethan Rosenlund, Wylie Leo, Jarys Satre, Jake Lohrenz, Dustim Wham, Luke Clark, Derek Wham, George Ball, Trevor Cross, Braydon McKitrick, Matthew Skillman.
Manager: Mickayla Yochim, Chelsea Martello. Head Coach: Jay Fredrickson, Assistant Coaches: Kurtis Koenig and Jack Mueller

OCT. 27 VS CIRCLE @ 1:00

Twin Bridges Falcons VOLLEYBALL



VARSITY: Abby Williams, Mikayla Tilstra, Paige Phillips, Kelsie Dustin, Bayley Butler, Morgan Martin, Kristen Ashcraft, Alison Griebenow, Daphne Puckett, Heather Breakall
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Head Coach: Janet Dustin Asst. Coach: Kendall Keltz

OCT. 25 VS LP @ 1:00

Sheridan Panthers VOLLEYBALL



Jonnie Lee, Shilo King, Tiffany McCormack, April Degel, Keila Smith, Brooke Lueck, Jordan Evans, Mercedes Ronnander, Brittany VanDyck, Ashless Bryson, Alexis Woirhaye, Cady Guinnane
Head Coach: Sara Decker Assistant Coach: April Wuelfing
Managers: Anna Tate, McKenzy Shields

OCT. 25 VS LIMA 10:00

Twin Bridges Falcons FOOTBALL



Garrett Armstrong, Nolan Konen, Michael Pfertsh,Tracen Eggers, Spencer Stewart, Zach Amos, Josh Kneeland, James Bendon, Ethan Orrin, Tanner Cox, Cole Miotke, Gibson Butler, Jesse Pfertsh, Austin Brentlinger, Luke Jones, Marcus Bendon, Bill Yeager, Philip Vial, J.D. Mehlhoff, Riley Novich, Seth Dustin, Mic Wetherbee, Max Orrin, Woody Puckett, Mackay Hirst, Gabe Johnson, Michael Walsh, Tully Nelson
Head Coach: Rob Lott Asst. Coaches: Joe Degel, Jerry Miotke, Jake Herak, Bo Herak

OCT. 27 VS FAIRVIEW @ 1:00

Sheridan Panthers FOOTBALL



Brandon Burke, Mike Tilstra, Jacob Huffield, Keny Stoffel, Eric Brown, Chase Grover, Brandon Rowberry, Colter Guinnane, Kollin Anderson, Xavier Harris, Brant Marsh, Mikhail Ronnander, Austin Huttinga, Mike Hilliker, Nick Haag, Sam Wood, Caleb Bowey, Lucas Lewis, Dennis Derby.
Head Coach: Ed Burke
Asst. Coach/Defensive Coordinator: Rhett Jones

Overcome adversity in your daily life

(NewsUSA) - While professional athletes face their opponents on game day, everyone faces adversity in their everyday lives.

Just ask noted sports psychologist and author Dr. Jack Llewellyn, who in January 2004 received news that would change his outlook forever: He was diagnosed with relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis (RRMS), the most common form of MS.

Dr. Llewellyn built his career on helping professional athletes overcome adversity by leveraging life's obstacles to achieve success -- if you've been following sports headlines lately, you know how much energy that can take -- and suddenly he found himself applying those same techniques to get himself through his own challenge of living with MS.

"There are no guarantees in life, but a positive attitude keeps the probability of success on your side," says the author of the newly released book "Get the Mud out of the Water." "The week I was diagnosed was a tough one. However, I worked with my doctor to get on therapy right away, and I've been able to maintain the life that I love in the eight years since."

"I tell my players all the time, 'Everyone faces adversity in their lives.' What you can control is the time it takes to overcome it by learning how to focus on your assets -- not your liabilities."

The book by Dr. Llewellyn outlines strategies designed to help anyone recover from adversity and lead their best life each day.

Among his tips:

*Assess your assets and your liabilities. Ask yourself: "What makes you strong enough to overcome life's challenges?"

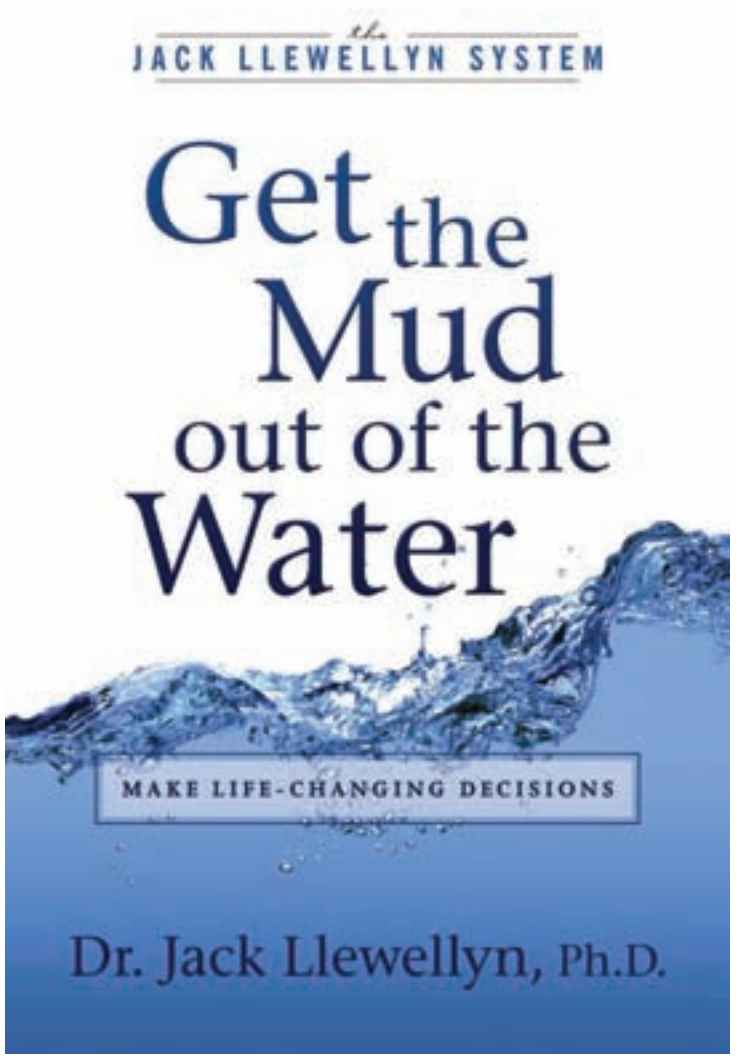
*Achieve something positive every day. Take stock of your accomplishments -- small and large – and fill your mind with things that are positive and affirming.

*Surround yourself with a team of people committed to helping you. You need a support system that's both committed to your health and you.

*Use stress as an incentive. Find a way to use the energy from things that put a strain on you in a productive way.

*Create a positive environment. Make a conscious choice to live every day with a confident mindset.

To learn more about MS and Dr. Jack Llewellyn, visit www.sharedsolutions.com.




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Women over 40 encouraged to observe breast cancer awareness

By Debra McNeill
Ruby Valley Hospital

National cyber security, clergy appreciation, domestic violence, principal appreciation, animal rescue – all important issues designated for special attention in October.

October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Women, especially women over 40, are encouraged to focus some of their October energies on themselves with a clinical breast exam and mammogram.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death. One in eight women develop breast cancer and early detection is the most important strategy in surviving the disease. Based on the evidence of numerous studies, the Susan G. Komen Foundation recommends that women over 40 receive a clinical breast exam and a mammogram every year. Katherine Tetrault, physician assistant at the Ruby Valley Clinic, reports that the American Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology recommends women receive clinical breast exams every one to three years starting at age 20. Monthly self-exams are an excellent self-care practice and often provide the earliest warning signal. It helps to find a regular, monthly event that will act as a reminder for your self-exam. For post-menopausal women, this might be payday or a monthly meeting.

In Southwest Montana, mammogram testing is available at Barrett Hospital in Dillon, St. James Hospital in Butte and Bozeman Deaconess Hospital in Bozeman. A medical order from your healthcare provider is required for the test. These preventive tests are typically covered in full by most health insurance plans.

Preventive measures you can take to reduce your risk to breast cancer include regular exercise, healthy weight, and limited alcohol consumption. Tetrault advises that some postmenopausal hormones might increase the risk of breast cancer. Your healthcare provider can provide the details of the benefits and risks of post-menopausal hormone replacement therapies for your particular circumstances. If you're planning to have children, breastfeeding can reduce the risk of breast cancer. Also, be aware of any change in your breast or underarm area. If you notice any change, contact your healthcare provider right away. Delay will likely increase your risk factors.

The Ruby Valley Hospital and Ruby Valley Medical Clinics encourage the women in our community to take some time for themselves by contacting their healthcare provider for a breast exam appointment and a mammogram.

For links to more information about women's health, please visit our website at www.rubyvalleyhospital.com.

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Red Ribbon Week celebrates the best me is drug free

By Crissie Hansen
Butte-Silver Bow Health Department

Public health departments, law enforcements, and schools invites the community to take a visible stand against drugs by celebrating Red Ribbon Week from Oct. 23-31.

The first Red Ribbon Celebration was organized in 1986 by a grassroots organization of parents concerned about the destruction caused by alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse. The red ribbon was adopted in honor of DEA agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, kidnapped and killed while investigating drug traffickers. The campaign has reached millions of children and has been recognized by the U.S. Congress.

"Red Ribbon Week is a chance to be visible and vocal in our desire for a drug-free community," said Crissie Hansen prevention specialist for Beaverhead and Madison County.

"Research shows that children are less likely to use alcohol, tobacco and other drugs when parents and other role models are clear and consistent in their opposition to substance use and abuse."

Red Ribbon Week is about encouraging the community and especially children to be drug free and also recognizing the hard work of law enforcement, teachers, health educators and parents. Red Ribbon Week is a great opportunity for parents, schools, law enforcement, and businesses to work towards new and innovative ways to keep kids' drug free."

Over 1,800 students and staff from Beaverhead and Madison County schools will be participating in Red Ribbon Week with poster contests, dances, prevention activities and influential speakers. Students from SADD, FCCLA and student council have set different themes each day to celebrate being drug-free. Prevention specialists and health educators from Butte-Silver Bow Health Department will be speaking to students and educators about drug prevention and the detrimental health effects of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use throughout the year.

Red Ribbon Week is only celebrated once a year for a week and we encourage people to carry that passion throughout the year and keep our community a drug free environment.

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How to achieve a good night's sleep

(NewsUSA) - According to the National Sleep Foundation, if you have trouble falling and staying asleep at night, or you wake up feeling unrefreshed in the morning, you may be suffering from insomnia.

Almost everyone has trouble sleeping every so often, but for many Americans having a hard time getting to sleep or waking in the middle of the night is a significant problem.

To help, board certified sleep specialist Dr. Russell Rosenberg, Chairman of the National Sleep Foundation, offers answers to some questions about insomnia:

What is insomnia?

Insomnia involves difficulty getting to sleep, staying asleep, waking too early, trouble getting back to sleep or lack of refreshing sleep, as defined by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

Are the symptoms of insomnia the same for everyone?

Insomnia may affect people differently. Some complain of waking up in the middle of the night and having trouble falling back asleep, while others have trouble initially getting to sleep.

What can I do to help me fall asleep at night?

Establish a regular bed and wake time. Create a sleep-conducive environment that is dark, quiet and comfortable. Allow time at night to "wind down" before climbing into bed. Doing work, watching TV and using the computer, both close to bedtime or in the bedroom, can hinder your ability to fall asleep. Avoid violent shows and news reports before bedtime as they can be agitating.

If I wake up in the middle of the night, what are some tips to help me fall back to sleep?

If you wake up in the middle of the night and stay in bed, don't stare at the clock.

Also, do not watch TV and use your computer or cell phone, because use of these technologies can stimulate your brain and make it harder to fall back to sleep. Avoid drinking beverages containing caffeine or alcohol. Most importantly, you should try to relax.

What can I do during the day to help my insomnia?

Good daytime habits may help with both types of insomnia. "I tell my patients to avoid caffeine after lunch," stresses Rosenberg. Also, get regular exercise, but avoid rigorous exercise close to bedtime, and always check with your doctor before starting any exercise regimen.

If those suggestions don't help, what else should I do?

You should speak with your healthcare professional if you are having trouble sleeping. He or she can determine whether or not you suffer from insomnia and if treatment is needed.

For more information regarding insomnia, visit the National Sleep Foundation website at www.sleepfoundation.org/article/sleep-related-problems/insomnia-and-sleep.

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Harrison Wildcats VOLLEYBALL



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OCT. 25 VS TDD @ 7:00 PM

Harrison Wildcats FOOTBALL



Kolton Moe, Chas Buus, Casey Collins, John Brennen, & Andy Bates

Harrison Wildcats CROSS COUNTRY



Oliver Blanchard, Jon Strong, Spencer Ore, Coach Roed, Taya DeFrance, Lane Buus, & Derik DeFrance

Twin Bridges Falcons CROSS COUNTRY



CJ Cox, Clark Mocilac, Andrew George, Tristen Guillot, Ben Corrigan, Hannah Konen, Mikayla Tilstra, Morgan Martin, Kelsie, Paige Phillips, Dusty Keim, Julia Cox, Jessica George. Head Coach: Nancy Gesling

Ennis Mustangs CROSS COUNTRY



Left to Right - Kori Koenig, Wyatt Murdoch, Madison Owens, Race Owens

GOOD JOB

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THURSDAY oct 25

Cattleman Christian Fellowship, Ennis

Cattleman Christian Fellowship invites you to join us for an evening of fellowship, music, and teaching from God's word. We will be presenting 'Prophetic Turning Points' a series on end-time biblical prophecies by Dr. David Jeremiah. All are welcome. 413 W. Main St. at 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Please call 682-5775 for more information.

M.C. Weed Board meeting, Alder

The Madison County Weed Board will meet at the Alder weed shop at 1:30 p.m.

District Volleyball Tournament, Butte

Girls Varsity Volleyball tournament will be held at the Maroon Activities Center in Butte, MT.

MVMC Health Fair, Ennis

Health Fair at Madison Valley Medical Center, 305 N. Main in Ennis. Testing/Screening all morning; 9a.m. Living Will Discussion; 3:30p.m. Cancer Family Network.

Rancher Roundtable, Whitehall

This workshop is free and includes a meal courtesy of Northwest Farm Credit Services. Welcome Chelsey McDonnel, Evan Volf and Jayme Tash from Northwest Farm Credit Services to present information about the AgVision Program and Business Management Center. RSVP by noon, October 23. Whitehall Super 8 Hotel Conference Room from 6:30-8p.m.

Two On Tap, Dillon

A combination of singing and tap take center stage in the hit show, A Tribute to Song and Dance. Beler Auditorium at UM-Western, 7:30p.m. Sponsored by the Dillon Concert Association and Ernie and Ruby Harvey. Contact Chris Kloker, 865-0076, or Laurie Hagenbarth, 683-5050 for tickets or information. Adults $15; College $10; Student/Youth $6. Membership also available.

FRIDAY oct 26

Old Montana Prison Haunted House, Deer Lodge

7th Annual Old Montana Prison Haunted House: "Terror in the Cellhouse" takes you through the 1912 cell house and will paralyze you with fear. Not recommended for children under 10. 7p.m., Old Montana State Prison; Admission $5.00.

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Zabel Memorial Service, Bozeman

A memorial service for Larry Zabel will be held at 1 p.m. at Journey Church in Bozeman (off of N. Love Lane). Larry wished to "treat all his friends to a beer" at the Gallatin Gateway Inn following the services.

Haunted House, Virginia City

"Choose Your Fate" at The Elling House Arts and Humanities Center spooky Haunted House on Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. to midnight! Children six and under can visit from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Entrance fee is $5. Suggested for ages 7 and up! Scary Haunted House from 7 – 10:30 p.m. SUPER Scary Haunted House from 10:30 to midnight. For more information, contact Toni James at 843-5454, evenings at 843-5507 or email info@ellinghouse.org.

Living history, Nevada City

Join us for a fun filled celebration of Halloween Nevada City style. Kid Safe non-scary zone, Scary zone, and Haunted trail. For more info, please call the Montana Heritage Commission at 406.843.5247

SATURDAY oct 27

Montana Old Time Fiddler's Fall Fiddle Fest and Dance, Boulder

Marg Liedle, who has been playing the fiddle for 73 yrs will share the bill with 11yr old Brigid Reedy. Brigid takes the stage at Old Methodist Church at 4p.m. with Local Yokels II; Marg and her group will start playing at 5p.m. Festivities go from 12-10p.m.—visit outpostevents.net for an event schedule and more information.

Old Montana Prison Haunted House, Deer Lodge

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Pumpkinfest, Sheridan

Pumpkinfest is a Halloween event that supports the Ready-Set-Grow Preschool in Sheridan. Chili and chili dogs at 4:30 p.m. Costume contest at 6. Bingo starting at 5 p.m. Cakewalk, face painting, and lots of games and prizes!

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GRVCCA AG Banquet, Sheridan

This is going to be a great evening for the ranchers and business folks of the Ruby Valley! The Ag Banquet will be held at Ruby Valley Aviation, starting at 5:30 p.m. The Banquet will commence with a no host bar, followed by a full scale rancher's dinner. This year, we have two entertainers. For more info contact Chris Noon at Rocky Mountain Supply 596-5848

Live music, Norris Hot Springs

Tommy Georges-Americana. Music starts at 7 p.m. for more information go to: www.norrishotsprings.com

SUNDAY oct 28

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Live music, Norris Hot Springs

Tom Catmull/Travis Yost–original and stolen Americana. Music starts at 7 p.m. for more information go to: www.norrishotsprings.com

MONDAY oct 29

Planning Board Meeting

Public Hearing on draft growth policy update at 6:15p.m. at Madison County Courthouse.

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Fern Glass Boyd-Cellist, Dillon

Acclaimed Cellist, Glass Boyd, will present a 'mini recital' in the lounge of the UMW music room on the north end of the fourth floor of Main Hall from 11:20a.m. to 12:10p.m. She will then present a workshop and master class in the band/choir room, which is also on the fourth floor of Main Hall on the UMW campus from 4-5:30p.m.

School board meeting, Ennis

A special meeting of the Ennis School Board will be at 5 p.m. at the school. For more information call 682-4258.

Commissioners Meeting, Dillon

Beaverhead County Commissioners will be holding a regular meeting at 9:30a.m. at the Beaverhead County Courthouse.

TUESDAY oct 30

Master Gardner Class, Ennis

Master Gardener class 1-3p.m. every Tuesday for the next 6 weeks. Classes are being held at Ennis High School. Call the Extension office for details, 287-3282.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Submitted by Joe Dilschneider of Ennis, MT

Capt. Joe Dilschneider snapped this photo on a recent excursion on the Madison River. No wonder we love it here!







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Choir/Jazz Concert, Dillon

Beaverhead County High School Choir will be putting on a Jazz concert at 7:30p.m. at Beaverhead County High School.

Historic newspaper group, Sheridan

The Sheridan Historic Newspaper Group meets every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Sheridan Public Library. Come join us for a step back in time!

Books and Babies, Virginia City

Books and Babies at the County Library at 217 Idaho St. Every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. Mothers or caregivers bring your little ones birth to 3 years for playtime, stories and singing.

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Meals for seniors, Twin Bridges

The TBS&CC provides Meals for Seniors every Tuesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant in Twin Bridges for seniors 60 years and up. (Spouse and caregivers are invited.) Sign-in is requested and donation can be provided.

WEDNESDAY oct 31

Books and Babies, Ennis

Books and Babies is for babies, toddlers and their caregivers and is held every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Madison Valley Public Library. Books, music, songs, nursery rhymes, lullabies and toys. For more information call 682-7244.

TOPS, Ennis

TOPS members weigh in at 9 a.m. with a program at 9:30 a.m. in the lower level conference room of the Madison Valley Medical Center. For more information, call Jeannie at 682-3299.

Halloween Parade, Twin Bridges

Twin Bridges Elementary Halloween Parade 2:30 p.m.

Lions Club Carnival and Bingo, Ennis

Join in the fun at the Lions Club Halloween Carnival. Games, prizes, bingo and food at the Ennis Elementary gym from 6-9 p.m.

Halloween Party, Dillon

Community Halloween Party is a free and safe place to bring the kids for Trick-Treat fun. Come fill the bags with goodies, get a corn dog and chips with beverage for free. Try out the booth games around the arena, color a Halloween character, meet friends and neighbors at 5 p.m. at he U of M Western.

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THURSDAY nov 1

Cattleman Christian Fellowship, Ennis

Cattleman Christian Fellowship invites you to join us for an evening of fellowship, music, and teaching from God's word. We will be presenting 'Prophetic Turning Points' a series on end-time biblical prophecies by Dr. David Jeremiah. All are welcome. 413 W. Main St. at 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Please call 682-5775 for more information.

SATURDAY nov 3

Mitchell celebration, Ennis

A celebration of the life of John Mitchell will be held at the Silver Dollar Saloon in Ennis at 3 p.m.

SATURDAY nov 10

Concealed weapons course, Ennis

Includes basic pistol and home safety training with a NRA certified instructor at the Shedhorn Sports, Ennis at 9 a.m. Please call 599-6943 to sign up or for more information.

Editor's note: The Madisonian is happy to put your event in the community calendar. Any community event is welcome. Please email community calendar events to events@madisoniannews.com



New addition at the Madison Valley Manor

By Leslie Skillman

Madison Valley Manor has a new addition to the aviary.

Yes, that's right, we have a baby at the Manor. Who would have ever thought! Our diamond doves finally hatched an egg after two previous tries. The new little tyke is two weeks old and will be flying soon. The residents have been closely watching the chick develop from a tiny, featherless newborn to a baby bird about the size of a chicken egg.

We also have several other birds nesting. Hopefully there will be more babies sometime soon. If you haven't had a chance to visit our aviary, please feel free to come in and check out our assortment of birds. We would love to share the wonder of these special birds with all.

Ennis Lions Club update

By Bill Mercer



Lions Club president Glen Schroeder recently received a generous donation from Pacific Power and Light Co. and the "Madison Crew" from representative Steve Covas.

Covas said that each year their company chooses an organization and this year was an easy choice. He said that the Ennis Lions Club had made a huge impact on the community. President Schroeder said that the funds were appreciated and that the club would use them for the betterment of the community.

Upcoming event is the Annual Halloween Carnival and Bingo on Oct. 31 starting at 6 p.m. at the Ennis School. This year will again be many great prizes and will include six bicycles from Ennis True Value Hardware, Wayne Black.

Come early for the carnival and then join the crowd for a great bingo night!

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Bannack State Park changes to winter hours

From Tom Lowe

Bannack State Park has changed to winter hours.

The park is now open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily. Bannack is one of the best-preserved ghost towns in America, site of the first major gold rush in Montana and the first Territorial Capital. Once home to the infamous sheriff, Henry Plummer and his gang of outlaws, the history that occurred here is incredible.

Self-guided tour booklets are available for your use. The visitor center will be open Oct. 27 and 28 then close for the season. The park and campgrounds are open all year. Bannack is located 25 miles southwest of Dillon, just off Hwy 278.

For information call the park at 834-3413.

The Ruby Valley Giving Tree

By Billie Ratcliffe

Once again it's time to open our hearts and be aware of families and elderly in need this Christmas season.

For many years now our valley's residents have proved what huge hearts reside here by helping those less fortunate. The Ruby Valley Giving Tree serves Virginia City, Alder, and Sheridan being funded by generous folks in the Ruby Valley as well as some wonderful businesses in the surrounding area. Each year we are grateful to be able to provide food for a Christmas dinner to needy families and elderly, along with gifts of clothing and toys for less fortunate children, all given with a smile!

Turkey tags are currently available at Ruby Valley National Bank in Sheridan by the teller's stations. Gift tags will be available as soon as requests are received. This year as you take a tag from the tree, there will be a sign up sheet requesting the tag number taken along with your name and phone number. This information will help us run the program smoother.

An account has been opened at the Ruby Valley National Bank in Sheridan where cash or check donations can be made. Checks may also be sent to the Ruby Valley Giving Tree, Attn: Billie Ratcliffe, PO Box 126, Alder, MT 59710. Donations are not tax deductible. Please direct all questions regarding the Ruby Valley Giving Tree to Billie Ratcliffe at 842-5044. If you are in need this holiday season, please phone me so we can get information necessary to make your holiday a little brighter! All conversations will be held in strict confidence.

Please note the following deadlines for the Giving Tree: Dec. 5, last day to sign up for the Giving Tree; Dec. 12, gift and turkey tags will be removed from the bank; Dec. 14, all presents need to be dropped off at the bank; Dec. 17-18, deliveries.

Please help this wonderful program. Our Giving Tree is made possible through our community reaching out with open hearts. All efforts are needed and greatly appreciated. We thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts for the past contributions and look forward to helping those in need this holiday season.

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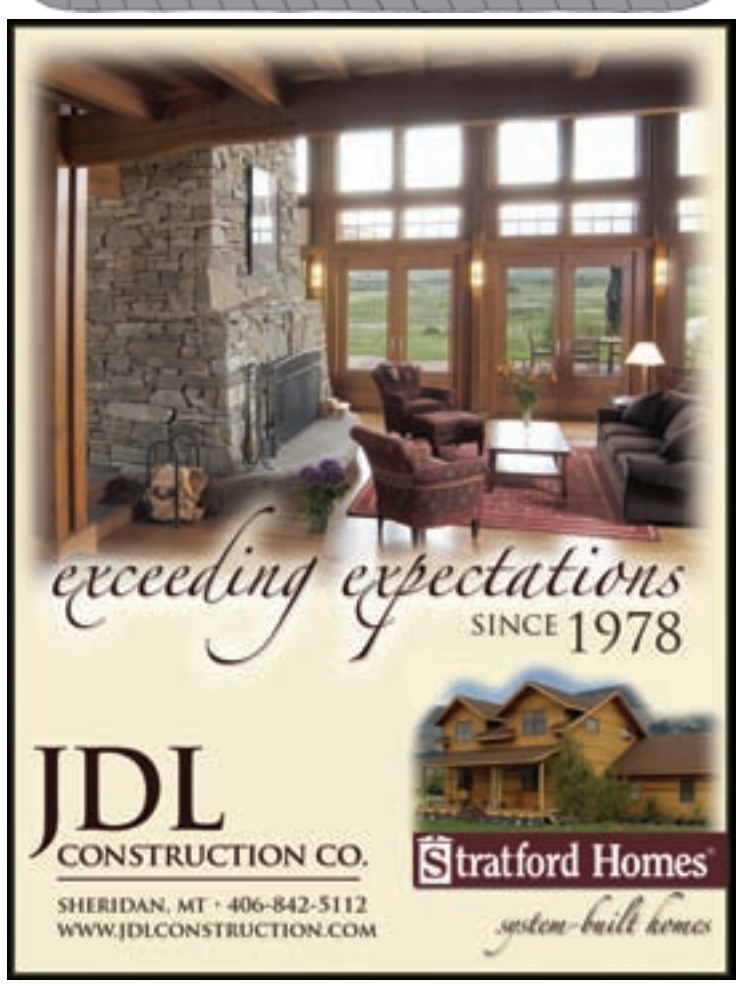
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Support Madison Valley Aquatic Center

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They look forward to seeing you there—October 31, from 6-8:30p.m., at the Ennis Elementary School.

Halloween Festivities at Gravel Bar

Celebrate Halloween with the Gravel Bar in Ennis on Saturday, October 27. Enjoy live music by the Hooligans, Bozeman's longest running roots rock/Americana/jam band, and a costume contest. The fun starts at 9p.m. Call 682-5553 for more information.

Haunted Trail Walk

All Hallows Eve means it is time for the Haunted Trail Walk in Nevada City. On October 26-27, from 5-10p.m., prepare to be spooked as you venture into the darkness of the Mining Claims, where unnamed fears may be awakened on The Haunted Trail.

Happy Feet Nail Salon

Feet need a little TLC? Book an appointment at Happy Feet Nail Salon at Madison Square, Suite G. Your feet will thank you. For information about services or to make your appointment, call 682-3669

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Students of the Month for Sheridan Schools

From Sheridan Schools

Sheridan Schools is very pleased to announce the Students of the Month for September.

Students are chosen by faculty and staff members based on the following criteria: Citizenship, Leadership and Academic Attitude. The recipients of this award expectantly look forward to the free meal so generously awarded them by Jennie Short, proprietor of The Prospector. Thank you Jennie, we think you are wonderful and truly appreciate all you do for Sheridan Schools!

K - Julianna Murolo; 1st - Katherine Hamilton; 2nd - Bella Wright; 3rd - Kaiden Batzler; 4th - Mackenzee Fabel; 5th - Amanda Grow; 6th - Joree Hokanson; 7th - Halle Stewart; 8th - Ty Morgan; 9th - Mercedes Ronnander; 10th - Nicholas Haag; 11th - Jacalyn Schaff; 12th - Elle Wood.

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of each one here.

Each, you graced with that gosh-darn-damn- wonder-glowing, elfin-playful Zabel of a smile – that miracle that lighted folks the way the sun comes sudden out of a cloud-covered sky.

I was one so lighted the day I got to meet you
as friend to your Maureen. You welcomed me two summers, dude visitor stiff in city ways, and
treated me like cowboy family sharing your Heaven Squared, your Zabel Outfit,

And opened me to your wild wonder-filled Montana, where your eye never rested but
to take in its massive spaces,
its play of light, its majesty of mountains and

Its critters, which with your brush you winged in keen meticulous layers of perception, captured in landscapes
sacred with the West, rendered out of the brush-stoked furnace of your magic palette.

II. Larry of the Zabel Outfit,
Larry of the Charlie Russell Riders,
Larry of the master shot,
Larry of the back-slapping Howdy,
Larry of the little critters,
Larry of the tall walk,
Larry of the horse and saddle,
Larry of the icebox with the bumper sticker: "Eat meat. The West wasn't won on salad."

And Larry of July 4th and God Bless America
that iconic day you rode, Grand Marshal,
down Ennis Main Street on a white horse.

And Larry too of everyday Ennis Main Street, waylaid at every step, because you could never say No to folk who stopped you to chat,
each one a wonder worth your day, because that's how you saw folks.

And tenderly, Larry of your Beca, the daughter
who warmed your heart just to see her soulful beauty.

III. And late in life but lucky, Larry of
Right-loves-Left, your Western Right young again, in love with Maureen's East-coast Left, she all bangles and golden haired

And eyes made up with mystery
that matched the mystery in your eye when you looked at her loveliness.

And in the end, Larry of Grace. Yes, Man
of Grace. Grace will be what we think most
when we will think of you.

God Bless you, Larry. And, dog-gone!, we hear
You silently reply, "And God Bless America!"

Till all who loved you
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE:

THE FOLLOWING LEGALLY DESCRIBED TRUST PROPERTY TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned trustee will, on 01/22/2013, at the hour of 02:00 PM sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the interest in the following described real property which the Grantor has or had power to convey at the time of execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor, his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including reasonable charge by the trustee at the following place: the North Entrance of the Madison County Courthouse, 110 East Wallace St., Virginia City, MT. RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Trust Indenture in which JILL B GAAR, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN as Grantors, conveyed said real property to CHARLES J PETERSON as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary by Trust Indenture Dated 12/13/2007 and recorded 12/19/2007, in document No. 123667 in Book/Reel/Volume Number N/A at Page Number N/A in the office of the Clerk and Recorder Madison County, Montana; being more particularly described as follows: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED WITHIN THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, P.M.M., BEING A PART OF TRACT 1, ELK HILLS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN BOOK 7 OF SURVEYS, PAGE 533, RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA. AND LOT 1, MEADOW CREEK TIMBER TRACTS, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 163, RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA. Property Address: 287 S MEADOW CREEK RD, McAllister, MT 59740. The beneficial interest under said Trust Deed and the obligations secured thereby are presently held by THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWMBS, INC., CHL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH TRUST 2007-21, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-21. There is a default by the Grantor or other person(s) owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, or by their successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of default of such provision; the default for which foreclosure is made is Grantor's failure to pay the monthly installment which became due on 04/01/2010, and all subsequent installments together with late charges as set forth in said Note and Deed of Trust, advances, assessments and attorney fees, if any. TOGETHER WITH ANY DEFAULT IN THE PAYMENT OF RECURRING OBLIGATIONS AS THEY BECOME DUE. By reason of said default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable said sums being the following: The unpaid principal balance of $507,890.21 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 7.00% per annum from 04/01/2010 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, escrow advances, attorney fees and costs, and any other sums incurred or advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Trust Indenture. 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 charges against the proceeds to 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 Dated: 09/12/2012, RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., Successor Trustee, 2380 Performance Dr. TX2-984-0407, Richardson, TX 75082 T.S. NO. 11-0050532 FEI NO. 1006.138530
(Oct. 11, 18, 25, 2012) fei

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE:

THE FOLLOWING LEGALLY DESCRIBED TRUST PROPERTY TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned trustee will, on 01/18/2013, at the hour of 02:00 PM, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the interest in the following described real property which the Grantor has or had power to convey at the time of execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor, his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including reasonable charge by the trustee at the following place: the North Entrance of the Madison County Courthouse, 110 East Wallace St., Virginia City, MT. RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Trust Indenture in which RICKY J BARGIONI, TRUSTEE FOR THE RICKY J. BARGIONI TRUST, UNDER TRUST INSTRUMENT DATED MAY 10, 2006 FOR THE BENEFIT OF RICKY J. BARGIONI., WHOSE ADDRESS IS 4304 E. CAMPBELL AVENUE, APT. #2016, PHOENIX, AZ 85018 AND MARK DREW BROOKS, TRUSTEE FOR THE MARKDREW BROOKS TRUST, UNDER TRUST INSTRUMENT DATED MAY 10, 2006 FOR THE BENEFIT OF MARK DREW BROOKS., WHOSE ADDRESS IS 4304 E. CAMPBELL AVENUE APT. # 2016 PHOENIX, AZ 85018. as Grantors, conveyed said real property to FIRST BOULDER VALLEY BANK. as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to FIRST MADISON VALLEY BANK., as Beneficiary by Trust Indenture Dated 01/14/2009 and recorded 01/15/2009, in document No. 129760 in Book/Reel/Volume Number N/A at Page Number N/A in the office of the Clerk and Recorder Madison County, Montana; being more particularly described as follows: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, P.M.M., MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED AS "TRACT B-1" ON CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY RECORDED IN BOOK 7 OF SURVEYS, PAGE 2001-BA, RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA. Property Address: 5 JEFFERS LOOP ROAD, ENNIS, MT 59729. The beneficial interest under said Trust Deed and the obligations secured thereby are presently held by BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP. There is a default by the Grantor or other person(s) owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, or by their successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of default of such provision; the default for which foreclosure is made is Grantor's failure to pay the monthly installment which became due on 08/01/2010, and all subsequent installments together with late charges as set forth in said Note and Deed of Trust, advances, assessments and attorney fees, if any. TOGETHER WITH ANY DEFAULT IN THE PAYMENT OF RECURRING OBLIGATIONS AS THEY BECOME DUE. By reason of said default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable said sums being the following: The unpaid principal balance of $264,340.00 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 5.00% per annum from 08/01/2010 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, escrow advances, attorney fees and costs, and any other sums incurred or advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Trust Indenture. 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 charges against the proceeds to 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 Dated: 09/06/2012, RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., Successor Trustee, 2380 Performance Dr. TX2-984-0407, Richardson, TX 75082 T.S. NO. 12-0075482 FEI NO. 1006.166816
(Oct. 11, 18, 25, 2012) fei

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE:

THE FOLLOWING LEGALLY DESCRIBED TRUST PROPERTY TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT TRUSTEE'S SALE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned trustee will, on 01/25/2013 at the hour of 02:00 PM, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the interest in the following described real property which the Grantor has or had power to convey at the time of execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor, his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including reasonable charge by the trustee at the following place: the North Entrance of the Madison County Courthouse, 110 East Wallace St., Virginia City, MT. RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Trust Indenture in which CHRISTIAN A NIX, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE & SEPARATE PROPERTY as Grantors, conveyed said real property to CHARLES J PETERSON as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary by Trust Indenture Dated 12/19/2005 and recorded 12/21/2005, in document No. 110790, in Book/Reel/Volume Number 549 at Page Number 513 in the office of the Clerk and Recorder Madison County, Montana; being more particularly described as follows: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: AMENDED LOT 32, CONSISTING OF ALL OF LOT 3 AND THE WESTERLY HALF OF LOT 2, IN BLOCK 1 OF MIRZA TRACT NO. 1, AN ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF ENNIS, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL AMENDED PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE MADISON COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER IN BOOK 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 141. Property Address: 419 W ENNIS ST, ENNIS, MT 59729. The beneficial interest under said Trust Deed and the obligations secured thereby are presently held by BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP. There is a default by the Grantor or other person(s) owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, or by their successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of default of such provision; the default for which foreclosure is made is Grantor's failure to pay the monthly installment which became due on 10/01/2011, and all subsequent installments together with late charges as set forth in said Note and Deed of Trust, advances, assessments and attorney fees, if any. TOGETHER WITH ANY DEFAULT IN THE PAYMENT OF RECURRING OBLIGATIONS AS THEY BECOME DUE. By reason of said default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable said sums being the following: The unpaid principal balance of $170,985.92 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 6.875% per annum from 10/01/2011 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, escrow advances, attorney fees and costs, and any other sums incurred or advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Trust Indenture. 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 charges against the proceeds to 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 Dated: 09/12/2012, RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., Successor Trustee, 2380 Performance Dr. TX2-984-0407, Richardson, TX 75082 T.S. NO. 12-0017816 FEI NO. 1006.155032
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
MADISON COUNTY.
Probate No. DP-29-12-27
In the Matter of the Estate
of
LAWRENCE E. GRABINSKI, a/k/a
LAWRENCE EDWARD GRABINSKI, a/k/a
LAWRENCE GRABINSKI,
Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named Estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
Claims must either be mailed to PAUL STREED, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, in care of DOUGLAS L. SMITH, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 66, Sheridan, Montana 59749, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.
DATED October 15, 2012.
PAUL STREED
Personal Representative
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S ATTORNEY:
DOUGLAS L. SMITH
P. O. Box 66
Sheridan, MT 59749
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.
Signed this 15th day of October, 2012.
PAUL STREED
(Pub. Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 2012) ds

NOTICE OF DECISION

TO EXCHANGE LANDS IN BEAVERHEAD AND MADISON COUNTIES, MONTANA
Hagenbarth Land Exchange Serial Number MTM-97761
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Bureau of Land Management, Dillon Field Office, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana 59725.
Notice is hereby given that on October 18, 2012, Pat Fosse, Field Manager, Dillon Field Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), issued a decision to approve a proposed land exchange with James F. and David J. Hagenbarth of Dillon, Montana.
The following described Federal lands located in Beaverhead and Madison Counties, Montana have been determined to be suitable for disposal by exchange pursuant to Section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716), as amended:
T. 4 S., R., 9 W., PMM
Sec. 11, SW¼NW¼ (40 acres)
T. 5 S., R., 8 W., PMM
Sec. 6: Lots 4, 5, 6, and 8 (127.29 acres)
Sec. 7: Lot 1, NE¼NW¼ (76.52 acres).
The Federal lands described above total 243.81 acres.
There are no unpatented mining claims, withdrawals, or oil and gas leases on any of the Federal land parcels. All minerals will transfer with the surface estate for all the Federal parcels described above. The patent will reserve a right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States; and a Federal Aid Highway right-of-way (MTGF-0-086494) will be retained by the United States.
The Federal lands consist of three parcels, totaling 243.81 acres, located in Beaverhead and Madison Counties, Montana approximately 15 miles north of Dillon. The Federal parcels are in an area categorized in the Dillon Resource Management Plan, approved February 7, 2006, as a retention area with limited adjustment. Lands within this category can be exchanged for lands or interest in lands located anywhere within the State of Montana. The decision excludes 159.55 acres of Federal land from the exchange, originally identified in the Notice of Exchange Proposal published in July and August of 2010. The 159.55 acres have been eliminated from the exchange in order to equalize the values of the Federal and non-Federal lands. The exchange would create a more coherent ownership pattern, eliminate management conflicts, and improve management efficiency and effectiveness.
In exchange, the United States will acquire 99.54 acres of land from the proponents. The acquisition parcels are all located in Beaverhead County, Montana, and are described as follows:
T. 5 S., R. 8 W., PMM
Parcel 2B of Certificate of Survey 1601BA, filed for record in the Clerk and Recorder's Office of Beaverhead County, Montana on March 3rd, 2010 at 9:45 A.M., Document Number 271947 and in Madison County, Montana on March 10, 2010 at 1:00 P.M., Document Number 135133 and being a parcel of land comprising that part of Lot 4 which lies south and west of the thread of the Big Hole River, Section 4, Township 5 South, Range 8 West, Principal Meridian, Montana and Book 7 of Surveys, Page 2122-BA. Deed Reference: 361/1308 Beaverhead; 135134 Records of Madison Counties. (8.75 acres)
Parcel 3A of Certificate of Survey 1601BA, filed for record in the Clerk and Recorder's Office of Beaverhead County, Montana on March, 2010 at 9:45 A.M., Document Number 271947 and in Madison County, Montana on March 10, 2010 at 1:00 P.M., Document Number 135133, and being a parcel of land comprising that part of the SE¼NW¼ which lies South and West of the thread of the Big Hole River, Section 4, Township 5 South, Range 8 West, Principal Meridian Montana. Book 7 of Surveys, Page 2122-BA. Deed Reference: 361/1308 Beaverhead; 135134 Records of Madison Counties. (8.47 acres)
Amended Certificate of Survey 1371BR, filed for record in the Clerk and Recorder's Office of Beaverhead County, Montana on January 13, 2006 at 3:15 P.M., Document 258735, and being a parcel of land located in the NE¼SE¼ of Section 5, Township 5 South, Range 8 West and the West ½ of Section 4, Township 5 South, Range 8 West P.M.M., County of Beaverhead, State of Montana, and more completely described as follows: The NE¼SE¼ of Section 5, T5S, R8W, P.M.M., ALSO the NW¼SW¼ of Section 4, T5S, R8W, P.M.M., previously a portion of Remainder Parcel 2, COS 621. Deed Reference: Book 204, Page 133 on file in the Beaverhead County Clerk and Recorder's Office. (82.32 acres)
The non-Federal lands described above total 99.54 acres.
The United States will acquire 99.54 acres of both the surface and mineral estate. Acquisition of the non-Federal lands in consolidation of the adjacent Federal lands will allow for management of one large block of land along the Lower Big Hole River containing important wetland, riparian, fishery, and wildlife values. This will bring connectivity to important wildlife and fisheries habitat into Federal ownership and protection, while securing public access for dispersed recreation and hunting opportunities. Acquiring the non-Federal parcels will also eliminate the risk of residential subdivision and development of the non-Federal lands and the adverse impacts to the natural resources on the surrounding Federal lands resulting from such development.
The Federal and non-Federal lands involved in the exchange have been appraised in accordance with the regulations in 43 CFR 2201.3. The approved appraised value of the non-Federal land included in the exchange is $363,000. The approved appraised value of the Federal land is $374,000. The Federal land value exceeds the non-Federal land value by $11,000 which would be a cash equalization payment from the proponents to the United States. The BLM will waive this cash equalization payment due to the United States pursuant to 43 CFR 2201.6(c) because it is less than 3% of the value of the Federal lands ($11,220) and it would be in the public interest as the proponents have voluntarily contributed a considerable amount of costs towards processing this exchange which the BLM would have incurred; and the waiver will expedite completion of the exchange.
The primary objective to be accomplished by the exchange is to consolidate Federal and non-Federal land ownerships for more cost-effective and efficient management of both interests. The acquisition of the non-Federal lands would enhance public recreation opportunities and protect important natural resource values. The Federal lands to be exchanged are, in general, difficult and uneconomical to manage, have lower public resource values and limited access. The exchange will result in the transfer of an unmanageable isolated parcel with no public or direct physical access from Federal ownership so it can be more appropriately used and developed in conjunction with the adjacent private lands.
The loss of natural resource values and limited Federal management opportunities on the Federal land parcels is offset by the acquisition of natural resource values and enhanced management opportunities present on the non-Federal land parcels. The Federal lands experience limited public use because of their remoteness, size, and lack of access. Retaining the limited resource values present on the Federal lands in Federal ownership is not more important than acquiring the natural resource values present on the non-Federal lands. The public interest will be well served by completing this exchange.
The lands to be acquired by the United States and the public lands to be disposed of were evaluated and impacts associated with the exchange addressed in the environmental assessment prepared for the land exchange. A copy of the decision to approve the exchange and other information concerning the exchange may be obtained from the Dillon Field Office, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana, 59725, or by contacting Angela Brown at (406) 683-8045.
For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice, interested parties may submit written protests to Pat Fosse, Dillon Field Manager, at the above address. Facsimiles, telephone calls, and electronic mails are unacceptable means of submission. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment - including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.
Dated: October 18, 2012
Pat Fosse,
Dillon Field Manager
(Pub. Oct. 25, 2012) blm

NOTICE

The Board of Madison County Commissioners will not be holding their regular Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, as it is General Election Day and all County offices except the Election Office will be closed. The next regular meeting following this date will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2012.
(Pub. Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 2012) mcc

PUBLIC NOTICE
MADISON COUNTY AIRPORT - REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Madison County is soliciting statements of qualifications and experience (SOQ) to be used in selecting a Principal Consultant to provide Airport Engineering and Planning Services for Madison County's Airports. Services are outlined in FAA Advisory Circular 150/5100-14D, including engineering or planning services for all phases and required incidental services for projects, which may be multiple-grant funded. The contract for consulting services is expected to be for a five-year period. The services to be provided may include, but are not limited to, the planning, design, construction inspection, coordination, and administration of all project stages for the following projects:
1. Pavement Construction, Rehabilitation, and Maintenance
2. Lighting, Signing, Navaid, and Electrical Improvements
3. Land Acquisition
4. Environmental Documentation
5. Complete Aeronautical Surveys
6. Airport Layout Plan (ALP) / Master Plan Update
7. Capital Improvement Planning (CIP)
8. Revenue Generation Facilities (Hangars, Fuel System)
9. Fencing, Gates, and Drainage Improvements
10. Acquire Snow Removal Equipment and Buildings
11. Automated Weather Observation System
12. Site Development
13. Water and Wastewater Improvements
14. Other Engineering and Planning Projects as Necessary.

Selection criteria contained in the FAA Advisory Circular 150/5100-14D, will be applied in the following order of importance:
1. Familiarity with and experience at Madison County Airports
2. Recent experience in similar projects and airports.
3. Quality of previous projects
4. Qualifications of key personnel.
5. Capability of performing the projects.
6. Capability of meeting deadlines, schedules, and budgets.
7. Reputation and reference.
8. Affirmative action program.

Upon review of the submitted material, Madison County may select a consultant based on the submitted material, or reduce the list of applicants to approximately three (3) for oral presentation. A detailed scope of work will be developed with the highest ranked consultant. Firm consulting fees will be negotiated, utilizing an independent cost estimate as necessary, for the services to be performed under an FAA grant as approved by the FAA. This contract is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 11246 (Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity) and to the provisions of Department of transportation Regulations 49 CFR Part 26 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation). DBE firms are encouraged to submit. To be considered for these services, please provide three (3) copies, plus one (1) unbound no later than 5:00 p.m. on or before November 9, 2012. All responses must be submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked "Statement of Qualifications - Airport Engineering and Planning Services." The Statement of Qualifications should not exceed 30 pages. Questions or comments and submittals should be addressed to Laurie Buyan, Madison County Commission, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana 59755-0278. Phone 406-843-4277.
/s/ David Schulz, Chairman, Madison County Commission
(Pub. Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 2012) mcc

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fire Restrictions Lifted
The Madison County Board of Commissioners "lifted" the Stage One fire restrictions imposed by Resolution 14-2012. Open burning will be allowed on private property as of 12:00 A.M., Friday, October 19, 2012. The Board also removed the closure on Revenue Flats Road. Burn permits are required for open burning. You may obtain a burn permit at www.burnpermits.mt.gov or by calling the Madison County Treasurer's office at 406-843-4215. Thank you for your patience and adherence to the aforementioned fire restrictions.
(Pub. Oct. 25, 2012) mcc

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Madison County Fair Board will be accepting bid proposals for the purchase and installation of a 60 gallon per minute (gpm) three (3) horsepower (hp) constant pressure pump and controller at the Madison County Fair Grounds, 2 Fairgrounds Loop, PO Box 414, Twin Bridges, MT 59754, until November 1, 2012, at 5:00 pm. The contractors will be responsible for providing all materials, 2" schedule 80 drop pipe, wire, adapter, coupler, tees, heat shrink, ball valves, etc., necessary for full installation of pump in well. Any form of electrical wiring to the pump and control panel must be included in this bid and installed by a certified electrician. Please contact the Fair Office, 406-684-5824, for details.
(Oct. 25, 2012) mcfb

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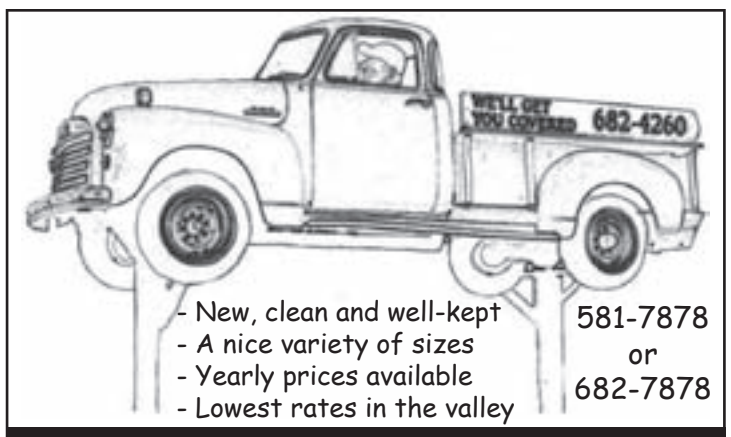
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44-tfc

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52-2c

FOR SALE: Taking orders for Lemhi Premium Wood Pellets. $215 per ton, free delivery within 35 miles of Dillon. 660-0287 or 660-1925.
52-4c

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: Call Apex Management at 682-7112 or 581-0103 for long term or vacation rentals in Ennis and the Madison Valley.
1-tfc

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New low prices with 10 x 10's starting at $35. Larger sizes available. Call Reed Real Estate at 682-4288.
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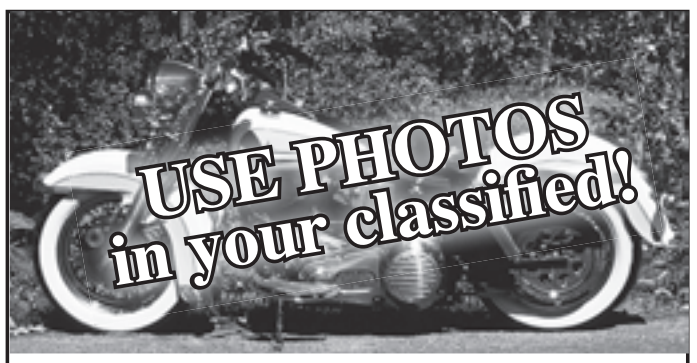
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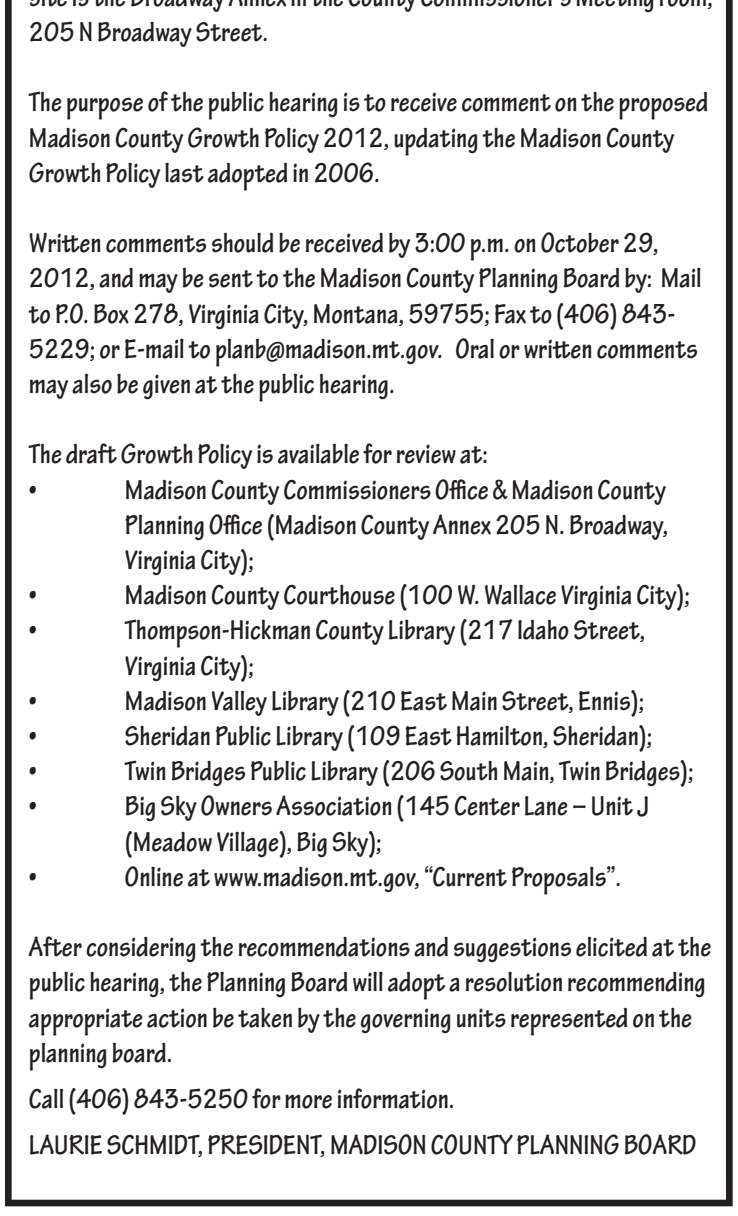
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THE MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD will conduct a public hearing on Monday, October 29, 2012 at 6:15 pm in the courtroom of the Madison County Courthouse, 100 W. Wallace, Virginia City, Montana. In the event the Courtroom is needed for a trial, the alternate meeting site is the Broadway Annex in the County Commissioner's Meeting room, 205 N Broadway Street.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on the proposed Madison County Growth Policy 2012, updating the Madison County Growth Policy last adopted in 2006.

Written comments should be received by 3:00 p.m. on October 29, 2012, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; or E-mail to planb@madison.mt.gov. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing.

The draft Growth Policy is available for review at:

- Madison County Commissioners Office & Madison County Planning Office (Madison County Annex 205 N. Broadway, Virginia City);
- Madison County Courthouse (100 W. Wallace Virginia City);
- Thompson-Hickman County Library (217 Idaho Street, Virginia City);
- Madison Valley Library (210 East Main Street, Ennis);
- Sheridan Public Library (109 East Hamilton, Sheridan);
- Twin Bridges Public Library (206 South Main, Twin Bridges);
- Big Sky Owners Association (145 Center Lane – Unit J (Meadow Village), Big Sky);
- Online at www.madison.mt.gov, "Current Proposals".

After considering the recommendations and suggestions elicited at the public hearing, the Planning Board will adopt a resolution recommending appropriate action be taken by the governing units represented on the planning board.

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U.S. Senate candidates battle to reflect the 'real' Montana

By Caitlyn Walsh
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Montanans can't escape the television and radio ads attacking the two candidates for U.S. Senate. Paid for by official groups like the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and murkier organizations like Crossroads GPS, the ads generally assault Democrat Jon Tester and Republican Dennis Rehberg as being out of touch with normal Montanans.

The deluge often leaves Montanans wondering who the candidates are and where they stand on major issues.

This has become a battle of who is the most authentic Montanan, with Rehberg's website stressing he is "a fifth-generation Montana rancher and small businessman" and Tester's emphasizing he is "a third-generation Montana dirt farmer who brings Montana values with him to the U.S. Senate."

Despite these differences, the two agree on many contentious issues facing the state.

Both Tester and Rehberg call for creating jobs in Montana by deregulating small business and cutting taxes, though they often spar vehemently over exactly what taxes and regulations need to be targeted. Both voted for the Keystone XL pipeline and seek to develop more coal and oil resources in the state. And both say they have fought for gun rights in Washington.

Where do the differences lie?

But they pull no punches when describing the other.

"Rehberg is not willing to do the work," Tester said. "It's lip service versus getting stuff done. Right now, I'm leading the charge on a sportsman's bill, and we're going to stay here until it's done. I have a record of accomplishment."

Congressman Rehberg agreed that voters should examine their records but disagrees with what they will find.

"I'll always put Montana first, standing up to leaders from any party as a check and balance. Senator Tester votes with President Obama's liberal agenda 95 percent of the time," he replied via email.

The two also disagree over federal health care reform, women's reproductive rights, and the extension of tax cuts first implemented by President George W. Bush.

"I support a complete repeal of the Tester-Obama health care act so we can replace it with a bill that actually reforms health care to reduce costs and improve access," Rehberg wrote. "All the Tester-Obama law did was add more people to a failing system. Costs continue to rise, and the problem keeps getting worse. Montanans deserve better."

Tester voted in 2009 to pass the Affordable Care Act which aims to expand the number of Americans with health care insurance by increasing the availability of Medicaid, allowing young people to stay on their parents' insurance until 26 and requiring others to purchase some form of insurance or pay an additional tax.

On reproductive rights, Rehberg voted in 2011 to revoke federal funding to Planned Parenthood and argued for reducing accessibility to abortions. While in the Senate, Tester supported funding for Planned Parenthood.

Both candidates also voted with their party on the extension of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 and the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, also referred to as the "Bush Tax Cuts."

Tester sought to amend the bills by "limiting the tax cuts to the first $200,000 of income for individuals and $250,000 for married couples filing jointly."

Rehberg voted to keep the cuts the same, reducing the tax rate for households making over $250,000 per year.

Staying on message

Throughout the campaign, Tester has sought to distance himself from the president and national Democratic Party. He did not attend his party's national convention in Charlotte this summer and has several ads out highlighting ways in which he voted against President Obama.

Attack ads from conservative groups outside Montana and Rehberg accuse him of "voting with Obama 95 percent of the time."

Still, Tester said the Democratic Party is a party that endorses many Montana values.

"We support the middle class, the working class," he said. "Support for working families, for farming families, is real. We also support affordable education, not only K-12, but higher education, and veteran's services."

For his part, Rehberg argues that his policies represent Montana values of less regulation and lower taxes.

"If they want to bolster job growth and economic recovery by reducing the senseless burden of government, they should vote for me," Rehberg said in an email. "If they want to just be left alone to go about their lives without the federal government directing everything they do, they should vote for me."

Voters count

Come Election Day Montana's choice may resonate far beyond the Treasure State, according to political scientist James Lopach, a University of Montana professor.

"Montana is (the) state that could give Republicans control (of the Senate)," Lopach said. "Achieving that goal in Montana is far cheaper than achieving that goal in an urban area. I think that's why we're seeing so much money coming in on both sides. It's coming from the party, from the contributors of the candidates and coming in from Political Action Committees."

The result has been a record number of ads. According to the Wesleyan Media Project, Montanans were hit with nearly 45,000 ads in the Senate race by early September, 16,000 more than the next nearest state.

Both campaigns admit the air war of campaign ads from the candidates and outside groups will only intensify as Election Day near. Tester urged voters to remember that the campaign "is about Dennis Rehberg and Jon Tester and what's best for Montana."

But Lopach suggested the struggle is bigger than that. "I think it has less to do with Tester and Rehberg and more about control," he said. "It's about setting and enacting an agenda for the nation."


Tester


Rehberg

Auditor candidates clash over health care, state lands

By Hanah Redman
Community News Service
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Candidates Derek Skees and Monica Lindeen are travelling the state, trying to whip up enthusiasm for the most misunderstood office on the ballot: state auditor.

For starters, the auditor's office doesn't "audit" anything. Instead, it works to protect people from investment scams and ensures that insurance companies pay their customers' rightful claims. The auditor also sits on the State Land Board, which regulates the use of more than 5 million acres of state land.

"We've done a lot of great things for Montanans," said current Auditor Lindeen, a Democrat who is putting her four-year record on the line. Her rival Skees, a Republican legislator from Whitefish, is rallying opposition to the federal Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare.

A history major with a bachelor's degree from Central Florida University, Skees opposed Lindeen's efforts last session to implement the new federal health care. If elected auditor, he said he would advise lawmakers on issues surrounding the act and educate them about its flaws.

Last session, Lindeen recommended four unsuccessful bills designed to help Montana administer the new federal law. Skees accused her of trying to implement the law while he and others in the Legislature were still fighting it.

Health care reform

Lindeen, who did her graduate work in educational foundations at Montana State University in Billings, said her bills would have allowed the auditor to review and enforce the parts of the act that aren't currently in Montana law, such as allowing young people to stay on their parents' insurance until age 26.

She also wanted the ability to review premium rates for health insurance. Otherwise, she said, the federal government will regulate those changes. If elected, Lindeen said she would introduce the rate-review bill again.

"Every insurance commissioner in this country has a legal obligation to implement and make sure that the law is being followed," Lindeen said. "It doesn't matter if you're a Republican or a Democrat. As the insurance commissioner, that's what you do."

But Skees said Lindeen should have opposed the federal law instead of working to implement it.

"She defends herself by saying it's the law of the land," Skees said. "What I say is, to blindly follow something, even if it's wrong, is still wrong."

Skees also said he extended six invitations to Lindeen's campaign to debate the Affordable Care Act and was ignored.

Lindeen said she would accept an invitation that came from an outside organization, but said she doesn't think she should have to accept one from Skees individually.

Managing state lands

Another important aspect of the auditor's job is voting on the management of state-owned lands and natural resources as one of five members of the State Land Board.

While Skees says the current land board should be streamlining the way for businesses and others to lease lands and access more natural resources, Lindeen says the board has been very successful over the past four years.

Skees said he would use his position on the State Land Board to confront the federal government about land policies that he sees as detrimental to Montana and work to get the use of those lands more directly under state control.

"This state is burning to the ground, and the beetles are destroying our forests, and the wolves are killing our game, and this is all federal policy," he said.

Skees said in an email that if he were on the land board, he would "do anything (he) could think of" to facilitate business growth through the use of natural resources.

He said the land board could allow more businesses to operate on state lands and give a boost to the state's economy by making it easier for businesses to receive permits.

"You need to look at results, not strategic votes without follow through," he said.

However, Lindeen said the current land board has approved natural resource leases that have provided over $250 million in state revenue. That is more than any Land Board has done in the same amount of time in Montana's history, she said.

"I have voted for every single oil, gas, timber and coal use that's come before the land board," she said.

Role as watchdog

Both candidates point to their backgrounds in business. Lindeen founded one of the first Montana-based Internet service providers, and Skees took over his family's construction business before joining Roger Porch Construction Inc., where he is now vice president.

One of the main jobs of the Auditor's office is dealing with restitutions for investment fraud and insurance claims. Lindeen said she is proud of the work her office has done for the past term.

"We've been able to get over $15 million in claims paid that wouldn't have got paid otherwise," she said.

Skees said in an email that it is the auditor's job to be the "watchdog" over insurance companies, and that as auditor he would work to eliminate regulations that have nothing to do with good insurance practices.


Lindeen


Skees

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Bullock-Hill race offers voters clear choices for governor

By Brooks Johnson
Community News Service
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Whoever replaces Gov. Brian Schweitzer after November's election will be making an executive neckwear change. But that may be one of the few areas in which the candidates agree.

The race featuring piles



Bullock



Hill

of out-of-state money pits Attorney General Steve Bullock, the Democrat, against former Congressman Rick Hill, the Republican. Throw in Libertarian candidate Ron Vandevender and independent Bill Coate and you've got the cast of Montana Governor 2012.

The major-party rivals say they offer voters a clear choice.

"This election represents a crossroads," Bullock said in an interview. "The congressman is looking backwards, and I think there's great things ahead of us."

Hill sees it differently.

"Our agenda is focused on unleashing the private sector," Hill said. "(Bullock's) focus is on expanding the public sector."

But it's not that simple, of course.

Difference on Issues

Hill and Bullock differ on issues ranging from abortion to tax reform and unions.

Hill defines himself as "pro-life" and believes life begins at conception. He supports the statewide ballot measure that would require doctors to notify parents when girls under 16 seek abortions.

Bullock supports abortion rights and opposes the parental notification measure as government intrusion into a woman's private healthcare decisions.

The two differ on public education too. Hill's plan would revise tenure laws to reward good teachers and replace bad ones. He would promote charter schools and allow tax breaks for foundations that support scholarships for students attending private schools.

He also supports a change in the way Montana pays for education. Hill said he would eliminate statewide property taxes for K-12 schools and replace the lost money with revenue from oil, gas and coal development.

Bullock, whose mother and stepfather were public school teachers, has criticized Hill's support for school choice. He argues for keeping taxpayers invested in K-12 schools to ensure a stable funding. He also supports a freeze in college tuition.

Both candidates support developing Montana's natural resources, but

Hill said he will push harder. He questions his rival's enthusiasm by pointing toward Bullock's vote against accepting Arch Coal's winning bid to develop state-owned coal in southeast Montana's Otter Creek area.

Bullock, a member of the board that oversees state-owned lands, defends that vote, saying the bid was too low. But he added that he's voted for other leases that were in the state's interest to support.

"And we'll continue making sure we're not selling our resources at bargain basement prices," he told a Helena audience last month.

When it comes to health care, well, you've seen the ads. Hill is quick to tie his opponent to the controversial federal Affordable Care Act known as Obamacare. Hill points repeatedly to Bullock's refusal to join mostly Republican attorneys general in 26 states who unsuccessfully challenged the law in federal court.

Joining that effort would have wasted Montana's time and money, Bullock said. He stops short of advocating the Affordable Care Act, but added, "We're paying too much and getting too little. We need to challenge every cost and start paying for results and not just repeated tests."

On tax reform, Bullock made a stir earlier this year with his plan to refund Montana taxpayers $400 as a direct stimulus. The money would come from the state's current surplus. Hill calls that a "one-time gimmick" and supports permanent cuts in property taxes and replacing the lost money with revenue from energy development.

The two also clash over unions, with Hill saying he would support a right-to-work law, forbidding unions from making membership a condition of employment. Bullock promised to veto right-to-work legislation.

Different Journeys

Hill and Bullock have taken different paths to get where they are today.

Bullock was born in Missoula 46 years ago and raised in Helena. He received his law degree from Columbia University's School of Law in New York and returned to Montana.

His first government job came in 1996 as chief legal counsel to Democratic Secretary of State Mike Cooney, and he was chief deputy attorney general from 1997 to 2001. He practiced law and taught in Washington, D.C., before returning to Helena in 2005. He became attorney general in 2008 by defeating Republican Tim Fox.

Among the achievements he lists are increasing Montana's minimum wage, strengthening recreational access to public lands and waterways, a tougher law on drunk driving, and a prescription drug registry to thwart doctor shopping by drug addicts.

Hill's journey began in Grand Rapids, Mich. He graduated from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota in 1968 and moved to Montana shortly afterward. Now retired, Hill has built several businesses and advised many others.

He entered public life in 1993 as a lobbyist for Gov. Marc Racicot and served as volunteer chairman of the State Worker's Compensation Board. He was elected to the U.S. House in 1996 and 1998 but declined to run again due to vision problems that he says have since been corrected.

Since leaving Congress, the 65-year-old has earned a law degree – not to practice law, he said, but to understand how to make better laws. With experience in insurance and real estate investment, he said he is the candidate of business.

Achievements he touts include reorganizing Montana's worker's compensation system, which faced a large deficit the early 1990s. The solution required payroll contributions from workers and employers. As a congressman, he supported welfare reform and helped Montana obtain the rights to federal coal in the Otter Creek area in exchange for halting a proposed gold mine near Yellowstone National Park.

Third Party Hopefuls

As the race heads to the wire, undecided voters may make the difference. A Lee newspapers poll in mid-September found that 11 percent of those surveyed had yet to make a choice.

Vying with Bullock and Hill for that last chunk of votes are two third-party candidates.

Libertarian Ron Vandevender, who lives near Craig, opposes federal intrusion and is a staunch supporter of property rights. He supports cutting business taxes, establishing co-ops, and developing industrial hemp.

Independent Bill Coate, a Marine Corps veteran who lives in Helena, says the two-party system is broken. He's campaigning for tax cuts, more energy development, fewer government regulation and less waste.

Public instruction candidates clash over resources, standards, local control

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Incumbent Denise Juneau is banking that a statewide initiative, Graduation Matters Montana, can bring the number of high school dropouts – nearly 2,000 a year – down by 50 percent by 2014.

As state superintendent of public instruction she said has sought to use her office to build programs she says are necessary to prepare students for a modern economy. It is also, she hopes, the kind of program that will earn her re-election this fall.

"It is important to me to continue the progress that we have made," said Juneau, a member of the Mandan and Hidatsa tribes and the first Native American woman elected to statewide office. "Having communities focus on increasing our graduation rates and improving student achievement is going to pay off in Montana for years to come."

For Juneau to have a chance to do that she must defeat Republican challenger Sandy Welch, an education consultant and former Ronan principal who began her career in education as a math teacher.

Both candidates have said they want to encourage more community involvement in local schools, but Welch also stresses the need to limit the state's role in local decisions. The two have also sparred over experimenting with charter schools, publicly funded independent schools that operate under looser restrictions than a traditional public school.

Local control, charter schools

For Welch, the answer to improving education standards and graduation rates is fewer state-organized programs. Welch said the Office of Public Instruction should be a resource for local schools instead of a state agency issuing mandates.

"What I want to be doing is to be talking about what are the goals for our schools and then giving our local schools and local administrators, teachers, parents and the school boards, the control locally to really address their students' needs," she said during a recent interview in Missoula.

As part of that program of school reform, Welch indicated she would be open to considering a "well designed" charter school program. She also said she would relax the rules for higher performing schools while lower performing schools would face a more rigorous set of regulations.

According to the Associated Press, Juneau blasted the idea of a charter program during a recent debate with Welch, saying, "Throughout this campaign, my opponent has advocated for pulling money out of our public schools to fund private schools and for-profit corporations, grade schools on an A to F scale, get rid of standards that ensure small class sizes and school quality, and use unproven methods to rate our teachers."

Juneau added in an interview that Welch's plan to target underperforming schools would put undue pressure on schools where poverty is a major factor in student success. She said she worked to establish the Schools of Promise, hiring 22 people to work with teachers, administrators and school boards in three of the lowest performing districts.

"We know poverty plays a huge part in how students perform so that making sure we are supporting those schools needs to be a goal of the OPI," said Juneau.

Fundamentally, Welch said student learning needs more attention. "In the past the system has focused more on teaching than it has on learning," she said.

She said Juneau's administration has overregulated local schools and placed too much emphasis on data. Welch wants the OPI to be a conduit for schools and teachers to share what is working in their districts.

Juneau, however, said she has used the data first required by the federal government to gauge where schools currently are and where programs may be helpful.

Money for schools

The superintendent holds the additional responsibility of sitting on the five-member State Land Board, which oversees the management of 5.2 million acres of school trust land across Montana.

Welch supports increased development of the state-owned resources as a way to generate more income for schools and increased job opportunities for Montana's students.

"To me natural resource development is one of those things that Montana can do that will really create those opportunities for our kids," said Welch. "It gives them a reason to excel in school."

For Juneau, the superintendent should focus on using the resources to generate revenue for the school trust, while managing the land for the years ahead. As a Land Board member, Juneau recently voted to lease state-owned coal to the Signal Peak Energy coal mine near Roundup. But she opposed Arch Coal's bid to lease state-owned coal in the Otter Creek area, saying at the time the company's bid wasn't in the state's long-term financial or environmental interests.

Juneau said she would continue to work with the other members of the Land Board to increase revenue for Montana while protecting the value of state resources. She argued that Welch focuses on the energy boom to the detriment of tourism and other uses for state land.

As the race nears the finish, both candidates are touting key endorsements.

The Montana Chamber of Commerce is backing Welch's campaign, and so is state Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy, a Democrat from Box Elder.

The prominent among her campaign donors include Republican congressional nominee Steve Daines, GOP gubernatorial nominee Rick Hill, former Superintendent of Public Instruction Ed Argenbright, and political action committees representing the coal, oil, natural gas and timber industries.

Juneau has the backing of the Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers, the



Juneau



Welch

Montana Public Employees Association and the Montana Conservation Voters. The Billings Gazette has endorsed her run.

Prominent contributors to her campaign include Eric Feaver, president of the statewide teachers' union; Democratic attorney general nominee Pam Bucy; and dozens of retired teachers and college professors.



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Déjà vu: Old rivals battle anew for secretary of state

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Call it the rematch, the "do-over" of 2012.

Four years have passed since Montana voters spoiled former Secretary of State Brad Johnson's hopes for a second term. The 2008 race was close; Democrat Linda McCulloch won a three-way contest by about 5,000 votes.

On Nov. 6, McCulloch and Johnson will face off again. This time Johnson hopes to play the spoiler and finish the work he began in his first term.

Both candidates are veteran campaigners. Before becoming secretary of state, McCulloch served three terms in the state House of Representatives, followed by two terms as Montana's superintendent of public instruction.

Johnson has run unsuccessfully for the U.S. House, U.S. Senate and the state's Public Service Commission. He withdrew from the 2010 PSC race after pleading guilty to DUI.

For both, the election is about how they would handle the office's most visible duties: enforcing state election laws and managing nearly 5 million acres of state-owned lands.

Overseeing elections

As chief elections officer, the secretary of state is charged with seeing that elections are fairly and legally run. That's often controversial. Nationally, Republicans have pushed to secure voter lists against fraud. Some Democrats suspect the effort is designed to disenfranchise poor and elderly voters likely to vote for them.

Although he acknowledges that voter fraud in Montana is low to nonexistent, Johnson said he wants to keep it that way by requiring that all voters present photo IDs at the polls. Incidents of fraudulent ballots elsewhere show that Montana should be cautious, he added.

"I'm not proposing those because we have a crisis to solve," Johnson said. "I'm proposing those because I want to prevent the crisis from developing. The way I describe it, my home has never been robbed but I lock the front door when I leave, I think that's just common sense."

But McCulloch favors Montana's current rules, which allow voters to present all sorts of identification, including utility bills with a current address. Providing government-distributed ID cards would be costly and might discourage some citizens from voting, she added.

"It's an additional expense that we can't afford right now," she said. "I think it will be a lot of paper, a lot of red tape that we don't need. It will be a huge burden for people who don't have ID, especially senior citizens and low-income people."

Absentee voting is another hot topic. In this summer's primary, 61 percent of voters cast absentee ballots.

McCulloch hopes Montana will eventually vote entirely by mail because it's cheaper and encourages more people to vote. But she failed to get an all-absentee voting bill through the last years' GOP-controlled Legislature.

Johnson said things work well the way they are. Citizens can go to the polls if they want, or they can vote in the comfort of their homes. He said Montanans should have a choice.

The candidates also differ over whether Montana should continue to allow voters to register on Election Day. Republican lawmakers say the practice has led to long lines and late voting, but Gov. Brian Schweitzer vetoed their bill last session that would have ended the practice.

McCullough supports same-day registration, saying that it hasn't caused many problems. She said that only 1,000 voters registered on this summer's primary election day. Just 21,000 registered on the last three general election days combined, she added.

"When people move into the state or when they move across the state or they move across town, the first thing they think about is finding a place to live, getting settled in and getting their kids in school, and so they don't remember to register to vote," she said. "So it's a convenience for any voter to be able to register and vote on Election Day."

As secretary of state, Johnson supported same-day registration when it was enacted in 2005. He said he still supports late registration but not on Election Day because it creates "unnecessary turmoil" in county election offices.

Managing state lands

As one of five elected officials on the State Lands Board, the secretary of state votes on how the state will use 5.2 million acres of state-owned land. Leasing surface and mineral rights on those lands provides revenue for public schools.

Johnson said he is in favor of "aggressive and responsive development" of natural resources.

"I think we can do that responsibly and I think we have an obligation to the people of this state to develop our resources," he said. "We need members of the board that are committed to that ongoing and responsible development of our resources. Coal, oil, and gas, timber −those things are all critically important to the economic future of Montana."

Last year, the board voted 3-2 to lease millions of tons of coal on state-owned land along Otter Creek in southeast Montana. McCulloch voted for the lease, though two other Democrat state officials opposed it.

Even so, Johnson said he was disappointed McCulloch was quoted by the Associated Press saying she could not commit to future development at Otter Creek without review.

However, McCulloch said she has voted to generate more than $800 million in revenue from state lands in her 12 years on the board. She said she is committed to raising money for Montana schools through the land board.

While the candidates disagree on many points, both want to see higher voter turnout and encouraged citizens to get involved and become educated voters.

"We have a better voter turnout than other states do," McCulloch said. "But I'm not content until we have 100 percent turnout."



McCulloch



Johnson

'Symbolic' measure seeks limits on corporate campaign speech

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For the Montanans debating Initiative 166, the measure calling for a constitutional amendment proclaiming "corporations are not people," the fight is a battle over the future of democracy and free speech in America.

"Elections are bought and sold and people don't feel empowered to participate in their democracy," said Missoula City Councilwoman Cynthia Wolken, an I-166 supporter.

But opponents dismiss that as posturing.

"It's a political measure, rather than a specifically practical measure," said state Sen. Dave Lewis, R-Helena. He called the measure "a very smart political move that will activate the base of the Democratic Party, because they're likely to vote against corporations."

A national campaign

I-166 is part of a national movement backed by President Obama to amend the U.S. Constitution. It aims to reverse the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision, which held that corporations and unions possess free speech rights, just as individuals do.

Although they may not directly contribute to campaigns, corporations and unions can spend unlimited amounts of money to influence elections through what are called political action committees, the court ruled.

The debate over I-166 only intensified this summer after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Montana's 100-year-old ban on corporate spending in state elections. And just this month, U.S. District Judge Charles Lovell struck down Montana's campaign contribution limits entirely.

Although the issue is largely seen through the campaign finance lens, the high court has maintained since 1819 that corporations, like individuals, can sue and be sued. It has also ruled that corporations have certain rights under the U.S. Constitution.

I-166 urges Montana legislators to try to change that.

But University of Montana political science professor James Lopach said the measure's backers face "a very difficult proposition." He added that only four amendments have overturned Supreme Court decisions and that in the Constitution's entire history it was amended just 27 times.

There are two ways to pass a Constitutional Amendment: The measure must either pass both houses of Congress with a two-thirds majority, or two-thirds of state legislatures must call a national Constitutional Convention. The second method has never been used. In both scenarios, three-fourths of the states must ratify the amendment.

Given such long odds, Lopach described I-166 as "primarily symbolic."

Opponents say that makes the ballot measure misleading for many potential voters. "I think that the average voter doesn't know that what they say is not going to be implemented," said James Brown, legal counsel for Montanans Opposed to I-166.

Wolken, who got the Missoula City Council to endorse the measure's essence last fall, acknowledged that the initiative doesn't exactly do anything. "But it lets us have the conversation," she said.

A battle from the outside

Both sides accuse outside groups of playing too much of a role in the debate over I-166.

Brown maintains the group Common Cause is "funding this entire effort." "What interest is served by prohibiting people who associate together from speaking on public policy issues?" he asked. "There is a big difference between speaking and voting."

But the measure's supporters said an outside group, the American Tradition Partnership, helped bring a lawsuit to Montana courts seeking to remove I-166 from November's ballot.

In June, the Montana Supreme Court held in a 6-1 decision that I-166 was "legally sufficient" to remain on the ballot.

The debate has simmered ever since. State Sen. Cliff Larson, D-Missoula, accused ATP, a Washington, D.C.-based organization, of wanting a campaign funding system based on secrecy. "They want backroom decision-making," he said.

Brown countered that supporters of I-166 are focusing on the wrong thing, saying they should be working instead to strengthen "Montana disclosure laws, not cut off speech."

He added that while Citizens United protected the right of corporations and unions to engage in independent expenditures, I-166 only targets corporations, not unions.

Despite Brown's concerns, a September poll by Lee newspapers found that 53 percent of those surveyed favored I-166, with 24 percent opposed to it. The rest remain undecided.

Voters to reset the debate over medical marijuana, but will it matter?

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Eight years after 62 percent of voters cast ballots to legalize the use of medical marijuana, Montanans will now decide to what degree they want their state's medical cannabis industry regulated.

IR-124 allows voters to either approve Senate Bill 423, which imposed stricter limits on the growing and distribution of medical marijuana, or return to the laws implemented after the 2004 voter initiative.

The ballot initiative is the latest step in an ongoing struggle to allow people access to marijuana for medical purposes at a time when the federal government still considers it illegal.

Unintended consequences

When voters approved the "limited use of marijuana under medical supervision by patients with debilitating medical conditions," a small industry grew up to serve the hundreds of patients that signed up for the service.

Then came a 2009 memo from the U.S. Department of Justice that indicated the federal government would not prosecute those abiding state medical marijuana laws.

The result was an explosion in the number of medical marijuana patients and providers. According to state figures, within seven years of I-148's passage the number of medical marijuana patients grew from 86 to 29,948 and the number of providers from 35 to 4,438.

Storefronts began to open in many cities and towns and voters started to express concern over the new booming industry. In 2011, the Legislature decided to rein in the situation.

"It wasn't medical marijuana, it was recreational marijuana and it perverted the good intentions of using marijuana for medical purposes," said Sen. Cliff Larsen, D-Missoula and one of three senators on a subcommittee tasked with reforming the state's marijuana law.

Initially, the Legislature voted to repeal the citizen-backed initiative. After Gov. Brian Schweitzer vetoed that move, lawmakers drafted Senate Bill 423.

SB 423 regulated medical cannabis by banning payments to providers for marijuana or "related products," limiting the number of patients each provider could supply to no more than three and requiring each patient to have two physicians verify their diagnosis.

The feds return

But even as lawmakers debated the bill, the gulf between federal and state law became clear as federal agents raided 26 Montana dispensaries and arrested more than 12 caregivers.

"The raids took place, by sheer coincidence or by plan I will never know, on the very day that (SB-423) was being reported out of committee," said Sen. David Wanzenried, D-Missoula.

The raids underscored that the federal government still considered the selling of marijuana to be a crime.

The federal action raises the question of whether this November's initiative even gives voters an honest choice.

"IR-124 doesn't change the primacy of federal law over state law," Larsen said. "The feds are calling the shots now."

Even as senators debated the impact of the federal raids, the Montana Cannabis Industry Association, the trade group for the new medical marijuana businesses, was taking the recently enacted state law to court.

Helena District Judge Jim Reynolds blocked parts of SB 423 from taking effect such as limiting caregivers to three patients and prohibiting them from receiving payments or advertising. A year later, the Montana Supreme Court overturned Reynolds' decision stating that SB 423's restrictions do not violate the Montana Constitution's right to privacy or pursuit of employment and health.

Although several elements of SB 423 remain in legal limbo, the effect of the legislation and federal raids has been clear. Within one year, the number of cannabis patients dropped from 29,948 to 8,681 and the number of providers plummeted from 4,438 to 390.

Making the call

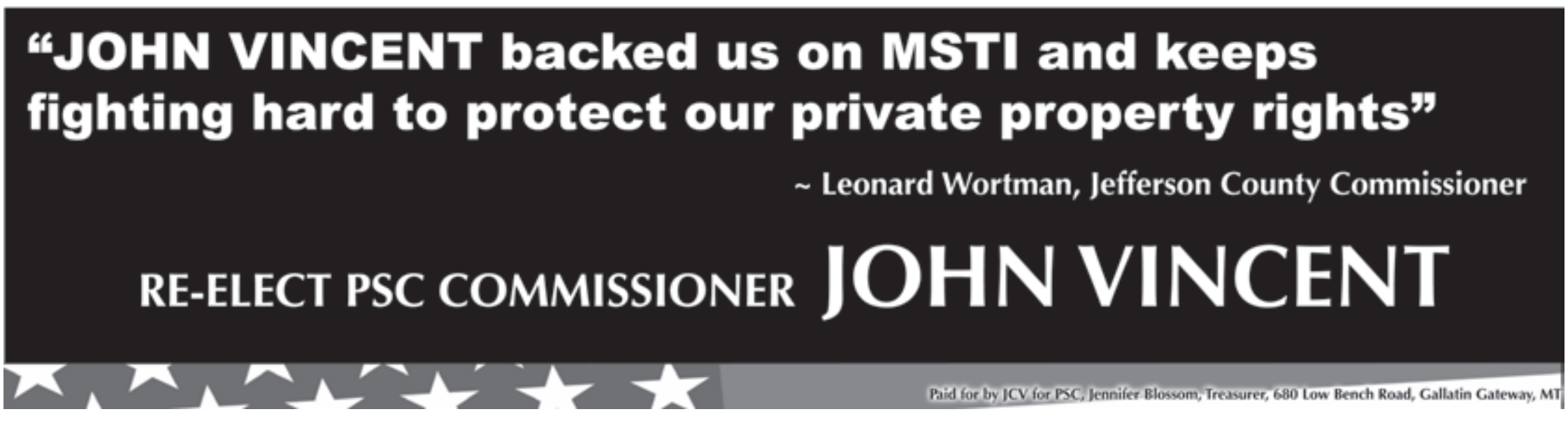
Still voters must decide whether to support the state's more restrictive law or return to the statute that spawned the earlier industry.

If voters approve IR-124, they are voting to keep SB 423 and its restrictions on patients and caregivers in place. If they vote against the initiative, the entire 2011 law will be repealed and the former system, albeit with possible federal intervention, returned.

Wanzenried said he understands that many patients and caregivers see the 2011 law as an overreaction to the earlier system that spawned storefronts and billboards for medical marijuana.

"Did we vacillate between extremes? Yes," he said. "But the pendulum has swung too far toward being unnecessarily restrictive."

No matter what happens on Nov. 6 the future of the state's medical marijuana program will likely be a focus of next year's legislative session, and the outcome of IR-124 will only set the public's mood for that debate yet to come.



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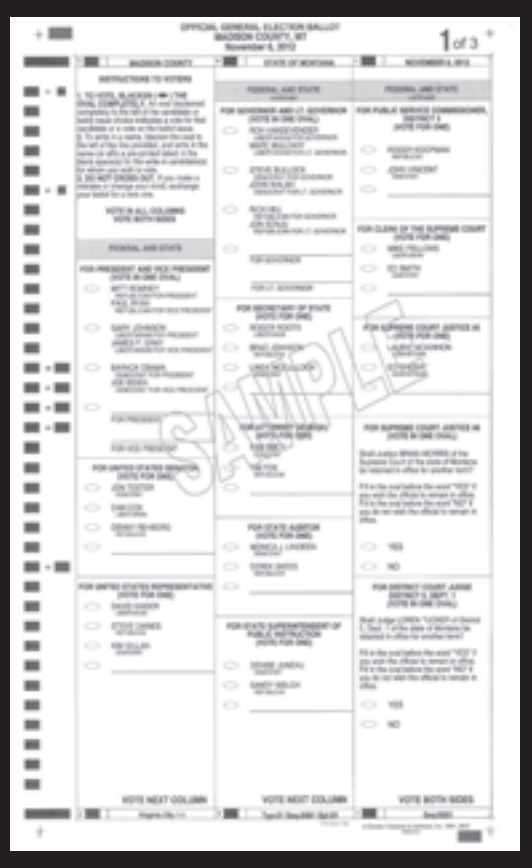
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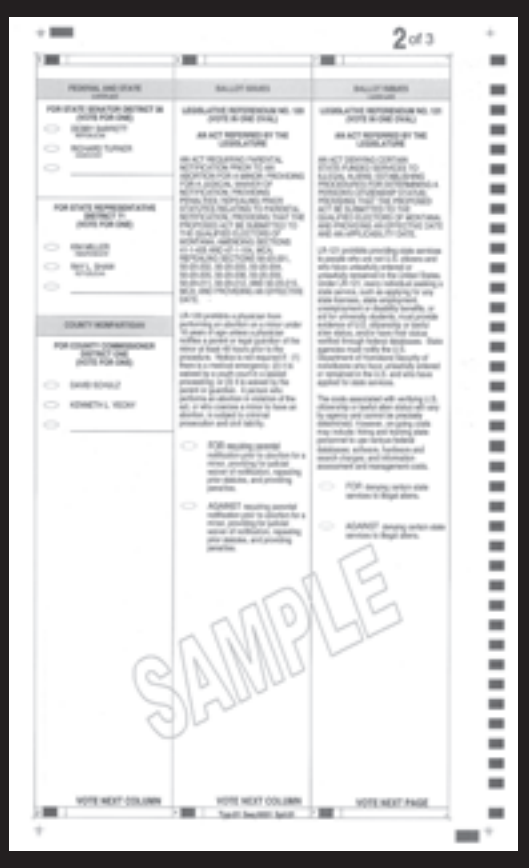


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Precinct #	Polling Place Name and Location	Accessibility Designation *(A – Accessible, I – Inaccessible)*
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1-2	ALDER- ALDER COMMUNITY CENTER	A
5	SHERIDAN, SHERIDAN LIBRARY	A
7	TWIN BRIDGES, HIGH SCHOOL MONTANA ROOM	A
15-1	JEFFERSON ISLAND CARDWELL SCHOOL	A
15-2	HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL GYM	A
20	ENNIS RURAL FIRE HALL	A
21	ENNIS TOWN HALL	A

Ballot measure would deny state services to illegal immigrants

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Nobody really believes Montana is overrun by illegal immigrants.

Recent census figures estimate the state may be home to fewer than 11,000 noncitizens − and that includes legal residents with visas or green cards. One national Hispanic group estimates the state's number of undocumented immigrants at about 5,000.

Although that's less than 1 percent of the population, it's still a problem for Rep. David Howard and supporters of a ballot issue aimed at denying illegal immigrants access to state services.

"If you're an illegal person you can only live two ways: take a job from a Montanan or you have to live on the benefits that we provide," says Howard, a Park City Republican. "I wanted to create an easy, logical process where our state agencies would go through and be able to create a deterrent for illegal immigrants getting Montana and federal tax money."

No services ahead

LR-121 asks Montana voters to deny illegal immigrants a long list of services and opportunities. They could not apply for state jobs, or enroll in a state university, or apply for financial aid. They could not apply for state licenses, unemployment benefits, or rehabilitation services if they're hurt on the job. They would not be eligible for state grants or services available to crime victims or people with disabilities.

Critics fear that, if passed, the measure will expose minorities to racial profiling and force the state to implement an expensive system of citizenship checks that could snare legal citizens along with illegal ones.

Howard's idea originated in the state Legislature last session as one of seven bills aimed at combating what he sees as a nationwide immigration problem.

He says the measure won't be difficult or costly to enforce. The names of residents who can't produce a driver's license as proof of citizenship would be run through a federal database −the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements − to determine their immigration status.

Montana's chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union strongly opposes the measure, saying it would have unintended consequences. They say the database checks could result in citizens being denied services they're entitled to and that they could delay applications for crucial services for hours or even months.

"The bill is error-filled," says Niki Zupanic, an ACLU attorney. "It's likely that (some) U.S. citizens will not show up in the databases."

Targeting minorities

Kim Abbott, program director for the Montana Human Rights Network, says it's up to the federal government to pass comprehensive immigration reform, not each state. She worries that enforcement of the measure will single out minorities.

"In order to avoid racial profiling and assumptions, the state needs to check everyone through SAVE," Abbott says.

Howard says his measure would require checks on anyone who applies for services without the proper documents. Each state agency would decide which document or documents are valid for their services.

"Legal aliens can get benefits; nobody looks at your race," Howard says.

It's hard to say how many Montanans might not have driver's licenses or other government identification documents.

A study by the Brennan Center for Justice in November 2006 found that 11 percent of all U.S. citizens lack government-issued IDs. Critics say many of those are poor or elderly or homeless −people often in need of services.

The cost for implementing the ballot measure is up for debate.

"It's interesting, but if you look at the cost of the bill it was almost nothing there," Howard says. "Agencies couldn't even dream up a cost."

State officials who estimated the measure's potential costs came up with a figure of $85,915 for the first year and less afterward. But they said costs could easily change depending on the costs of searches, software, hardware and the hiring and training of personnel.

Howard insists that enforcing the measure won't be difficult or costly. The effort, he adds, is worth it to prevent Montana from ending up like other states with immigration problems.

"It's proactive, so we don't wake up in ten years and say we should have done something," Howard says. "I don't deal in the ideal, I deal in reality."

Howard is confident the measure will pass. A recent Lee newspapers poll of found that 57 percent of registered voters surveyed favored his ballot measure; 14 percent were undecided.

A race overlooked: the campaigns for Montana's lone seat in Congress

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As Montana yards fills with campaign signs, as canvassers crisscross neighborhoods in support of gubernatorial candidates, and as TV ads take turns blasting U.S. Senate candidates, the names Kim Gillan and Steve Daines rarely appear on the political radar.

The two candidates for the state's sole U.S. House seat remain largely unknown to voters as Election Day draws near. According to Montana State University political scientist David Parker, only about 20 to 30 percent of voters can identify Democrat Gillan and her Republican rival Daines.

Gillan, who trails Daines in money, has had to rely on traditional methods to get her name out.

"I've traveled 1,000 miles in the last two and half days, meeting with different groups," Gillan said.

Despite the challenges of running a grassroots campaign, she said it has advantages in a state like Montana where "people like to meet you, they like to shake your hand and they really aren't going to be 100 percent trustful with someone they know from television."

Although Daines has run many more ads than Gillan, he stresses the same kind of message about his campaign.

"We have had a chance to travel to all 56 counties in this state," he said, "and I have had the chance to sit around with cups of coffee and having conversations about what matters to

Montanans."

Different messages

But campaign strategy is where the similarities between Gillan and Daines end.

For Daines, his message to voters is he will fight to rein in an out-of-control national government that has created a sense of "uncertainty" in the country.

"We don't know what the tax code is going to be like next year," he said. "You talk to the farmers, the ranchers, our small community bankers, and boy, one of the number one issues is the regulations coming out of Washington."

Gillan is campaigning on a pledge to reduce the partisanship in Washington while advocating what she calls Montana's culture of "helping your neighbor." This includes proposing government investment in key services like education and health care.

She argues that Daines' support of the budget proposal put forward by Republican vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan would benefit the wealthy at the expense of critical services like Medicare and Social Security.

"In Montana we are all about fairness — everyone is always willing to pitch in and do their part, whether it's helping a neighbor or solving a community problem," she said. "I don't feel that the Ryan budget does that at all. It basically places the burden on hard-working families, senior citizens and the middle class. And you know what? Most of Montanans are not millionaires."

Daines said his belief in cutting the size of government is about being fair to future generations.

"We have four kids, two in college and two in high school, and they are going to inherit this debt," he said. "And it is up to this generation to start moving in a path back to fiscal sanity, and fiscal sustainability."

The role of experience

Daines, who is 50 and vice president at the high-tech company RightNow Technologies in Bozeman, said he formed many of his political opinions based on what he learned in the business world.

"Twenty eight years in business and you understand the importance of problem solving and the importance of efficiency, because if you don't become efficient, you don't run a business well, and you are out of business. And I think some of those principals could be applied to leadership in Washington," he said.

Although Gillan, 60, stresses her experience running a training program at MSU Billings, she points to her 17 years in the state Legislature as what best qualifies her for Congress. On the trail, she cites passage of her legislation to cover the diagnosis and treatment of autism through insurance companies as proof that she can work with lawmakers from both parties.

"Simply put, people know my reputation precedes me," she said. "I'll stand up to anyone if it's going to hurt Montana."

Both campaigns have focused heavily on how and when the reach of the federal government ought to affect Montanans.

The centerpieces of Daines' campaign are scaling back regulations that hurt job growth and fighting large federal programs like the Affordable Care Act, which aims to expand the number of Americans with health insurance.

Gillan, who supports the new health care law, said Daines opposes government action that could help thousands of Montanans access health insurance but supports expanding the reach of the federal government into controversial social issues.

"I've always been a long term supporter of a woman's right to choose," she said. "If you are going to talk about less government then we want less government in making those very personal and private decisions."

On the issue of abortion, Daines said his position is not about the role of government but about core values.

"I think this gets back to the issue of defending the rights of those who can't defend themselves and that's a fundamental value we had in our Constitution −that we defend the rights of the individual," he said.

Voters will weigh these two starkly different visions of the role of the federal government on Nov. 6, deciding between Daines' vision of reduced spending and smaller deficits or Gillian's call to support education and job training.



Gillan



Daines

Teenage abortions: Measure takes new run at parental notification law

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Seventeen years after the courts struck down an early attempt to require minors to notify their parents before getting an abortion, the contentious issue is back on the ballot this fall.

Legislative Referendum 120 is almost exactly like a 1995 law struck down by a Montana court as violating the Montana Constitution −with one key change.

"The difference is that the age is lower," Jeff Laszloffy, head of the Montana Family Foundation, said, explaining the referendum would apply only to minors under 16. The previous law applied to girls under 18.

LR-120 would require that doctors notify parents or legal guardians at least 48 hours in advance of the abortion if the patient is under 16. If the minor does not want the notification to occur, she can obtain a waiver from a youth court. Notice would not be required in the case of a medical emergency.

Under the proposal, any doctor who fails to notify the parent or receive a waiver could face six months in jail and a $500 fine.

Debate over impacts

Both proponents and opponents of the referendum say their primary concern is the health and safety of young women, but they disagree over the proposed law's impacts.

For Laszloffy, the proposal is about ensuring parents know what is happening in their family. He said LR-120 is "primarily a parental rights issue."

He added that far less significant decisions like getting a tattoo or body piercing require parental consent − a stricter requirement than notification.

"(Abortion) is the only exception where a 13-year-old can make this type of decision," he said. "This is what happens when political correctness trumps common sense."

But Julianna Crowley, executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice Montana, stressed the proposal would put vulnerable girls in harm's way. "It's about privacy and it's about abortion rights," she said.

Planned Parenthood of Montana, which opposes the ballot initiative, estimates that 80 percent of minors already tell parents or guardians about their pregnancies.

"(A notification law) puts young women who can't go to their parents in dangerous situations," Crowley said. "For voters, think about teens who they know may fear a violent reaction from their parents."

Laszloffy countered that he was also concerned about a girl who faces possible violence or abuse at home.

"If she has a dangerous home situation … this (working through a youth court) is a way she could actually end the abuse." He also said it is dangerous for parents not to know when their child has gone through a medical procedure.

Both sides acknowledge the referendum would affect only a few Montana teens each year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that 43 reported abortions occurred among teens ages 15 and under in Montana in 2008 (the most recent year available).

Déjà vu?

Thirty-seven other states have some version of a parental notification law on their books, but Montana has been here before.

In 1995, Montana's Legislature adopted a parental notification measure. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled the Parental Notice of Abortion Act was constitutional under the United States Constitution.

However, a state district court ruled that law unconstitutional under the equal protection and privacy clauses of the Montana Constitution.

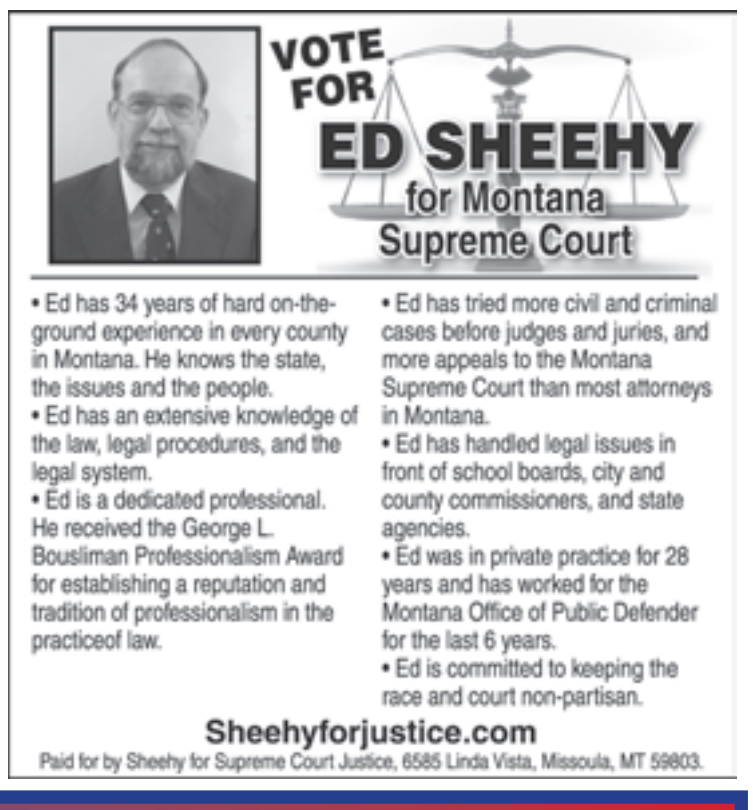
Crowley said LR-120 would raise the same legal concerns as that case. Laszloffy acknowledged that while the PNAA was thrown out as unconstitutional, lowering the age of girls covered by the law helped address the issue.

Gov. Brian Schweitzer decided differently last year when he vetoed the same legislation passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature.

The governor made note of the lower age of affected minors, but declared in his veto letter: "Given the strength of the 1995 … decision rejecting as unconstitutional an almost identical parental notice law, and a subsequent decision of the Montana Supreme Court solidifying Montana's strong privacy provisions not only generally, but specifically in the abortion context …, I have chosen to veto SB 97."

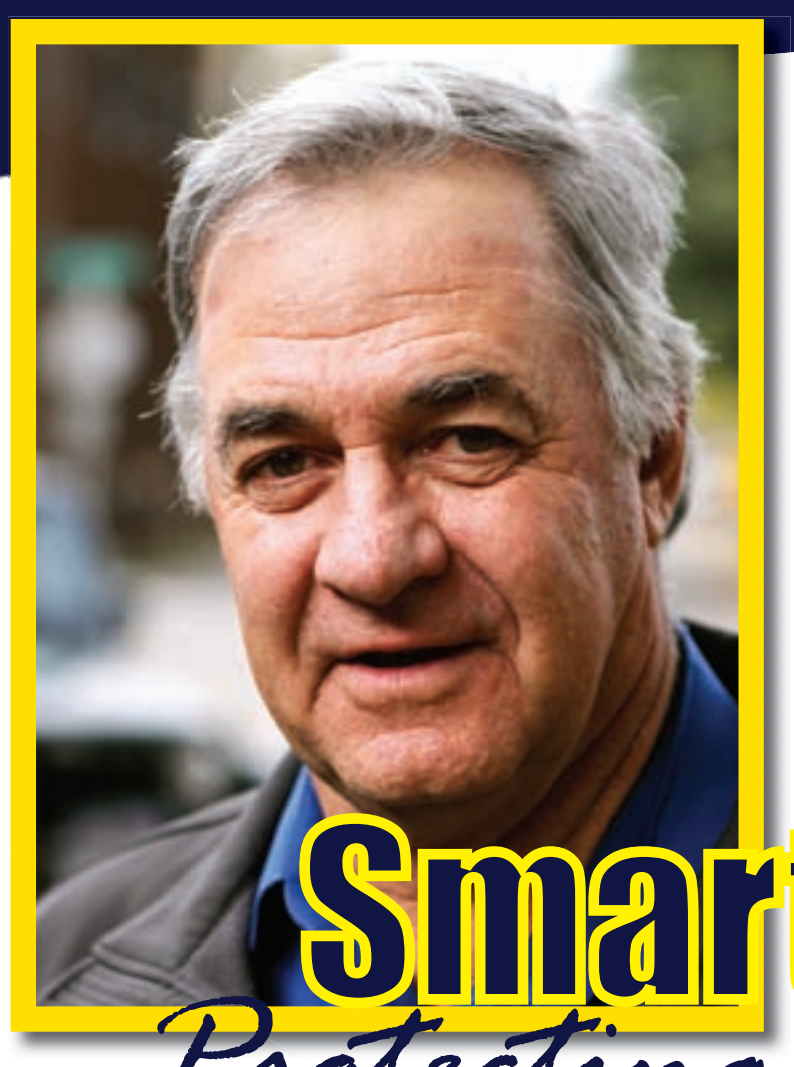
If the voters approve the new notification language, many observers expect an immediate and perhaps protracted legal fight over the issue.





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