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A MONTANAN CIRCLE OF LIFE

Larkspur, cattle and grizzlies in the Gravelly Mountain Range contribute to trail closures

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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The smell of rotting cattle carcasses is attracting grizzly bears in the southern Gravelly Range. The Madison Ranger District announced a temporary closure of two trails Aug. 28 due to the heightened risk of grizzly bear encounters.

Eight cows grazing on public land died after consuming too much larkspur, a native poisonous plant. The Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks estimated that the reeking meat has allured as many as 20 grizzly bears to the area. To minimize risk to recreationists, bird hunters and bow hunters, Forest Service trails 6405 and 6422 and access into the Teepee and Lobo Mesa areas have been temporarily closed.

"For us it's about keeping folks safe and mitigating risks of grizzly bear encounters," Madison District Ranger Dale Olson said. "It's a known thing that cattle carcasses attract bears."

Beef Magazine reported that the annual average of cattle that die because of tall larkspur is about 5 percent. Spikes as high as 15 percent of a ranch's cattle has been known to die of tall larkspur consumption.

Tall larkspur grows

lanky, leafless stems from palmate-leafed patches that huddle close to the ground. Blue-violet flowers, with dashes of white, cluster the tops of the flowering stem in the summer months. The perennial can survive 60 to 70 years and has been a part of Montana's landscape much longer than cattle.

Tall larkspur contains up to 20 different alkaloids, which vary in toxicity. Poisonous content is highest during the early stages of its growth. Toxicity levels can vary from patch to patch, and year to year in a single patch.

According to U.S. Department of Agriculture Poisonous Plant Research, cattle consumption of larkspur usually peaks in late summer, when toxicity levels are declining. As much as 25-30 percent of a cow's diet can be larkspur. Abundant consumption of larkspur within a short amount of time contribute to a fatal outcome.

During and after storms, tall larkspur consumption often increases partly due to cattle preferring to weather storms in moist bottom lands, where larger patches tend to grow. USDA Poisonous Plant Research Laboratory has found that cattle losses are higher during wet years.

Total eradication of tall



Grizzly sow and her cubs. PHOTO BY MIKE COIL.

larkspur is nearly impossible because the underground buds have to be killed or the plant will regrow the next year, according to USDA Poisonous Plant Research Laboratory. They recommend that ranch-

ers reduce the plants density in areas using certain herbicides or grazing sheep ahead of cattle (tall larkspur isn't toxic to sheep).

"It's the first time that I've heard of larkspur being in this

particular area," Olson said.

Olson had been at the Madison Ranger District for a little over five years. Larkspur has killed a few cattle over the years that he's been here but in other allotments of the

Gravelly Range.

Cattle grazing in the southern area of the Gravelly Range have also recently been killed. In the same area where tall larkspur killed nine cows, wolves killed two cows and

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Dirty water update

By KEELY LARSON
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On Aug 23 a new pump and motor was installed in one of the wells in Ennis, according to Kelly Elser, Director of Public Works for the Town of Ennis. The Madisionian published an update about dirty water coming from faucets in town last week. At the time, it was thought to be caused by a main water break. Public Works checked the system and found no break, but believed the installation of the pump stirred up sediment in the water system.

Elser said hydrants were being flushed around town to clear up the sediment. If sediment is still found in faucet water, running the water until the sediment clears is suggested.

DISTRICT COURT ROUNDUP

Madison County District Court sentenced Jared Russle John McCourt to five years to the Montana Department of Corrections Aug. 26. McCourt pleaded guilty to a felony charge of criminal endangerment in May 2014. According to the affidavit, McCourt was in a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old, which constitutes as too young for consent. He was 19 years old at the time. After breaking nearly all the conditions of his parole, the state revoked his probation. He was given 224 days of credit for time served.

Christopher Wayne Ransom pleaded not guilty to 11 charges at the

Madison County District Court Aug. 26. He is charged with a felony, strangulation of his partner, and a misdemeanor, assaulting his partner. The other nine misdemeanors are for violating a no contact order. Each attempt to make contact, directly or indirectly, toward the individual in a no contact order is a separate offense. According to the affidavit, about five hours after the order was in effect, Ransom called the person that he wasn't to have contact with multiple times from a jail phone. Ransom posted the \$8,000 bond. His conditions include not moving from his Harrison residence and not possessing firearms.



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Friday	 <p>Mostly sunny skies. High near 75F. Winds WNW at 5 to 10 mph.</p>
Saturday	 <p>Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. High 79F. Winds W at 5 to 10 mph.</p>
Sunday	 <p>Mostly sunny skies. High 82F. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph.</p>
Monday	 <p>Sunshine. High around 80F. Winds SW at 10 to 15 mph.</p>

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grizzly bears killed another two, according to FWP. The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest encompasses most of the Gravelly Range, which is a popular place to hunt. The increasing grizzly activity in the area coincided with the opening bird-hunting season Sept. 1. Bow-hunting season closely follows, starting Sept. 7. Mountain grouse can be hunted in the rolling subalpine meadows and spotting conifer forests of the Gravelly Range. Hunters and their flushing-dogs work together for the hunt. Healthy elk and deer populations attract bow hunters to the area. Bow hunters usually hunt alone and

stalk their prey, making them a high risk for grizzly bear encounters. But Olson said that he would have closed these accesses, if this had happened in the middle of summer because the carcasses are close to the popular Mesa Trail. "We'll let the bears do their job and disperse again," Olson said. While there is plenty of recreational and hunting grounds that remain open in the area, bears are present throughout the Gravelly Range. "It's bear country," Olson said. "Always be bear aware, carry bear spray and be prepared."



Tall larkspur (wild delphinium) emerge in the summer and can survive 60-70 years. "Delphinium nuttallianum" by Thayne Tuason is licensed under CC BY-NC 2.0. PHOTO FROM MONTANA FIELD GUIDE.

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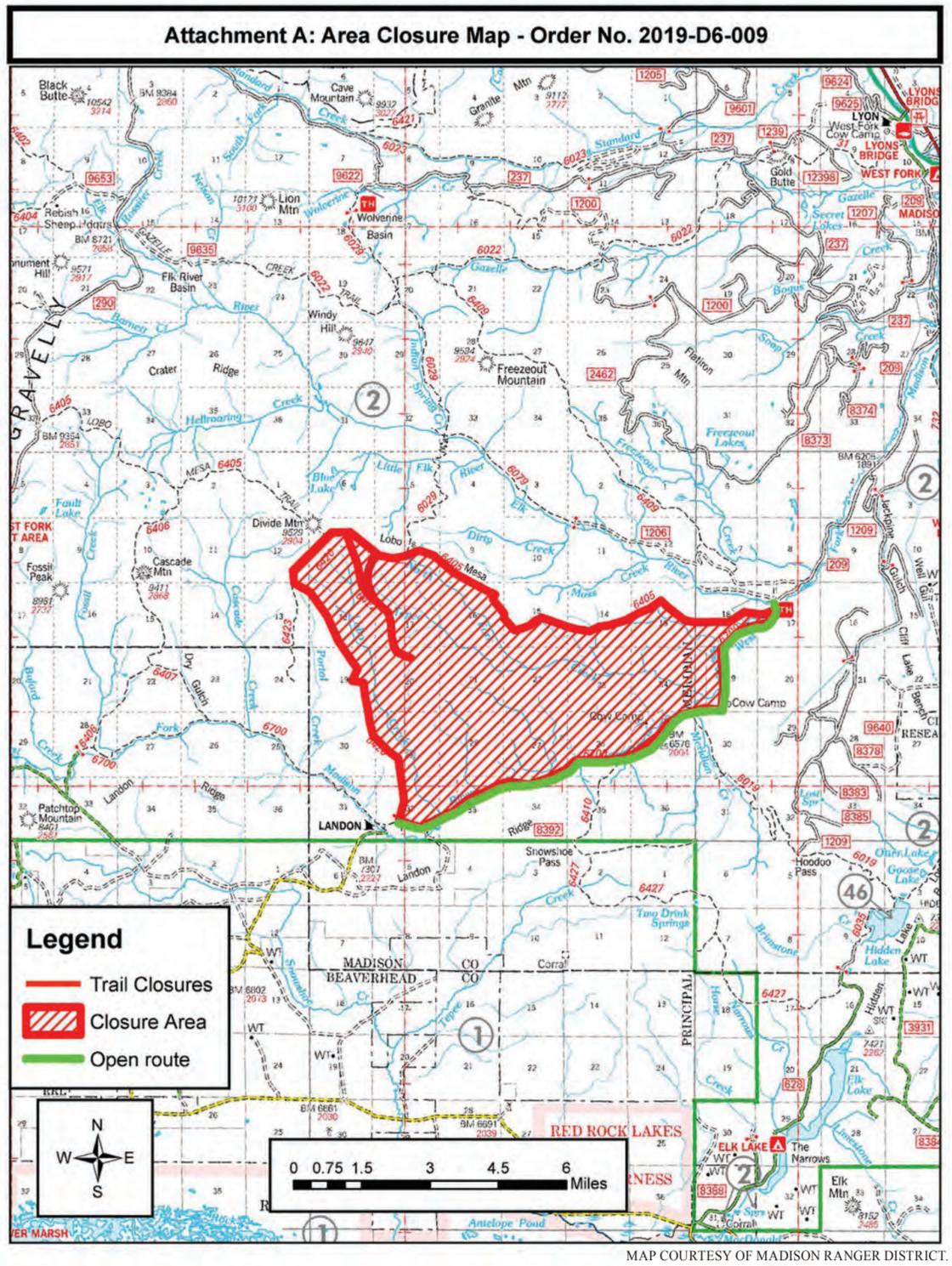
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SPORTS

Lady Mustangs' team comprised of mostly new players

The Mustangs return to the volleyball court after three consecutive years of advancing to the Class C Montana State Championship Tournament.

New players assemble most of the 2019 team. Only two players remain from the 2017 Montana State Champion Mustangs. Robinson, an all-conference player, sets up for her final season as a senior. The setter joins three other returning girls.

The team lost four starters to adulthood last year, leaving the Mustangs with

limited varsity experience on the court. Head Coach Betty Klein returns to her position of 17 years, with one daughter, a former Mustang, playing her freshman year at Montana State University and another daughter, Shelbey Klein, taking up her sister's role in the middle as a sophomore for the Mustangs. Klein said that all the girls are working hard and contributing to the team.

"I am excited to see the growth this team will have this season," Klein said. "We are really starting off as a new squad

and everyone has an important role to fill."

Last year, the Mustangs went 23 - 5. They won every game against their district teams and ranked fourth in the Class C division. Klein said that she wants to see her team serve and pass at a higher percentage than their opponents.

They started the season with a two-day tournament at Choteau Aug. 30 - 31.

Their next game will be at home against the Sheridan Panthers on September 3.

LISA'S BACK

Harrison Wildcats Volleyball team gears up for the 2019 season

Lisa Cooper returns as the Wildcats' Volleyball coach, after a four-year break to support her daughter's college sport career. This will be her 18th year as head coach for the Harrison School team and she is excited to get back into coaching mode.

With a clean slate for the 2019 season, four players return to the team. The team is stacked with athletic hitters.

Eleventh-grader, Aleena Bacon and ninth-grader, Dana Lerum will take the middle, and eleventh-grader, Rosie Chater and tenth-grader Sophie Mitchell will cover the outside.

The team graduated its setters last year. Cooper sees it as one of main obstacles for her team, but the girls are working hard to fill the positions with quality setting skills. There is a lot to be excited about with

this team as well. Cooper said that she hopes to become a better blocking team and wants her team to communicate and build a strong team chemistry - stronger than any other competitor.

The Wildcats start off their season at the Big Sky Invitational Aug. 31.

Their first home game is on Sept. 6 against Granite High School.

NOT SETTLING

A spike in numbers for Sheridan Panthers Volleyball

The Sheridan Panthers had 21 girls wanting to suit up for the 2019 volleyball season, enough to be selective. They formed a varsity, junior varsity and C team.

The spike in numbers this year shows a growing excitement for the game in Sheridan. Six seniors returned to make up the bulk of the starting squad. One of them, an outside hitter who was in last year's all-conference selection, Zoe Lee. The seasoned team will contribute to the Panthers' success on the court.

The girls have a new coach this year, Sara Decker, and are learning new offense and defense plays.

"The girls are learning new

things and have been very receptive and trusting of the coaches," Decker said.

The team cohesiveness is strong with setter-senior, Micara Devereaux, and setter-junior Desaray Tipton, executing an offense with a good understanding of the game. But consistent passing to execute plays are a work in progress, according to Decker. The team is strong with consistent serving, which will be a contributing aspect in games.

"All our hitters are playing the net well and are working well with our setters," Decker said.

Quickness in reading the opponent will elevate this team, when it's accomplished.

There is a mental side to every sport and when tapped into, these Panthers could be a force in the Class C division.

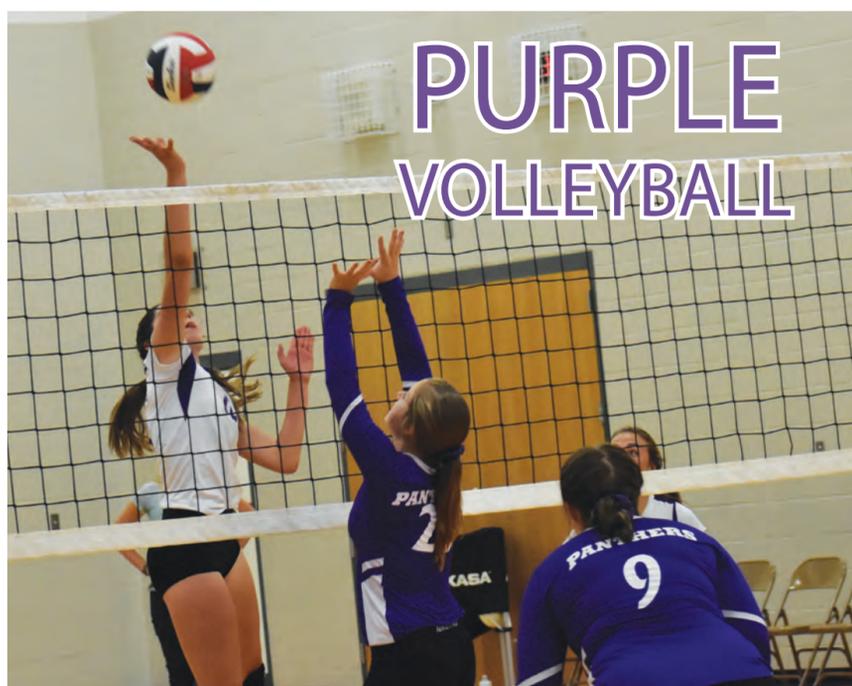
Ennis and Twin Bridges will be the teams to beat this season in Class C's District 12. But Decker wants to see her team finish each game strong, win or lose.

"I want to finish every [game] strong," Decker said. "Not settling."

The Panthers' first match was Aug. 31 at the Lone Peak Tournament.

The Panthers will face their first in-conference challenge Sept. 3, going against Ennis on the Mustangs' home court.

Twin Bridges fans, please check back next week. As of press time we had been able to reach the Falcons volleyball and cross county staff for results.



PURPLE VOLLEYBALL

The Sheridan Lady Panthers battled the Harrison Wildcats at the Battle in Big Sky invitational in a close match on Sat. Aug 31. Digs, spikes, tips and pushes from both sides kept the teams in close contention for the win. Teams played two games to 21 and - until the championship game - the tiebreaker was the team that allowed fewer points.

The tail end of the 2nd game was a close 17-19; a successful block led the Panthers to the win, 21-17.

Lone Peak Big Horns took the Championship with second place going to Fromberg and third to White Sulphur Springs. PHOTO AND WRITE UP BY JANA BOUNDS.

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Sara Elizabeth Hudson
August 19, 1997 to August 19, 2019

loved her as an exceptionally beautiful and sweet soul. She was known for her beauty, shining from the inside out, her confidence, cleverness, charm and loving nature. She was the pride and joy of her family and friends. She will be remembered for her graceful living as a precious person who balanced working hard and having fun.

Sara Hudson was born on August 19, 1997 in Dallas. She graduated from Cushing Academy in Ashburnham and then from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Sara went to work for Schneider Transportation in

Dallas as a Logistics Sales Account Executive. In her short time, she was recognized as an outstanding employee.

Among Sara's many interests and activities, Sara was above all a fly fisherman. Her most cherished memories were the summers she spent in Montana, fishing with her family in the Madison Valley. During her time at the University of Arkansas, she was an active member and club officer of the University's Fly Fishing Club.

She is survived by her parents, Laura Sacco and Andrew Hudson; brother Brandon Sacco; grandmother Eunice Sacco; aunts Eugenia Hudson

King and Angela Aragon; uncles Frank-Paul King, Chris Hudson, Anthony, Philip, and John Sacco; her cousins Jonathan and Christian King, Claire Hudson, Philip Sacco, Claudia Aragon, Giovanna and Gian Carlo Sacco; and her loving Lab-Whippet mix, Beaux. She was preceded in death by her grandparents Betty Hudson, Bill Hudson, and Ben Sacco.

Services were held on August 26, 2019 at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Dallas, Texas. Memorials may be made to the Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. at projecthealingwaters.org



John Underwood, Olympic coach and trainer, coming to Madison County Sept. 9

Submitted by
CINDY ADAMS
Madison County
Prevention Specialist

A former NCAA All-American distance runner who has conducted the only physiological case study of the effect of alcohol on elite athletic performance is coming to Madison County. John Underwood has worked with nearly all sport federations and is a human performance consultant for the U.S. Navy Seals. His organization, the American Athletic Institute has forged a reputation as the experts in the field of athletics and social drug use.

John's Madison County presentation is on Sept. 9. He will be presenting to Ennis and Harrison Schools in the morning in Ennis, and Sheridan and Twin Bridges in the afternoon in Sheridan. His "Life of an Athlete Presenta-

tion" informs students on how to obtain peak performance. He will educate competitors about lifestyle, training methods, nutrition and sleep for optimal performance. He will also discuss the negative lifestyle issues that reduce performance capacities. The presentation is sponsored by Southwest Montana Prevention.

In the 2018 Madison County Prevention Needs Assessment Survey, 28% of Montana 8th, 10th and 12th graders report drinking in the past 30 days. That same survey shows 17.8% have smoked marijuana in the past 30 days.

Anyone involved in competitive activities - sports, music/arts, speech/debate, rodeo, etc., will want to attend this session. John will discuss how one night of partying will erase two weeks of training and that athletes who drink regularly are twice as likely

to be injured.

John's dynamic presentation will be Monday, Sept. 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ennis High School Gym and 1:30 p.m. at the Sheridan High School Auditorium. Parents, Homeschoolers and Community are invited.

About John Underwood

A former NCAA All-American, International-level distance runner and World Masters Champion, John has coached or advised more than two dozen Olympians including World and Olympic Champions. He holds three International Olympic Solidarity diplomas for coaching and has been a crusader for drug-free sport at all levels. John's innovative program "PURE PERFORMANCE", has gained international prominence. He is the Chemical Health Consultant for the New York Public High

School Athletic Association drug prevention program. He has conducted the only physiological case study of the residual effect of alcohol on elite athletic performance. John recently spoke at the Department of Justice's National Leadership Conference. He has appeared as a guest commentator for ABC Wide World of Sports for Olympic Drug Scandals.

Underwood has conducted nearly 14,000 physiological tests over the past 20 years on elite athletes.

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There was a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new PreK named Little Bridges on Wednesday, Aug. 28, at 9am at the Twin Bridges school. Max Baucus along with the school board were there to acknowledge the generous donors, Tony and Amie James, and what this new program means for the students of Twin Bridges schools.

SPORTS

Madison County cross country season

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Sheridan

Myrna Deavel brings three years head coaching and State experience to her runners on the Sheridan Panthers' cross country team this season. Returnees include Luke Dvorak, who placed 4th at state last year, and Simah Anson back

for round two, who also ran at state last year. The Panthers will have a small but strong team qualifying for State.

Dvorak is setting sights at the Top 5 again this season, and Anson looking to set a new personal best.

"Sheridan High is off to a great season," Coach Myrna Deavel said after Friday's meet. Varsity runner Luke

Dvorak took first with a time of 18:28 and Simah Anson ran a time of 28:18, placing 14th.

Ennis

"We have some great return runners and some really big goals," Melinda Legg, Ennis cross country coach, said. Maida Knapton and Wyatt Fredson are the team's senior leaders. Knapton placed 12th at

state last year and is shooting for top 10 this season. Fredson is ready to run much faster than before, after being sworn into the Marines last week.

Twin Bridges

Stacey Dale is head coach for Twin Bridge's cross country team. Twin Bridges ran in Livingston and Jefferson last weekend.

SPORTS

New season of quality leaders

The Twin Bridges Falcons football kick off

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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The Falcons were on a winning streak when they went head-to-head with the Ennis Mustangs in their final 2018 regular-season game. Ennis slid into the Class C eight-man football playoffs, beating Twin Bridges 22-20.

Last year's important game remains fresh in the memory of 14 returning Falcons, but they'll take it one week at a time. The team started building on this season during the summer. They've been working hard on the field, in the weight room and in film review. The Falcons are incorporating many resources of the game to better their performance.

Experienced varsity players and younger additions will play a vital role in the Falcons' success. The four senior captains will carry the team with good work ethic on the field and in the classroom. Head Coach, Brett Nordahl, likes that they set a good example for the younger student-athletes.

Falcons' running back and outside linebacker, Trystan Harmon, returns to the field after tearing his ACL during the second game in 2018. Harmon brings good speed and

hands in the backfield to the team and is one of the senior captains.

"We are excited to have Trystan back on the field and look forward to big things from him this season," Nordahl said.

Through positive reinforcement, another senior captain and the quarterback, Bryce Nye, leads the players to perform their best in everything. His little brother, Connor Nye, joins the team as a freshman, one of the younger additions.

Wide receiver, defensive back and all other offense positions, Jack Hughes', leadership style as a senior captain is lead-by-example. His fluidity on the Falcons' offense and incredible football IQ contributes to his play-maker status.

Hughes is a threat to any defense that he goes against - maybe, it's because he has fellow all-conference defensive beast Nate Konen to practice against. Konen had over 150 tackles in each of the last two seasons. The hard-working linebacker and tight end is also, a senior captain.

"He is the man on our defense," Nordahl said.

A lot of new faces join the team and are shuffling through positions to find their sweet spots. Nordahl said it could take some time to get it

right. But time is a valuable resource in Class C eight-man football, with eight games concluding a season. Last year, the Falcons came out of the season 4 - 4 and they want to improve their winning record.

"We would like to score more points than all of our opponents," Nordahl said. "Outscoring your opponent is a good recipe for success."

Twin Bridges kicked off their football season with a non-conference, home game against Great Falls Central/Montana School for the Deaf & Blind Aug. 30. The Falcons lost 28-14.

Their next game is Sept. 13 against Absarokee. The conference game will be on Huskies turf.



Above: Twin Bridges' coaches look on as the Falcons' begin their conditioning portion of practice Aug. 16.
EVAN REIER, 406mtsports.com



Left: Twin Bridges' head football coach Brett Nordahl gives instruction to a player during an Aug. 24, 2018 game against Great Falls Central.
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Two Senior Panthers lead a young team

The Sheridan Panthers Football's Class C six-man season begins



The seniors of the Sheridan Panthers' football team, defensive back Cade McParland and wide receiver Jason Chisholm, at the last practice Aug. 29 before the first game.

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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It was the last practice before the Sheridan Panthers' first game against Shields Valley and there wasn't a hint of tension to be found. Drills overlapped an ongoing game of slapping a football from a player's hold and chucking it by any means possible, so they have to run it down.

"It teaches us to be ready and tucked in," senior running-back Cade McParland said. "And discipline."

Clay Pierson, Sheridan Panthers' head football coach, lightly punted McParland's football off the side of the field, both laughing - one, for having seized the opportunity and the other, for having been caught off guard.

The Sheridan Panthers come to the Class C six-man football season as a young team, with only four upper-classmen. This team will grow with its two seniors, wide receiver, Jason Chisholm, and McParland, whom are excited to finally be leading a team.

"I've been waiting since sixth grade," McParland said. Chisholm and McParland relate in how they help other players. They both have a subtle approach, letting players figure some things out on their own rather than telling them what to do.

"Just help steer them in the right direction," Chisholm said.

Pierson foresees the two, whom are cousins, as being significant contributors this

season. Chisholm is a big part of the Panther's offense and does a good job stretching the field vertically. McParland is working hard in practices.

"He is one of the guys that if we get the ball to him he is a threat to score," Pierson said.

The Panthers are excited for the 2019 football season and want to get points on the score board. Pierson takes the lead as Sheridan's head football coach for the first year with Mike Wetherbee opting to be the assistant coach.

The Panthers first game of the season was a tough one. Shields Valley won the non-conference game 58 - 8.

The Sheridan Panthers have the home-team advantage for their next game against the Lincoln Lynx Sept. 5.

MORE SPORTS continued on A6

			
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SPORTS continued FROM A5

Ennis Mustangs ready to take on the season



Ennis head football coach Chris Hess speaks with his players before the start of the 2018 season opener against Choteau at Naranche Stadium in Butte. CHANCE Q. COOK, 406MTSPORTS.COM



One of the seven seniors on the Ennis roster, lineman Talon Fortner will look to have a big impact on the Mustangs in 2019. JORDAN HANSEN, 406MTSPORTS.COM



Ennis'ayne Sanborn breaks up a pass intended for Choteau's Kyler Crabtree during a game in Butte last season. CHANCE Q. COOK 406MTSPORTS.COM

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Photos and story by
THOMAS J. ELPEL

The Homestead Act of 1862 and various amendments allowed settlers to claim tracts of land and prove ownership by building a house and working the land. Settlers cherry-picked the most promising arable lands available. My grandfather August Elpel claimed land for the family homestead near Glendive, Montana in 1907. Theodore Roosevelt previously set aside forested parcels as Forest Reserves, leading to creation of the U.S. Forest Service. Unclaimed lands were overseen by the General Land Office, which became the Bureau of Land Management in 1946.

The net result of the homestead movement was a Swiss cheese mix of private and public lands, typically shown on maps as white for private land, pock-marked with blocks of yellow for public land, often without any physical public access.

The opposite is true along 300 miles of river and lake, paddling

from Fort Benton to Fort Peck, what William Clark described as the “Deserts of America.” Here the maps are almost entirely yellow for BLM land, pock-marked with private inholdings where homesteaders claimed muddy creek bottoms between barren badlands.

It is here that the nonprofit American Prairie Reserve has been buying private parcels with leases on adjacent public lands towards the goal of stitching together a 3 million-acre shortgrass prairie for a free-roaming bison herd. APR lands are open to public camping and hiking. We previously camped on APR land back at Cow Creek along the wild and scenic river.

Seeing that APR’s Buffalo Camp was within a few miles of Fort Peck Lake, I thought it might be the best opportunity during our 2,000-mile adventure to see actual bison as part of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

I was also aware of rancher resentment about APR and the

many roadside signs in prairie country stating, “Save a Cowboy, Stop American Prairie Reserve.” I was curious to see APR for myself and get the inside scoop.

We took a layover day back at Fourchette Creek Recreation Area to hike in, if necessary, to locate bison. Fortunately, we connected with Hila Shamoon of the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute, who is investigating how pasture size affects bison movement and behavior at APR. Hila graciously gave us a ride to the Enrico Education & Science Center. On the ride we saw a dozen big bison bulls grazing on BLM land. Hila explained that bulls separate from the herd in summer and often hang out together.

To fifth generation ranchers, bringing bison back is an identity-level threat to an honorable way of life pioneered by their great-great grandparents. Rural towns have been shrinking for decades as young people move away in search of better opportunities. I’ve seen it in my own

community where the K-12 school shrank from 125 students to 75 over twenty years. Revitalizing and repopulating our rural communities is one of the most neglected policy issues in Montana and beyond.

APR is perceived as exacerbating the problem by buying out family farms to raise bison. I peppered APR field staff with dozens of questions, including the “Save a Cowboy” signs. They largely shrugged it off as “part of the job,” noting the need for improved communication and outreach.

The organization has already formed partnerships with some local ranchers, leasing APR land for cattle grazing and marketing “Wild Sky” grass-fed beef (www.wildskybeef.org) with profits benefiting local ranchers and the prairie project.

Our arrival coincided with the end of an independently organized youth conservation camp at the education center. We received royal and unexpected treatment, including showers

(our second since this journey began) and a hearty breakfast of biscuits and gravy and scrambled eggs. We watched an herbal medicine slideshow with the youth program, then checked email while they made soothing salves for insect bites.

As a botanist, I had fun geeking out about plants with Kimberly and Catherine from the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center who were doing baseline studies about prairie pasture species. I introduced my botany card game, and played Memory, Slap Flower, Crazy Flowers, and Shanley’s Harvest, based on the story in my children’s book, Shanley’s Quest.

The crew graciously gave us a ride back to camp, sending us with leftover goodies from the youth camp, plus ice for the cooler and enough water to continue our journey across the lake.

While APR is the obvious target of the “Save a Cowboy” signs, I wondered if the impact was felt more by fellow ranchers who

might be stigmatized for working with APR. For these families, there isn’t a sixth generation that wants to stay and work the land, and selling out is not a question of “if” but “when.” Selling to APR is their best bet to obtain the retirement they’ve earned.

As for the bison, they were an integral part of the Lewis and Clark journey, repeatedly referred to in the journals. With world wildlife populations crashing, such that people and livestock make up 96% of all mammalian life, it doesn’t seem unreasonable to give bison a narrow strip of land that Clark deemed unfit for settlement.

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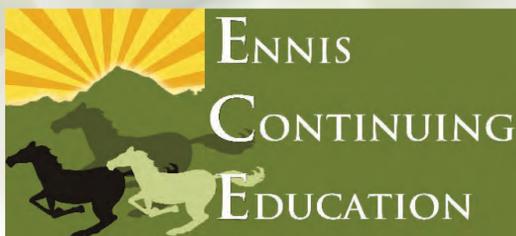
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Janet Doornbos

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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Janet Doornbos lives on her Sauerbier Ranch in Alder, which her grandfather homesteaded in the early 1900s. She's a third generation Montanan, raised a few fourth generation Montanans and is a grandmother to two, fifth generation children.

Out of all her community service, Doornbos gets the most enjoyment serving on the Madison County Library board. She has been on the board for nine years. Doornbos was the chair of the board during the construction and completion of the library's new addition, which added a temperature-controlled archive room, a community room and the ability to house more books. Next year, her second and last term will end.

"We're able to offer so many more opportunities," Doornbos said. "Not just to the children but to the adults too."

She sits on the Madison County Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Board. They make sure their programs have everything that is needed and distribute funds appropriately. The relatively young committee,

which started six to seven years ago, has been a part of developing new senior centers in Ennis, Twin Bridges, Sheridan and Pony. The committee also provides meals for senior citizens at the Virginia City Café on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Turner Initiative has a program in Alder and Sheridan called the Alder Community Team. Doornbos has been a part of it since it was established about 15 years ago. The program helps fund youth activities for schools and is in seven counties in Montana, according to Doornbos. The Turner Initiative helps fund youth programs where Ted Turner owns property. Through it, the Alder Community Team helped fund the Alder School Library Science Program, Rural Friday Programs and the Close-Up Program, which send upper level high school students to Washington D.C.

"It just helps the programs not have to fundraise at all, or less," Doornbos said.

She sits on the Sheridan and Alder Park District, where they're helping to support the Sheridan swimming pool and pickle ball courts. Doornbos is active in the St. Paul Episcopal Church in Virginia City, serving as the Senior Warden of the church.

"It's a commitment to you community that's provided for you," Doornbos said. "Let's give back."



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Ringed in BIRD HUNTING SEASON

FWP biologists look to bird hunters for collecting wings of particular hunted-harvested birds

BY HANNAH KEARSE
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Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks biologists are calling for bird hunters in the area to help with research. Throughout fall, biologists are collecting wings from hunter-harvested sage-grouse, mountain-grouse and Hungarian grouse in the southern regions of western Montana.

Areas in the southern portion of FWP's region three, where collections are focused, include Jefferson, Beaverhead, Gallatin, Madison and Silver Bow and counties.

Upland birds like, grouse, sharp-tail, partridge, turkey, mourning dove and common snipe, come into hunting season Sept. 1. Hunters are asked to provide one wing from each harvested bird, if they come across a wing collection barrel. Biologists will identify the species and age of the birds from these samples. This helps monitor juvenile recruitment among upland game bird populations, according to FWP.

This annual collection of grouse spans the entire month of September, during the most intense harvest period. From the molting patterns on the wings, biologists can tell the age of a bird and compare the

juvenile population with the adult population. This gives FWP an idea of grouse production for the year.

"It's a small sample but it gives us some perspective," Butte FWP Wildlife Biologist Vanna Boccadori said.

Wing collection barrels are stationed throughout the region and can also be turned into area wildlife biologists or game wardens. The barrels will be placed in the following locations during the sage-grouse hunting season:

- Hook and Horn Mercantile, Wisdom
- Sportsmen's Campground along the Big Hole River, Montana Highway 43
- Blue Moon Saloon, Divide
- Mill Creek Highway at the check station site, three miles southeast of Anaconda
- FWP's office in Dillon
- The intersection of Big Sheep and Muddy Creek roads
- The intersection of Medicine Lodge and Horse Prairie Creek roads
- Snowline Block Management Area's sign-in box
- The intersection of the Ruby River and Sweetwater roads
- The Upper Sweetwater Basin Block Management

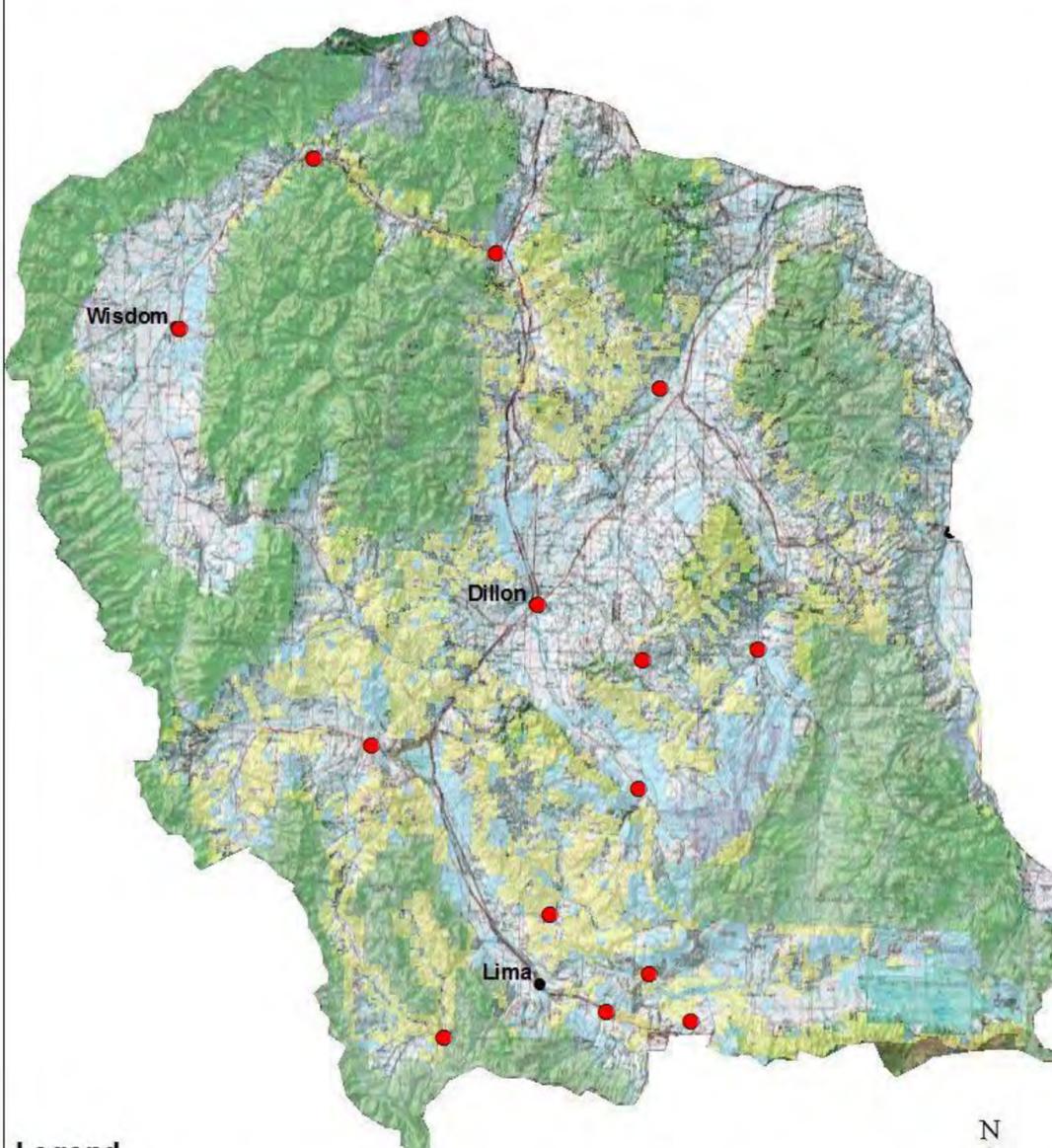
Area sign-in box

- The intersection of Blacktail Deer Creek and Rock Creek roads
- Lima Reservoir Dam
- The east side of Monida Hill along the South Centennial Road
- Near the mouth of Sage Creek
- Along the High Road west of Twin Bridges



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Southwest Montana Upland Game Bird Wing Collection Area



IMPORTANT DATES FOR HUNTERS

FALL IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER AND AS WE ALL GEAR UP FOR HUNTING SEASON WE WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE OF IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP. ALSO, DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE HUNT PLANNER ONLINE. YOU CAN BEGIN PLANNING YOUR HUNT USING EITHER A REGIONAL MAP BY SPECIES OR GO RIGHT TO THE HUNTING DISTRICT INFORMATION YOU ARE INTERESTED IN.

SEPT. 1 - Turkey and Upland Game Bird (excluding Pheasants) Season Opens, Special Permit Sandhill Crane Opening
Sept. 7 - Archery Antelope, Archery Bighorn Sheep, Deer and Elk Archery, Mountain Lion Archery without Hounds Opening, Archery Black Bear, Wolf Archery Opening

SEPT. 15 - Fall Black Bear, General Big Horn Sheep, Backcountry Deer & Elk (HD'S 150, 151, 280, 316), Mountain Goat, Moose Opening, General Wolf Opening

SEPT. 18 - Falconry Central Flyaway-Zone 1 and 2 Opening
Sept. 21 - Upland Ft Waterfowl Youth Weekend

SEPT. 28 - Duck and Coot Zone 1 and 2 Central Flyaway, Duck and Coot and Falconry and Scaup Pacific Flyaway, OTC Sandhill, Tundra Swan Permit, Crane Opening

SEPT. 30 - Last day to purchase bonus point

OCT. 12 - Antelope General Opening, Pheasant Opening

OCT. 17 - Two-Day Youth Deer Hunt

NOV. 15 - Bison Opening

OCT. 26 - Mountain Lion (FM) without Hound Opening



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Summer Wildlife Speaker Series: Mountain Lions
Wildlife Biologists, Toni Ruth of Salmon Valley Stewardship and Ben Jimenez of MT FWP will present on Mountain Lion. For more information and driving directions, please visit www.wcsmontana.org/calendar or contact Liz Shull 406-682-3437."

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 & 19

6 p.m.

Gospel Music Workshop
Come to the Christ Episcopal Church in Sheridan for gospel music workshop with gospel legend, Johnny Thompson. There is a prize available of \$500 Dudlik College Scholarship.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

10 a.m.

Ennis Senior Center Mahjong Tournament
Fun Mahjong Tournament & lunch. Proceeds 50-50 Winner & Ennis Senior Center. Additional Prizes. Call or stop by Senior Center to obtain additional information and register.

4 p.m.

Save Our Buildings
Dinner and auction to support the Virginia City Fire Department. Opens at 4 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Virginia City. Dinner at 6 p.m. Live and silent auctions. Music by Tom Susanj. Fun for everyone!

6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Jam Session Meet & Greet
At the Silver Star Ranch

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 & 14

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Pony Farmers Market
Ponyland Farm is hosting the Pony Farmer's Market featuring high quality produce and beef, arts and crafts, music and more. For more information visit ponylandfarm.com/farmersmarket/

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10 a.m. – noon

9/11 Memorial Service & Soul Food Sunday
At the Episcopal Church in Sheridan.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

3:45 p.m.

Handbell Choir
Ennis Civic Handbell Choir is seeking members. All ages from teens to senior citizens, male and female, trained musicians and not are welcome. Rehearsal are Mondays from 3:45-4:45. Call Jan Thomas if interested: 702-525-1454

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:30 a.m.

"Life of an Athlete" John Underwood Presentation
John's dynamic presentation "Life of an Athlete" will be at the Ennis High School gym. He will educate competitors about lifestyle, training methods, nutrition, sleep for optimal performance. Community invited.

1:30 p.m.

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4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Bear Aware Virginia City
Come down for an evening of bear and wildlife awareness. Community Center in Virginia City.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

5:30 p.m.

Meet & Greet for John Mues for U.S. Senate
John Mues is running for U.S. Senate. Join us at Bob's Place in Virginia City to both hear about his background and ideas, and to ask questions of him as well. Please RSVP through the Events page of @MuesforMontana on Facebook or by emailing rsvp@muesformontana.com.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Madison County Cares Cancer Support Awareness
Join us for an evening of celebration, remembrance and Support at the Lions' Club Park in Ennis. Proceeds go to Relay For Life, Cancer Support Community, Madison Valley Hospital Cancer Program, Austen Everett Foundation and Kids & Soccer.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

5 p.m.

Empty Bowls Fundraiser
Ennis Montana's 2nd Empty Bowl event at the Ennis Senior Center. Purchase a handcrafted bowl you get to keep to help feed the hungry. All proceeds are donated to the Ennis Senior Center & Meals on Wheels.

6 p.m.

Dinner and Barn Dance at the Elling House
The Elling House in Virginia City is sponsoring a Dinner and Barn Raising. See Ellinghouse.org for details or call Toni James at 406-843-5454

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10 a.m. – noon

Special Gospel Service
At the Christ Episcopal Church in Sheridan.

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

All Faiths Gospel Concert
At the Bethel Methodist Church in Sheridan.

3 p.m.

Dudlik Scholarship Winner
At the Bethel Methodist Church in Sheridan.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Southwest Montana: Building for Wildfire Summit
Come learn from nationally renown wildfire building experts at Buck's T-4 Lodge in Big Sky, MT. For more information, visit www.planningforwildfire.org/ registration or contact Dustin Tetrault at 406-995-2100.

MONDAYS

6:30 p.m.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday Adult Pickleball
All adults are welcomed to play pickleball at the Sheridan Ball Fields at AR 72150.

2:30 p.m.

Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, Virginia City
Meeting the first Monday of each month from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at Thompson-Hickman Library.

10:30 a.m.

Ennis Arts Association, Ennis
Meet on the second Monday of every month. ennisartsassociation.org

TUESDAYS

9:30 a.m.

Commissioner's Meeting, Virginia City
Madison Co. Commissioners meet every Tuesday in the Annex Building.

10:30 a.m.

Children's Story & Craft Time, Virginia City
Every Tuesday at the Thompson Hickman Library.
11 a.m. Second Tuesday of Every Month, Cardiac Support Group
Heart to Heart meets at the Ennis Public Library.

6 p.m.

First and Third Tuesday of Every Month Dementia Care Giver Support Group
Join us at the Tobacco Root Care Center Conference Room. The third Tuesday is a training session. Call Gale at 406.842.5600 or Karen at 406.842.7164

7 p.m.

Movie Night, Virginia City
Movie Night at the Thompson-Hickman Madison County Library Every other Tuesday night.

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

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Info @ 685-3481

Support group, Ennis

Ennis family and friends support group for those struggling with addiction. 5 p.m. 100 Prairie Way, 599-3659.

WEDNESDAYS

8:30 a.m.

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

9 a.m.

Tennis, Ennis
9 a.m. til 1 p.m., come play tennis at the Madison Meadows Golf Course. All levels welcome.

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9:30 a.m.

Yoga with Emily
Join us for yoga with Emily at the Thompson- Hickman Madison County Library community room.
Books and Babies, Ennis
Madison Valley Public Library, 10:30 a.m. 682-7244

11 a.m.

Baby Bistro, Ennis
First and third Wednesday of the month at the Madison Valley Public Library

THURSDAYS

9 a.m.

MV Woman's Club FIRST THURS OF EA. MONTH
September through May at noon at the Madison Valley Baptist Church.

1 p.m.

MV Manor Auxiliary Meeting, Ennis
SECOND THURS OF EA. MONTH
Madison Valley Manor Sun Room

FRIDAYS

9 a.m.

Tennis, Ennis
9 a.m. til 1 p.m., come play tennis at the Madison Meadows Golf Course. All levels welcome.

11 a.m.

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

5:30 p.m.

Live Music, Ennis
Willie's Distillery hosts live music in the tasting room.

SATURDAYS

10 a.m. - noon

Jeffers Garden Market Every Saturday
Join us at the Jeffers Community Garden next to the Trinity Episcopal Church.
9 a.m. - noon Every Saturday, May through September
Twin Bridges Farmers Market We invite everyone who makes it, bakes it, sells it & grows it to join us every Saturday at Main Street City Park (weather permitted).

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

7 p.m.

Live Music - Norris

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2 p.m.

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A community of care

By JUDY WEITZEL, PMHNP-BC and DEBRA MCNEILL

For many of us, Montana is a magical place filled with natural beauty, enchanting wildlife and caring communities. With all the charm of our idyllic environment, we may not be aware of the ominous undercurrent of emotional suffering afflicting a casual acquaintance, close friend or even our children. Montana's high suicide rate may be just another impersonal national statistic to many; but for some of our neighbors, it is a reflection of the darkness of depression that is endured every day.

Suicide is a consequence

of intolerable emotional pain. Many suicide attempts are impulsive acts and half of all suicide deaths are caused by firearms. Severe emotional pain can cause debilitating conditions such as distorted thought processes and tunnel vision which impairs problem solving and clear thinking. Depression and emotional pain also can result in extreme exhaustion which diminishes the ability to seek help. A person suffering from depression just doesn't have enough energy to reach out, even if they have the motivation.

Since 2007, suicide rates in Montana have been climbing at a significantly higher rate than in the previous 40 years. Even more tragic is the increase in youth sui-

cide rates. Nearly one in seven junior high students in Montana reported attempting suicide in the last twelve months. Students who attempted suicide often have other life problems such as bullying, drinking, drug abuse and abusive home environments. Depression is one of the most treatable of all psychiatric disorders for young people. A combination of antidepressants and therapy has been shown to have an 86% success rate.

If you suspect that a friend or family member may be suffering emotional pain, the first step is recognizing that the problem exists. Warning signs are given by 70-80% of people who die by suicide. Some of the primary warning signs are purpose-

lessness, alcoholism, anxiety, hopelessness, withdrawal, anger, recklessness and mood changes. The most obvious warning sign is expressions of self-harm or seeking methods of self-harm. Social factors that are highly correlated with suicide are social isolation, social disorganization, downward social mobility and rural residency.¹

Talking with your friend or family member about their feelings in a warm, accepting, non-judgmental atmosphere might be the best way to help them. "Suicide" is not a taboo word and asking about it might just prevent it. Asking someone whether they are having suicidal thoughts is a good way to directly approach the issue.

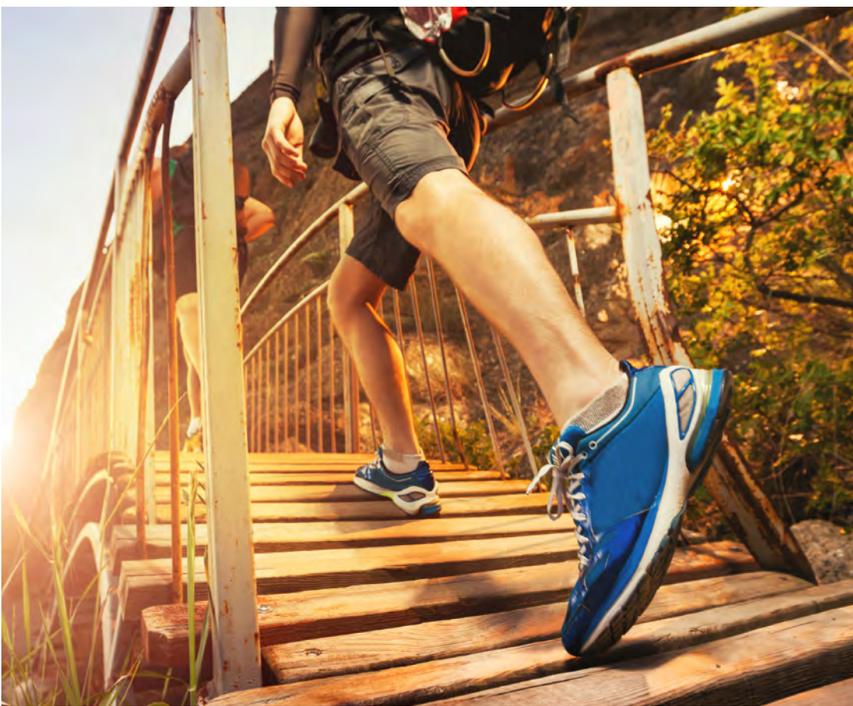
How you can help -

- Offer help in finding mental health resources
- Urge the person to visit a mental health professional
- Propose accompanying the person to their appointment
- Listen and follow-up

Suicide can be prevented! Helping create a break in a person's emotional pain can give them the opportunity for empowerment and resilience. Interrupting the emotional pain, even temporarily, can provide an opening to explore problem solving and life changes. When someone is contemplating suicide, realizing that they are not alone, that there are people who care and will help, can generate personal strength and hope.

Professional help is essential in treating depression.

The Madison County Mental Health Advisory Council has compiled a list of mental health and substance abuse treatment resources available in Southwest Montana. A link to the list can be found on the bottom of the webpages at www.RVMC.org and on the Madison County Public Health webpage under "Mental Health Resources". You'll find contact information for mental health professionals in the Ruby Valley, Ennis, Dillon, Butte and Bozeman. Care is also available at the Ruby Valley Clinic in Sheridan. Appointments are readily available. Medication can be prescribed, if necessary. Come in to talk. Your community cares about you. People change their lives every day. There is always hope.



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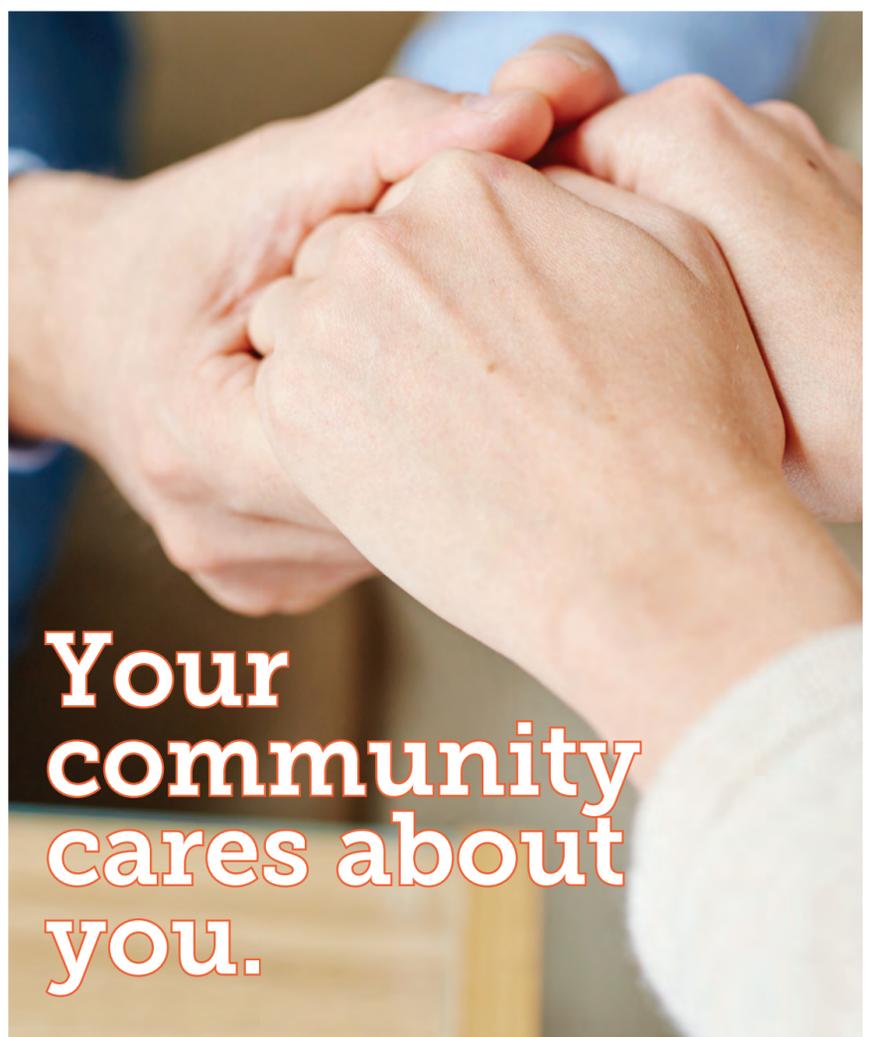
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This, Our Valley



I've been spending the past couple of weeks cutting down a birch tree out back in the corner of our yard. It stands about twenty five feet tall, I would guess, and is mostly dead. At least it looks sick to my eye and seems to be negatively impacting another birch that stands next to it. My guess is the people who planted them so many years ago thought they each had plenty of room to branch out, but it was not to be.

I don't like cutting down trees, to be honest. I like plants, and I like nature (as long as it stays outside – nature I mean. I like nature to stay outside; it's too dirty to let into the house). In any case, I like to let nature take

its course and fill in blank spaces the way God intended. However, this birch drops branches every time there is any breeze, so we've got to go out daily and police the grounds. So it seemed the time had come to cut down this tree to make more room for its neighbor to spread its wings.

The job has been pretty easy. One benefit of being retired is I'm in no hurry; as we pay for weekly green-waste bin disposal anyway, I've been able to de-limb the tree week by week, working my way up until now I have mostly the main trunk and a few outriggers left to tend to. As I stand back and look, I have a good sense of what needs to be done.

Interestingly, when I get

up into the tree (or alongside it on a ladder) I find myself overcome by a sudden case of vertigo, and the task looks more overwhelming than what I can handle. From afar, I am the Little Train that Could. Up close, I find myself just a bit punier than what I'd like to admit to anyone.

And so the tree and I find ourselves in a bit of a standoff. While I like to think of myself as a mostly competent human being, I also know I have what it takes to win the Darwin Award every time I tackle a job for which I am not equipped physically, psychologically, or intellectually. I would love to think I can outwit an inanimate object, but experience suggests otherwise.

STUMPED

“Daydreaming gently of brisk autumn days, of fire colored leaves and fading sun rays.”
A.R. (October, Come Soon)

Every time I take a shower, I find cuts and bruises about which I have no recollection of acquiring. It is like the world is assailing me from every quarter, and all I've got to show for it are dime and penny sized gashes. It seems my skin is getting thinner, while what it contains isn't. How ironic!

I know the best way to tackle what remains of my recalcitrant birch tree is to simply fell it so I can finish hacking it down to size with my trusty little electric chainsaw (which is, more honestly, a butter-knife with a cord).

The trick is getting it to land where I want it to, as it stands alongside the new fence our neighbor put up, as well as some yard decorations that

are immobile, but fragile. I need to think it through before taking that next step.

That is something else I have learned to do in retirement. I've learned to take time to think. I know I am capable of over-thinking things, for that's what I do. Sometimes it leads to the paralysis of analysis, but in reality it saves time in the long run, and that's what counts.

I can remember being asked by my grandmother to run around the corner from her house to pick up a loaf of bread or quart of milk (back in the days when there were corner groceries owned by locals). I bolted out the door on a mission and was halfway there before realizing I hadn't

waited for my grandmother to give me any money.

My grandmother had an adage for everything. Her response? “Haste makes waste.” She never chastised me or scolded me. Patiently, she would allow me to live and learn, make mistakes and fix them.

I'll go out on a limb today and suggest that's good advice for all of us here in this, our valley.

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

COMMODITY INSITE: Window Blinds and DT Tweets

BY JERRY WELCH

In April 2007, Rich Allen, a 42 year employee of the USDA composed a publication entitled, Safeguarding America's Agriculture Statistics, A Century of Successful and Secure Procedures, 1905-2005. His publication was, “dedicated to the thousands of employees of the United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service—and its predecessor organizations—who in the past 100 years have built the premiere statistical confidentiality procedures in the world.”

According to Mr. Allen, the event that changed statistical reporting was the, “Data Leak of 1905.” Apparently, in 1904 there were rumors about insider trading which was illegal then as it is now. It was later reported that one of three Bureau of Statistics people, E.S. Holmes Jr. had a partner, Louis Van Riper, a New York cotton trader. Mr. Holmes would meet with Mr. Van Riper and tell him about the upcoming cotton data. Van Riper would quickly take a position in the cotton market that would be most profitable based on the inside information.

However, the Bureau Chief did not think insider trading was possible. In an effort to maintain

the integrity of the system he ordered the three members including Holmes not to leave the office until the report was released to the public. But that did not deter Holmes or Van Riper. They had a plan that involved a signal.

They used a particular window blind to indicate the estimated cotton acres nationally. Holmes raised the window blind to the middle of the window if the data was close to their own estimate. If the total acres were higher or lower, Holmes adjusted the blind based on a pre-determined scale they contrived.

Mr. Allen wrote the following to explain how Holmes and Van Riper were caught red handed. “The scheme came to light when Van Riper charged in a telegram that a “fraudulent” report had been released. In explaining why he thought this was a false report, he unwittingly revealed that he had the information ahead of time. Evidently, Holmes' outside partner had an overabundance of ego, but not a good balance of common sense in going public with his story.”

The publication Mr. Allen put together touches on other insider trader schemes as well as a few movies such as the 1983 film, Trading Places.

The publication is more than interesting and can be found at, https://www.nass.usda.gov/About_NASS/pdf/ash_historical.pdf. Find and read it.

From Mr. Allen, one of the final paragraphs of his publication states. “Our pledge, as we enter our second century of successful and secure procedures, is to continue upholding the model of security to safeguard data until they are made available to everyone simultaneously and fairly. We will continue to maintain the trust we have established in our data and our procedures from America's farmers and ranchers, our data users, the agricultural industry, and statistical organizations and governments around the world. We will continue to ensure that the “curtains always remain sealed” so everyone benefits equally from the U.S. agricultural statistics system. Furthermore, we will continue the NASS mission of providing timely, accurate and useful statistics in service to U.S. agricultural.”

And everything above leads me to the “tweets” that come from the White House and DT, Donald Trump. Once a “tweet” is composed and ready to be released, the sender simply pushes the send button and the public sees it immediately. But

does DT immediately push the send button? Or, does he first allow someone or several someone's to read the tweet ahead of time? Have they in turn informed others about a DT tweet about to be released?

The tweets coming from DT are being blamed on the Dow Jones moving sharply higher or lower in seconds. From Bloomberg News with a blaring headline: “Here's How Wildly Stocks Swing When Trump Mentions the Trade War.” Grain and livestock prices are also swinging wildly following a DT tweet. Believe me, they are!

Where is the Security and Exchange Commission on this issue? Where is the Commodity Futures Trading Commission on issue of DT's tweets being inside information? Where are the regulatory agencies on the question of who reads and possibly acts on the DT tweets before the public has access to the same market moving news?

In my view, there is not much difference between the window blinds in the Data Leak of 1905 and the question of how many people read the tweets of DT and act on the information before the public has a chance to do the same. Where are the regulators on this issue? Where are they?

MONTANA NIGHT SKY HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST

BY RICHARD STOUFFER

The highlights of the Montana night sky in September are provided by the bright planets Jupiter and Saturn shining prominently in the evening sky all month long with the brightest planet Venus making its reappearance as the evening “star” late in the month.

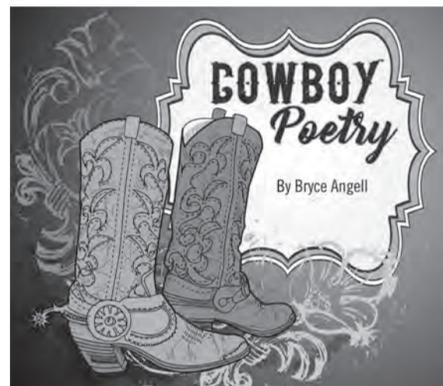
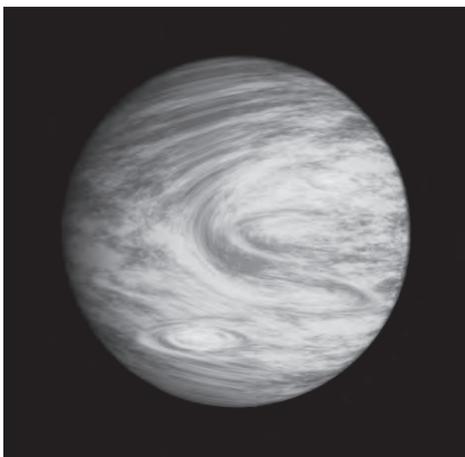
As September begins and the evening sky darkens, look for the giant planet Jupiter well up in the southern sky. Jupiter is located above the constellation Scorpius and to the left of reddish Antares, the brightest star in Scorpius. Jupiter dominates the night sky until it sets about 12:10 a.m. as the month begins and about 10:20 p.m. as September comes to an end. Look well to the left of Jupiter to find the ringed planet Saturn. Saturn is located to the left of the teapot shape of the constellation Sagittarius. Saturn sets about 2:10 a.m. as the month begins and about 12:20 a.m. as the month comes to a close. Late in the month, the brightest planet Venus may be found low in the western sky as it sets about a half hour after the Sun by the end of the month. Even though it will be setting so close to sunset, Venus will be possible to find only because of its great brightness. Venus will be making its reappearance as the evening “star” after an almost year long absence from the evening sky.

As for the moon, the moon forms a triangular pattern with Antares and Jupiter on the night of September 5 and passes to the left of Jupiter the next evening. The moon passes to the right of Saturn on September 7 and to the left of Saturn the next evening. The moon is full on September 13. The moon passes to the right of Aldebaran, the brightest star in the constellation Taurus, on the morning of September 20. The moon then passes to the left of Regulus, the brightest star in the constellation Leo, on the morning of September 26.

The Sun arrives at the autumnal equinox at 1:50 a.m. on September 23, when the Sun heads south across the celestial equator and autumn begins in the Northern Hemisphere.

For meteor shower watchers, there are no major meteor showers this month. However, a sporadic meteor can flash across the sky at any time. From a dark site, meteors typically can be seen at a rate of about 5 meteors per hour.

**Life-long amateur astronomer and former member of Delaware Astronomical Society and National Capital Astronomers*



A Mad Cow Moose

Since moving up to Island Park, I've seen game on the loose. There are elk and deer and buffalo.

Oh, did I mention moose?

We're living in our camper while the builders do their stuff. Last Friday night one hollered,

“Well, I think we've done enough.”

I watched the last truck pull on out. Then tied the makeshift gate. I stood there feeling lonely.

It was time to take a break.

I had a mighty thirst and thought I'd grab a soda pop. I was heading for the camper faster than a bunny's hop.

I rounded out the camper corner. Stopped dead in my tracks. A moose was giving me the eye.

I've heard of moose attacks.

And standing by the doggone moose a timid week-old calf. I'm sure the moose was thinking that she'd tear me clean in half.

I busted out a running. Barely climbed into my truck. Someone was looking over me. 'Twas more than just dumb luck.

So, I called my aged father. He would know just what to do. But I heard him laughing. Then he said, “Just try and holler shoo!”

And then he said, “If she is mad the hair stands on her hump.” I said, “That cow is mad as hell! Her nose was on my rump!”

I blew the horn in hopes the noise would scare the moose away. But she blew her nose right back and spewed my window with moose spray.

It must have been the panic what my mind would soon recall. My windows did not streak. I'd sprayed em with some ArmorAll!

I can't believe how long a moose will stay and stare you down. But she finally wandered off. I bet my underwear was brown.

Next day I had to wonder, “Was the incident so bad? I'd have to say, “Heck yes it was! Next time I won't call Dad!”

COMICS & PUZZLES

King Crossword

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- 1 "30 Rock" role
- 4 Dressed
- 8 Wrinkly fruit
- 12 Raw rock
- 13 Bigfoot's cousin
- 14 Bellow
- 15 Slight touch
- 16 Ski resort in the Poconos
- 18 Same
- 20 Vast expanse
- 21 Comfy footwear, for short
- 24 Make into law
- 28 Group of submarines
- 32 Continental coin
- 33 Alias abbr.
- 34 Decelerates
- 36 Kanga's kid
- 37 Deposited
- 39 Pancake
- 41 Hammerstein's contribution
- 43 God, in Grenoble
- 44 Upper limit
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- 50 Type of shoulder bag
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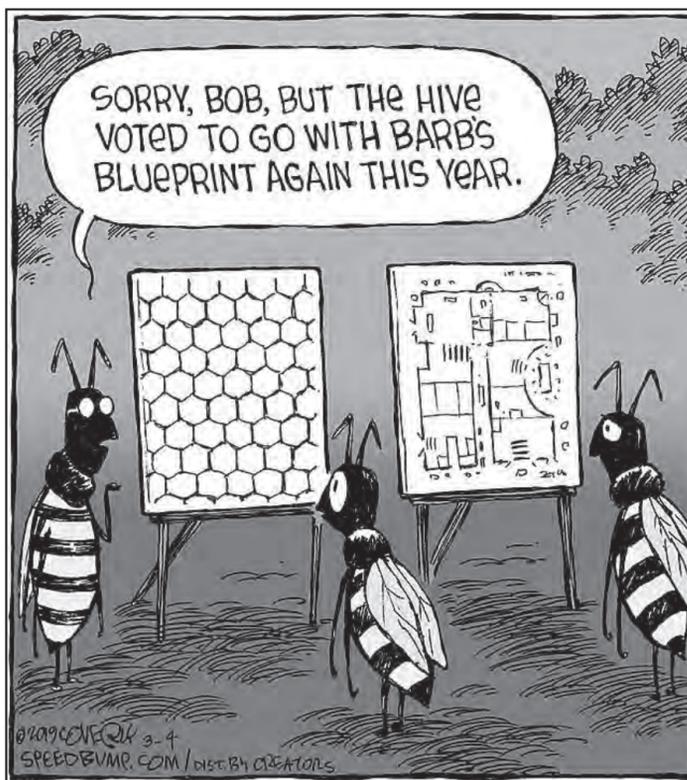
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- 27 Snatched
- 28 Partition
- 29 Fine
- 30 Hideaway
- 31 "The Bridge on the River —"
- 35 House VIP
- 38 In a pleasant way
- 40 Moonshine container
- 42 Automobile
- 45 "Hey, you!"
- 47 On the rocks
- 48 Memorandum
- 49 Eat away (at)
- 50 With it
- 51 Big bother
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- 53 Foreman foe
- 54 Prompt

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WHEN: One day only - Saturday, September 7th from 11am to 4 pm.
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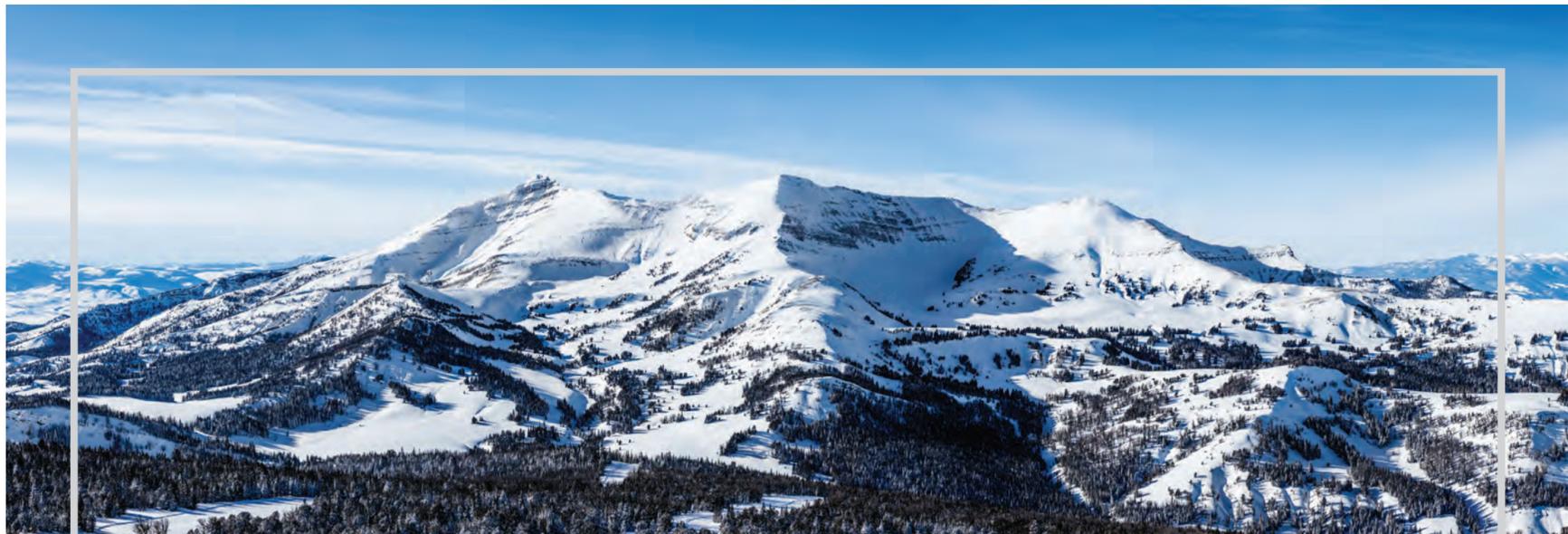
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SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

Judge assigned Luke Berger Montana Fifth Judicial District Court, Madison County. In the matter of the Name Change of Jerry Hernandez Flores, Petitioner Cause No. DV-29-2019-15 This is notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from Jerry Hernandez Flores to Jerry Flores Hernandez. The hearing will be on September 30, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. The hearing will be at the courthouse in Madison County. Date: August 12, 2019 /s/ Karen J. Miller Clerk of District Court (Pub. Aug 22, 29, 2019) Jerry Flores Hernandez MNAXLP

DISTRICT COURT MADISON COUNTY

In re the Marriage of: Sarah Beth Sullivan Petitioner, and James Peter Sullivan Respondent Case No: DR-29-2018-20 NOTICE TO: Respondent James Peter Sullivan You are named in a petition to dissolve your marriage and to get a final parenting plan for your children. Unless you respond in 21 days, the court may decide against you without you being heard and give Petitioner everything asked for in the petition. You must submit your written response within 21 calendar days. The 21 day period starts the day after the last date of publication of this notice. If the final day falls on a weekend or court holiday, you may file your response on the next business day. You must file your written response with the Clerk of District Court at: Madison County and serve a copy of your answer on the Petitioner. The following real property is part of this case: Dated this 19th day of August, 2019 /s/ Karen J. Miller Clerk of Court (Pub. Aug 29, Sept 5, 12, 2019) SARAH SULLIVAN MNAXLP

ENNIS

The Town of Ennis will hold a Public Hearing on September 12, 2019 at 6:40 p.m., at the Ennis Town Hall located at 328 W. Main Street, Ennis, MT for the purpose of obtaining public comments on the proposed changes to the Floodplain Ordinance for the Town of Ennis. Interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their opinion regarding the proposed changes to the Floodplain Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on September 12, 2019 and will be read for the record at the public hearing. Written comments may be mailed to Town of Ennis/Floodplain Ordinance, 328 W Main St., Ennis, MT, 59729, faxed to 406 682-5011, or delivered in person to 328 W. Main Street. Copies of the proposed ordinance changes can be viewed at Ennis Town Hall or Madison Valley Public Library during normal business hours. (Pub. SEPT 5, 12, 2019) ENNIS TOWN MNAXLP

on September 12, 2019 at 6:50 p.m., at the Ennis Town Hall located at 328 W. Main Street, Ennis MT. for the purpose of obtaining public comments on the proposed changes to the Parking Ordinance for the Town of Ennis. Interested persons will be given the opportunity to ask questions and express their opinion regarding the proposed changes to the Parking Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on September 12, 2019 and will be read for the record at the public hearing. Written comments may be mailed to Town of Ennis/Pkg. Ordinance, 328 W. Main St., Ennis, MT, 59729, faxed to 406 682-5011, or delivered in person to 328 W. Main Street. Copies of the proposed ordinance changes can be reviewed at Ennis Town Hall or Madison Valley Public Library during normal business hours. (Pub. SEPT 5, 12, 2019) ENNIS TOWN MNAXLP

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MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named Estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent 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 the undersigned, return receipt requested, at Thompson Painter Law P.C., 180 South 32nd Street West, Suite 3, Billings, Montana 59102, or filed with the Clerk of the above-titled Court. DATED: August 12, 2019 /S/ JOHN R. HAIGH THOMPSON PAINTER LAW P.C. /S/ MICHAEL C. YASENAK Attorney for Personal Representative (Pub. Aug 22, 29, Sept 5, 2019) Thompson Painter Law MNAXLP

NOTICE OF SALE OF OBSOLETE PROPERTY OF ENNIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Judge assigned Luke Berger Montana Fifth The trustees of Ennis School District 52 have adopted a resolution pursuant to MCA 20-6-604 to sell or otherwise dispose of the district's obsolete real property. Items for sale include student and staff equipment (desks, printers, etc.) if interested in any items, please contact Superintendent, Casey Klasna at 406-682-4258. (Pub. SEPT 5, 12, 2019) ENNIS SCHOOLS MNAXLP

TOWN OF ENNIS: NOTICE OF SECOND PUBLIC HEARING/ ADDITION TO AND CHANGES TO THE PARKING ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF ENNIS

The Town of Ennis will hold a Public Hearing

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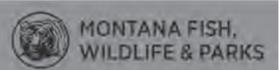


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Feeder cattle and finished cattle are most often commodities that we can rarely differentiate in the marketplace; therefore, to increase profit we must decrease production costs. Disease

prevention has been proven as an effective way to do so. Vaccines and low stress weaning practices are a great tool but can't be maximized if they are applied to a malnourished or undernourished calf. Proper pre-weaning nutritional management can help reduce costs due to

sickness in freshly weaned calves and lead to reduced production costs, better gains and higher profit.

Prewearing, cow/calf producers need to provide 30-60 days of a quality trace mineral package to the cow herd to increase mineral stores in the liver and thus

boost calves' nutrition level. Trace mineral stores fluctuate throughout the year based on availability of minerals in the feed and supplements provided. Increasing stores of trace minerals in the liver allow the animal to draw on them during periods of stress such as grazing poor quality forage, weaning, etc. Copper and zinc are two primary trace minerals that aid immune function and feed intake, two critical factors in keeping weaned calves healthy. When analyzing tags on mineral packages there are a few key words to look for, as the ingredients do truly matter. A chelated

mineral is more available to the animal from a metabolic standpoint, the difference between a chelated mineral (often called organic on the tag) and a standard mineral (often called inorganic) is that chelates are chemically compounded to an amino acid in such a way as to avoid any break down of the mineral compound as it passes through the rumen to ensure it reaches the small intestine where trace minerals are absorbed and sent to the liver. Chelated minerals show up in the ingredients list as "proteinate" or "amino acid complex" such as "copper amino acid complex or

copper proteinate." Quality of chelates vary and producers should consult with their nutritionist to ensure the right product is used for their specific circumstance. "Non-chelated" minerals will appear on the ingredient list as a "sulfate, oxide, carbonate, selenite," etc, such as zinc sulfate. Non chelated minerals often make up the majority of the ingredients in mineral packages. In some instances, a package using only chelates may be necessary, but for the broader and more common applications, mineral packages will have a combination of both chelated and standard minerals and

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--Kara Dale



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--Allie Dale



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--Amanda Russell

AGRICULTURE

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generally this combination serves the need well.

Cost does not need to be prohibitive. Assuming a mineral intake of three ounces daily per pair at a cost of \$925-\$1050 per ton depending on the package, results in a daily cost per pair (pre-weaning) of approximately \$0.09, or \$5.55 per pair for a 60-day period. This is far cheaper than dosing a sick calf with expensive meds and the associated weight loss sick calves incur. If you are retaining heifers this is a trivial expense when compared to alternatives. If you are selling calves right off of the cow, your buyer will definitely appreciate the effort you put in and it could be the deciding factor on a penny per pound (maybe, maybe not) or if that buyer

will be a repeat buyer. If you work with a nutritionist (highly recommended) he/she will retain all your purchase records and formulations you have provided to your cattle. This can be used as a third-party verification to your buyer as to the nutrition program of the herd. The more information you provide your buyer the more confidence he/she will have in the purchase. These types of actions lead to repeat buyers and increased profits over time to the seller.

On the receiving end of weaned calves: Feeders should attempt to verify the nutritional status of the cattle prior to receiving them. This allows one to determine how much, if any, "catch up" may be needed upon the calves' arrival. Be mindful that it

takes time to overcome nutritional deficiencies. Chelated minerals have been proven to increase liver stores more rapidly than non-chelated minerals. Regardless of the incoming calves' prior nutrition, be prepared to greet them with a mineral package that is high in chelates in a palatable food source to help them through the stress of weaning. If the feed program allows, adding coccidiostats has been proven to be of benefit.

There is much talk about injectable minerals these days and they certainly have their place. As a rule, injectables are highly available with a shorter duration of retention in the animal. In instances where calves are coming into the feedlot with a known deficiency an

injectable may be a good option to provide a quick boost as a bridge until the mineral package in the feed can elevate the animal to desired levels. Injectables can't replace a mineral program, nor have they been proven to provide a significant benefit where the animals are already on an adequate nutritional plane. Verifying nutritional programs prior to receiving will help make the feeder decide the best receiving protocols.

Now is the time to get prepared if you haven't already. Take the first step and call your nutritionist to put together a cost-effective weaning nutrition program that will add value to your calves and dollars in your pocket.

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Friday, September 6 – Swedish meatballs, mashers, veggies, dessert - Pinochle at 12:30 p.m.
Monday, September 9 – Hot turkey and cheese dip, fries, dessert - Mahjong at 1 p.m.
Tuesday, September 10 – Beef enchiladas, rice and beans, dessert - "Pan" at 12:45 p.m.
Wednesday, September 11 – Bacon mac and cheese, salad, dessert - Mahjong at 1 p.m.
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