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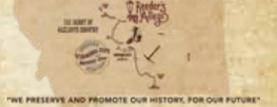
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## GRIZZLIES, GYE, LISTING, DELISTING, REPEAT 1800 TO 2020



Current and historic ranges of the continental grizzly bear. PHOTO COURTESY OF IGBC

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**EARLY 1800S:** Grizzly bears ranged from Alaska to Mexico and to the western shores of the Hudson Bay. Approximately 50,000 grizzlies lived in this area during the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

**1959:** Approximately 200 grizzlies counted in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE).

**OCT. 15, 1966:** Congress passed the Endangered Species Preservation Act to provide means for listing specific fish and wildlife species as endangered and outlined ways to provide protection. Congress identified the growth and development of the U.S. as factors leading to the 'extermination' of some native species. The Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Agriculture and Secretary of Defense, and other agencies within these departments, were to conserve species to the best of their abilities within their powers.

The Secretary of the Interior, in consult with appropriate states, would define a species as threatened if their habitat appeared to be in danger from 'overexploitation,' 'drastic modification,' or 'predation' among other descriptors. The National Wildlife Refuge System was developed to consolidate land, water and interests administered by the above authorities for protection and conservation. This allowed the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to acquire land for species' habitat. In 1969, the Act was amended to provide additional protection to species facing worldwide extinction. (Similar population numbers as 1959.)

**DEC. 27, 1973:** Congress passed the Endangered Species Act (ESA) which defined endangered and threatened species and made plants and all invertebrate eligible for protection. Additionally, it required federal agencies to conserve listed species and not allow actions that may harm listed species or their habitats. The goal of the ESA is to help recover populations to the point where they no longer need protection. The ESA is administered by FWS.

**JULY 28, 1975:** Under ESA authority, grizzly populations in the lower 48 states were identified as threatened by FWS (approximately 1,000 bears). FWS prepared a recovery plan and identified six recovery zones. Four populations, in four of the six recovery zones, were reduced to 2% of their original size and were identified as threatened with extinction. Five or six small populations were thought to remain (800-1,000 bears), the most isolated located in the GYE (136-312 bears) and unknown populations in the North Cascades Ecosystem and the Bitterroot Ecosystem. Specific ecosystems were named in the first version of the recovery plan.

**1983:** The Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) was created to facilitate communication, cooperation, research and policy among population managers—federal and state agencies—in recovery areas. The IGBC implemented the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan. The first draft was developed in 1982.

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## MADISON COUNTY CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

### Fourth highest COVID-19 cases in state

#### Madison County rise in cases

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Madison County has the fourth highest COVID-19 cases per capita in the state as of July 21.

The county has 16 active cases, adding four new cases over the weekend. Forty-seven Madison County residents and 11 non-residents have tested positive for COVID-19 in Madison County since the pandemic started, according to the Madison County Public Health Department. Two temporary staff members have joined MCPHD to help with the workload and speed of disseminating information.

"We're ahead of Gallatin

County and Yellowstone County, which isn't a place we want to be at," Madison County Public Health Nurse Melissa Brummel said.

Madison County has an average of 511 cases per capita, which is over double the average for the state. Montana has an average of 222 cases per capita, with a little over 2,700 COVID-19 cases total.

Since July 14, an additional 95 Madison County residents have been put into quarantine due to close contacts with known positive cases. The total number of quarantined individuals fluctuates daily. People quarantine for at least two weeks of being contacted and are released if they are not showing

symptoms of infection.

According to MCPHD, the labs are backordered about three weeks. MCPHD is expecting the number of cases to increase as they await the results from the surveillance testing July 10. Four of the 376 surveillance testing have come back with results. A few of the surveillance tests were untestable, which can occur due to not enough mucus on the sample or a lab error. MCPHD will inform those individuals about their untestable results.

"We have to social distance," Brummel said. "We're going to need to see a lot more people wearing masks if we want to see our businesses stay open and our schools to open."

## See you in September?

### Madison County schools make fall plans

Madison County Sanitarian Van Puckett spoke with each Madison County school superintendent about plans for the upcoming school year.

"They're all doing a great job working toward the same common goal," Puckett said. "Each one is looking at the health and wellbeing of the students and staff."

All schools are required to submit plans to the Madison County Sanitarian Office. The Madison County Board of Health will review those plans during its meeting July 30, according to the MCSO.

*The Madisonian had not received details of Sheridan Schools plans by press time.*

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# GRAYING PAINS

Opportunities & Challenges  
in the West's Oldest State

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Montana is the oldest state west of the Mississippi, and demographic projections show the state growing collectively older as more Montanans enter their senior years. The economic, cultural, and personal impacts of that trend present the state and its residents with new challenges and, with those challenges, opportunities.

Graying Pains is a series of weekly stories and broadcasts exploring those challenges and opportunities in communities statewide. By investigating how other communities have responded to the issues raised by aging, Graying Pains hopes to point the way toward policies and innovations that can help Montana, and Montanans, improve with age. The series is produced by the Montana Fourth Estate Project, a collaboration among 13 Montana newsrooms and the University of Montana School of Journalism coordinated by Montana Free Press under the auspices of the Montana Newspaper Association and the Solutions Journalism Network. See [montanafourthestate.org](http://montanafourthestate.org) for the collected Graying Pains stories and more information.

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Seeley Swan Resource Specialist Linda Howard was integral in helping develop a structure to support seniors through the Seeley Lake Senior Center when the coronavirus pandemic hit. Because she had firsthand awareness of the needs of the community, she was able to coordinate the necessary resources to facilitate a meeting March 18 on how to provide meals to area seniors during the pandemic. PHOTO BY ANDI BOURNE, SEELEY SWAN PATHFINDER.

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## Building community from the inside

### Aging in place, with help from a local who knows the ropes

By ANDI BOURNE, Seeley Swan Pathfinder

“His mobile home was not livable,” said Missoula Aging Services (MAS) Resource Specialist Linda Howard, about a client she worked with in Seeley Lake. This was not a problem Howard or MAS had the resources to address directly, but she knew people who did. With the help of a local church, community service organizations and neighbors, the client was moved into a new mobile home at no cost to him.

This story is not unique in Montana, where neighbors help neighbors and communities take care of their own. Still, connecting resources with needs is becoming more important as the number of Montanans who are 60 and older increases.

The Montana Area Agencies on Aging uphold a common mission to provide support and services that help seniors to age in place, at home, in their community.

To provide these services, each Area Agency employs a different model that is tailored to the area, its resources and available funding. Each Area Agency operates out of a central office, typically located in an urban center of its coverage area, which includes several counties.

Area Agencies that have embedded trained, knowledgeable, local information assistants within their area’s rural communities have increased their ability to help aging rural Montanans. Taking it one step further, MAS has employed a resource specialist who not only provides information referrals, but also fosters relationships, builds connections and develops programs to match resources to community needs. This has built a network of support that increases MAS’ capacity and furthers its mission.

“There are numerous resources, both government and private, available to help with taxes, transportation, caregiving, retirement, housing, medical services and many other needs,” said Carla Schade, past president of the Seeley Lake Community Foundation. “However, knowing where to find these problem solvers and how to negotiate their sometimes-complicated access can be extremely difficult and time-consuming. By having someone here in our community with the training and expertise to assist people, many situations can be addressed and often solved.”

#### MONTANA AGENCIES ON AGING

The Older Americans Act of 1965 established the U.S. Administration on Aging and the state Agencies on Aging to address the social service needs of older citizens. In Montana, the Aging Services Bureau of the Senior and Long-Term Care Division of the Department of Public Health and Human Services administers federal grants and any additional funds authorized by the state Legislature.

The Aging Services Bureau contracts with 10 Montana Area Agencies on Aging, which in turn contract with service providers in their Planning and

Service Area (PSA). They utilize federal, state and other funding allocated by counties, grants or independent donations to provide services for residents age 60 or older.

Most of the services are free, though donations are accepted. Services include:

- Food and nutrition services, including home delivered meals and congregate meals at Senior Centers
- Information and advocacy services for programs including an Aging and Disability Resource Center, long-term care ombudsman, State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), legal services assistance, and the Montana Lifespan Respite program
- Medicaid navigation assistance
- Community services including Community First Choice, personal assistance services, the Big Sky Waiver program, home health services and hospice
- Nursing facilities, veterans services and adult protective services

In the 2019 fiscal year, Montana Area Agencies on Aging served 15,594 clients, less than 13% of the state’s over-65 population. SHIP counselors saved Medicare beneficiaries more than \$5 million by comparing Medicare Part D plans.

As the state’s aging population continues to increase, Area Aging directors point to funding as the biggest limitation on their ability to meet clients’ needs, saying federal funding has not kept pace with the increase in service demands. The problem is amplified in rural areas because per capita costs for goods and services are higher.

“Ultimately there needs to be some new options on how we are going to serve those most isolated people,” said Tom Wood, executive director of the Area VI Agency on Aging in Polson.

“We can’t be urban-centric and make things work in Montana,” said Jim Marks, the Area IV Agency on Aging program director in Helena. “You need to be very integrated and implemented to find the solutions to age in place.”

#### FROM INFORMATION ASSISTANCE TO RESOURCE SPECIALIST

Marks and Wood said they employ Information and Assistance/State Health Insurance Program (I&A/SHIP) counselors across their areas. The counselors provide information and help clients navigate available resources.

Marks said Area IV contracts with embedded I&A/SHIP counselors in Meagher and Park Counties.

Meagher County has the highest percentage of clients in Area IV, with more than 25% of the 60-and-older population served in 2016 and 2017, compared to 17% in Gallatin County and less than 10% in Area IV’s other four counties, including Park County.

Marks suggested that Meagher County is a participation stand-out because residents collaborate well and services are contracted through a single nonprofit, the Meagher County Senior Center.

In Park County, senior services are contracted through three separate organizations.

“Improved services and better coverage would likely follow consolidation of services in Park County,” Marks said.

Area VI employs nine I&A/SHIP counselors, four of whom are located in its central office in Polson. Whenever possible, the counselors are hired from within the rural community they serve and have full access to training and resources available in Polson.

The number of clients in each of Area VI’s counties has increased almost every year since 2007. Between 2016 and 2018, Area VI served between 10% and 14% of the over-60 population in each of its four counties.

MAS has several I&A/SHIP counselors across its two-county area. However, MAS CEO Susan Kohler decided to try something new when she was asked by the Seeley Lake Community Foundation to increase access to services for seniors in the Seeley-Swan.

Community Foundation Executive Director Anne Beach initiated discussions in 2015 to see how the foundation could make a targeted difference in the Seeley Lake community. She formed a focus group of local stakeholders to discuss ideas and generated a needs assessment, creating awareness and generating a project list with tangible goals. Through the discussions, the foundation learned that seniors either could not or did not want to travel the 60 miles to Missoula for an appointment at MAS or talk to someone they didn’t know on the phone. Distance was an even bigger barrier for seniors living in the Swan Valley, 90 miles from Missoula.

Kohler agreed to hire someone part-time to work in Seeley Lake. Implementation of the idea required innovation, creativity and community buy-in, as well as funding. The Seeley Lake Community Foundation provided office space and the Swan Valley Community Foundation financially supported the position. MAS advertised for someone local with a background in social work or health care who was technologically savvy and could relate well with the community.

Howard was one of a handful of applicants. Her family has owned a place in the Swan Valley since 1931, which she frequented during summers and holidays. She had a background in health care and was a Medical Service Corps officer in the U.S. Air Force. She holds a master’s degree in health systems management and a certificate in health informatics. She had also been a caregiver for her mother for more than 11 years.

“We were lucky with Linda because she had all that background,” Kohler said.

In October 2016, Howard started as a part-time resource specialist in the MAS branch office in Seeley Lake, which she named the Seeley Swan Resource Center. She received six weeks of training and was supported by MAS with technology, ongoing training and weekly check-ins with the MAS office in Missoula.

To get the word out, Howard

advertised her services with posters, an open house, and on her vehicle. She spoke at local meetings, attended senior lunches in Condon and at the senior center in Seeley Lake and started writing a monthly newspaper column in the Seeley Swan Pathfinder. Her outreach, coupled with word of mouth, built relationships and quickly increased her hours to full-time.

“The fact that I’m from a long-time Condon family is a connection that is important to people,” Howard said. “I think you have to invest the time up here. If you just come up here for a day you can’t possibly get to know people.”

MAS allowed Howard to set her own schedule and meet with clients for comprehensive benefits check-ups instead of specific-issue consultations, as is done in Missoula.

“I can have a more in-depth, more personal relationship with every single client that walks in,” Howard said. “Every time somebody comes in to see me, I do my very best to connect with them, to make them feel comfortable, to do whatever I can to help them.”

“Her job has been connecting people to the resources they need. That is what it has changed into and that is why it has become so important,” Schade said. “It is no longer just helping aging seniors in the Seeley Lake area. It is connecting anyone in need with the possible resources anywhere.”

In her first year, Howard increased the number of MAS clients in Condon from 15 to 50. In Seeley Lake, the clientele grew from 70 to 159.

From October 2016 to April 2018, Howard helped Swan Valley clients save more than \$18,000 on prescription drugs and by applying for the elderly homeowner/renter tax credit — savings they wouldn’t have seen had they remained on their existing plan or not applied for the credit. In Seeley Lake during the same time period, savings reached almost \$250,000 through the various opportunities clients were able to take advantage of following their benefits check-up.

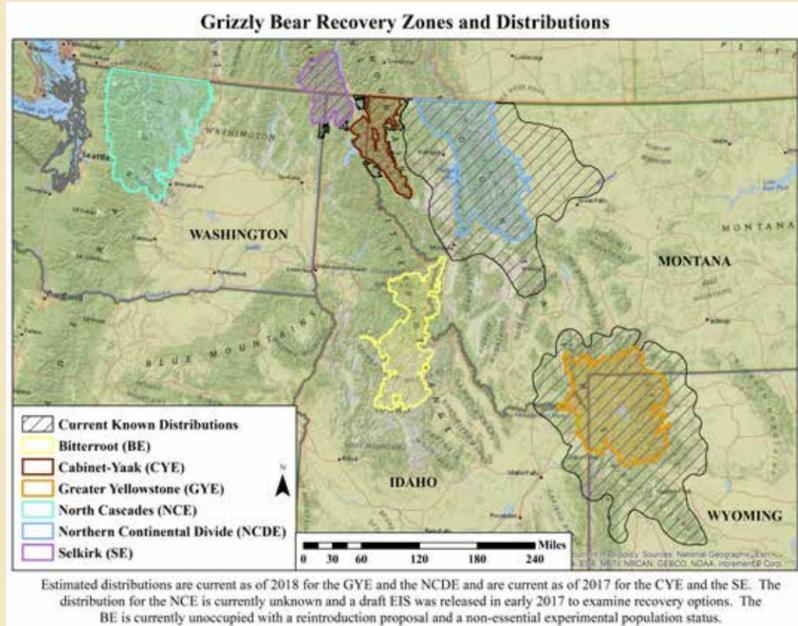
“Whether they didn’t know about MAS, didn’t know how to access the program, they now have access and it is a huge benefit to [our] mission,” Kohler said. “It can happen within the community and run by the community.”

Kohler said that having a resource specialist embedded in Seeley Lake gives MAS a hands-on understanding of the community. She believes the Seeley Swan Resource Specialist position is the only position in the state that expands on what the I&A/SHIP counselors can offer by utilizing existing or creating new community resources to better serve seniors in rural communities.

“I think that we lack some of the basic services in every county in the state,” Kohler said. “Linda identifies the needs and looks for solutions on how to fill the need. If there is not the service there, she finds creative ways within the community of how she can provide that.”

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The various recovery zones depicted. PHOTO COURTESY OF FWS

**1991:** Grizzly hunting ends in the continental United States. Wyoming and Idaho ceased grizzly hunts when grizzlies were protected in 1975, part of the ESA plan to restore the population, but small hunts continued in Montana to help reduce bear and human conflicts. (Between 200 and 300 GYE grizzlies approximated.)

**SEPTEMBER 10, 1993:** Originally approved in 1982, the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan developed to guide management of grizzlies while on the threatened list. Grizzlies were to remain on the threatened list until recovery criteria were met which included a minimum number of females with cubs seen annually, a distribution of family groups through the recovery zone and a limit of human caused bear mortalities.

Six recovery ecosystems were developed to support grizzly bears at the time of listing and consisted of areas thought to be part of their original habitat—the North Cascades Ecosystem, the Selkirk Ecosystem, the Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem, the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem, the Bitterroot Ecosystem and the GYE. This was approved by the FWS. A Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy was developed to inform grizzly management if they were to be removed from the list.

**2002:** About 560 grizzlies live in the GYE ecosystem.

**NOV. 2005:** The GYE grizzly population exceeded 600. FWS proposed removing the GYE population from the threatened list and designating the population as a Distinct Population Segment (DPS), identifying it as different from other populations in the lower 48. DPS included grizzlies in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Yellowstone National Park (YNP). Four other populations remained listed—the Northern Continental Divide, Selkirk, Cabinet-Yaak and North Cascades ecosystems. General consensus is that few grizzlies remain on the U.S. side of the North Cascades.

**MARCH 29, 2007:** After a public comment period following the 2005 proposition, FWS announced the delisting of the GYE grizzly bear, and conservationists and tribal groups filed lawsuits. The four other populations remained listed. Grizzlies would now be managed under the Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy adopted in 1993 and management of the bears outside the recovery zones would be handed to state agencies.

**SEPT. 21, 2009:** A federal judge in Missoula, Donald W. Mollody, relists the GYE population. The plaintiff, the Greater Yellowstone coalition, cited reasons such as an unenforceable conservation strategy, the decline of whitebark pine as a grizzly food source and genetic diversity between grizzly populations as reasons for listing.

In terms of genetics, the plaintiff argued the GYE population does not have sufficient diversity to maintain sustainability, while FWS argued otherwise and explained the possible ‘translocation’ of bears into the population as an ‘acceptable management technique.’

FWS, one of the defendants, claimed the, “best available science shows the grizzly bears will adjust to any declines in whitebark pines.” Additionally, it cited the increase in grizzlies’ population as rationale for delisting. The judge, responding to the whitebark pine debate, said, “the agency has not articulated a rational connection between the best available science and its conclusion that bears will not be affected by declines in whitebark pine because they are omnivores.”

**AUGUST 2010:** FWS, the state of Wyoming, the Safari Club International and others appealed the 2009 decision to the U.S. 9TH Circuit Court of Appeals, stating the GYE population has recovered and faces no threats. (Between 300 and 400 GYE grizzlies approximated.)

**NOV. 2011:** A three-judge panel for the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals sides with the District Court’s 2009 decision. The court identifies whitebark pine decline as a threat to grizzlies but sees the recovery strategy as adequate. Grizzlies remained threatened under the ESA.

**2013:** Yellowstone Ecosystem Subcommittee, the IGBC and the IGBST (Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team) recommend grizzlies be removed from the threatened species list. The above explain grizzlies have adapted to the decrease in whitebark pine and found alternate food sources.

**JUNE 22, 2017:** Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke announces the delisting of the GYE grizzlies (690 now exist in the ecosystem). Conservation and tribal groups sue. Grizzly hunts in Idaho and Wyoming are anticipated to begin Sept 1, 2018.

**AUG 30, 2018:** District Judge Dana Christensen issues a halt on the 2018 grizzly hunts.

**SEPT 24, 2018:** Judge Christensen relists GYE grizzlies, stopping the scheduled hunts in Wyoming and Idaho. His decision was substantiated in part by the effect delisting could have on other ecosystems.

**DEC 2018:** FWS files notice to appeal the blocked delisting of GYE grizzlies.

**MAY 24, 2019:** The Trump Administration asks Federal Appeals Courts to delist GYE grizzly bears.

**JAN 2020:** GYE grizzly population estimated at above 700.

**JULY 8, 2020:** The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the Montana District Court’s opinion (2009) and kept the GYE grizzly population listed as threatened under the ESA. “This is a tremendous victory for those who care about Yellowstone and its grizzly bears,” Tim Presco, Earthjustice attorney, said. “The court rightfully rejected the misguided proposal to subject Yellowstone grizzlies to trophy hunting for the first time in 40 years. The grizzly is an icon of our remaining wilderness at a time when our wilderness is shrinking and our wildlife is under assault.”

“The US Fish and Wildlife Service is disappointed in the Ninth Circuit’s ruling. Our 2017 delisting rule was based on a rigorous interpretation of the law and supported by the best available science,” FWS’s statement read. “It was developed in collaboration with our federal, state and tribal partners and we commend them for their efforts. Although grizzly bears in the GYE remain listed, the US FWS continues to believe, based on the best available science that grizzly bears in this ecosystem are biologically recovered and no longer require protection under the ESA.”

The IGBST’s annual report was updated March 25, 2020.

Sources for this article include: MTPR, Public Law 89-669 (the Endangered Species Preservation Act), the ESA, the National Park Service, the U.S. Department of the Interior (press release, 2005 delisting), the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan (updated 1993 version), IGBC (with particular assistance from Frank T. van Manen, supervisory research wildlife biologist with USGS/IGBST), FWS (comment on 2020 decision provided by Joseph A. Szwedlak, public affairs specialist with FWS), U.S. District Court 2009 decision.

## ALDER SCHOOL

## Alder School Board meets for July

Draft plan includes Aug. 26 in-person start date

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Before the Thursday July 16 board meeting, another meeting took place for Alder teachers and County Superintendent Pam Birkeland to draft a reopening plan. They are hoping to have the plan ready by August’s meeting.

Birkeland emphasized the plan is just a draft but said the District plans to reopen for in-person instruction on Aug. 26, barring no shutdown or increase of cases in the Alder area. They additionally agreed that remote options would be provided to families that prefer to continue in that manner.

The plan has not been published and currently serves as a method

to construct scenarios that may occur—normal hand washing procedures, outdoor lunches—and plan ahead for said scenarios. Birkeland expects the board will meet several more times before the next meeting to parse out different possibilities.

“Even draft plans, you have to consider your uniqueness and it can’t be the same for everyone,” Birkeland said.

With part of the CARES act money, Alder School is installing no-touch sinks and toilets. The goal is to complete this project before the school year is set to begin in August.

At the onset of the coronavirus school closures in March, Alder declared a state of emergency through June 2021, expecting the crisis to

not be resolved through the next school year. This allows the District to continue to receive funding.

Additionally, the plans each District in the state submitted to the state showed that students were still receiving education, even if not in the classroom, and helped continue funding. This time, Districts are not required to submit a hard copy plan, but are expected to follow guidelines from the state, Office of Public Instruction (OPI) and other educational entities.

Alder School District has not conducted a formal survey for parents yet, but Birkeland expected phone calls and emails to begin asking parents if they plan on sending their children back to school for the fall.

## ENNIS SCHOOL

## Ennis Schools discussion

Plans for a school year during a pandemic

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Ennis Schools intends for most students to return to in-person instruction on August.

The school is planning for the with strict safety procedures, as long as Montana does not revert to the first phase of reopening due COVID-19. The Ennis School Board is preparing to accommodate for all its students, including students who may not return to the facility because they or a household member have a high risk of contracting COVID-19.

“It’s easy to say that,” Ennis Superintendent Casey Klasna said. “But it’s going to be hard to implement everything and make everybody comfortable.”

Plans for the upcoming school year’s were not approved at the school board meeting July 15. But

the Ennis School Board discussed some options and concerns they are dealing with. Ennis Schools has seen a spike in enrollment, according to Klasna. The school’s approximately 90,000 square feet facility is at capacity with almost 400 students enrolled.

“There is no way that we’re going to be able to keep everybody 6 feet apart, which is the recommendation,” Klasna said. “We have to just do our best with that to keep kids separated as much as possible and as safe as possible.”

A parent survey about preferences on conducting school during the COVID-19 pandemic received 195 responses. Nearly 90% of respondents were in favor of their children returning to school, and 60.5% said that they were comfortable with conducting school as usual as long as the Centers for Disease and

Control guidelines were followed. Nearly 30% preferred a blended model, which could mean portions of students would attend school on different days. But a third of the parents who responded said that they would not have childcare to accommodate a blended schedule.

“We’re taking that into consideration heavily because we want it to work for all families,” Klasna said.

Ennis Schools is also considering transportation arrangements, social and emotional tools of the changes, sanitation protocols and curricular activities. The Ennis School board will meet next week to make decisions on the upcoming school year’s plans.

“The best way to go forward with this is to work together, not against each other,” Klasna said. “I’m very proud of the parents’ efforts in adapting to the changes.”

## HARRISON SCHOOL

## Harrison upcoming school year

Planning stages

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Harrison Schools have implemented a safer environment for its students and staff to return to during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Teachers and most parents in the Harrison School District want students to return to the classroom in August, according to Superintendent Fred Hofman. Hofman has spent the summer focusing on how the upcoming school year can safely and reasonably resume inside the two-story building. Harrison’s small student population of about 80 students K-12 is an advantage in these COVID-times.

“We have every intention of returning to school,” Hofman said.

“We think it’s going to look a little different.”

Harrison Schools focused on high touch surfaces and social distancing measures for students and staff. Automated soap, towel and hand sanitizer dispensers, and automated toilets were installed. Water fountains were turned off. Temperatures will be checked before entering the building. Seating will be spaced out where it can be, like in classrooms and on the big bus.

“We can take reasonable measures to reduce the spread,” Hofman said. “Simple things

we aren’t used to doing.”

Harrison’s school attendance policy will be altered to encourage students to stay home if they are sick. Students will have to be fever-free for 24 hours without medication to return.

“Parents, do the right thing,” Hofman said. “If your kid is sick, keep them at home. We need you to protect everybody else.”

More details for the Harrison Schools’ operations are in the works. The board and teachers will meet Aug. 6 to discuss the upcoming school year. Hofman said the community and board will have their final discussion and a vote Aug. 10.

Plans for the new school year were submitted to the Madison County Sanitarian Office, as is required for all schools in the county. The Madison County Board of Health will review those plans during its meeting July 30, according to the MSCO.

“We need to be smart,” Hofman said. “Lots of people have family at risk. It’s a serious issue.”

## TWIN BRIDGES SCHOOL

## Twin Bridges School Board meets for July

Goal of a Reentry Plan by Aug. 1

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The Twin Bridges School Board met Tuesday, July 14 to discuss a DEQ requirement, the sidewalk construction project and fall COVID-19 policies. Another meeting is scheduled for tomorrow in continuation of that discussion.

In terms of coronavirus preparations for the fall, the board did not take any action. Policies adopted at the onset of COVID-19 were reevaluated and the board discussed if any changes to the policies needed to be made. Last month, Superintendent Thad Kaiser was asked to propose a ‘50% plan’ to the Board which he has called his Reentry Plan.

Superintendent Kaiser created the Reentry Plan in consultation with plans provided by the Governor and the Office of Public Instruction (OPI), and through conversation with the Madison County Public Health Board (MCPHD).

Another meeting is set for tomorrow which may be a discussion of sugges-

tions made at this meeting, or action may be taken on different items. The board would like to have a plan by Aug. 1, “so that the school community has plenty of time to be aware of what that plan looks like,” Board Chair Steve Janzen said. Tomorrow, more policies developed during the coronavirus crisis and thoughts from Board members and the public will be discussed.

“We’ll just keep going till we get it right,” Janzen said.

The building engineer is working with the District’s distributor to ensure proper sanitation and disinfectant will be available in the fall.

“We definitely have different perspectives, but our conversations are very constructive,” Janzen said, and all board members have the same objective, he pointed out—the students’ well-being.

A new Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requirement related to schools involves lead and copper testing. Initial sampling is to be collected by Dec. 2021, but schools

are encouraged to start early. The District is working with Scott Payne with Northern Rockies Engineering in Sheridan to form a plan and ensure it meets DEQ requirements.

The sidewalk project is underway. Curbs and gutters are completed, and streets are torn up in the construction area. Sidewalks will run from Main Street down to the school, in front of the school and gym and loop around the school. They will provide a safe way for students to get lunch on Main Street during the day and also provide safe walking areas before and after school hours.

Coaches for high school boys’ and girls’ basketball, middle school girls’ basketball and track and field were rehired for the next seasons. An individual custodian was hired, and the plan to look for contract custodians was abandoned. Both Superintendent Kaiser and elementary principal Cindy Brown’s contracts were renewed. School buses and boilers were inspected and formatting changes to the handbook were approved.

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# OPINION

## I hate wearing a mask!

Dear Editor,

Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16:18

I hate wearing a mask! It is dehumanizing, diminishes my individuality and wounds my pride. And to make matters worse, it's uncomfortable. What I hate even more is seeing my great nation brought to its knees by pride.

Pride is blinding us to the facts. Community transmission of COVID-19 is rampant. Our testing capacity is inadequate, and so is our contact tracing. In this vacuum of information, we are groping in the dark. Most of us have no influence over these failures, but we can wear a mask.

A mask is not a sign of weakness; it does not protect the wear-

er. A mask helps protect those in close proximity of a wearer who may unknowingly be carrying the virus. If we all do it, it will be harder for the virus to attack new prey. Yes, the virus is a predator that we can only defeat if we close ranks against it.

So let's have some humility and pull together to defend our great nation by stopping the

spread of COVID-19. Then, our children can go to school, our families can attend church, we can socialize in public places and everyone can return to work. Let's take pride in how we overcame our egos and joined together to defeat the enemy. It's our patriotic duty.

Kent Newton  
Cameron, MT

**OP-ED**

# Montana Sheriffs

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIRED TO KEEP VULNERABLE CITIZENS SAFE AND MONTANA'S ECONOMY OPEN

Sheriffs take an oath to support, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the state of Montana. We will uphold our oath, protect public safety and respond to our shared constituency through open communication and education as we continue to face the public health risks of COVID-19.

As leaders in your community and the elected officials who represent you and your constitutional rights, we want to ensure we are all doing our part to protect the vulnerable citizens in our state while also keeping Montana open and our private sector business partners thriving.

We all value the rights afforded to us through the constitution and the privileges we have as Montana citizens. In order to keep moving forward, we all have to do our part. Personal responsibility is the only way we can keep our vulnerable citizens safe and our economy open. We will continue to focus our efforts on education and encourage citizens to make public health and safety related decisions based on your own personal circumstances and exposure to and interaction with vulnerable populations. Washing your hands, social distancing, avoiding large gatherings and wearing masks are all ways to take personal responsibility.

The statewide face covering order is a public health

directive. The directive is not a mandate for law enforcement to issue citations and arrest violators. As your locally elected Sheriffs, we will educate the public about the Governor's mask directive. We urge you to take personal responsibility and be respectful of all Montana citizens.

SIGNED BY:

**Sheriffs Paul Craft** (Beaverhead), **John Colby** (Blaine), **Wynn Meehan** (Broadwater), **Ed Lester** (Butte-Silver Bow), **Neil Kittelmann** (Carter), **Jesse Slaughter** (Cascade), **Josh McQuillan** (Carbon), **Vern Burdick** (Chouteau), **Tony Harbaugh** (Custer), **Duane Anderson** (Daniels), **Ross Canen** (Dawson), **Trent Harbaugh**

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# On track for success

LOCAL MONTANA YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY GRADUATES



2020 graduating class of Montana Youth Challenge Academy. PHOTO COURTESY MONTANA YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY

By HANNAH KEARSE  
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Two Madison County locals graduated from the Montana Youth Challenge Academy June 27.

Logan Anderson, 17, of Twin Bridges and Morgan Roberts, 16, of Ennis both plan to go into the military service in the future. The Montana Youth Challenge Academy is designed to improve life outcomes for students who were at risk of not graduating high school. Class 42 of MYCA had 69 graduates and Montana Attorney General Tim Fox was the keynote speaker at the outdoor ceremony in Dillon.

Anderson attained his HiSET, which is equivalent to a high school diploma, and joined the Marines. Roberts will return to Butte High School and plans to become part of the Army Airborne Infantry after graduating.

Each had their difficulties to overcome in the program. Anderson worked hard to succeed in his academics. Roberts struggled with the strict structure of the program. But the cadets both strived to accomplish their life goals. Anderson said he learned to be grateful and patient in the MYCA program. Roberts said learned how to adapt and overcome.

"Became the person I always wanted to be," Roberts said.

The 22-week residential challenge helps students seek out opportunities with job skills training, service to the community and leadership positions. The 12-month phase that follows is designed for candidates to achieve a high school diploma, placement into higher education, employment, military enlistment or volunteering at least 25 hours a week.

Words of advice for the incoming candidates July 21:

"Do great, stay strong and keep going," Anderson said.

"Embrace the suck, look forward to every meal," Roberts said.



Logan Anderson. PHOTO COURTESY MONTANA YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY



Morgan Roberts. PHOTO COURTESY MONTANA YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY

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- JULY 12, 2020**
- Ambulances were called in Silver Star, Sheridan and Twin Bridges.
  - A theft complaint was made in Harrison.
  - An abandoned vehicle was reported in Ennis.
  - Suspicious circumstances were reported in Sheridan.
  - An animal complaint was made in Cameron.
  - Lost/found property was located in Virginia City.
- JULY 13, 2020**
- A fire call was made in Sheridan.
  - An abandoned vehicle was reported in Ennis.
  - A fraud complaint was made in Silver Star.
  - Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis.
  - Ambulance calls were made in McAllister and Harrison.
  - A warrant service was performed in Norris.
  - Accidents occurred in Ennis and Alder.
  - A disturbance was reported in Twin Bridges.
  - Vandalism/criminal mischief was reported in Ennis.
  - A dog complaint was made in Virginia City.
- JULY 14, 2020**
- Lost/found property complaints were made in Ennis, McAllister and in and out of county.
  - A traffic complaint was made in Twin Bridges.
  - Citizens were assisted in Sheridan and Alder.
  - A disturbance was reported in Harrison.
- JULY 15, 2020**
- Vandalism/criminal mischief was reported in Sheridan.
  - A wildlife complaint was made in Silver Star.
  - Warrant service was performed in Norris.
  - Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis.
  - An identity theft complaint was made in Sheridan.
  - An accident occurred in Sheridan and Cameron.
  - An animal complaint was made in Harrison.
  - An ambulance was called in Ennis.
  - A traffic complaint was made in Twin Bridges.
  - Hazards on the road were reported in Harrison.
- JULY 16, 2020**
- Vandalism/criminal mischief was reported in Twin Bridges.
  - A welfare check was performed in Twin Bridges.
  - A traffic complaint was made in Alder.
  - Lost/found property complaints were made in Cameron.
  - A disturbance was reported in Ennis.
  - A dog complaint was made in Alder.
  - Ambulance calls were made in Cameron and Sheridan.
- JULY 17, 2020**
- An ambulance was called in Cameron.
  - A trespass complaint was made in Twin Bridges.
  - An animal complaint was made in Nevada City.
  - Suspicious circumstances were reported in Sheridan, Pony, Cardwell, Ennis and Norris.
  - Lost/found property complaints were made in Cameron.
  - A fire call was made in Ennis.
  - A dog complaint was made in Sheridan.
  - Traffic complaints were made in Norris and McAllister.
  - A vehicle was stolen in Virginia City.
  - An accident occurred in Cameron.
  - A citizen was assisted in Cameron.
- JULY 18, 2020**
- An animal complaint was made in Harrison.
  - Suspicious circumstances were reported in Harrison, Pony and Ennis.
  - An abandoned vehicle was reported in Ennis.
  - Ambulance calls were made in Harrison.
  - A traffic complaint was made in Ennis.
  - Lost/found property was reported in Ennis.
  - A wildlife complaint was made in Cardwell.
- JULY 12, 2020**
- Suspicious circumstances were reported in Sheridan and McAllister.
  - An animal complaint was made in Harrison.
  - A scam complaint was made in Ennis.
  - A wildlife complaint was made in Cameron.
- JULY 17, 2020**
- Threat complaints were made in Ennis.
  - Suspicious circumstances were reported in Whitehall.

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# Comet Neowise

COTTONTAIL OBSERVATORY WILL HOST STAR PARTY



Comet Neowise on July 15 seen from the Cottontail Observatory. PHOTO COURTESY COTTONTAIL OBSERVATORY

The image of comet Neowise was taken on July 15 by the Cottontail Observatory. At 69,6 million miles away the comet is coming closer to the Earth. On July 23 it will be 65 million miles from us this is the closest that it will get. The comet is a naked eye comet

meaning it is visible to the naked eye. To find it look Northwest, make a fist and hold it at full arm's length, the comet will be just above your fist.

The Cottontail Observatory will have a star party with telescopes for viewing on July 25th

at 10:30PM. A mask is required when viewing through the telescope. This is a weather-related event i.e., if it is overcast or high winds this event will be canceled. **If you have questions contact the Cottontail Observatory at (406)842-7722**

# Changes to surplus license process for 2020

Submitted by MT FWP

To give residents and nonresidents a more equitable opportunity for surplus licenses, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks has developed a new system for issuing surplus licenses.

Resident and nonresident hunters will be able to sign up for the new Surplus License List, with some sign-ups starting next week. Surplus licenses are leftover licenses from the special license and permit drawings FWP conducts each year.

To sign up for the Surplus License List, resident and nonresident hunters can sign up through the MyFWP portal: <https://myfwp.mt.gov/fw-pExtPortal/login/login.jsp>. As licenses become available, the list will be randomized. Hunters at the top of the list will be contacted via email with instructions to finalize their purchase. Hunters must keep their email address current in their ALS record. Payment of the license fee is not required to sign up on the Surplus License List. Obtaining a license from this list has no effect on your existing preference points.

Hunters must finalize the purchase of the license/permit

within the timeframe specified in the email, otherwise, your opportunity will be offered to the next hunter on the randomized list. FWP may offer opportunities that have not sold out through the Surplus License List to over-the-counter customers at our internal and external license sale providers.

LICENSE NUMBERS:

- The total number of Deer B licenses/permits a hunter may hold each year (through a combination of licenses acquired through drawings, purchased over the counter and through surplus sales is a total seven). Hunters electing Deer B license/permit opportunities will have the option to purchase two through the Surplus List.

- For Elk and Elk B licenses a hunter may hold a maximum of three each year. Only one of the three can be a general elk license, and two could be Elk B licenses through various sources such as the original drawing, game damage, or surplus. If you do not hold a general Elk license, you could obtain up to three Elk B licenses. Hunters electing Elk B license opportunities through the Surplus License List may only purchase one. However, additional opportunities up to your maximum of three may

be made available through over the counter or damage hunt sales.

- For antelope licenses, a hunter may hold up to three in a year, of which, one can be either sex. Hunters electing Antelope license opportunities will have the option to purchase one through the Surplus License List.

WHEN TO SIGN UP:

The Surplus License List sign-up timeframes referenced below are based on when the original drawing date for each species is scheduled to occur and are subject to change from year to year.

- Deer & Elk Permits, Deer B & Elk B License/Permits: July 21 through Aug. 7

- Antelope, Antelope B, Swan, Crane, Special Mountain Lion: Aug. 12 through Aug. 24

- Nonresident Hound Handler License: Sept. 16 to Sept. 28

Nonresidents who hold a NR Native license, Youth Combo license, or NR College Student Combination license may purchase Deer B and Elk B licenses at half price. For more information, contact the FWP licensing office at 406-444-2950 or fwplc@mt.gov.

## RUBY VALLEY SWIMS



New Kids on the Block recently participated in swimming lessons at the Ruby Valley Swimming Pool. Lessons were provided by the Hamilton Ranch Foundation. PHOTO COURTESY MARIA BIELER

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## Virginia City Preservation Alliance

CANCELLATION OF 2020 SUMMER EVENTS

Submitted by AMY GRICE

For many years, the Virginia City Preservation Alliance has sponsored the Grand Victorian Ball and the Chuckwagon Cook Off in furtherance of its mission “to tell the story of the western mining frontier”. These popular events have encouraged VCPA members, as well as the non-member public, to embrace the rich history of Virginia City, while also serving as fund raisers to support and sustain the other activities of the VCPA.

Due to the risks and many challenges associated with the COVID-19 outbreak, the VCPA

has made the determination that it is necessary and prudent to cancel its Grand Victorian Ball and its Chuckwagon Cook Off for 2020. Hopefully, circumstances will allow these important events to return in future years.

We are aware of the efforts underway to organize an alternative ball for those interested in participating despite the threats posed by COVID-19. While the VCPA expresses no opinion on these alternative ball efforts, we emphasize that the VCPA is not organizing or sponsoring this alternative event and otherwise has nothing whatsoever to do with its existence.

## Yellowstone fire danger raised to HIGH

Submitted by YELL PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The parkwide wildland fire danger for Yellowstone National Park is now HIGH.

- There are currently no active wildland fires in the park.
- There are no fire restrictions currently in place or planned in the park.
- Campfires are only permitted within established fire rings in

campgrounds and some back-country campsites.

- All campfires must be cold to the touch before abandoning. Soak, stir, feel, repeat.
- The Greater Yellowstone area is a fire-adapted ecosystem. Fire plays an important role in maintaining the health of this area's wildlife habitat and vegetation.
- Stay informed about current fire activity in Yellowstone.

## Douglas-fir trees damaged by outbreak of Douglas-fir tussock moth

Submitted by PAIGE COHN, MT DNRC

Douglas-fir trees throughout western Montana are being damaged by an outbreak of Douglas-fir tussock moth (DFTM). Damage is particularly notable throughout Missoula, Kalispell and along Flathead Lake. The Montana Department of Natural Resources (DNRC) and the USDA Forest Service are currently monitoring the scope and extent of damage. DFTM are voracious feeders that can cause alarming damage to trees, but a virus naturally builds up by approximately the third year of an outbreak and controls the caterpillar population. Insects in the highly visible patches are estimated to be in their third year of activity, although additional areas may develop where damage continues in the coming years.

Healthy trees may rebound from the damage, whereas young densely stocked or drought-stressed trees may not have enough nutrient reserves to withstand the damage. More trees may die if severe defoliation continues or bark beetles move into the stand.

Landowners should consider thinning stands to reduce competition for light, water, and nutrients. Spraying insecticides is not typically warranted unless defoliation or caterpillar presence is intolerable. Insecticides must be applied when DFTM are still



DFTM larva. PHOTO COURTESY DNRC

actively feeding next spring or early summer.

Hairs on the DFTM caterpillars can cause a respiratory reaction in humans known as tussockosis. The hairs can also cause skin irritation. Avoid

handling caterpillars and consider wearing long sleeves and pants in areas where the outbreak may be more severe.

Please note that western spruce budworm (WSBW) is also active in many of the

same areas. WSBW can be distinguished from DFTM by observing the caterpillars. WSBW are hairless and have cream colored dots along their backs, whereas DFTM have very distinguishable tufts of hair along their backs.



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# DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

## AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Madison Robert Morningstar pleaded not guilty to a felony and three misdemeanor charges in Madison County District Court July 13.

The Virginia City man rolled his Toyota Highlander on Interstate 287 near Nevada City June 2. According to the affidavit, a witness reported that Morningstar illegally passed him going westbound through Nevada City and struck the witness' vehicle as he tried to reenter the lane. Morningstar accelerated out of Nevada City, taking the road's turn at a high speed. His SUV flipped into the sagebrush about a mile from the initial crash.

Morningstar was later taken to the Ruby Valley Medical Center for his injuries. According to the police investigation, a partial bottle of Absolut vodka was

found above Morningstar's steering wheel. Officers obtained a search warrant to test Morningstar's alcohol consumption through a blood sample. The lab results from the sample were not included in court documents.

Morningstar has three prior driving under the influence convictions in the last ten years, according to court documents. The fourth DUI charge is a felony. He was also charged with leaving the scene of an accident that resulted in property damage over \$1,000, improper passing in a no passing zone and unlawful possession of an open container.

He posted a \$15,000 bond under the conditions that he does not drive a vehicle or be present in a bar. Morningstar is also under constant alcohol monitoring.

## REVOKED SENTENCE

Zane J. Pasma of Alder was sentenced in Madison County District Court July 13.

Pasma was convicted of two criminal trespassing misdemeanors October 2018. He received probation for a suspended sentence, which he violated with charges from Hill County in March.

According to court documents, the court ordered Pasma to pay the previously suspended fines of \$200. He was ordered to serve two months and two days for both misdemeanor convictions. The remainder of the combined year-long sentences was suspended. The Madison County District Court sentences will take place independently from any sentencing that results from the Hill County charges.

## Learn about subterranean science and super symbiosis at the Caverns

FRIDAY, JULY 24, AND SATURDAY, JULY 25, AT 8 P.M.

Submitted by JULIA SMIT

Montana State Parks (state-parks.mt.gov) and Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park will host two free programs this week. Join us in the campground amphitheater for "On Hallowed Grounds - A Dive into the Subterranean World of Caves, Sinkholes and Springs" with James Berglund and a talk about "Super Symbiosis" with Ranger Julia.

On Friday, July 24, at 8 p.m., join James Berglund as he escorts you through his extensive knowledge on the landscapes we know as "karst." Berglund will present on the natural beauty and societal importance of these regions characterized by their abundant caves, sinkholes and springs. Learn about these unique formations and how they (quite literally) shape the world around them.

This is the 10th presentation in Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park's annual Friday Summer Speaker Series, which will continue each Friday at 8 p.m. throughout the summer at L&CC's amphitheater.

Berglund has recently joined the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology/Montana Tech as an assistant research hydrogeologist after finishing his Ph.D. in geoscience at Temple University in Philadelphia. Berglund has had the plea-

sure of studying and working in many karst landscapes throughout Minnesota, Missouri and Pennsylvania, and now uses his geologic and hydrologic expertise to study the hydrogeology of Montana for the MBMG's Ground Water Investigation Program.

What: "On Hallowed Grounds - A Dive into the Subterranean World of Caves, Sinkholes and Springs" with James Berglund When: Friday, July 24, from 8 to 9 p.m. Where: Campground Amphitheater

On Saturday, July 25, at 8 p.m., join Park Ranger Julia Smit for a talk about "Super Symbiosis." What happens when the natural world works together? Symbiosis! Learn about some of the most supportive relationships in nature in this ranger talk.

What: Ranger Talk: Super Symbiosis When: Saturday, July 25, from 8 to 9 p.m. Where: Campground Amphitheater

COVID-19: Visitors to these events must keep in mind Gov. Steve Bullock's directives on face coverings and social distancing. Face coverings are always encouraged, and if proper social distancing of at least six feet is not possible or not observed face coverings will be required. This rule

applies to everyone over the age of 5. Additionally, if you're feeling ill, please do not attend this event. For more information on COVID-19 please visit the website: covid19.mt.gov. For more information about these or other programs at Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park, call 406-287-3541.

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**Friday**

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**Saturday**

Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High around 80F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph.

**Sunday**

Sunny. High near 85F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.

**Monday**

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## MADISON COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE NEW PROGRAMS, NEW EQUIPMENT & NEW TRAINING

Photos and story by  
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Summer is upon Madison County, which means people are taking advantage of the blue skies in the backcountry. But one must never assume to know what Montana's fickle weather will bring or mazes her forests can create.

Every year Madison County Search and Rescue have to rescue lost, injured or trapped adventurers. The group of volunteers, with a range of skills, embark on these missions with confidence and leadership. But it takes practice, and it is important that they have the tools they need to be sufficient. Individuals

or groups who find themselves in need of SAR can also contribute to the success of a rescue mission.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office often works with SAR's personnel and equipment to respond in the backcountry. Madison County's tax dollars support the volunteer service. A single mill that brings \$146,959 of funding is divided between the Ruby Valley Search and Rescue and the Madison Valley Search and Rescue. This goes toward equipment, training, transportation and missions.

Madison County SAR added two military-grade utility terrain vehicles and a youth program to its fleet. The two tan UTVs came from a program that gives feder-

al military surplus to SAR teams. The Madison County Board of Commissioners requested the vehicles and they were given to the county's SAR.

The youth program was jumpstarted on the commitment of one 16-year-old, Henry Sutton. Sutton joined a Madison County SAR training in the Gravelly Range July 11. The training worked on locating and rescuing two different scenarios. SAR members collected geographic information and potential medical concerns in the simulated rescue mission. They split up into teams and sped off in a cloud of dust toward their rescued destination.

It was a successful practice mission for both teams.



Madison County Search and Rescue take off into the Gravelly Mountains for training July 11.



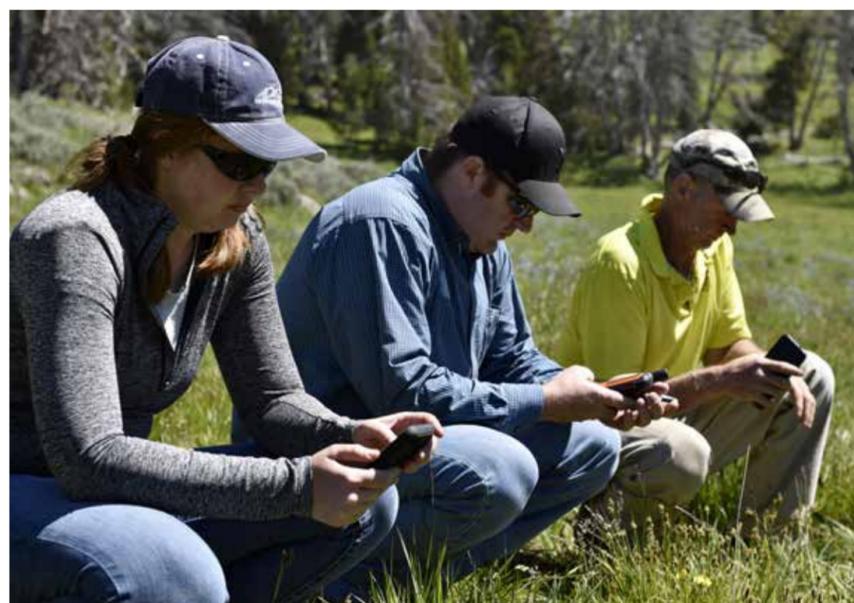
Bobby Sutton and his son Henry prepare to train with Madison County Search and Rescue.



Tommy Luksha discusses a plan of action with his team mates during the Madison County Search and Rescue training in the Gravelly Range.



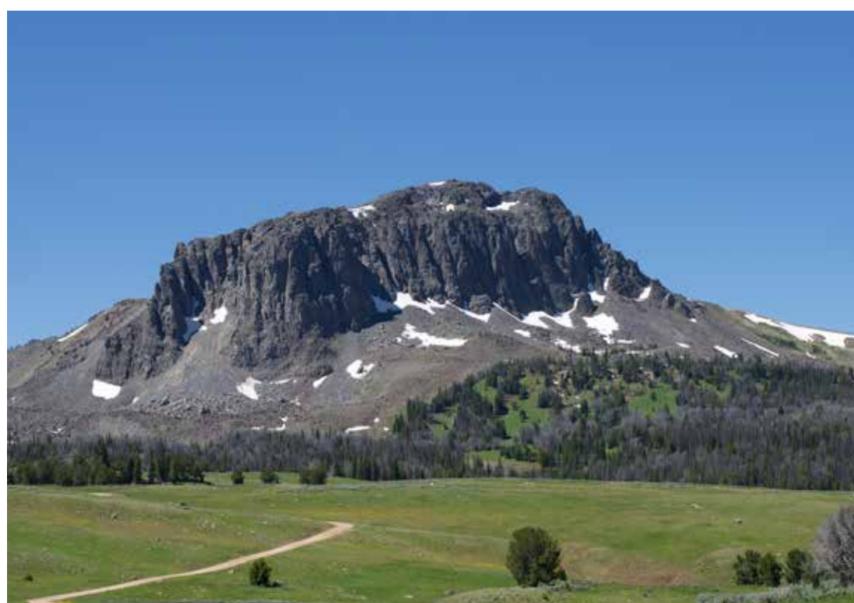
Rick Hafenfeld and Henry Sutton discuss the details of the training mission.



Randy Adams, Jake Stewart and Bobby Sutton type in GPS coordinates into their trackers at the beginning of the Search and Rescue training.



A military-grade utility terrain vehicle and a person ATV wait to begin the Search and Rescue training mission below Black Butte in the Gravelly Mountains.



Black Butte, the Gravelly Range's highest peak under a blue sky.



# Personalized exercise?

## How biology influences fitness

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Getting enough physical activity can make both your body and mind feel better. It can also help prevent or delay health problems. Now, researchers are looking for ways to find out which exercises may best suit your body.

Different types of exercise can bring different health benefits. You can strengthen your bones with weights. Increase your flexibility with stretching. Or, improve your heart health with aerobic activity.

But people's bodies are built differently. Some people have more of the type of muscle that provides strength. Others have more of the type that provides endurance, which keeps you moving for a long period of time. This is one reason why people may be naturally suited to different sports.

But this idea doesn't just apply to athletes. It affects people getting physical activity for fitness, too.

"There are a variety of reasons why different people might adapt better to different types of exercise training," says Dr. Marcos Bamman, an exercise researcher at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. "And an important factor that we're starting to learn more about is our genes."

Researchers are studying how genes influence our bodies' responses to physical activity. They're also looking at how exercise affects people's bodies

differently. They're even exploring how it affects your microbes.

"The end goal is to be able to provide an exercise "prescription" that is optimal for each person, so they can gain the most benefit," Bamman says.

### INFLUENCED BY GENES

Scientists know that different types of exercise have different effects on health, explains Dr. William Kraus, who studies heart disease prevention at Duke University. "The benefits vary by type, intensity, and amount of exercise," he says.

For example, his lab has observed that long bouts of moderate-intensity exercise, like brisk walking, may be especially good at lowering blood sugar levels. This can be important for people trying to prevent diabetes.

But maybe you want to reduce the levels of "bad" cholesterol in your blood to help prevent a heart attack. For that, a lot of high-intensity exercise to get your heart pounding may help the most, Kraus adds.

His team has observed these effects across ages and for both men and women. But when you look at individuals within those groups, he says, not everyone gets the same benefit from the same workout.

"We want to understand how your genetic background determines your response to exercise," he says. His research team has identified a set of genes that predict who will get the biggest

improvements in heart health from aerobic exercise, like jogging or cycling.

Bamman's team has found a set of genes that may help predict who would gain the most muscle from a strength training program. But, he explains, just because you may not get the same benefits as someone else from one type of exercise doesn't mean you don't get any.

"Everybody responds to exercise in a positive way," Bamman says. "For example, people who couldn't gain muscle as well as other people still gained strength in our study. They still improved walking ability and a lot of other important aspects of health."

Researchers are looking for other genes that may predict how exercise affects different aspects of health, like blood sugar control. In one study, Kraus and his team tested an exercise program to reduce the risk of diabetes in a large group of people.

"Some people got a great improvement controlling their blood sugar, and some people got none, even though they did all the exercise," he says.

Knowing who's most likely to benefit from specific exercises may help health care providers better tailor their recommendations for workout.

But these studies are still in the early stages. If you have a health condition, talk with your provider about the types and amounts of physical activity that are safe for you.

### LEARNING FROM ATHLETES

"There really is almost no health intervention as potent and as broad in its benefit as physical activity," says Dr. Euan Ashley, who studies exercise and the heart at Stanford University.

Ashley, Bamman, and Kraus are involved in a large NIH-funded program(link is external) looking at how exercise affects different molecules in the body. They're also exploring how this differs between people. The team is studying both people who have previously not exercised regularly and active athletes.

Studying the abilities of elite athletes has the potential to help us understand the upper limits of the human body, Ashley explains.

"For an athlete to perform at the absolutely highest level, everything has to work perfectly," he says. This includes the muscles, heart, blood cells, and more. Studies of athletes, such as runners and skiers, have found genetic differences that have positive effects on their bodies' performance, Ashley says.

"By studying athletes, we can learn more about the extremes of each of these body systems. And by understanding the extremes, we can understand fundamental aspects of those systems. That could help us treat people with diseases in those systems," explains Ashley.

### THE ROLE OF MICROBES

It's not only your biology that can influence how exercise affects

your body. Scientists are discovering more and more about the role of your microbiome. That's the collection of microbes that live in and on your body.

In a recent study, researchers found changes in a certain type of gut bacteria in marathon runners. They transferred those bacteria into mice. The mice given the bacteria were able to run longer.

Scientists are only beginning to study the microbiome's role in fitness. Such studies are difficult, because things like diet, sleep, and even the people you live with can affect your microbiome, Kraus says.

Researchers continue to learn more about biology and physical activity. But no matter who you are, how much activity you get can make a difference for your health. Experts recommend getting at least 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity a week. And at least two days a week, do strength training exercises.

"There are huge benefits from exercise for both mental and physical health," says Ashley. Find ideas for how to get started(link is external).

## WISE CHOICES

### Personalize Your Workout

- **Know your goals.** Try to set specific short- and long-term goals. Then talk with your health care provider about the types and amount of exercise you can safely do.
- **Do what you enjoy.** Don't struggle with a workout you hate. Build in activities that make both your body and brain feel good.
- **Find a partner.** Ask a family member or friend to be active with you. Activity may be more fun with someone.
- **Track your progress.** You might not feel as though you're making progress, but you may be pleasantly surprised if you look back at where you started.
- **Review your goals.** Did you meet your goals? If not, why? Are they doable? Brainstorm some options of what to do differently.



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# COLUMNS



## COMMODITY INSITE: Every dog has its day

By JERRY WELCH

Gold prices hit a new, 11 year high this week and it seems timely to repost a column I penned on December 4, 2009, entitled, "Every Dog Has Its Day" from my book, "Haunted By Markets. Keep in mind, as a subscriber to this newspaper you receive my book at no cost if you take advantage of my Special Offer regarding my twice a day newsletter Commodity Insite. Let me hear from you! Call me 406 682 5010.

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"Every dog has its day and so does every market. At some point, a market will come into its own and stage a rally that is spectacular. When that time arrives prices cannot be held in check. Values soar to levels that are simply breathtaking. And over the past few years, the number of

markets that shot into the stratosphere when their time arrived are numerous and varied.

Not long ago, K.C. wheat prices rallied from \$4 to \$26 a bushel. Copper prices skyrocketed from \$190 to \$850 a ton. Crude oil shot from less than \$20 to \$145 a barrel. Several livestock and grain markets have performed in a similar manner including rice, sugar and cocoa. The list of markets that have rallied to where the air is rarefied is a long one. And it is no longer an uncommon event.

Gold is a market that has come into its own. In November, the yellow metal only saw two losing sessions and gained 13% to post the largest one month gain since 1999. For the year, gold has soared 33%, showing gains in

17 out of the past 20 weeks. And despite gold being historically high priced, investors and the hot money funds in search of hot markets are lining up as buyers convinced the yellow metal is still a bargain.

Over the past 10 years, gold rose 270%, outperforming both stocks and real estate as an investment. Gold tends to do well in periods of currency crisis and with the U.S. dollar resting on a 14 year low and equities far below the levels of two years ago, there has been a mad rush into the yellow metal as a safe haven.

But this is not the first time gold has come into its own. In 1980, the greenback was also in trouble and equities slumping. Consequently, gold was bid up to the unheard of price of \$850 an

ounce. Once the market peaked out, however, gold fell back to \$350 an ounce and remained depressed for 20 long years.

That means if you bought gold in the early 1980's at \$350 an ounce, you would have made no money for nearly 20 years when factoring in inflation. Gold bugs, on the other hand, argue that a 20 year bear market, two decades of sluggish prices is not the norm and such an example is a poor one to use. Well, excuse me!

In a November 18 Reuters Blog entitled, "The Fed is Sending Gold Higher," by Rolfe Winkler, he states, "eventually the value of all paper (money) you've accumulated goes to zero. The trick is to turn that paper into tangible assets with tangible value. Gold may be volatile, but at least it

maintains its real value."

Mr. Winkler displays a chart of gold prices covering seven and a half centuries. According to the chart, if you bought gold between the years 1315 and 1765, you did not make money until the mid-1960's. I assume that means that gold did, during that period, maintain "real value" but it also suggests it took as long as 650 years to get your money back.

There may be far more coming to the upside for gold since those in step with the market continue to forecast higher prices amid a weaker U.S. dollar. Legendary trader Jimmy Rogers is calling for \$2000 an ounce, "soon." Another well-known metal trader says gold will hit \$3000 in two years. A third gold

enthusiast is on record calling for \$5000 an ounce before President Obama leaves office.

I understand that gold could reach \$2000 an ounce, "soon." Or, \$3000 within two years. I can accept the theory that \$5000 gold may be seen by the time President Obama leaves office. And I understand fully the risk involved if I buy gold at this week's price of \$1220 an ounce that it may take 20 years to get my money back. I am aware of the various scenarios that a buyer of gold faces with prices at historic highs.

But, if I buy gold and have to wait 650 years to show a profit my wife will kill me. I know her well. There is no way she will wait that long. Women! ...Go figure....

## THIS, OUR VALLEY *We must take stock in our socks*

By Keith Axberg

Perfection is the voice of the oppressor, the enemy of the people. Anne Lamotte

I removed my socks last night, and just before I pulled them off I couldn't help but notice I had a sizeable hole worn into the sock where the ball of my feet sits, or stands, or whatever it is the balls of one's feet do when they are enveloped by a stocking.

Normally I would not have noticed such a thing, but darned if it wasn't the fourth day in a row I had discovered holes worn into the day's socks. As I sat down to type this I looked at the bottom of my shoeless feet (for I seldom wear shoes or slippers in the house) and I'll be gob

smacked into next week if another one of my footies doesn't have a hole in it too!

Good heavens. I knew I was "called" to be holy - but to be actually "found" holey as well?

I suppose since I opened the package of stockings from which these came all at once, it makes sense that they would all wear out at about the same time as well. Fortunately, being a soul who knows the frailties of a sole, I have another package of footwear sitting in my dresser drawer. I can only pray that moths and other sock-eating vermin haven't discovered these fresh goods yet.

It seems life is full of streaks. Back when we had sports (pre-

Covid), people would note a player was on a hot streak or a cold streak, depending on his or her success while at bat or shooting baskets. I'd never considered myself much of a streaker, but apparently I have now joined that illustrious band of streaking athletes. I place myself in that category simply because I wear athletic socks, or I wear nothing at all - (on my feet, that is).

Nothing lasts forever, of course. Streaks end; socks get holes; shirt cuffs become frayed; buttons pop off; zippers even lose their little zippities. I lost a zip pull on one of my favorite coats a while back. I loved that coat and had worn it for several decades. It was still in pretty good shape and kept me warm

and dry, so I replaced the pull with an extra-large paper clip. After a while, I had to admit it was a functional (if inelegant) solution, but the time had come to find a new winter coat.

I've never been much of a clothes horse. I don't mind wearing things until they're past the "worn out" stage of life. I have no eye for fashion. I bought my first leisure suit a year after the civilized world decided leisure suits were ugly and stupid; I simply didn't know any better. I think it was reruns of The Brady Bunch that inspired that particular choice at the time.

I suspect that could be one reason Jesus suggested we take our cue from the lilies of the

field. "They neither sow nor reap, yet even Solomon in all his glory didn't look nearly as sharp ..."

I wonder what it is about the human psyche that moves us to acquire so much stuff in life, or pursue the latest and greatest gadgets and gizmos. Perhaps Augustine, that wonderfully flawed saint from Hippo (North Africa - yes, that great theologian was an African) had it right when he said, "You have made us for yourself (O Lord), and the heart is restless until it finds its rest in You."

Maybe we are little more than earth-socks. We're worn, dingy, and have got holes that need darning. The itch that won't go away is probably little

more than God's toes poking through those holes and waiting for us to stop long enough so God can stitch us up with love. It's threads of love that knit us together (according to Colossians 2).

It's both touching and ironic to think: God does not desire any of us to be damned, but works to darn us here in this life. One could even say, God is Knit-pickie and undy-footed.

One "could" say that, but I wouldn't (at least not while wearing a leisure suit). Let's just toe the line and love everyone alike here in this, our valley.

Keith Axberg writes on matters concerning life and faith. He can be reached at [kfaxberg@gmail.com](mailto:kfaxberg@gmail.com)



## A WRANGLER'S RECKLESS WRITINGS

By Bryce Angell

### Ranger Gal

I rolled out of my sleeping bag. 'Twas dang near eight o'clock. My tent was by the campfire and I'd slept hard, like a rock.

I threw the horses hay, and then I headed for the john. A rickety old outhouse, just one hole to sit upon.

But then my memory told me, "There's a restroom down the road." So, I grabbed two cowboys, couldn't wait to feel the warm commode.

But then a danged old ranger dude came walking out the door. He said, "The restrooms aren't for free. Don't use them anymore."

I didn't want to make a scene. He had authority. But the parking lot was empty just as far as I could see.

We didn't have a pass to get into the park that day. Just wanted nice warm bathrooms, but we didn't want to pay.

So, we drove off irritated. Oh, we vowed to come back soon. That ranger was a marshmallow. We'd show the big buffoon.

That afternoon at four o'clock we climbed into the truck. Then drove down to the restrooms. We were bound to have some luck.

We pulled up to the gate. Now there were six of us in all. We were mighty, fearsome cowboys, prob'ly felt like ten feet tall.

But then one pretty, little gal walked up to our truck door. She winked at me and then she smiled. My jaw 'bout hit the floor.

She said, "We'd like it if you'd pay and hope you weren't misled." I didn't have a word to say. My brain had left my head.

We tipped our hats and did I mention egg on every face. The cutest little ranger gal had put us in our place.

That night while sitting 'round the fire the men all tried to boast. 'Cuz every cowboy seemed to think she'd smiled at him the most.

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  - Not bright
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  - Explosive network?
  - Hindu wrap
  - \_\_\_ and talented
  - Age of Aquarius flick
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- Bumpkin
- Rose oil
- Not top-shelf at a bar
- Artemis' companion
- Maori war dance
- Muscovite or biotite
- "Bloodchild" author
- Bank on
- A Bobsey twin
- Printer button
- "To Kill a Mockingbird" author
- "The Color Purple" author
- "The Crying of Lot 49" author
- Spasm of pain
- Not well
- Nary a soul
- Like Al Yankovic
- Born, in society pages
- Island off Manhattan
- "For Your Eyes \_\_\_"
- President Taft's addition to the White House

- DOWN**
- Old-fashioned tub foot
  - Movie theater admonition
  - Machu Picchu builder
  - Scottish landowner
  - Inflammation of iris
  - Psychologist Pavlov
  - McCartney or Starkey, e.g.
  - Last European colony in China
  - Fat and flour sauce
  - Fungal spore sacs
  - Santa's preference
  - Genetic info carrier
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  - Nebraska's largest city
  - Jet travel fatigue
  - Relating to food intake
  - Pulsating pain
  - a.k.a. Pleasant Island
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  - "American Pastoral" author
  - W-2, e.g.

- "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" author
- "Fear of Flying" author
- "Chronicles: Volume One" author
- Not counterfeit
- Leaf gathering tool
- Pep gathering
- Decorated
- Kind of caviar
- Pined
- Newspapers and such
- Cause for food recall
- One of Five Ws
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## JULY 23, 2020

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Lyman H. Bennett, III BENNETT LAW GROUP, PLLC P.O. Box 337 Virginia City, MT 59755-0337 Telephone: (406) 843-5650 Facsimile: (406) 843-5651 E-mail: lymanhbennett@montana.net Attorney for Personal Representative MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT MADISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD D. RICHARDSON, Deceased. Probate No. DP-29-2020-16. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MEG SAMMONS 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 be either mailed to MEG SAMMONS, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested at PO BOX 164, MCALLISTER, MT 59740 or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. DATED this 17th day of JUNE, 2020.  
/s/LYMAN H. BENNETT III ATTORNEY FOR THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (Pub. JULY 9, 16, 23, 2020) BENNETT MNAXLP

**AUDIT PUBLICATION**

An audit of the affairs of the Town of Twin Bridges, Twin Bridges, Montana has been conducted by Denning, Downey & Associates, PC. The audit covered the fiscal years ended June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019. The audit report is on file in its entirety and open to public inspection at Town Hall, 104 E. 6th Ave, Twin Bridges, MT. The Town of Twin Bridges will send a copy of the audit report to any interested person upon request. (Pub. JULY 23, 2020) TOWN OF TWIN BRIDGES MNAXLP

**MADISON TRIBUTARIES WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking comments on the draft "Madison Sediment and Temperature TMDLs and Water Quality Improvement Plan," and will hold a public meeting on Aug 06, 2020 at 5 p.m. to provide information about the plan and answer questions. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom, an online teleconferencing platform. Click on or type this link into your web browser's address bar to join the meeting: <https://mt.gov.zoom.us/j/96791178706> (please join 15 minutes early). A call-in option is also available using (406) 444-9999 and ID: 967 9117 8706. If you wish to join by phone, you may follow along with the presentation that will be given by downloading it from the project's website at: <http://mtwaterqualityprojects.pbworks.com>. A recording of the meeting will be available after the meeting, at the same link. The document provides total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) to help address water quality problems related to sediment and water temperature levels in 20 tributaries of the Madison River. The document also includes strategies for reducing pollution levels to meet Montana's surface water quality standards, and is available on the DEQ website at <http://deq.mt.gov/Public/publiccomment>. The document may also be viewed via the free public computer at the Madison Valley Public Library in Ennis. Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m., Aug 20, 2020, and may be mailed to: DEQ, Water Quality Planning Bureau, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620, or submitted electronically at: <http://comment.cwaic.mt.gov/>. For more information, please contact: Christina Staten at (406) 444-2836 or CStaten@mt.gov. (Pub. JULY 23, 2020) DEPT ENV QUALITY MNAXLP

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Montana Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation, Dillon Unit is proposing the Tepee Creek Timber Sale, located in sections 1-4, 10 & 11, T13S, R1W. To view the scoping notice, with map, please go to: <http://dnrc.mt.gov/public-interest/public-notices> (Pub. JULY 23, 2020) DNRC-DILLION MNAXLP

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY IN RE THE ESTATE OF K. WALTON PETERSON, Deceased. Probate No. DP-29-2020-17 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the 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 LAURA LOUISE BRUNZELL and JAY WILFRED PETERSON, the Co-Personal Representatives, return receipt requested, c/o HARSHBARGER LAW FIRM, P.O. Box 310, Dillon, MT 59725 or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. "I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct." DATED this 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 2020. /S/ LAURA LOUISE BRUNZELL C/O HARSHBARGER LAW FIRM PO BOX 310 DILLON, MT 59725 (Pub. JULY 23, 2020) HARSHBARGER MNAXLP

**INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed Bids will be accepted by the Tobacco Roots Mountains Care Center's Administration, 326 Madison Street, P O Box 308, Sheridan, MT, 59749 until 5:00PM local time on August 3, 2020, and then publicly opened and read aloud at the Madison County Commissioners' meeting located at 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City, MT at 10:00AM local time on August 4,

2020. Bids are being accepted for the removal of the existing asphalt shingles on the main structure, membrane roofing on a low-slope roof section of the structure and the metal roofing on entranceways, and partial gutters/downspouts on the main structure and asphalt shingles on one (1) 20x20-storage building located on the grounds of the facility. The project also includes the installation of new-asphalt shingles, membrane, metal roofing and partial gutters/downspouts and asphalt shingles on one (1) 20x20-storage building located on the grounds at the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center (TRMCC), 326 Madison Street, Sheridan, MT, 59749. The qualified contractors would be responsible: to provide all necessary materials, labor and equipment to complete removal and installation of the complete project on the main structure, low-slope roof section and roofing on the entranceways, partial gutters/downspouts, on the main structure and roofing on one (1) 20x20 storage building located on the grounds of the facility. Complete Bid Proposal may be viewed on the Madison County website: <https://madisoncountymt.gov/424/PublicLegal-Notices> All laborers employed by Contractor or Subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates required by Montana Prevailing Wage Rates. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond payable to Madison County, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. Successful Bidders shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor Materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. The successful Bidder shall provide insurance, as required, and a Certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period not to exceed sixty days, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid that is in the best interest of the Owner. To make inquiries about the scope of the project or to schedule an appointment please contact David Reintsma, TRMCC Facility Director at 406-842-5600. Madison County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Published in the Madisonian on July 16, July 23, and July 30, 2020, Madison County Commission, 103 W. Wallace, PO Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755. (Pub. JULY 23, 2020) MAD COUNTY COMMISH -BID MNAXLP

**PUBLIC MEETING**

Jack Creek Road Bridge (JC4) Madison County will hold a public meeting regarding the replacement of Jack Creek Road Bridge (JC4) beginning at 11:00 am on Tuesday, July 28th, 2020 at the Madison County Commissioner's Office in Virginia City, Montana at 103 West Wallace Street. The meeting will be held in the second-floor courtroom of the Administrative Office Building. The County is also offering the meeting virtually via WebEx or by phone: Meeting link: <https://globalpage-prod>.

code): 295 441 840 Password: VCMadison Join by phone +1-408-418-9388 Access Code: 295 441 840# Numeric Password: 826 234 76# The purpose of the meeting is to obtain comments from County residents regarding the replacement of Jack Creek Road Bridge (JC4) over Jack Creek located approximately 12 miles east along Jack Creek Road from the Highway 287 intersection. At the meeting, the proposed project will be explained, including: the purpose and proposed area of the project; activities; budget, potential funding sources and any costs for local citizens that may occur as a result of the project. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to ask questions and express opinions regarding the proposed project and any environmental impacts. Comments may be given verbally at the meeting or submitted in writing through the end of the public meeting. Written comments may be sent to the Madison County Commission, 103 West Wallace Street, PO Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755. For more information about the project contact the Madison County Commission, PO Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755 or at (406) 843-4277. Copies of the Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Assessment are available online at <https://madisoncountymt.gov/424/PublicLegal-Notices> and copies are available for review at the Madison County Commissioner's Office, 103 West Wallace Street, Virginia City, MT. (Pub. JULY 23, 2020) MAD COUNTY COMMISH -JACK BRIDGE MNAXLP

**AUDIT PUBLICATION**

An audit of the affairs of Sheridan Public Schools has been conducted by Strom & Associates, PC. The audit covered the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The audit also covered the Extracurricular Fund for pupil functions which is included in the financial statements of the District. Section 2-7-521, MCA, requires that this publication concerning the audit report include a statement that the audit report is on file in its entirety and open to public inspection at Sheridan Public Schools, and that the Sheridan Public Schools will send a copy of the audit report to any interested person upon request. (Pub. JULY 23, 2020) SD5 SHERIDAN- AUDIT MNAXLP

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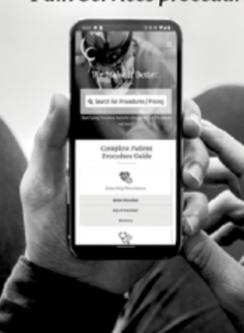
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 Sunday School 11:20 a.m.  
 R S & Priesthood 12:10 p.m.  
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 3560 | MT State Hwy 287 Sheridan 842-5860  
 Bishop Shaw 684-5255

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 114 N. Main, Sheridan 842-5845  
 Pastor Duane B. Deshner  
 Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday Valley Kids- after school to 6:45 p.m.  
 Ruby Valley Food Pantry- Saturdays 10 a.m.-Noon  
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**Ruby Valley Baptist Church**  
 Tony Shaw, Pastor 842-5602  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service 11 a.m.  
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 9:30 am Sunday at St. Mary's in Laurin.  
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 Father John Crutchfield, Pastor

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**Church of the Valley**  
 Twin Bridges  
 Worship & Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
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 Worship 8:30 a.m.  
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 Contact Donna Gilman 596-0456

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 Family Dinner 5:30 PM  
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## AREA SENIOR MEALS

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 MOW delivery area expanded: S. to Cameron, W. to Virginia City N. to McAllister E. to lower Jeffers.  
 Due To Food Product Shortages menu items may change.

Thursday, June 25 – Teriyaki Chicken Kabobs, Rice, Garlic Bread, Dessert  
 Friday, June 26 – Ham & Cheese Sliders, Broccoli Salad, Dessert  
 Monday June 29 – Chicken Caesar Wrap, Cottage Cheese, Fruit, Dessert  
 Tuesday, June 30 – Goulash, Salad, Roll Dessert  
 Wednesday, July 1 – Grilled Bratwurst, Chips, 3 Bean Salad, Dessert  
 Thursday, July 2 – Meatloaf, Mashers, Gravy, Veggies, Dessert  
 Friday, July 3 – Fried Cod Sandwich, JoJo Potatoes, Fruit, Dessert

**RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY, SHERIDAN**  
 Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Located at 114 N. Main St., in Valley Assembly (formerly New Beginnings). Serving the Ruby Valley from Silver Star to Virginia City. Contact Doug 842-5587 or Jim 842-5573 for more information.

**SENIOR CENTER, SHERIDAN**  
 The Sheridan Senior Center offers meals for seniors 60 years and older. Seniors may choose to eat at the Senior Center, family style for \$4 or have their meals delivered for \$4.50 (Meals on Wheels). Meals on Wheels are within the city limits of Sheridan and should be called in by 10 a.m. Contact Shirley Sand at 842-5966. 201 Crofoot Street (the former Ruby Valley Medical Clinic).

**VIRGINIA CITY CAFÉ**  
 Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$4.00.  
**Delivery in VC if seniors call between 10am and Noon on those days.**

Thursday, July 23 - Lasagna w/side salad and garlic toast, dessert  
 Tuesday, July 28 - Cheeseburger, fries, dssert  
 Thursday, July 30 - Mac & Cheese, veggies, roll, dessert

**TWIN BRIDGES SENIOR CENTER**  
 The Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center provides meals for seniors every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon at the Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center.  
 Take Out lunch as well as Home Delivery is ready at 11:30 In house meals begin at 12:00 noon.  
 \*\*\*\* All in house meals are served using social distancing and sanitary measures.  
 Friday, July 24 - Chicken stirfry, rice, cucumber-daikon radish salad, apple dumpling  
 Monday, July 27 - Pulled pork on a bun, pasta salad, veggie salad, dessert  
 Wednesday, July 29 - Shepherds pie, salad, key lime dessert

**HOLLOW TOP SENIOR CITIZENS**  
 Pony, Harrison and Norris. The Hollowtop Senior Center is open at 12 noon. Call 685-3460 for more information or 685-3323 for reservations.  
 Wednesday, July 29 - Mexican Chicken  
 Wednesday, Aug. 5 - Pork Chop Casserole

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**REGULAR EVENTS**

**MONDAYS**

**10 a.m.**  
**Madison County All Hazard Incident Management Team Operations Briefing**  
 Meeting link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/289992789>  
 Access Code: 289-992-789  
 Join by phone: +1 (872) 240-3311

**TUESDAYS**

**9:30 a.m.**  
**Madison County Board of Commissioners Meeting**  
 This Meeting will be available by Webex.  
 Meeting link: <https://globalpage-prod.webex.com/join>  
 Meeting number (access code): 295 441 840  
 Password: VCMadison  
 Host key: 289925 or  
 Join by phone +1-408-418-9388

**WEDNESDAYS**

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**Monday through Friday**

**6:30 -7:30 a.m.**  
**Water Aerobics and Lap Swim**  
 The Ruby Valley Swimming Pool in Sheridan is offering a cool way to stay fit in the summer. Call 406.842.5272 to sign up for water aerobics or reserve a lane.

**Monday through Friday**

**Noon – 1 p.m.**  
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**9 a.m. -1 p.m.**  
**Adult Tennis**  
 Ennis Tennis Courts. Adult members and non-members make reservations: 682-7468

**Monday through Saturday**

**1 p.m. to sundown**  
**Children’s Tennis**  
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**MON-WED-FRI**

**6 p.m.**  
**Adult Pickleball**  
 Sheridan baseball park  
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**SATURDAYS**

**9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
**Twin Bridges Farmers’ Market**  
 Main Street  
 Twin Bridges Farmers’ and Open Air Market

**Whitehall Farmers’ Market**

**9 a.m. to noon**  
**Legion Street**  
 Whitehall Farmers’ and Open Air Market

**SUNDAYS**

**All day play**  
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**EVENTS**

**Friday, July 24, 8 to 9 p.m.**

**“On Hallowed Grounds – A Dive into the Subterranean World of Caves, Sinkholes and Springs”**  
 with James Berglund at Lewis and Clark Caverns Campground Amphitheatre

**Saturday, July 25**

**10 a.m.**  
**Oula Fitness Class**  
 Come to the park behind the Sheridan Library to release and workout. Oula is a Montana-created exercise that has now expanded into six other countries. It’s an easy to follow, high cardio, dance, yoga fitness class for people of all abilities. The class is one hour with a \$5 donation. Bring workout shoes and water.

**Saturday, July 25**

**8 to 9 p.m.**  
**Ranger Talk: Super Symbiosis**  
 at Lewis and Clark Caverns Campground Amphitheatre

**CANCELLATIONS**

- SHERIDAN DAYS IS CANCELED.
- ALDER DAYS IS CANCELED.
- MADISON VALLEY ARTS FESTIVAL IS CANCELED.
- FLY FISHING & OUTDOOR FESTIVAL CANCELED.
- TAP INTO ENNIS CRAFT BEER AND WINE FESTIVAL CANCELED.
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