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## A crowded campaign looms for House District 75 seat

By KEITH HAMMONDS  
Publisher

Since it was redistricted in 2013, Montana's House District 75 — which encompasses most of Jefferson County — has been reliably red.

Republican Marta Bertoglio won comfortably in each of the last three elections, taking more than two-thirds of votes cast in 2020 and 2024 and running unopposed in 2022. The closest a GOP candidate has come to losing was in 2018, when Greg DeVries garnered just 57.4% of the vote to Democrat Bryher Herak's 42.6%.

So it's reasonable to expect Mark Reinschmidt, the Republican appointed last

year to fill Bertoglio's seat after she was named the state's Commerce director, to coast to victory this year.

But it may not be so straightforward: Reinschmidt faces not one challenger, but two. Patrick Sullivan, an academic, consultant, and former U.S. Navy officer, has filed as a Democratic candidate. And DeVries has returned to the political fray, this time as a Libertarian.

As the de facto incumbent, Reinschmidt enjoys multiple advantages. He has the backing of the county's GOP Central Committee and has built relation-

ships with the County Commission and other local officials. In the nine months since his appointment, he has met Governor Greg Gianforte, state agency directors and House leaders.

And he has served on the interim State Administration and Veterans Affairs Committee, giving him a window into the legislative process and connections to other legislators. "I have come

to realize how important the relationships with party members are to effectively represent my district," he wrote in one of a series of emailed responses to The Monitor's questions.



Reinschmidt grew up in Whitehall and, after two years of college and five years of working out of state, returned to the area and has lived there since. Though trained as a chip designer, he has made his living as an entrepreneur, for 22 years as owner of Big Sky Decorative Concrete and currently with Maverick Custom Design, which produces custom lighting, furniture and metal art. "Like many others, I've been blessed to be able to start and grow a business here," he says.

Reinschmidt says he's focused on the cost of living, especially housing, and on rising property taxes. He plans to advocate

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### All that jazz



Basin jazz artist MJ Williams, center, makes a cameo appearance with Devon Gates, on bass, and trombonist Naomi Moon Mar. 17 at the Art Mine. See story, page 11. (Piper Heath/The Monitor)

## Boulder still in the mix for women's prison

By DAVID LEPESKA  
Editor

After assessing 10 locations, the Montana Department of Corrections views three places — Boulder, Deer Lodge, and Miles City — as its preferred options for its new women's prison.

Speaking to a legislative budgeting committee March 18, DOC Director Eric Strauss explained that, of the three, Deer Lodge may be the weakest choice, given that an ongoing expansion there would likely complicate further construction.

"Now we're in the process of likely paring that down to two," said Strauss, adding that the DOC is "looking at specifically the opportunities of the land we own in Boulder and in Miles City, a little bit deeper dive to understand what potential exists at both of those locations."

The DOC expects to complete its location assessments by the end of March and announce its new women's prison site soon afterward. Carolynn Stocker, DOC Communications Director, told The Monitor that the number of beds to be built and the size and cost of the new facility "will be largely dependent on which site is selected."

The department, which has not

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## City looks to wastewater expansion

By DAVID LEPESKA  
Editor

Boulder officials have begun preliminary planning for a wastewater system upgrade likely to result in further water rate increases, in addition to the hikes coming in May.

The city's existing wastewater treatment system, which received an environmental award in 2017, currently serves around 1540 people, which is not far from its capacity of 1590. Boulder has 1,305 residents, according to data from the Montana Census and Economic Information Center, but its wastewater facilities serve a couple hundred outliers.

"The need to expand the wastewater

treatment facility is necessary now to some extent," said City Administrator Brian Bullock. "We know a few things that need to be replaced or expanded upon to maintain efficiency and flexibility throughout the whole treatment process."

The City expects to begin its upgrades and updates in the next few years, yet can only nail down its plan once it has a better grasp of what's to come. A key determinant will be the state's decision, expected in the next month or two, on the site for its new women's prison.

That facility could quickly add up to 250 new users — inmates and staff — to Boulder's system. Bullock expected to have more clarity on wastewater treat-

ment expansion "after we find out what the State plans are with the women's prison."

Boulder's broader growth will also shape the city's plans. At the March 16 City Council meeting, Elly Goebel, a wastewater engineer with Morrison-Maierle, presented officials with three future development models for Boulder.

Under the slow-growth scenario, Boulder's wastewater system would have 1679 users by 2046. In the medium-growth scenario, the town would have 2,533, while the fast-growth scenario would result in some 3,100 users (See map on page 6 for likeliest areas of development).

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## Loving a job she never planned on having

By PIPER HEATH  
Reporter

Soon after moving to Jefferson City in 2018, Grace Williams came upon a vehicular accident on Interstate 15, just north of the Jefferson City exit, and stopped to help.

She was one of three people on scene who tried to save the driver, staying with them while others kept onlookers from taking photos, but the driver ultimately passed away. A white truck with a sunflower marks the spot today.

"That kind of put it in my head," she said, the thought of being someone who could respond. "Maybe there was something more that could have been done."

Not long after, she drove past the fire hall and saw then-chief Bud Siderits, standing on top of a truck. Williams pulled in and said hello.

"That guy is like a sweet talker," she

said with a laugh. "He just lures you in. Before you know it, you're coming to meetings."

Women firefighters are rare across Montana and the West — only 13% of U.S. Forest Service fire positions — and rarer still in leadership roles. After attending meetings, she became a firefighter, and in mid-2024, the department's ailing chief handed her the reins. Today, nearly two years into a job she never planned to have, Jefferson County's only female fire chief is still learning on the job.

Most afternoons around 2 p.m., the 40-year-old Williams drops by the Jefferson City Volunteer Fire Hall to check the thermostat, walk the building, and go truck-to-truck inspecting fuel levels, tire pressure, and breathing equipment tanks. She's usually done in 30 minutes and off to pick up her 13-year-old from Boulder Elementary.



Grace Williams

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## The Monitor's new website

The Monitor has a new website! And you'll find it in a different place.

Starting today, Mar. 25, we'll publish *The Monitor* online at [jcmonitor.com](http://jcmonitor.com). Our old address, [boulder-monitor.com](http://boulder-monitor.com), will automatically redirect you to the new site.

You'll see that our new site has a very different look — cleaner, simpler and, we hope, easier to navigate. The home page has links to our latest news and feature stories, and a search function lets you find any content published since 2017.

Getting access is straightforward. If you've been registered as a subscriber on our old site, just click on the "Log in" at the top left of the home page. Then click on "Lost password" and type in the email address associated with your account. You'll get an email allowing you to set a new password and log in.

If you're a print subscriber but haven't yet registered online, or if you don't remember the email you used for your account, please contact us at [alisa@boulder-monitor.com](mailto:alisa@boulder-monitor.com) for assistance.

We hope you enjoy this new site. Let us know what you think — especially if you find things that don't work. We'll be making improvements in the days ahead.

# Easter Celebrations

- Boulder Valley Baptist Church**  
 • Easter Sunday: 10 am service.
- Faith Lutheran Church, Boulder**  
 • Apr. 2: Maundy Thursday service, 6:45 pm.  
 • Apr. 3: Good Friday service, 6:45 pm.  
 • Easter Sunday: 7 am service.
- Friendship Baptist Church**  
 • Easter Sunday: 10 am service.
- Life Church, Boulder**  
 • Mar. 29: Palm Sunday service, 10 am  
 • Mar. 30: Passover Seder, 6 pm @ Catholic Community Center.  
 • Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service, Depot Hill, 7 am. Morning service, 10 am; kids' egg hunt to follow.
- South Hills Baptist Church**  
 • Apr. 2: Good Friday service, 6:30 pm.
- Easter Sunday: Son Rise Service and breakfast, 7 am. Easter Worship service, 10 am.
- United Methodist Church**  
 • Apr. 13: Palm Sunday service, 10 am in Clancy, followed by brunch and egg hunt.  
 • Apr. 17, Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae service: 5:30 pm in Clancy, 7 pm in Boulder.  
 • Easter Sunday: Sunrise service on the Lump Gulch Road hill, Clancy, 7 am. Celebration services in Clancy, 10 a.m., and Boulder, 11:30 am.
- Zion Lutheran Church, Whitehall**  
 • Apr. 2: Maundy Thursday service, 5:15 pm.  
 • Apr. 3: Good Friday service, 5:15 pm.  
 • Easter Sunday: 8:30 am service.

## OBITUARIES

# Jeffrey Bate, 64, ranch hand

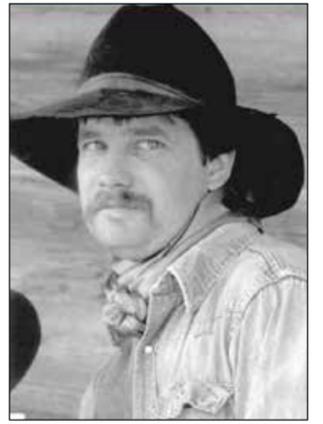
Jeffrey Scott Bate was born Sept. 18, 1961 in Denver Colorado, the second oldest of four children to Chet Bate and Lee (Bate) Fellows. He served in the military and received an honorable discharge. And for the remainder of his life, you'd most likely see him around horses.

He loved riding the open range, occasionally participating in rodeos, as well as hunting and fishing. Most of his days were spent working on ranches — calving, breaking, training and shoeing horses, and guiding pack trips. He was a good fire pit cook, and he had a quick wit and sense of humor. He loved being a helping hand, until cancer got the best of him in his last

couple years.

Jeffrey was preceded in death by his grandparents Ralph and Helen Bate and Delbert and Dorothy Hunt, step grandparents Margaret and Tom Fellows, his mother Leona (Bate) Fellows, uncles Kenny Hunt, Doug Hunt and Bob Wright, and aunt Barbara (Hunt) Wright, as well as his younger brother Gary Bate and niece Sami Jo Molenda and other aunts and uncles of extended family.

He is survived by his father Chet Bate, stepfather Don Fellows, uncles Larry Bate Mike Hunt (Ellen), Jerry Hunt (Scheryl), aunts Janie Hunt, Donita Hunt, Debbie Noel (Greg), his older sister Kim Molenda



(Joe), youngest brother Brian Bate, stepbrother Shane Fellows (Nga), and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Boulder Elementary School District #7 NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCREASE NON-VOTED LEVIES March 19, 2026

Boulder Elementary School (BES) is committed to financial transparency. Senate Bill 307 (SB307) requires the District to provide notice of its intent to increase non-voted levies in the ensuing year. The non-voted levies under control of the BES Board of Trustees are: Adult Education; Building Reserve (non-voted portion); Bus Depreciation; Transportation; Tuition. The Boulder Elementary Board of Trustees estimates the following increases in revenues and mills for the funds noted below for the next fiscal school year beginning July 1, 2026 using certified valuations from the current fiscal year as provided to the district. These estimates are only preliminary and changes are expected before the final budgets are set in August 2026.

Fund supported	Estimated budget needed	Estimated changes in revenues*	Estimated change in mills	Est. impact, \$100,000 home	Est. impact, \$300,000 home	Est. impact, \$600,000 home
Transportation	\$268,827.17	\$24,442.47	6.79	\$5.16	\$33.06	\$73.06
Tuition	\$240,844.00	\$0.00	0.79	\$0.60	\$1.79	\$3.83
Building Reserve	\$38,000.00	(\$1,200.00)	(.713)	(\$5.42)	(\$16.25)	(\$34.71)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>(\$14,008.62)</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>(\$0.34)</b>	<b>\$18.60</b>	<b>\$42.18</b>

\* Impacts above are based on current certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year.  
 \*\* The building reserve permissive levy is on a year by year basis based on previous year student count. The district intends to use the permissive Building Reserve levy listed for infrastructure improvements. The tuition Fund permissive levy is on a year by year basis based on the previous year's special education costs associated with one on one time required for students and/or HB203, out of district student tuition. It is important to note that Boulder Elementary has not asked the voters to approve any levies in over a 25-year span. In July 2022 the voted levy for the debt service bond was paid off in full.

Please contact the Elementary School at 406-225-3316 or britton.mann@bgs.k12.mt.us or david.selvig@bgs.k12.mt.us you have questions or need additional information.

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### Jefferson High School District #1 NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCREASE NON-VOTED LEVIES March 17, 2026

Jefferson High School (JHS) District #1 is committed to financial transparency. The District is required to provide notice of its intent to increase non-voted levies in the ensuing year. The non-voted levies under control of the JHS Board of Trustees are:

- Adult Education
- Building Reserve (non-voted portion)
- Bus Depreciation (new to JHS this year)
- Transportation
- Tuition

Because the levy impact of these five (5) funds does not represent the entire picture, the district tries to be as transparent as possible by presenting the district's best estimate of the needs in all funds on March 17, 2026. However, given the current possible changes to funding at the legislative level, the required reporting will be presented at this time.

#### REQUIRED SB307 NOTICE (MILLS CALCULATED USING PRIOR YEAR TAXABLE VALUE)

Fund	2025/26 Actual Levies		2026/27 Projections (same as previous year)				Est. Annual Tax Impact \$200K home	Est. Annual Tax Impact \$100K home
	\$	Mills	\$	Mills	Change \$	Change Mills		
Bus Depreciation	\$ -	0	\$ 13,000	0.39	\$ 13,000	0.39	\$ 0.53	\$ 1.06
Transportation	\$ 493,268	8.10	\$ 411,365	12.40	(\$ 81,903)	4.30	\$ 5.81	\$ 11.62
Tuition	\$ 572,991	2.97	\$ 569,840	17.18	(\$ 3,151)	14.21	\$ 19.18	\$ 38.36
Adult Ed	\$ 57,900	-	\$ 34,574	1.05	(\$ 23,326)	1.05	\$ 1.42	\$ 2.84
Building Reserve Permissive	\$ 28,654	0.87	\$ 56,308	1.70	\$ 27,654	0.83	\$ 1.12	\$ 2.24
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,152,813</b>	<b>11.94</b>	<b>\$ 1,072,088</b>	<b>32.33</b>	<b>(\$ 80,725)</b>	<b>20.39</b>	<b>\$ 27.53</b>	<b>\$ 55.06</b>

The current year's transportation budget includes the maximum increase in the bus contract but a slight decrease in the fuel estimate. The district intends to use the permissive Building Reserve levy listed above for infrastructure improvements that have not been possible in the years of declining enrollments. Of particular interest is the increase in the tuition fund to comply with out-of-district tuition cost responsibilities.

The above estimates are based on the current year's taxable value, as required by law. If the District's taxable value increases, the mill and taxpayer cost increases will be less than presented here. These estimates are only preliminary, and changes are expected before the final budgets are set in August 2025. Please contact the District Office at 406-225-3740 or lorie.carey@jhs.k12.mt.us or erik.wilkerson@jhs.k12.mt.us if you have questions or would like additional information.

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## COUNTY COMMISSION

Mar. 31, 2026 - Clerk & Recorder meeting room  
[zoom.com/join](https://zoom.com/join), Meeting ID 671-828-8589

- 9:30 Claims approval  
 10:30 Meeting with various department heads  
 12:00 Recess for lunch.  
**The afternoon session has been cancelled due to lack of agenda items**

## LEGAL NOTICES

### RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO IMPOSE AN INCREASE IN LEVIES

As an essential part of its budgeting process, the Clancy School District Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose levies to support its budget. The Clancy School District Board of Trustees estimates the following increases in revenues and mills for the funds noted below for the next school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, using certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year as provided to the district:

Fund supported	Estimated changes in revenues*	Estimated change in mills	Estimated impact, \$100,000 home	Estimated impact, \$300,000 home	Estimated impact, \$600,000 home
Transportation	\$20,410 increase	12.58 increase	\$9.56	\$28.69	\$61.29
Tuition	\$5,000 increase	0.53 increase	\$0.41	\$1.22	\$2.60

\* Impacts above are based on current certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year. This notice requirement is an estimate only. None of the budget changes have officially been adopted for the 2026-2027 school year. Action will not be taken on these items until final Budgets are approved. Dated this 19th day of March, 2026.

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### RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO IMPOSE AN INCREASE IN LEVIES

As an essential part of its budgeting process, the Montana City School Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose levies to support its budget. The Montana City School Board of Trustees estimates the following increases in revenues and mills for the funds noted below for the next school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, using certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year as provided to the district:

Fund supported	Estimated change in revenues*	Estimated change in mills*	Est. impact, home of \$100,000	Est. impact, home of \$300,000	Est. impact, home of \$600,000
Adult Education	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bus Deprec.	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transportation	\$14,000	1.09 mills	\$0.83	\$2.49	\$5.31
Tuition	(\$12,743)	(1.00 mills)	(\$0.76)	(\$2.28)	(\$4.87)
Building Reserve	(\$2,500)	(0.2 mills)	(\$0.15)	(\$0.46)	(\$0.97)

\*impacts above are based on current certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year  
 Regarding the increase in the Building Reserve Levy referenced above. The following are school facility maintenance projects anticipated to be completed at this time: Boiler/Heating/Electrical; Air Circulation; Roofing; Painting; Flooring/Asphalt/Concrete; Plumbing/Well; Parking lot; Sprinklers-irrigation; Security; Fire suppression; Safety measures.

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# JEFFERSON COUNTY WEATHER FORECAST

	WEDNESDAY Mar. 25	THURSDAY 26	FRIDAY 27	SATURDAY 28	SUNDAY 29	MONDAY 30
<b>BOULDER</b>	PARTLY SUNNY HIGH 62° LOW 30°	PARTLY SUNNY 44° 20°	MOSTLY SUNNY 57° 31°	PARTLY SUNNY 65° 35°	PARTLY SUNNY 67° 38°	PARTLY SUNNY 61° 33°
<b>CLANCY/MT CITY</b>	PARTLY SUNNY HIGH 60° LOW 30°	PARTLY SUNNY 44° 22°	MOSTLY SUNNY 58° 32°	PARTLY SUNNY 66° 37°	PARTLY SUNNY 68° 39°	PARTLY SUNNY 61° 33°
<b>WHITEHALL</b>	PARTLY SUNNY HIGH 70° LOW 35°	PARTLY SUNNY 51° 24°	MOSTLY SUNNY 61° 34°	PARTLY SUNNY 70° 39°	PARTLY SUNNY 72° 43°	PARTLY SUNNY 67° 38°

# COUNTY

## Waiting game rolls on for shuttered mine

By KEITH HAMMONDS  
Publisher



The entrance to the Montana Tunnels Mine outside Jefferson City. The mine has been closed since 2008.

Four more months. In the latest chapter of an 18-year financial and legal saga, Montana Tunnels Mining Inc. and its two main creditors, Jefferson County and the state Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), on Thursday agreed to defer a court decision and grant the company a bit more time to sell its long-shuttered mine outside Jefferson City.

The agreement emerged from closed-door negotiations that delayed and ultimately obviated a hearing at the Fifth Judicial District Court in Boulder. That hearing, already postponed from February, was meant to consider the county's motion urging the court to appoint a receiver to oversee the mine property's liquidation and environmental reclamation.

Nearly a dozen dark-suited attorneys — representing the state, the county, Montana Tunnels and its affiliate, Goldfields Funding Partners — crowded into the courthouse's third-floor jury room to negotiate terms before returning to the courtroom 75 minutes after the hearing had been set to start.

As per their resolution, the case will be stayed for at least 120 days, during which time Montana Tunnels will endeavor to sell the mine property. If it does find a buyer and reach a sale

agreement, the company will be given 30 more days to complete the transaction, if needed.

If Montana Tunnels fails to find a buyer within 120 days, the court will proceed with a hearing, likely in late July, on the appointment of a receiver.

Tunnels CEO Patrick Imeson, who attended in person, was asked afterwards if his company had been in talks with potential buyers. "All the time," he said. "But I think we're getting pretty close" to a deal.

A temporary restraining order that Judge Luke Berger had previously put in place to prevent the transfer of mine assets will remain in place, a stipulation that effectively bars Goldfields Funding Partners from acquiring the property through the tax deed process — an outcome the state and the county have strenu-

ously opposed.

The latest agreement effectively defers repayment of the \$18 million Montana Tunnels owes DEQ, for environmental reclamation costs, and the \$3.1 million owed in property and metal mining taxes owed to Jefferson County — some of that total from as far back as 2008, the year the mine last operated. Both debts would be paid if and when a sale of the mine is completed.

County Treasurer Terri Kunz said she was satisfied with the postponement "for the moment." County Commissioner Cory Kirsch observed that the proceedings to appoint a receiver probably would have taken several months to work through, "so we'd be in the same boat — and at least now we have a hard deadline."

The attorneys told Berger that some key details had not been re-

solved. Most important, Tunnels' attorney Andrew Patten said, was DEQ's determination that Imeson is a "bad actor" because of his company's failure to pay the sum required for environmental reclamation. That status prevents him from operating a mine in Montana. Tunnels is challenging that determination.

Berger indicated that he viewed resolving the case with some urgency, and asked the attorneys to do the same. Looking ahead to a rare vacation next week, Berger offered specific instructions.

"I will be on a golf course outside Las Vegas. I want you to take two or three deep breaths before saying, 'this is not going to work,' he advised. "If you can get [the differences] resolved, do it. If you can't, call me. But I encourage you to figure it out."

## AROUND THE COUNTY

### Early start to fire season

In southern Jefferson County, the Panama Fire, just north of Interstate 90 east of Highway 69, spread quickly due to high winds on March 19 and dozens of personnel from the Whitehall VFD, DNRC and U.S. Forest Service responded. The fire was contained by March 21 and burned just under 600 acres.

To the north, the Golconda Fire, south of Tizer Lake Road in Jefferson City, flared up last Friday, drawing the attention of area fire departments plus USFS, BLM, and the Sheriff's Office. That blaze was contained after burning 6 acres.

On Monday, the National Weather Service placed most of Jefferson County under fire watch, listing the threat as severe. "Everyone needs to be 100% aware of their actions," the Boulder/Bull Mountain VFD said on Facebook. "This includes not throwing out lit cigarettes, dumping hot ashes outside, checking recently burned slash piles, ensuring that chains are either wrapped or not dragging, not stopping hot vehicles in dry grass."

### Interstate 15 median guardrail proposed

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) has invited the public to comment on a proposal to install high-tension cable guardrail in the median on about 30 miles of Interstate 15 (I-15), from south of Jefferson City to north of Helena.

Starting from mile marker 174, at the northern edge of Boulder Hill, the proposed work involves grading slopes and installing high-tension cable guardrail to reduce median crossover crashes and enhance safety. Construction is tentatively planned for 2030, depending on design completion and available funds.

Submit comments online at [mdt.mt.gov/contact/comment-form.aspx](http://mdt.mt.gov/contact/comment-form.aspx) or write to MDT, PO Box 1359, Great Falls, MT 59403-1359 (for project UPN 9796000).

## Jeffco deputy named to crime task force

Deputy Josh Plafcan of Clancy was sworn in Mar. 19 to serve on the U.S. Marshals Service's Montana Violent Crimes Regional Task Force, a multi-agency entity that works to identify and apprehend violent offenders.

The task force is "a big force-multiplier" for small communities like Jefferson County, said Undersheriff James Everett. It can provide trained staffing from across

the state, as well as specialized equipment and other resources, that smaller law enforcement departments often lack — bringing expertise, for example, in fugitive investigations or electronic surveillance.

The task force assisted Jefferson's Sheriff's Office last month in the capture in Wickes of a man wanted for felony drug charges, following a long-term intelligence gathering effort.

Plafcan, a Montana National Guard sergeant who last month won top marks at a state-wide marksman competition, is believed to be Jefferson County's first member of the force, where he'll have the opportunity to participate in monthly specialized training. His primary responsibility will be fugitive apprehension in Jefferson County — but he also could be called into operations across the state.



Josh Plafcan

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**ACROSS**

1. Smacks
6. Marketing pop-ups
9. Kindred
13. Jeopardy
14. Dog foot
15. Threefold
16. Throat dangler
17. Mogul rider
18. Right-hand page
19. \*Lady Gaga: "You and me could write a bad \_\_\_\_"
21. \*Missy Elliott: "Get Ur \_\_\_\_"
23. Exclamation of disgust
24. At the apex
25. Pérignon of champagne fame
28. Two-masted vessel
30. Cast out
35. Larger-than-life
37. Electrical resistance units
39. Star bursts
40. Silicate mineral
41. Alexander, for short
43. \_\_\_\_ of the valley
44. Sushi option
46. Alpine lift
47. Impose a tax
48. Forward and email, e.g.
50. Made in Vegas
52. Siren's domain

53. Cajole
55. \*Drake: "I need a \_\_\_\_ dance"
57. \*Adele: "We could've had it all \_\_\_\_ in the deep"
61. \*Olivia Rodrigo: "I got my \_\_\_\_"
65. Earliest stage of sickness
66. Ribonucleic acid, acr.
68. Tipi, alt. sp.
69. Drugstore shampoo brand
70. Many, many moons
71. Witchy woman
72. \_\_\_\_ Spumante
73. Ovine mom
74. Chinese green tea

**DOWN**

1. Horse prod
2. Left, Latin prefix
3. \_\_\_\_ lily
4. Pilaft or plov
5. Colloquially
6. Location of altar
7. \_\_\_\_ Prescott of Cowboys
8. Swiftie's idol
9. Geometric calculation
10. \_\_\_\_ the Can
11. \*Ariana Grande: "'Cause I'm so \_\_\_\_ you"
12. Glowing gas
15. Trephination tool
20. \*Maroon 5: "The \_\_\_\_ that controlled my mind"
22. Actor Lowe

24. Sheriff of Nottingham's collection container
25. Raise doubts
26. Suppose
27. #40 Across, pl.
29. \*Pink: "So \_\_\_\_? I'm still a rock star"
31. Long-lasting Steelers coach
32. Brown and such
33. Topical remedy
34. \*OutKast: "\_\_\_\_"
36. \*The Killers: "Comin' out of my \_\_\_\_"
38. Food fish
42. Eagerness
45. Stir up violence
49. Knotts or McLean
51. Mole
54. Come to terms
56. Each and all
57. Parks of Civil Rights fame
58. Blame
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# OPINION

## Don't let corporations control our politics

By JEFF MANGAN

Just days after the Transparent Election Initiative (TEI) was cleared to begin collecting signatures for The Montana Plan (Initiative I-194), a coalition of corporate and industry groups — including the Montana Chamber of Commerce and Montana Petroleum Association — filed a lawsuit with the Montana Supreme Court seeking to block the measure from reaching the ballot.

The lawsuit asks the Court to intervene before Montanans have the opportunity to collect signatures and place the question before voters: whether corporations and other artificial entities should be allowed to spend money influencing elections.

Montana has a long history of powerful corporate interests trying to control our politics and shut out the voices of ordinary citizens. Just like the Copper Kings, these modern corporate barons will do anything to protect their grip on political power — even if it means trying to stop Montanans from having their say.

The Montana Plan — designated Initiative I-194 — was found legally sufficient by the state Attorney General last week, clearing the way for signature collection to begin statewide. Rather than making their case to voters, the corporate petitioners are now asking the Court to halt the citizen initiative process altogether.

The lawsuit is an attempt to use the courts to silence a growing, citizen-led movement and protect the influence of large corporate interests. The corporate coalition is telling the Court their voice is more important than the

voices of our citizens and small businesses. This isn't about protecting free speech — it's about protecting the ability of big corporate interests to dominate our elections with money, while everyone else gets pushed aside.

The Montana Plan is being driven by a broad grassroots effort, not corporate funding or outside influence. More than 600 volunteers across Montana have already

elections and having our voices heard. Trying to shut this down before we can even gather signatures shows exactly who this system is working for — and who it isn't."

Large-scale election spending is often driven through organizations with far greater financial resources than any local business can match. When political influence is tied to the size of institutional treasuries, national corporations and well-funded groups gain a built-in advantage, while small businesses are left on the sidelines.

The Montana Plan is designed to rebalance that system by reducing the role of large organizational spending and restoring a political environment where individual participation, community relationships, and local credibility carry more weight.

Montana's history is a reminder of what's at stake. For generations, Montanans fought to break the grip of corporate control over our politics. This campaign is about making sure our elections belong to the people, not to the biggest checkbook.

Despite the legal challenge, our signature-gathering efforts will continue statewide. We are confident the Montana Supreme Court will stand with Montanans and uphold the right of the people to decide this issue at the ballot box, as our Constitution provides. Montanans deserve their say.

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signed up to collect signatures in every region of the state, with thousands more offering support.

"This is a real, citizen-led effort," said Chris Burke, a West Yellowstone small business owner and TEI volunteer organizer. "Small business owners like me don't have teams of lawyers or lobbyists. We rely on fair

### Election 2026

## At town hall, Downing opines on data centers, lands

By ELIZA DUBOSE and DAVID LEPESKA

During his online town hall last week, a caller asked Congressman Troy Downing his view on AI data centers, adding that they could drive up electricity costs and imperil the local environment due to water use.

"I can't even imagine how many people around here would be devastated by discovering their favorite fishing hole or hunting grounds ruined by these facilities," said Lorena from Billings. "A lot of these heartbreaking communities around these data centers are left holding the bag with undrinkable water, horrible pollution, noise."

Rep. Downing, the Republican incumbent for the state's eastern Congressional district, agreed that the issue raised concerns, but added that some things, like electricity, had been blown out of proportion. Because the U.S., and Montana in particular, lack the on-grid power to drive many gigawatts' worth of data centers, he explained that tech firms have turned to other solutions.

"The [Trump] administration's been working with data center companies on getting requirements in place that they deal with their energy needs, whatever that looks like," said Downing, suggesting the possibility of data centers built next to a power plant. "Making sure that they have something that's generated, metered, or separate from the consumer power supply."

This is the scenario proposed for a possible Jefferson County data center, as The Monitor reported early this month. Thunderhead Energy Solutions is seeking environmental exemptions for its planned off-grid natural gas turbines, which would power a 500-megawatt federal government-linked AI data center. Many Jeffersonians have denounced the plan, mainly due to fears of exorbitant water



Rep. Troy Downing speaks to the National Congress of American Indians and National American Indian Housing Council recently in Washington. (Photo courtesy Rep. Downing's office)

use. Downing suggested these concerns are overwrought.

"There's been a lot of misconception about water for cooling," he said. "Some of the folks that we've talked to are working on closed-loop systems. So that's not gonna affect the fisheries. It's not gonna adversely affect any of our rivers or streams."

That may be an exaggeration. Closed-loop cooling is thought to decrease water use by up to a third, but water consulting firm KETOS estimates that after all those cycles through the system, the wastewater ultimately released by closed-loop systems could be terribly polluting. When that

water "finally leaves the site, it can carry nitrite, glycol, and heavy metals at thousands of times the limits set for surface waters," writes Ganesh Hegde, director of KETOS' data science.

Whatever their impact, Downing considers AI data centers a matter of national security.

"Artificial intelligence really is the modern-day arms race, and there's going to be winners and losers in this. And right now it's the United States versus China," he said, adding that this created a huge opportunity for jobs, expanding the tax base, and driving economic growth. "But like you, I'm concerned that this has an

adverse effect on everything that we love about our great state."

Another caller challenged Downing on his support for opening up public lands for oil and coal extraction. More than three of four Montanans (76%) oppose allowing Congress to make such moves, according to a recent Conservation in the West poll.

Downing, who was recently appointed to the House Committee on Natural Resources, responded that he would always protect public lands. He pointed out that he'd been one of the 14 legislators who last year successfully pushed to remove provisions from

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## Downing addresses data centers, public lands

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the “Big Beautiful Bill” that would have allowed for the sale of millions of acres of public land.

He also told constituents that he’s an avid mountain biker – to the point that he helped build a trail just outside Jefferson County. “I was out there with shovels and axes building mountain bike trails in Copper City just out of Three Forks when they first started doing that on BLM land,” he said. “I was out there putting sweat equity in there because I care about that.”

He cited his work on the Fix Our Forests Act, which seeks to shorten environmental review times, expand project exclu-

sions, and reduce lawsuits against management actions. Downing neglected to address how extractive practices might impact public lands, but he did insist that federal spaces could embrace “multiple use” with little adverse effect on public access.

Last year he supported the administration’s proposal to rescind the Bureau of Land Management’s Public Lands Rule, clearing the way for greater energy development and timber production. More recently, his bill to reopen the Powder River Basin to coal mining just passed the House, undoing a Biden-era halt to coal extraction.

“This is an incredibly important thing to Montanans, it’s an incredibly important thing

to me,” he said of conserving public lands. “And I think that my track record really shows that I am thoughtful about all the things we want to do.”

Downing expressed some hope about the 2026 Farm Bill, which has provisions aimed at increasing customs-free processing facilities for ranchers and

increasing consumer access to locally raised beef. Congress has struggled to pass a farm bill since 2018.

This one may not be as comprehensive as some others in the past; Montana Farmers’ Union President Walter Schweitzer has described the bill as “pretty skinny”. But Downing viewed

its House passage, earlier this month, as a win.

“It’s obviously very important to our farmers and ranchers out there that we have some long-term predictability and stability,” Downing said. “We’re not simply kicking this down the road with another continuing resolution.”

### AROUND THE COUNTY

#### National forest seeks summer interns

Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest (HLCNF) is seeking high schoolers for its summer science program exploring forest ecology, monitoring forest health and networking with natural resource professionals.

The Youth Forest Monitoring Program covers lands impacted by wildfire, historic mining claims, important watersheds, grazing allotments, and recreation. Participants, who must be entering 9-12th grade this coming fall, work in the field, classroom, and laboratory and receive a lump sum stipend upon successful completion of

the internship.

To apply, send a school transcript, teacher recommendation and cover letter to Liz Burke (elizabeth.a.burke@usda.gov) by April 17.

#### Public meeting on data centers

The Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC) is hosting a public event on proposed AI data centers, including one in Jefferson County, this Friday at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The panel discussion, starting at 6 p.m. at Volunteer Hall, is set to include locals and an environmental law expert and address what’s at stake and how to organize.

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO IMPOSE AN INCREASE IN LEVIES

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<b>Total</b>		<b>\$100,300</b>	<b>66.98</b>	<b>\$50.90</b>	<b>\$152.71</b>	<b>\$326.24</b>

\*impacts above are based on current certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year.  
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 The Tuition Fund permissive levy is on a year by year basis based on the previous year’s special education costs associated with one on one time required for students and/or HB203, out of district student tuition.  
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 /s/ Shannon Phillips, Board Chair

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# COUNTY

## New youth mental health council gathers

By PIPER HEATH  
Reporter

Jefferson County youth now have a voice in local mental health response.

The newly formed Youth Mental Health Local Advisory Council held its first meeting Friday, March 13, bringing together three seventh-grade girls – two from Whitehall and one from Boulder – to begin identifying what young people need when it comes to mental health support.

At that meeting, held via Zoom, the group began sketching out its purpose: to promote the well-being of county youth by empowering young voices to influence mental health strategies, advocate for resources in schools and communities, and foster an environment of support and understanding.

As for which mental health issues they see as most pressing, loneliness topped the list. One member from Whitehall described feeling mentally drained by school workloads.

“I think a lot of us struggle with being mentally drained,” she said in a comment shared

with The Monitor. “Schools should be more understanding about the fact that the more they assign, the more draining it is, and just looking past our mental health isn’t going to get our grades up.”

The group also raised concerns about the social stigmatization of mental health issues, family stress, and the difficulty of finding trusted adults to open up to – expressing a preference for talking to peers rather than adults.

The council was organized by Rochelle Hesford, Jefferson County’s new Behavioral Health Coordinator. Her position was created through a Near-Term Initiative #11 grant, part of Montana’s Behavioral Health Systems for Future Generations initiative, which provides rural counties up to \$250,000 to address local behavioral health needs.

Hesford also sits on Jefferson County’s adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC), which has met monthly since 2016. The council’s midday Thursday meeting time makes youth participation impossible, so Hesford decided early this

year to create a separate youth council to report back to the adult LAC.

“We as adults in the mental health LAC can’t assume that we know what’s going on with the youth,” Hesford said, “and we can’t assume solutions either.”

The council’s formation was also driven by data, specifically the 2023 Montana Youth Risk Behavior Survey, published by the Montana Office of Public Instruction. The survey found that 43.3% of Montana high school students (38.2% in Jefferson County) reported feeling sad or hopeless for two weeks or more in the past year, up from 25.9% in 1999.

Two of the youth council’s members were in Southwest Montana Youth Partners’ Youth Leadership Program, a program Hesford oversees, focused on developing leadership skills and community projects. The third applied after seeing a flyer.

While the council only has three members, Hesford hopes to grow it to eight to ten students with a wider geographic spread. She plans to recruit from Basin, Clancy and Montana City, in ad-

dition to Whitehall and Boulder.

State of Mind, the University of Montana traveling theater production that visited Clancy last October, may soon return to Jefferson County in a new format – one centered on students creating social media campaigns around mental health. If it does, Hesford hopes to use it as a recruitment pipeline to bring more high schoolers onto the council.

Hesford says she will serve as liaison between the two groups, reporting back to the adult LAC on what the youth members are saying. She hopes the relationship works both ways – if the youth council identifies loneliness as a pressing issue, for instance, the adult LAC might help develop responses and bring suggested solutions back to the kids.

Longer term, she wants the youth council to help identify what mental health resources already exist in county schools, build a case for peer-to-peer support structures and ultimately get schools to implement concrete changes.

“I would want a really strong representation a year from now,”



Rochelle Hesford

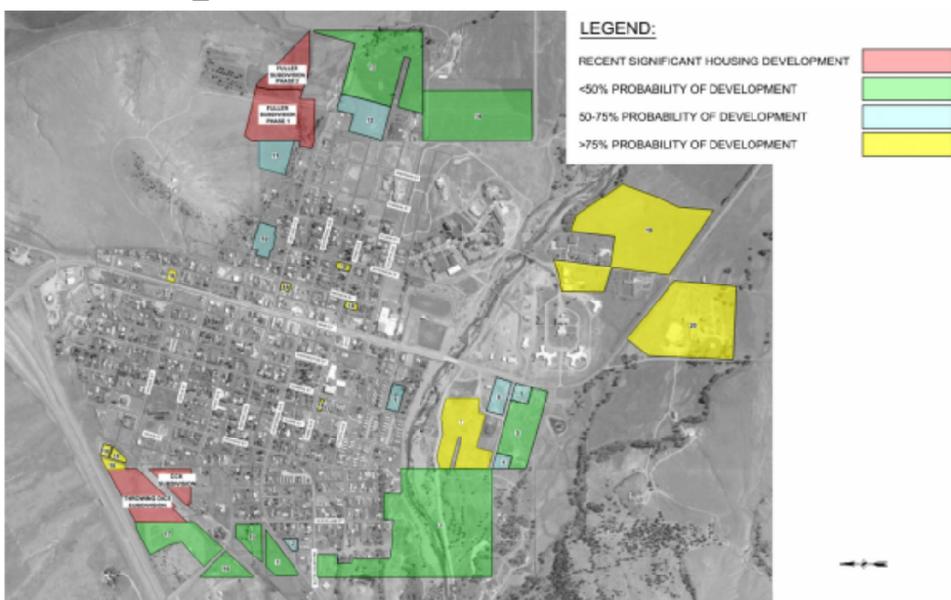
Hesford said, “starting out small, and then having a better representation and some solutions on the table, and maybe some schools on board with implementing some solutions.”

The youth group’s next meeting is scheduled for April 12. Meetings are expected to be held monthly, with occasional in-person gatherings. Future meetings will include educational components on mental health topics and, eventually, training on how to run meetings – with a long-term goal of the students taking ownership of the council themselves.

## Boulder looks to expand wastewater treatment

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Bullock was unable to provide any cost estimates for the expected facility expansion, but he expects Morrison-Maerle to complete its preliminary engineering report by the end of May. The report is expected to evaluate the existing system and its capacity, examine regulatory and environmental requirements, identify deficiencies, and detail expansion alternatives, and their costs, in line with each growth scenario.



The map, developed by Morrison-Maerle, an engineering firm that consults to the City of Boulder, indicates parcels in Boulder that could be available for development – and the probability that they actually will be developed by 2046. Areas in pink show parcels with recent or current housing development. Those in yellow are most likely to be developed in the future, and those in green the least likely. (Map courtesy of Morrison-Maerle)

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## City a finalist to be site of new state women's prison

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eliminated the other seven towns it has reviewed, hopes to leverage its existing infrastructure, such as the Montana State Prison in Deer Lodge, Boulder's Riverside facility and Pine Hills Correctional in Miles City.

With a goal of at least 400 beds for women prisoners statewide, the DOC already has

250 beds at its women's prison in Billings and another 50 at Riverside, where it has begun work on a 50-bed expansion. Its easiest path to 400 beds may be to further expand Riverside.

"That would be a relatively simple expansion at that Boulder facility, to add an additional 50 [beds] to get to 150," Strauss told legislators.

Once the department selects its location, its next step would be to engage the community to understand local concerns before moving forward on potential designs, Strauss added.

Boulder residents expressed considerable concern about a potential new women's prison, and how it might alter the community, at a public meeting in October.



The Riverside Special Needs Unit in Boulder. The state Department of Corrections is considering expanding its Boulder campus to house 50 additional women inmates. (Keith Hammonds/The Monitor)

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The described real estate situated in the City or Town of Whitehall, County of Jefferson and State of Montana, to wit: A parcel of land in the SE/4 of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, P.M.M., more particularly described as follows: Commencing from a quarter section center, brass cap, common to Section 26 and 35; thence north 00 degrees 10 minutes 18.8 seconds west on the north-south mid section line a distance of 1303.338 feet; thence south 83 degrees 27 minutes 31.7 seconds east a distance of 905.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence first course, north 00 degrees 13 minutes 05.2 feet west a distance of 989.742 feet to a point, said point is on the southerly right of way line of Interstate Highway 90; thence second course, south 73 degrees 20 minutes 52.7 seconds east on said right of way line and distance of 532.324 feet; thence third course, south 00 degrees 01 minutes 22.0 seconds east a distance of 895.197 feet; thence fourth course north 83 degrees 27 minutes 31.7 seconds west a distance of 510.000 feet to the point of beginning

More correctly described as:

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Also Known As:

Parcel No. 10 of Certificate of Survey Number 101239, Folio 54B, located in the SE1/4 of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, P.M.M., Jefferson County, Montana.

More commonly known as 30 McCloud Estates, Whitehall, MT 59759.

John P. Raisor and Margy A. Raisor, as Grantors, conveyed said real property to Finiti Title, LLC, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to CitiFinancial Inc., by Deed of Trust on July 29, 2008, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Jefferson County, State of Montana, on August 7, 2008 as Instrument No. 230462, and corrected pursuant to the Affidavit filed for record on July 21, 2025, as Instrument No. 291609 of Official Records.

The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Citifinancial Servicing LLC  
Assignment Dated: May 27, 2016  
Assignment Recorded: May 27, 2016  
Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 259256

Assignee: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC  
Assignment Dated: July 14, 2016  
Assignment Recorded: July 14, 2016  
Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 259749

Assignee: US Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of the IGLOO Series V Trust  
Assignment Dated: July 20, 2022  
Assignment Recorded: October 4, 2022  
Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 284028

Assignee: US Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of the Treehouse Series V Trust  
Assignment Dated: September 22, 2022  
Assignment Recorded: October 4, 2022  
Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 284029

All in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder for Jefferson County, Montana.

Jason J. Henderson is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Jefferson County, State of Montana, on February 5, 2026 as Instrument No. 293469, at Page 2, of Official Records.

The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to the Grantor(s) failure to make monthly payments beginning May 1, 2025, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$60,442.23, interest in the sum of \$5,309.54, escrow advances of \$781.68, other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$378.75 for a total amount owing of \$66,912.20, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced.

The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantor. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this

sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any.

Beneficiary has elected and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.

The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.

The Grantor, successor in interest to the Grantor, or any other person having an interest in the property, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee's Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee's and attorney's fees. In the event that all defaults are cured the foreclosure sale will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled. The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation

up to 15 days for any reason. In the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the Trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated this 25th day of February, 2026.  
Jason J. Henderson, Substitute Trustee  
38 2nd Avenue East, Dickinson, ND 58601. Telephone: 801-355-2886. Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8 am-5 pm (MST)  
File No. MT22984

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# COUNTY

## A crowded campaign looms for House District 75 seat

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for lower spending by counties and cities, but understands that “they have constraints such as union wage requirements, road deterioration, and the need for public safety.” He supports Gianforte’s plan to lower state income taxes to a flat rate of 4.7%.

Like Bertoglio before him, he is concerned with the need to build Jefferson County’s economy, expanding and diversifying its tax base. He hopes the long-troubled Montana Tunnels Mine in Jefferson City will reopen, and wants to access area forests to supply the local wood product industry. And he wants to promote bills that reduce administrative red tape and increase the exemption threshold on business equipment taxes.

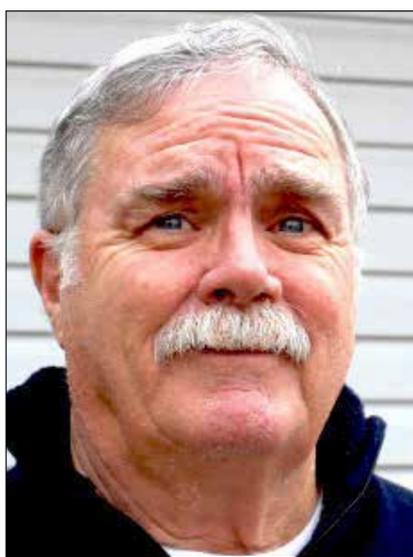
Sullivan is absorbed by many of the same issues, yet comes at them from a different perspective. His political views have been shaped, he says, by his experience examining organizational dysfunction. “I’ve always asked,” he says, “why in heck are they doing that?” (He expects to complete the manuscript of his book, “Dysfunctional Organizations,” to be published by a division of Random House, by next month.)

He observed administrative practices as a staff officer in the Navy, then pursued a master’s degree and doctorate in public administration. He directed the Masters in Public Administration program at Southern Arkansas University, and until 2015 ran the Montana State Professional Development Center, an in-house training institute for state employees.

But Sullivan’s politics also are



Republican Mark Reinschmidt, left, faces challenges in House District 75 from Democrat Patrick Sullivan, center, and Libertarian Greg DeVries.



inspired by his deep Catholic faith. He once studied to be a priest, spending six years at the Franciscan School of Theology in San Diego. Ultimately, he realized, that “wasn’t the path for me,” but the Franciscan discipline, anchored in humility and service to the marginalized, “informed my work in ways I didn’t expect.”

“The Franciscan philosophy teaches that our first responsibility is to each other,” he says. Government is obliged to “serve those who are disadvantaged and are placed in untenable positions.”

In terms of policy, that means ensuring security and stability for low-income families. Sullivan says the state’s property tax system should be modified to disincentivize the proliferation of corporate-owned vacation rental properties. “We can say, no, we need those homes for people to live in. I’m not going to say they shouldn’t earn money, but not at the expense of the community and depriving

people of their basic needs.”

Sullivan is focused on public education: He wants to ensure adequate funding of public schools and stop what he calls the dilution of that funding pool by charter schools. He favors more instruction on civics and history, with less emphasis on standardized tests.

But his greatest concern, he says, is the quality of democracy and civic life. “Democracy is under threat, and I would do everything I can to defend it.” He opposes efforts to suppress voting, and says the nation and state should be broadening the vote rather than shrinking it. He wants to find ways to encourage greater participation in civic activities that can help restore community vitality.

Sullivan is well aware that the odds are against a Democrat taking Jefferson County. But he’s committed to running a strong grass roots campaign and building “as big tent a coalition as I can.”

The key to his chances, ironi-

cally, could well be DeVries, whose candidacy is anchored mostly on the opposite end of the political spectrum. In the 2019 legislative session, DeVries was a divisive figure, introducing bills to end compulsory school attendance and amend the state constitution to define personhood as beginning at conception. (Neither passed.)

Like Sullivan, DeVries is guided forcefully by Christian ideals. “I don’t follow and agree with the idea that church and state, the way people think of it today, need to be separate,” he told The Monitor last month. His view is that Christianity offers the best path. “A society will have either Christ or chaos,” he said.

But DeVries’s policy focus diverges sharply from there. He is committed to a tax-cutting plan in which citizens would decide how their voluntary donations would finance government activities. And he believes that citizens without kids in public schools should be able to opt out

of property taxes allocated to state education.

How much support might these views attract? The 2020 primary results provide a hint: In that vote, DeVries faced Bertoglio, then running for the first time. Bertoglio, a more traditional mainstream Republican, won decisively, but DeVries still secured 38.6% of the GOP vote.

If he retains a significant portion of that support, DeVries could peel away votes that otherwise might go to Reinschmidt, potentially creating an opening for Sullivan. An outright victory for the Democrat seems unlikely — but since the three candidates are running for separate parties, there will be no primary to test their appeal or winnow the field.

It could be a messy fight.

Patrick Sullivan’s campaign website is <https://patsullivan-forhd75.org>. Greg DeVries’ Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61588382856715>.

## Grace Williams loves a job she never planned on having

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Williams grew up in the country in Pennsylvania. The only girl in her high school automotive class, she was mocked for it. After graduating she joined the Air Force and found herself as one of very few women repairing aircraft. She met her Montana-born husband while stationed in Germany, and when they left the service, they had to choose between Pennsylvania and Montana. Montana won.

They settled in Jefferson City and Williams took a job at Boeing, where again she worked mostly with men. She eventually left and began working at Clancy Elementary as a substitute teacher and paraprofessional, then joined the fire department — where, as in every professional space before it, she was one of the only women in the room.

She spent three years as a firefighter and safety officer before the department’s chief, Keith Wear, got sick and handed over the responsibility faster than either of them expected. Within a few months, Williams had the title and boxes of department materials at her door.

“It was the fastest turnover I’ve ever seen with anything in my life.”

The department has eight active members. A ninth is nearly through the basic fire course, a roughly month-and-a-half training run through MSU’s fire school that covers the fundamentals of firefighting. Each firefighter is also required to complete 30 hours of training annually, covering everything from how to pull water from a waterway to how to set up for a traffic call.

The job extends well beyond training. Williams also coordinates community events, handles incident documentation, manages equipment maintenance

and attends meetings at the county and state level.

Williams and firefighter Kylene Laroque, who joined the department in September 2023, are the only two women in the department. Williams wishes there were more.

Women make up about 9% of U.S. firefighters, with the vast majority serving in volunteer roles, according to the 2020 U.S. Fire Department Profile. Only about 6% of fire chiefs are women, according to Women in Fire, a national advocacy organization.

Research suggests that part of what keeps the numbers low is how people picture the job: studies have found that when the firefighter prototype is defined primarily by physical strength, it becomes harder for people to imagine women in the role, and qualified female firefighters are undervalued as a result.

Williams has spent most of her career aware of what a wrong call could cost her beyond the obvious. “I just don’t want somebody to say that call was wrong because she was the one that made it,” she said.

What she talks about instead is knowing limits. If something on scene is too heavy for her to manage safely alone, she says so and someone takes over.

“If I don’t say something, I could hurt somebody,” she said. “Or it could actually kill somebody.”

She has noticed that children at accident scenes tend to come to her before they go to the men on her crew, and calm down faster once she’s there. At community events, kids sometimes approach in disbelief. You’re a firefighter? She tells them they can be one. But parents sometimes pull their children away at the suggestion, and it stays with her.

“You don’t know,” she said. “Maybe one day your little



Chief Grace Williams at the Jefferson City Volunteer Fire Department. (Piper Heath/The Monitor)

daughter is going to be ripping a car open with an extraction tool and saving somebody’s life. And you’re going to look back and go, ‘I almost stopped that.’”

It is a sentiment that traces back to her own childhood. Her father was a firefighter, and she credits him as her earliest inspiration — proof that the people who shape you don’t always look like you.

Contrary to what people may picture, fire is a small fraction of what the department actually does. Williams puts it at about one fire call for every 10 accident calls. When a call comes in she usually takes the smaller brush truck first and gets to the scene fast, tracking on her phone who is coming and what she has to work with.

There are nights she is the only one who can make it, and she has to call another department. She has made peace with this. “We can’t assume we’re going to have three or four people. We have to assume it could just be the one.”

Williams is constantly analyzing and reanalyzing once she’s

on scene. Last year, a tractor-trailer on the highway had its air brakes fail, causing enough heat that the wheels were close to catching fire and the rear tires could have exploded.

While her crew put water on it, Williams remembered an incident in Helena where tires on a similar rig blew out and struck firefighters. She had read about it, so she yelled at her firefighter to back off.

“I’m constantly worried I’m going to make a decision that could hurt somebody,” she said.

That awareness extends beyond safety. Last year, after a fatal accident on Boulder Hill, the family arrived on the scene and asked to gain access, but couldn’t due to the severity of the crash. Williams called dispatch, already knowing what the response was.

“I knew it was no, but there are some things you have to go through the motion of, just for the person,” she said. She had to be the one to tell the family they couldn’t come through, she explained, then took a pause. “That’s just a punch right in the stomach.”

A house fire in Boulder, also last year, brought a different kind of weight. Jefferson City arrived as mutual aid, and the blaze was mostly out by the time they arrived. Williams’ crew was tasked with pulling down the ceiling and checking for hot spots.

When Williams got there, what she noticed first wasn’t the house, but the father sitting on the ground beside it, unable to do anything. She knew the family, as she substitutes at Boulder Elementary, and she saw the kids the next morning at school.

It is, she said, part of the job — the part that doesn’t show up in the training manuals. Knowing when to call for help, what a family needs to hear even when the answer is no. Knowing how to walk into someone’s worst day and keep moving.

She has been doing it for five years, and she is good at it. So when people tell her women don’t belong in the fire service, she doesn’t argue.

“That’s your opinion,” she said. “You can buzz off.”

# SAVVY SENIOR

## What causes dizzy spells, and how to deal with them

Dear Savvy Senior,

What can cause dizziness in older adults? I have dizzy spells from time to time but I'm not sure what causes it or what I should do about it.

Dizzy Donna



Jim Miller

Dear Donna,

Whether it's a moment of light-headedness or the room-whirling sensation of vertigo, dizziness can be very unsettling. As many as 30 percent of people older than 60

experience dizziness at some point, about 50 percent after age 85.

This unpleasant sensation only rarely signifies a serious medical condition. But it can knock you off balance, leading to falls and injuries. That's why anytime you feel dizzy, you should lower yourself to a safe, seated position. Here's a brief rundown of what typically causes dizziness and what you can do to fix it.

### What Causes Dizziness

One of the most common causes of

dizziness and vertigo in older adults is benign paroxysmal positional vertigo (BPPV). This occurs when tiny crystals in the inner ear, which play a role in balance, become dislodged. BPPV is more likely as we get older because wear and tear can cause the crystals to shift out of place.

The resulting dizziness is generally triggered by changes in head position. People with BPPV often complain that

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the room spins when they roll over in bed, get into or out of bed, tip their head back, bend over, or make other quick head movements. These episodes usually last only a minute or two, but they may happen intermittently over a period of time.

A drop in blood pressure may also cause dizziness, even fainting, especially when changing position from sitting or lying down to standing. This so-called postural hypotension is often the result of problems with blood pres-

sure medication.

If this is something that occurs on a regular basis, you need to be evaluated by your doctor. Certain sedatives, antidepressants, cough and cold medicines, and antibiotics can lead to dizziness, too.

Dehydration may be another culprit in postural hypotension. Staying hydrated is extremely important for balance, blood pressure, and general well-being.

Declines in vision and hearing (including ear infections and impacted earwax) may also affect your balance.

### When to Call a Doctor

Occasional dizziness that lasts only for a few seconds is probably no cause for worry, but you should still let your doctor know. If it persists for several minutes or more or keeps happening, call your doctor right away.

Sudden dizziness or loss of balance, along with facial drooping, trouble

speaking, nausea, and vision or hearing disturbances can signal a stroke. If this happens call 911.

### Treatment for Dizziness

If your doctor thinks you have BPPV, they can teach you the Epley maneuver, where you turn your head and body in ways that move ear crystals back into place.

For medication related dizziness, your doctor can change your medication or dosage to reduce the side effects.

For persistent problems, your doctor can check for infections, balance disorders, and more serious issues, such as tumors, congestive heart failure, an irregular heart rhythm, and conditions like Parkinson's disease.

If none are found, your doctor may recommend vestibular rehab, which may help with dizziness, vertigo, and balance problems. Anxiety and depression can also cause dizziness in some people. Treating this may ease your lightheadedness.

Send your questions or comments to [questions@savvysenior.org](mailto:questions@savvysenior.org), or to Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070.

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To be sold for cash at Trustee's Sale, on the 30th day of April, 2026, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., Mountain Standard Time or Mountain Daylight Time, whichever is in effect, at the steps of the Jefferson County Courthouse, 201 W. Centennial; Boulder, Montana 59632, the following described Real property, in the County of Jefferson, State of Montana, to wit:

Tract No. 43 of Jardine Forest Park No. 3, Certificate of Survey No. 149566, Folio 340C, located in County of Jefferson, State of Montana.

Tyson Thompson, as Grantor, conveyed said Real property to American Land & Title Company, with its principal office at 1800 W Koch Street, Ste. 1; Bozeman, MT 59715, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Grasslands Federal Credit Union, a credit union, 320 Main Street, P.O. Box 79; Circle, MT 59215-0079, as Beneficiary, as evidenced by a Deed of Trust, dated the 9th day of August, 2021, recorded under Document No. 279800, records of Jefferson County, Montana.

Ronald D. Allie, an attorney at law; PO Box 20417; Billings, Montana 59104, was named as Successor Trustee to American Land & Title Company, by an instrument entitled Appointment of Successor Trustee, signed the 31st day of July, 2025 and dated by the Beneficiary.

Tyson Thompson has defaulted in the performance of said Deed of Trust, between the Grantor and Grasslands Federal Credit Union, 320 Main Street, P.O. Box 79; Circle, MT 59215-0079, by his failure to pay monthly installments due on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. There is now due and owing on said Deed of Trust, as of the 17th day of December, 2025, the principal sum of \$53,018.04; interest in the sum of \$1,760.49, with interest accruing at the annual percentage rate of 4.00%, according to the terms of the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust and late charges due of \$194.56, for overdue payments, with late charges accruing according to the terms of the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. Other costs and expenses to be charged against the cost of sale are all unpaid balances, including taxes and insurance, together with all necessary expenses, which may be incurred in collection, including reasonable attorney fees and all costs, fees and expenses, including costs of a foreclosure report, advertising and recording expense and any other costs of conducting the sale.

THE SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, AT THE DIRECTION OF THE BENEFICIARY, HEREBY ELECTS TO SELL THE PROPERTY TO SATISFY THE AFOREMENTIONED OBLIGATIONS. This sale is a public sale and any person, including beneficiary, except-

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ing only the Successor Trustee may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid in cash. The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.

The Grantor, Successor in Interest to the Grantor or any other person having interest in the aforesaid property, at any time prior to the Trustee's Sale, may pay to the Beneficiary or the Successor in interest to the Beneficiary the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default theretofore existing.

Others who have an interest in the property are:

Terri Kunz, Treasurer  
Jefferson County Treasurer's Office  
P.O. Box H  
Boulder, MT 59632

Vigilante Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
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Dated this 23rd day of December, 2025.  
Allie Law Firm  
PO Box 20417  
Billings, MT 59104  
/s/ Ronald D. Allie, Successor Trustee

State of Montana, County of Yellowstone

On this 23rd day of December, 2025, before me, a Notary Public of said State, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Ronald D. Allie, Successor Trustee, known to me to be the person, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me, that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal on the date first above written in this acknowledgment.

/s/ Heather Lyn Shult  
Notary Public for the State of Montana  
Residing at Billings, Montana  
My commission expires 01-12-2029

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Attorneys for Personal Representative MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, JEFFERSON COUNTY  
In the matter of the Estate of: James Lawrence Murphy, Deceased.  
Probate No. DP-22-2026-0000009-II  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
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 be mailed to Patricia Knapp, Personal Representative, return receipt requested c/o Dale & Van Horn Law, 900 N. Montana Ave. Ste. B3, Helena, MT 59601, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. DATED this 10th day of March, 2026.  
/s/ Patricia Knapp, Personal Representative  
c/o Dale & Van Horn Law  
900 N. Montana Ave Ste B3  
Helena, MT 59601

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### PUBLIC NOTICE OF BOULDER PLANNING BOARD MEETING (Public Hearing) FOR A PROPOSED ANNEXATION

Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (YBGR) has submitted a request to annex two (2) existing lots outside of the City. The lots are 9.34 acres combined. They contain multiple existing public and institutional buildings and a proposed new group home measuring 4,889.50 sq. ft. The lots are located off of Highway 69 as you are leaving town headed South. The lots can legally be described as Lots 3 and 4 of the South Campus Minor Subdivision, (SOUTH CAMPUS MINOR SUB, S33, T06 N, R04 W, Lots 3 and 4) Jefferson County, Montana. The addresses of the properties are 97 and 105 Venture Way. The project is being reviewed under the City's Annexation Policy. The proposed zoning designation would be Public and Institutional.

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the proposal on April 6, 2026, at 6:30 PM at the Boulder City Hall. For more information on the proposed annexation, please contact Brian Bullock, the City Administrator at 406-225-3381 or at [cityadministrator@cityofbouldermt.com](mailto:cityadministrator@cityofbouldermt.com)

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### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION CANCELLATION

WHEREAS, the number of candidates filing a Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy for the open trustee positions on the Montana City School Board of Trustees, District No. 27, Jefferson County, State of Montana is equal to or less than the number of positions to be elected, the trustee election is not necessary.

THEREFORE, the necessary 30 day notice is hereby given the Montana City School District No. 27, Jefferson County, State of Montana, Trustee Election is cancelled.

DATED this 12th day of March, 2026 /s/ Diane L. Smith, District Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debra Eagle Bear, as the Beneficiary, and Michelle K. Ostrye, the Successor Trustee, under that Montana Trust Indenture dated March 29, 2024 and described herein (referred to in this notice as the "Trust Indenture"), have elected to sell the real property described in this notice on August 21, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the Jefferson County Courthouse at 201 W. Centennial Avenue, Boulder, Montana 59632, and on the terms described in this notice, in order to satisfy the obligations described in this notice, pursuant to the terms of the Trust Indenture and the provisions of the Small Tract Financing Act, Mont. Code Ann. §§ 71-1-301 et seq.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE TRUST INDENTURE:**  
 Description and Date: Montana Trust Indenture dated March 29, 2024  
 Grantors: Evan Andrew Austin and Bailey Michelle Bliss  
 Original Trustee: Helena Abstract and Title Company of Helena, Montana  
 Successor Trustee: Michelle K. Ostrye, Attorney at Law  
 Beneficiary: Debra Eagle Bear  
 Recording Information: Recorded March 29, 2024, Document No. 287849, Records of Jefferson County, Montana

**DESCRIPTION OF THE REAL PROPERTY COVERED BY THE TRUST INDENTURE AND WHICH WILL BE SOLD AT THE TRUSTEE'S SALE:**

All of Grantors' right, title, and interest in and to the following described real property located in Jefferson County, State of Montana, together with all buildings, fixtures and improvements thereon and all water rights, rights-of-way, tenements, hereditaments, privileges and appurtenances thereunto bellowing owned as of March 29, 2024 or thereafter acquired, however, evidenced, used or enjoyed with the property or belonging to the same:

Gold Bug Mining Claim M. S. No. 8026 in Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 6 West, Jefferson County, Montana.

Commonly known as Camp Caroline Road, Whitehall, MT 59759

Geocode: 51-1098-06-3-01-01-0000  
 RECORDING REFERENCE: Re-

corded March 29, 2024, Document No. 287849, Records of Jefferson County, Montana

**OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE TRUST INDENTURE:**

Substitution of Trustee, appointing Michelle K. Ostrye as trustee in the place of Helena Abstract and Title Company of Helena, Montana recorded March 9, 2026, in the records of the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Jefferson County, Montana, Document No. 293786.

**DEFAULT FOR WHICH THE FORECLOSURE IS MADE:**

The grantors have defaulted on the terms of said Trust Indenture and the corresponding Montana Trust Indenture Note in that they have failed to make the payments when due.

**AMOUNTS OWED ON THE OBLIGATIONS SECURED BY THE TRUST INDENTURE as of March 10, 2026:**

Principal (including taxes) \$132,787.68  
 Interest: \$2,764.89  
 Fees and Charges: \$342.50  
 Total due as of March 10, 2026: \$135,895.07

Interest continues to accrue. In addition, the Grantors are obligated to pay the expenses of this sale, which include the Beneficiary's costs and expenses advanced to preserve and protect the real property; insurance; real property taxes, and all penalties and interest relating to real property taxes that may become due or are delinquent; Beneficiary's costs and attorney fees; and the Successor Trustee's costs and fees. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, they will be added to the obligation secured by the Trust Indenture.

**THE TRUSTEE'S OR BENEFICIARY'S ELECTION TO SELL THE PROPERTY TO SATISFY THE OBLIGATION:**

The Beneficiary has elected as has directed the Successor Trustee to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligation.

**DATE, PLACE, AND TIME OF SALE:**  
 Date and time of sale: August 21, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Place: Front steps of the Jefferson County Courthouse at 201 W. Centennial Avenue, Boulder, Montana 59632

The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at

the sale. The bid price must be paid in cash at the time of sale. The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.

DATED this 10th day of March 2026. Michelle K. Ostrye, Successor Trustee Silverman Law Office, PLLC 1745 S. 19th Avenue, Ste. 200 Bozeman, MT 59718 (406) 582-8855

**STATE OF MONTANA**  
 County of Gallatin

On the 10th day of March, 2026, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared Michelle K. Ostrye, and personally known to me to be the person who executed the within instrument and acknowledged that she executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and notarial seal the day and year first above written.

/s/ Arika Schnur Ling  
 Noraty Public

**Legal 26-021** Published in **The Monitor** March 18 & 25 and April 1, 2026 MNAXLP

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEES' SALE**

To be sold for cash at Trustee's Sale, on the 30th day of April, 2026, at 11:30 o'clock a.m., Mountain Standard Time or Mountain Daylight Time, whichever is in effect, at the steps of the Jefferson County Courthouse, 201 W. Centennial; Boulder, Montana 59632, the following described Real property, in the County of Jefferson, State of Montana, to wit:

Tract No. 43 of Jardine Forest Park No. 3, Certificate of Survey Number 149566, Folio 340C, Jefferson County, Montana.

Tyson Thompson, as Grantor, conveyed said Real property to American Land & Title Company, with its principal office at 1800 W Koch Street, Ste. 1; Bozeman, MT 59715, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Grasslands Federal Credit Union, a credit union, 320 Main Street, P.O. Box 79; Circle, MT 59215-0079, as Beneficiary, as evidenced by a Deed of Trust, dated the 13th day of December, 2024, recorded under Document No. 289985, records of Jefferson County, Montana.

Ronald D. Allie, an attorney at law; PO Box 20417; Billings, Montana 59104, was named as Successor Trustee to American Land & Title Company, by an instrument entitled Appointment of Successor Trustee, dated the 31st day of July, 2025 and signed by the Beneficiary.

Tyson Thompson has defaulted in the performance of said Deed of Trust, between the Grantor and Grasslands Federal Credit Union, 320 Main Street, P.O. Box 79; Circle, MT 59215-0079, by his failure to pay monthly installments due on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. There is now due and owing on said Deed of Trust, as of the 17th day of December, 2025, the principal sum of \$29,650.72; interest in the sum of \$1,786.67, with interest accruing at the annual percentage rate of 10.50%, according to the terms of the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust and late charges due of \$170.00, for overdue payments, with late charges accruing according to the terms of the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. Other costs and expenses to be charged against the

cost of sale are all unpaid balances, including taxes and insurance, together with all necessary expenses, which may be incurred in collection, including reasonable attorney fees and all costs, fees and expenses, including costs of a foreclosure report, advertising and recording expense and any other costs of conducting the sale.

**THE SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, AT THE DIRECTION OF THE BENEFICIARY, HEREBY ELECTS TO SELL THE PROPERTY TO SATISFY THE AFOREMENTIONED OBLIGATIONS.**

This sale is a public sale and any person, including beneficiary, excepting only the Successor Trustee may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid in cash. The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.

The Grantor, Successor in Interest to the Grantor or any other person having interest in the aforesaid property, at any time prior to the Trustee's Sale, may pay to the Beneficiary or the Successor in interest to the Beneficiary the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default theretofore existing.

Others who have an interest in the property are:

Terri Kunz, Treasurer  
 Jefferson County Treasurer's Office  
 P.O. Box H  
 Boulder, MT 59632

Vigilante Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 1049  
 Dillon, MT 59725-1049

**THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT SAID DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM YOU WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

Dated this 23rd day of December, 2025.

Allie Law Firm  
 PO Box 20417  
 Billings, MT 59104  
 /s/ Ronald D. Allie, Successor Trustee

State of Montana, County of Yellowstone

On this 23rd day of December, 2025, before me, a Notary Public of said State, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Ronald D. Allie, Successor Trustee, known to me to be the person, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me, that

he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal on the date first above written in this acknowledgment.

/s/ Heather Lyn Shult  
 Notary Public for the State of Montana  
 Residing at Billings, Montana  
 My commission expires 01-12-2029

**Legal 26-019** Published in **The Monitor** March 11, 18 & 25, 2026 MNAXLP

**BUDGET AMENDMENT PROCLAMATION**

**MONTANA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, JEFFERSON, COUNTY**

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District No. 27, Montana City School, Jefferson County, Montana, held March 11, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Montana City School Library, the following resolution was introduced:

WHEREAS, the trustees of School District No. 27, Montana City School, Jefferson County, Montana, have made a determination that as a result of unplanned number of retiring staff, the district's budget for the Retirement Fund does not provide sufficient financing to properly maintain and support the district for the entire current school fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the trustees have determined that an amendment to the Montana City Elementary School Retirement Fund budget in the amount of \$100,000 is necessary under the provision of Section 20-9-161 (6), MCA; for the purpose of meeting the district obligations beyond the adopted fiscal year budget and

WHEREAS, the anticipated source of financing the budget amendment expenditures shall be the Jefferson County wide assessment in 2026-2027;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Montana City School District No. 27, Jefferson County, Montana, proclaims a need for an amendment to the elementary Retirement Fund budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$100,000 under Section 20-9-161 (6), MCA, for the purpose identified above, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of School District No. 27, Jefferson County, Montana, will meet at 6:30 pm in the Montana City School Library on April 8, 2026 for the purpose of considering and adopting the budget amendment.

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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# ARTS

## A long night's journey into jazz

By PIPER HEATH  
Reporter

I strolled into Basin's Art Mine without my questions.

I'd prepared a notebook full of them: how to make jazz accessible, what draws musicians to rural communities, queries about instruments and craft. But somewhere on the drive from Boulder I decided to leave them in the car. I wanted only to listen.

Jazz is built on a structure: a theme stated plainly early on, then pulled apart, taken somewhere unexpected and changed by the journey. These three pieces from the Art Mine's Mar. 17 show stayed with me. And I hope you'll bear with me if I wander as I recount them, much like the musicians behind their creation.

Up on stage, Devon Gates was on bass, Naomi Moon Siegel on trombone, Owen Ross on guitar and Chris Acaciano on drums. Around 40 people filled the cushioned chairs, and as the curtains were drawn and the lights turned low the room hummed with an excited murmur. After the musicians were thanked for making the trip, Siegel smiled and leaned into the mic.

"It's really a treat to be back playing in this room," she said. "I love the way it sounds in here."

She was right. When Ross's guitar came in alone on the first piece, "Prairie Isolation," the sound filled the room in a way I hadn't expected. And when the other instruments joined, it arrived like a wave. Ross led the piece, his guitar unhurried and deliberate, setting something in motion. I closed my eyes, and let my mind wander.

I was a jackrabbit first, small and quick, scuttling through dry brush under a wide open sky, the heat pressing down. Then I was an old cowboy, dusty and unhurried, pushing through the door of a saloon at the end of a long day, letting the cool dark swallow me. Then I was myself, on a porch I don't own yet, watching the sun go down over land that stretched further than I could see. A moment of stillness before everything else arrived.

The drums joined, then the trombone, then the bass, each one finding its place, with so much conversation between them — and all without words. I had never sat and truly listened to jazz before, and this was one of my first thoughts: how much was being said, how little of it required language. The music found its way back to where it started, the guitar again, and I surfaced slowly.

Four pieces followed. As I listened, I watched how each musician connected with their instrument, each one an extension of themselves. Ross's guitar bent at the will of the music, his eyes half closed, effortless and in a state of bliss. Acaciano on drums barely glanced at his kit, his arms moving in an almost ballet-like manner, music and movement flowing down the arm and out the wrist. Siegel's trombone fell when the music fell and rose when it rose, moving with her ear, her head, her shoulder, her arm. Gates



ABOVE: Chris Acaciano on drums, Devon Gates was on bass, Owen Ross on guitar and Naomi Moon Siegel on trombone perform at the Art Mine on Mar. 17. BELOW: About 40 people attended the performance. (Piper Heath/The Monitor)

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bit her lip as she played, fingers floating across the bass, a look of deep focus breaking now and then into a smile.

One piece put me in a bustling city cafe, then took me through busy streets, navigating seas of bodies and movement, sounds carried on pavement and down alleys, the heartbeat of a place full of living things becoming louder.

Another opened with Gates singing, and suddenly I was in a sun-drenched kitchen, feeling the weight of womanhood, and the hardship, love, grief, creation and acceptance that comes with it. At the end, Gates answered Siegel's trombone with her voice, and together they became the center of the piece, two women in conversation, passing understanding back and forth.

Gates introduced the next piece, inspired by an Octavia Butler essay on predicting the future. One of the rules from that essay? Count on surprises.

From the moment "Count on Surprises" began, I found myself holding my breath, perched on the edge of my seat. That was the theme of it, I suppose, knowing something was coming but not knowing what. This one was punchier, more insistent than what had come before. Where "Prairie Isolation" had placed me gently into the landscape, this one consumed me.

I was no longer a passenger being guided somewhere. I was the river of



notes itself, traveling from place to place, building to building, bouncing off every surface I could find. There was agency in the music, a destination implied, though what or where it was remained unclear. Every note felt individual, like a tiptoe on a creaking floor, each one its own small event, or miracle.

Siegel was extraordinary here. Her additions were the ones that felt the most like surprises, maybe because the trombone has the ability to punch through a space in a split second, unexpectedly, and she used that.

Then the piece ended, and not gradually or gently. It was simply there and then it wasn't, the music gone as suddenly as it had arrived. I exhaled. I hadn't realized I'd been holding my breath.

A special guest came to the stage, Basin's own MJ Williams, world-class trombonist and vocalist, who the room clearly knew and loved. The applause said everything. Gates and Williams spent time scatting and harmonizing, glances passing briefly between them sharing love and respect for the craft. A warm rendition of "I Want to Hold Your Hand" followed, and when it ended, Siegel asked: "Do you guys want one more?" She was met with cheers.

Before the final piece, Siegel told a story. She and Gates met through a program called Mutual Mentorship for Musicians in 2022, where they were randomly

paired and wrote music together over Zoom during the pandemic. They only performed live for the first time last year, and now here they both were, in Basin.

The last piece was their collaboration, Siegel's music, Gates' lyrics. It was called "Welcome to This World." I leaned forward. I wanted to hear what two musicians like this could build together.

The piece opened with Gates' voice, unaccompanied. "And first we come to see it through such childlike eyes," she sang, and then, a little later, "luster fades with time." Two lines, and the whole weight of a life was in them.

When the instruments came in, they carried that weight forward, moving through something vast and real: the wonder of arriving in the world, and what it costs to stay in it. Disappointment and wonder and acceptance, not in sequence but all at once, the way life tends to deliver them.

Then I noticed it. A single silk thread dangling from the ceiling, catching the light, a small spider on the end of it, inching its way upwards. I watched it for a moment, this tiny creature going about its business, hanging in the balance of the world just like the rest of us.

As the piece came to a close, I felt tears springing in my eyes. I hoped the spider could hear the music, understand it somehow.

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# SPORTS

## Track, golf, tennis & softball: spring has arrived!

### SPORTS PLUS



Dan Sturdevant

Practices have begun for track and field, tennis, golf and softball at Jefferson High, and the turn-outs tell me it's going to be a strong spring for Panther sports.

The track and fields squad has close to 80 participants, a huge showing. Its first meet will be... at home! Everyone is excited about christening the school's new track by

hosting the first meet in years — the Avery Stiles Memorial on Apr. 2. If you would like to help, please contact the school.

The Tennis teams will see their first action Apr. 2 against Fort Benton in Great Falls. The JHS Open will be May 15-16 in Boulder.

Class B tennis has been realigned so that girls and boys now play in the same division; up to now, Jefferson's haven't been. The Panthers will be in the Southwest division, which includes Anaconda, Darby, Granite and, for the girls, Alberton.

The golf team hits the links on Mar. 31 at the Florence Invite in Hamilton,

with the boys defending their Class B title from last year. The Panthers will host their own invitational on Apr. 13 at Green Meadow Country Club.

And Jefferson will join with East Helena to field a softball team, which starts its season Friday, Mar. 27, against Park in East Helena. The next day, the coop takes on Dillon and Havre.

It's going to be a packed, fun spring. Meanwhile, we're watching the enrollment numbers. In the fall semester, Jefferson High was at 330 students, the most in Class B, with Anaconda second at 323. The cut-off to move to Class A is 300, and it shouldn't be long before the Panthers make that move.

### JEFFERSON HIGH SCHEDULE

- Friday, Mar. 27**  
Softball vs. Park @East Helena, 5 pm
- Saturday, Mar. 27**  
Softball vs. Dillon/Havre @East Helena, 12 pm
- Tuesday, Mar. 31**  
Golf @Florence Invite, Hamilton
- Thursday, April 2**  
Track & Field hosts Avery Stiles Memorial meet, Boulder
- Tennis vs. Fort Benton @Great Falls

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