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Second grader Sabrina Stubblefield holds up a book she received from the Bozeman Sunrise Rotary Club last Tuesday, April 11.

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Wolves in the area

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Last Tuesday, April 11, hikers discovered a gravely injured wolf near the north entrance of Yellowstone National Park, according to a news release from the park. The National Park Service responded to the incident, and after investigating the wolf’s injuries, concluded the animal would not survive, said P.J. White, chief of the Wildlife and Aquatic Resources Branch.

“Staff on scene agreed the animal could not be saved due to the severity of its injuries,” said White. “The decision was made to kill the animal and investigate the cause of the initial trauma.”

**The history**

Wolves were hunted and killed by ranchers in the Greater Yellowstone area in the 1930s, according to Doug Smith, senior wildlife biologist with YNP. It was not until 1973 that U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed the rocky mountain grey wolf as an endangered species. In the mid 1990s, there were no wolves in YNP, which led to a sky rocketing elk population due to a lack of predators, said Smith. Fourteen wolves were reintroduced in January 1995, and have been climbing, and eventually stabilizing, in number ever since.

The wolves used for reintroduction hailed from Alberta, Canada, according to the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks website. Wolves are no longer on the endangered species list in Montana or Wyoming, and Montana has a wolf harvest – FWP issues hunting permits from September to March, said Smith.

Tourists come to YNP and the surrounding areas to see wildlife – wolves are high on their list. As for locals to Montana, wolves can carry a bad reputation.

“If wolves are around, people worry,” said Smith.

While most people base their fears on tall tales and childhood stories, there was an incident in Wyoming in March 2016 that turned some heads. A wolf pack killed 19 elk over the course of one night outside of Bondurant, Wyo., according to Mark Gocke, information and education specialist with Wyoming Game and Fish.

“Last winter we had several taken on an elk feed ground we maintained south of Jackson, (Wyo.), where 19 elk were taken,” said Gocke. “It was a pack of wolves, and that was the first time we’ve really had that happen.”

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Wyatt Mann, senior, spoke in support of Mohan Raffety at the school board meeting last Tuesday.

Hardest part of the job  
West Yellowstone School Board and administration discuss staffing

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The West Yellowstone School held its monthly board meeting last Tuesday, April 11. The board went over typical business – they heard about upcoming events, construction updates and school board elections. They also moved forward with purchasing a school vehicle, up to \$38,000, to help staff and students attend events. Unlike other board meetings, the room was full of students, staff and members of the community. The board was renewing, or not, contracts of teachers and staff at the school.

Out of 21 teachers, only one did not

have their contract renewed. Mohan Raffety, sixth grade and art teacher, did not have his contract renewed in a board vote four to one. Raffety accepted the art teacher role with the intention of getting an art certification.

This was Raffety’s third year at the West Yellowstone School, which is a make or break time for any teacher in the state of Montana. The board is forced into a big decision – give the teacher tenure or let them go.

“The way that it works in most places, Montana for sure, teachers are on a probationary period for their first three years,” said Superintendent Kevin Flanagan. “Once a teacher is offered and accepts a

fourth consecutive contract, then they have tenure. Once a teacher gets tenure, it is very hard for a teacher to lose their job.”

When a teacher starts their career in the Montana public school system, their contracts go year to year – allowing the administration to evaluate the individual over the year before extending their contract another year, said Flanagan. If all goes well for the teacher, their contract will be extended, indefinitely, after completing their third year, by being offered tenure by the board.

“The first three years are probationary, after that, it’s not that you have a job for

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DUSTIN JONES/WEST YELLOWSTONE STAR  
Staff, students and members of the public filled the West Yellowstone Library last Tuesday, April 11, for the monthly school board meeting.

Mental Health

Town’s nature can foster depression and anxiety

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Small communities like West Yellowstone are absent the problems of most major cities – everyone knows everyone and walking around at night is generally safe. It poses a series of problems to residents that cities do not have though, and those stem from the seasonal nature of the town and its remote location.

Many people may be unaware, but much of West Yellowstone’s population struggles with mental health issues. Unfortunately, rural communities like West Yellowstone do not have the resources cities like Bozeman have to help those in need. When someone in town needs help, their first stop, typically, is Kathi Arnado, the director of job and social services.

“We are a cyclical community – we are not a stable community when it comes to families staying long term,” said Arnado. “Our economy and size of our town does not allow for consistent stability.”

Someone may be in the social services office for food, a job or housing assistance. As they divulge their worries to Arnado, she then can direct them to the services they need, which are limited in town.

“In our community, we see it in different layers, which is pretty typical for other communities too, however being so rural, it adds another dynamic to it,” she said. “Now you don’t have anyone to be able to seek assistance with.”

Montana itself has been one of the top five suicide stricken states for the last 40 years, according to the 2016 Montana Suicide Mortality Review Report. Between 2005 and 2014, an average of 220 people per year took their lives at a rate of 22.33 per 100,000 people, according to the report. That is almost double the national average of 12.22 per 100,000 people. Sixty-nine percent of suicides in Montana stem from depression, according to the report.

A handful of individuals in West Yellowstone have come together in hopes of improving mental health in town. Buck Taylor, director of community development and operations for Community Health Partners, the only health clinic in town, is

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life – but it is pretty close,” said Flanagan. “Once you get tenure you are pretty safe.”

Raffety was not offered tenure, and the board made the decision without cause – which requires no explanation from the board, nor is there a hearing process, which would take place if the teacher had poor performance or an incident took place, said Flanagan. This time of the year is hard on the administration and school board members – this part of the job is not something either parties look forward to.

“It sucks – it is the worst part of the job by far,” said Flanagan. “I don’t take these decisions lightly.”

Flanagan explained the administration and school board members are privy to information that is not available to the public, which goes into the decision making process.

“I can’t say why I think it is the best thing for the district – that is what I feel,” added Flanagan. “Same thing for the school board. They are privy to some information that they cannot tell the public either, and the public only sees what they see and know what they know, so it’s always tough.”

Wyatt Mann, senior, addressed the board during the meeting, saying Raffety gives individual attention to students, which is not common.

“He’s devoted a lot of time to me personally, as I’ve struggled in many classes, and he’s taken time out of his personal life to help me,” said Mann. “There (are) not a lot of teachers who do that anymore.”

Liz Roos, West Yellowstone town clerk, also spoke on behalf of Raffety.

“He volunteers for everything, he has brought a lot of culture and excitement to this school, and that will be sorely missed,” said Roos. “I think you are making a big mistake.”

After public comments were closed, board member Bob Everest spoke on the issue – pointing out his comment was neither for or against the motion.

“I’m a little concerned that (the board) asked a non-tenured staff member to pursue additional education. I doubt that anything has changed in how we see Raffety, and it seems that’s a little bit of an unfair position to put a teacher in,” said Everest. “I think that was probably inappropriate.”

The board then voted, four to one, not to renew Raffety’s contract. The board meeting then moved to executive session to discuss student issues.

Everest was the only board member to vote in favor of Raffety. Everest felt Raffety was put at a disadvantage by the administration, when asked to pursue additional education to receive a certi-

cation in art, said Everest.

“There is no way he could have done that in a year, and yet he had to,” he said. “Because he didn’t have tenure, and he would desire that, he has to be pretty open to what the school asks him to do if he wants to stick around. So, there is kind of a pressure on him to take this on, and if you’re going to ask someone to take that kind of responsibility on, you have to see him out.”

Everest explained the board made their decision based on the recommendations of the administration, grades six through 12 principal Brian Smith and kindergarten through grade six principal and superintendent Flanagan. Both took on their positions in August, after the school year had started, even though both have extensive time spent with the school, this was their first year in their respective rolls.

“What they’ve done stability wise for the building, the kids and the teachers, has been remarkable,” said Everest. “That would be why the board was supportive – they’ve earned the support of the board with what they’ve done this year in school; on short notice, out of a lot of turbulence.”

Everest pointed out the manner in which Raffety was let go, without cause, does not leave a black mark on his records – allowing him to pursue another career in education.

Flanagan was glad to see Raffety had the turn-out that he did, and that members of the public were there to support him.

“There’s always hurt feelings – there’s always people that all they see are how they (teachers) are doing with their kid, and that’s great,” said Flanagan. “I’m glad there were people that supported him last night, but the board has to trust the administration.”

Flanagan reiterated the decision was not an easy one to make, and although students and parents may support a teacher, they do not always know the entire story. The administration and board members cannot always defend their stance because they cannot share some information with the public.

“You realize what you can and cannot say, and it’s tough, and that is the tough part about being a school board member,” he said. “Sometimes you have to sit there and take your lumps when people disagree with you, and you can’t defend your position because you can’t say stuff.”

Flanagan and the board will be looking for a replacement teacher for the upcoming school year, with the credentials necessary, to allow the school more flexibility with placement. As of now, Raffety plans on finishing the school year at the West Yellowstone School.

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one of those people.

At the moment, Taylor and CHP pay for the gas of Melissa Joecks, a licensed clinical professional counselor and outpatient therapist, to

drive down from Bozeman once a week. Hannah Wilson, an intern, is completing the hours necessary to become a LCPC as well, and her commute is also compensated by CHP. The two each dedicate one day a week, commuting from Bozeman, to help the people of West Yellowstone. They are

both booked, solid, three weeks out being the earliest available appointment.

“There’s a waiting list – it speaks to that people are seeking services, and more and more, which is good,” said Joecks. “The need has always been there for mental health services. Maybe what we are seeing is people are more comfortable asking for help.”

The ideal situation would be to have a mental health professional who resides in town, but the cost of housing and rural nature of the town have made it difficult to attract a dedicated individual, said Taylor.

“It’s a needed service – in any small town in Montana or anywhere else, it can be hard to attract people with the credentials that they need,” he said. “We are doing the next best thing.”

Joecks also believes the nature of the town comes into play with mental health issues.

“The isolation in town can be really difficult,” she said. “The economy is seasonal and that can be hard on people.”

Right now, there are two mental health professionals who offer services to the public. The school pays into a special education co-op – which brings a school psychologist and speech pathologist to the school once a week, said Superintendent Kevin Flanagan. Grades six through 12 principal Brian Smith thinks the nature of Montana, and the reputation it carries with it – “rough country” – are partially to blame as well.

“Think about the distances between places – am I going to drive two hours to talk about my emotional feelings?” asked Smith. “Anytime you try and get a student to try and see someone in Bozeman or Missoula, they’re booked all the time.”

Flanagan added he and Smith encourage teachers and staff to greet kids and to be friendly – hoping that personal connection gives students confidence in the administration to comfortably seek help if need be. Student resource officer Neil Courtis agrees with Flanagan’s approach as far as engaging students.

“Say good morning to them every day, say how is it going, so they know somebody sees them there,” said Courtis.

If a student does have a problem, they can see Terry Harris, guidance and career counselor at the school.

“I try and meet with the students who need immediate help like a student crying in the hall,” said Harris. “School counselors tend to see students on a more short term basis, and there is limited time.”

Harris also reiterated the issue of isolation. “We definitely have mental health needs, and could probably use more counseling in the school and the community – it is a long way to go if they need to get help outside of West,” she said. “(Locally) there aren’t a lot of options for them, so they might have to go as far as Bozeman or Idaho Falls, (Idaho), because that’s where the treatment is.”

Mike Gavagan is a deputy with the Gallatin County Sheriff’s Department. He is also the president of Community West Outreach – a group helping combat mental health issues in town with CHP. CWO was created out of necessity – the idea came from an angler’s widow, whose husband took his own life. She decided a reactive approach was no longer appropriate, said Gavagan.

“I think being proactive and helping people is better than being reactive,” he said.

Gavagan, like Arnado, Joecks and Courtis,

believes mental health issues, such as depression and anxiety, lead to self-medication and substance abuse.

“A lot of people that are suffering from mental illness self-medicate, so they end up abusing narcotics, alcohol or illegal drugs,” he said.

Gavagan also believes there is a shortage of mental health services not just in West Yellowstone, but Gallatin County in general. What makes the situation worse, according to Gavagan, is there is even less treatment available for youths.

“There’s not enough mental health resources in Gallatin County for adults, period,” he said. “I can tell you where there is a significant hole, a crater sized hole – mental health for juveniles.”

“There are definitely kids with mental health issues, whether they know it or not,” added Courtis.

Both Gavagan and Courtis said if a child needs to leave town for treatment, they cannot transport them in their police cruisers – parents must drive them. They also believe the distance between town and available help prevents many people from getting treatment.

“If you are requiring people to go to Idaho Falls, (Idaho), or Bozeman, a four hour round trip, just to see a mental health specialist, they’re probably not going to do it,” said Gavagan.

Another hurdle to overcome is the stigma that tends to come hand in hand with seeking treatment. In a small town like West Yellowstone, where everyone knows what car you drive, it is hard to discreetly seek help – this prevents individuals from getting treatment. Joecks is confident people are becoming more comfortable seeking out mental health assistance, but stressed the importance of confidentiality and acceptance.

“Hopefully people feel more and more comfortable recognizing that mental health is important, and there is no shame seeking out services,” said Joecks. “It is the responsibility of everyone to recognize that mental is just as important as physical health and there is no shame in that.”

As of now, the partnership between CMO and CHP and Arnado with social services, are the best place for those suffering from some sort of mental health issue. Gavagan and Taylor are working to get a third day of treatment available at the clinic, which would help bring the wait list down from several weeks, he said.

“Clearly, we needed one (counselor), clearly we needed two (counselors) – both counselors are three weeks out in appointments; I think when we get a third, we will realize we need a fourth,” said Gavagan.

Joecks stressed the importance of spreading treatment information to the public, so it is easy for those in need to find help.

“Because the transitional nature of the town, it’s important to share where you can get mental health services,” she said.

The benefit of treatment being available at CHP is that it is a physical primary care facility, said Taylor. If a passerby sees a friend or acquaintance outside, or their vehicle, they could just as easily be treating a physical ailment.

The help available in West Yellowstone may be minimal, but it is better than nothing. People like Gavagan, Taylor, Arnado, school staff and more, continue to try to improve treatment options.

“There are some really good people in town who are concerned about this,” said Taylor. “Together we can all do the best we can and try and make a difference.”



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Saturday



Cloudy. Slight chance of a rain shower. High near 45F. Winds NW at 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday



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Monday



Partly cloudy skies in the morning will give way to cloudy skies during the afternoon. High 51F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.









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# Opinions:

## Can the town build a skatepark?

Dear Editor,

Hi, I am Dillan Buchanan. I am from this town and I love to ride my bike! I was wondering if our town could build a skatepark? I mean it does not have to

cost half a million dollars. I think it could be done with just \$1,000. If it is a success it could be added to after awhile. Wouldn't that be awesome? I know a lot of kids who like to ride BMX bikes and skateboards, but we can

only wish we had a skatepark. We could just make some wood ramps and put them on a cement pad, and then store them during the winter. I know this town employs some good carpenters who could build some great ramps

lickety split! So once again, I am asking town, from a whole bunch of kids, please build us a skatepark.

Dillan Buchanan  
Fifth grade  
West Yellowstone

### WOLVES from pg. 1

Gocke said he has seen cases where several elk were killed in a sitting, but never numbers close to 19. The carcasses were placed in a pile and burned to prevent the attraction of other animals.

One belief is that wolves teach their young to hunt, or simply kill for fun. Smith has another theory, and it involves human interference. Smith said if prey is taken down on someone's property, that person may scare the wolves away – who fail to return to the scene for safety reasons, said Smith.

Wolves do, on occasion, attack livestock – almost entirely calves. When this happens, John Steuber, Montana state director of U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife

Services, gets a call.

"We are the ones that have to do all the reported wolf depredations in Montana," said Steuber. "By far the most common depredation of livestock in Montana by wolves is on calves – cattle are much more common than sheep."

In 2015, Wildlife Services confirmed 35 calves were taken by wolves, and another seven were more than likely taken by wolves, said Steuber. In 2016, those numbers jumped to 72 confirmed calves and 35 probable takes.

"One year isn't a trend, so this could be an anomaly in a downward trend," said Steuber. "It is concerning that it jumped up that much in one year."

Ranchers can shoot wolves on their property if they believe they pose a threat



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# Lifestyle:

## Kaitlin & Kathryn

### Two peas in a pod keep history alive in West Yellowstone

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Kaitlin Johnson and Kathryn McKee come from two different walks of life. Johnson was raised in West Yellowstone and still knows almost everyone in town. McKee, on the other hand, hails from North Carolina, where she fell in love with United States History, which would later take her to Wyoming, and eventually, West Yellowstone. They both work at the Yellowstone Historical Center, and sometimes, the isolation gets the best of them.

Johnson moved back to West Yellowstone in the summer of 2015 after completing her undergraduate degree. She went to Carol College in Helena before coming home, unsure what step was next. “There are worse places to live than here,” Johnson joked. “I really enjoy being a part of a community where I know everybody. It’s really nice – you get to watch kids grow up and see the same old people and the people who saw me when I was growing up, and now it is interesting to work with them in this capacity.”

After graduation, she started working at a bank in town, which had more to do with her degree – mathematics with a concentration in business and economics – than her current occupation involving history. Her manager at the bank had told her about an opening in the Yellowstone Historical Center, but Johnson was hesitant. Eventually, she took the job, starting Sept. 12, 2016.

McKee studied at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. From there she pursued a master’s degree in U.S. History, with a focus on the 19th century west, at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyo. While in graduate school, she met Rawhide Johnson – no relation to Kaitlin Johnson.

Rawhide was chair of the YHC and was impressed with McKee’s work, and extended a job offer to her in July 2016, she said. She graciously accepted the position at the YHC as the collections manager, but ran into the same issue everyone else does when trying to move to West Yellowstone – there was no housing available. McKee was not able to move to town until Sept. 12, 2016 – Kaitlin’s first day of work.

Kaitlin was alone in the YHC building when McKee first popped in. McKee had just returned from Bozeman, having dropped off her father at the airport. The first thing Kaitlyn noticed about her new co-worker was that she was wearing sandals in a snowstorm.

“My footwear was unprepared for a snow day in September,” admitted McKee.

“I think we have very similar personalities,” said Kaitlin. “I knew we weren’t going to have any issues.”

Kaitlin and McKee agree it is because of their personalities, which go well together, that their productivity at the YHC is as high as it is. The two put in long hours and work closely with one another – if they did not get along, one of them would have quit, according to

Kaitlin. Their work days can go long, including attending town council meetings after hours, said Johnson.

“There is so much to do, it is hard for two people to do it all,” added McKee.

The two lighten up the mood at work with jokes. Sometimes, it involves a mannequin, known only as Cynthia.

On Halloween 2016 the two were moving items from the museum to collections, when they had to remove a dress from a mannequin. McKee called out to Kaitlin for assistance, as disrobing a mannequin is a job for no less than two individuals.

“You need two people to undress a mannequin,” said Kaitlin. “It’s just a rule.”

The two have taken Cynthia on trips – like to the roof of the historic center building in a January snowstorm. When the two have visitors at work, they cordially introduce their company to Cynthia, to which there are looks of concern, according to McKee and Kaitlin. The two typically spend time catching up at the end of the work day – sometimes taking Cynthia for a car ride.

“Our work responsibilities are very professional,” said McKee. “Sometimes we need a break from everything.”

Kaitlin and McKee quickly became friends at work, and on occasion they get together outside of the office. Kaitlin is engaged and will be getting married in town this July to her fiancé, Ben. The first time Kaitlin went to try on wedding dresses, she asked McKee to go with her.



DUSTIN JONES/WEST YELLOWSTONE STAR  
From L: Kaitlin Johnson and Kathryn McKee knew they would be friends when McKee showed up to the Yellowstone Historical Center in sandals during a September snow storm.



DUSTIN JONES/WEST YELLOWSTONE STAR  
Kaitlin Johnson, left, and Kathryn McKee, right, try and fix the gloves on a mannequin they named Cynthia. Sometimes the duo takes Cynthia for car rides and adventures after work.



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# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## MICAH ROSS



As a freshman Micah has already shown great promise. At our first meet, the Absarokee Invite on Friday, April 7, he placed fourth in the mile and 8th in 400. This week we have been working on his high jump and long jump. Besides his athletic ability, he brings a lot of energy to the team and is always quick to make those around him smile and laugh.

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Yellowstone West Gate Hotel is looking for someone to fill our 2016 season position for **Breakfast Attendant**. Our season runs May 1 to Oct. 20. Shift is from 6 am to 2 pm 4-5 days a week. We offer great work conditions with consecutive days off. Please call Janet at Yellowstone West Gate Hotel 406-646-4212

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**Seasonal Full Time Recreation Counselor**, Town of West Yellowstone (\$12.98/hr. depending on experience). This position delivers recreation programs to youth ages 5 to 12 years old under general supervision of the Recreation Coordinator. For application form, detailed position description and qualifications contact West Yellowstone Job Service Office, 440 Yellowstone Ave/Box 1570, West Yellowstone, MT 59758/406-646-7311. Application materials are also available online at [www.townofwestyellowstone.com](http://www.townofwestyellowstone.com). All applications must be submitted to the West Yellowstone Job Service Office or Town Offices by close of the business (5:00 p.m.) May 12, 2017. Applications delivered by mail must be mailed early enough to allow for mail service delivery by the closing date. Applications that are incomplete or unsigned as of the closing date will not be considered in the selection process. Women, Men, minorities and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Town is an EEO/ADA employer. The Town Council has enacted a Drug and Alcohol Policy. This policy includes pre-employment, random and for cause drug and alcohol testing. A copy of this policy is available for review at the Town Office.

The Hebgen Basin Fire District is accepting applications for **Paramedic/Firefighter**. An application and complete job description can be requested from the Hebgen Basin Fire District, P.O. Box 1508 West Yellowstone, MT 59758 or by calling 406-646-9094 or at [www.hbrfd.com](http://www.hbrfd.com). Applications and resume can be returned to the Fire Chief at [sgrube@hbrfd.com](mailto:sgrube@hbrfd.com) or by mail to P.O. Box 1508, West Yellowstone, MT 59758. All applications must be received at Hebgen Basin Fire Station 1 by 12:00 noon May 23, 2017. Applications submitted after that time will not be considered. Selected applicants will be interviewed and additional testing will be required. This is a permanent fulltime position that will be required to live within the boundaries of the Hebgen Basin Fire District.

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## Hebgen Lake



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# Health & Wellness

## Helping Montanans with arthritis

More than 23 million adults with arthritis are limited because of the disease

SUBMITTED BY JON EBELT  
Montana Department of Public Health and Human Safety

More than 24 million adults with arthritis have activity limitations from their disease. Arthritis limits everyday activities such as holding a cup, lifting a grocery bag or walking to their car, according to a new Center for Disease Control report.

Department of Public Health and Human Services officials say that more than one in four adult Montanans report having arthritis.

Fortunately, there are programs in Montana to help address this issue.

The Montana Arthritis Program collaborates with sites across the state to implement the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program, the Walk with Ease Program, the Enhance Fitness Program and the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program developed by Stanford University. Everyone is eligible to participate in these classes, which are held year round.

Arthritis symptoms keep thousands of Montanan’s from engaging in their daily routines.

“The goals of the Montana Arthritis Program are to help reduce pain, decrease activity limitations, improve physical abilities and add confidence to help people manage their arthritis,” DPHHS Director Sheila Hogan said. “This program has helped thousands of Montanans with their arthritis, but our goal is to boost participation even more.”

According to DPHHS Arthritis Program Manager Heather Welch, help is available for sites that charge a fee.

“It’s important to note that scholarships are available for those unable to pay at sites where a fee is required,” she said.

When people with arthritis engage in physical activity they can reduce their arthritis symptoms by up to 40 percent. Yet, many adults with arthritis are not physically active. About one in three adults with arthritis report that they do not engage in physical activity during leisure time. Physical activity can also help manage other chronic conditions that are common among adults with arthritis, such as diabetes, heart disease and obesity.

“The general recommendation for all adults, including those with arthritis, is to participate in 150 minutes per week

or more of at least moderate intensity physical activity,” Welch said.

Adults with arthritis also can reduce their symptoms by participating in disease management education programs.

To find a class near you or more information about the Montana Arthritis Program please visit their website at [www.dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/arthritis](http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/arthritis) or contact Welch at 444-0958 or [hwelch@mt.gov](mailto:hwelch@mt.gov).

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**- Heather Welch,  
DPHHS Arthritis Program**

# FitnessFRONT



by  
Karen  
Robiscoe


worry. You can still participate in your favorite class, even if it is a HIIT class, but consider varying your more demanding activities with a gentler yoga practice, or other low-impact exercise such as spinning. Lighten the load when you lift. You will still get a great workout, but minimize the potential for damage, as strenuous cardio activity and weight-lifting cause tiny tears in the muscle fibers – tears that need an opportunity to heal into new muscle. Recovery days where you do not exercise outside of your daily routine are also important. As construction worker Chris Landry observes: “These days, I only exercise after work if I have enough energy for a good workout, whereas when I was younger, I would push myself harder at the gym. Now if I don’t feel like working out – I don’t.”

Be smart, silvered warriors. Listen to your body even as you tone it, and your next 50 years will be as active as your first.

*\* Formerly a resident of Big Sky Country, Ms. Robiscoe is a certified fitness trainer through the National Academy of Sports Medicine, and conventionally published author of short fictions, essays and poetry.*

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# Cappuccino crosses state lines

## Missing cat from Jackson Hole, Wyo., turns up in West Yellowstone

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**OPEN YEAR-ROUND**

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A month ago, residents at an apartment complex in West Yellowstone noticed a cat seeking refuge under their communal dumpster. Turns out, that cat's name is Cappuccino, and her home is in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

"It's unknown how it made it to West (Yellowstone)," said veterinarian Dr. Mike White. "Quite a few people were involved in Good Samaritan deeds to help the cat."

According to White, the cat was clearly someone's pet – not feral or a stray.

"The apartments aren't pet friendly, so the residents kept just feeding it," White said, referring to the people who spotted the cat under the dumpster.

A few weeks went by, and one day, town resident Trisha Denesevich spotted the same lost cat wandering across Highway 20 and attempting to enter a bar. According to White, Denesevich rescued the cat, and passed it along to Doug Edgerton, who eventually contacted the veterinarian.

White picked up the cat and transported it to his Ennis office, with the intent to make sure it was healthy and to rehome it. Routinely, White scanned the cat for a microchip.

"Very few cats are chipped," White said. "But we wanded it, and it had a chip."

With a little backtracking and detective work, White was able to get in touch with Elizabeth Millet, a Jackson Hole resident who lost her cat – Cappuccino – weeks ago. A few short days later, Cappuccino was picked up in Ennis and on her way home.

"That's what is so

unique," White said. "We've reunited pets with their owners before, but not from three states away."

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Sylvia Rosdahl scans Cappuccino the cat at the veterinary office.



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## A SKILLED CRAFTSMAN

Martin Grube, a West Yellowstone junior, put in two months of work in his industrial arts class to craft a box. He used five different woods and spent great time on detailed inlay work.

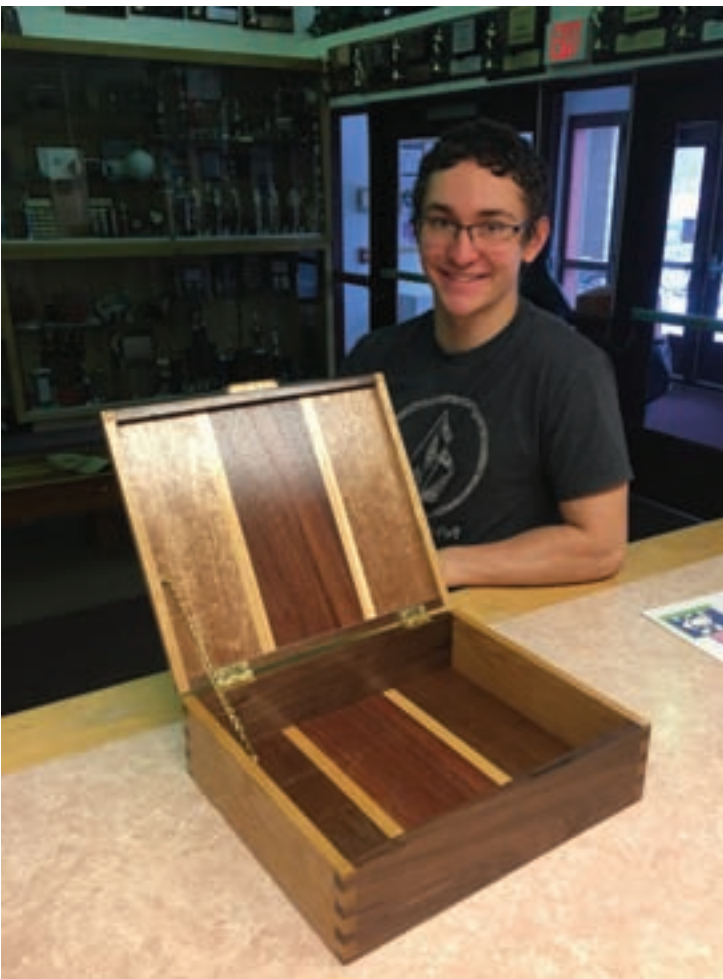


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Junior Martin Grube displays his work.

## VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK

Mike and Annette Delehanty

Mike and Annette Delehanty are starting their third consecutive spring/summer season of volunteering for the Hebgen Lake Ranger District. Mike and Annette have spent hundreds of hours helping maintain our district campsites and facilities, including lots of work on our historic rental cabins. You'll see Mike and Annette usually working in the Taylor Fork Drainage and hosting out of the Eldridge Cabin. Thanks for all your hard work Mike and Annette.



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## PET OF THE WEEK

### Corbin



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when I want attention, but sometimes I like to do my own thing too. I have been declawed and love to reach out of my kennel to get your attention. I am looking for a new home and would love it to be with you. Stop by Heart of the Valley and spend some time with me. I will make a great best friend!

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# Columns:



## NATURAL Resource News

By Rebecca Ramsey, Ruby Watershed Coordinator

# SPRING BEARS NEW LIFE

Spring has been the theme lately, for everyone! Just as Jesus emerged from the cave on Easter Sunday, Bears have emerged from their dens (often caves) with their new babies and seeking nourishment. Spring “bears” new life indeed! Now that the bruins are awake and back in the neighborhood, it is time for a refresher on being bear aware.

Scan the area for bear sign, and be aware of your surroundings. Make noise! Always carry bear spray! You may not think you are hiking in bear country, but the truth is that everywhere around Madison County is bear country. Bears can be in the sagebrush, the river bottoms, the tree covered mountain side – so just make it a habit to make noise and keep bear spray on you at all times. I love

to sing, especially when no one is around, but when I go uphill – the breath has to be used to keep me alive instead of singing “Staying Alive,” so I have taken to hanging bells on my dog’s collars and my day pack to make sure anyone can hear us as we hike along. And, now is the time to check the expiration date on your bear spray. Expired bear spray is not like expired cereal, where it is probably still good for a few months. It loses its propulsion – so if a bear is charging you at 30 miles an hour, you will not want a little spritz coming out to 10 feet in front of you. Trust in the investment – it will be far less expensive than a hospital bill.

Follow bear storage rules – whether it is required or not! Not all public lands are signed for bear storage regulations, or

require it by statute. However, it is good to practice bear storage rules all the time. Bears have an extraordinary sense of smell, and anything that smells or tastes good to humans, smells and tastes good to bears. And, things that do not smell good to us – like trash – smell good to bears too. Get bear resistant coolers, or keep your food and beverages in a cooler inside your hard-sided vehicles. If you are car camping, toss all of your soap/ lotion/other toiletries inside your rig too. And if you are going backpacking, take rope and hang any food/toiletries in a tree. Attractants need to be suspended at least 10 feet vertically above the ground, and 4 feet horizontally from the trunk of a tree or other upright support that a bear could climb. Check in with your local forest service office to inquire about renting bear resistant containers and coolers for your next camping trip.

A few things that are less obvious attractants are cooking equipment (think spoons, pans and spatulas) that have been used in food preparation and grates over grills or fires that you have cooked on ... and always wash your hands after preparing food, or after handling fish if you have been fishing. When recreating in bear country it is critical to never allow bears to obtain human food, garbage or other attractants. Bears that have learned to obtain human food often become

“food conditioned” and may become increasingly bold and aggressive in their efforts to obtain those goods, and increases the likelihood of attack.

If you encounter a bear while hiking, do not run. Running may trigger a chase response in the bear. If the bear is not aware of you, unholster your bear spray, slowly back away and leave the area. If the bear is aware of you, while unholstering your bear spray, talk to the bear in a soothing voice to let it know you are a human. Raise your arms to appear larger and slowly back away avoiding direct eye contact with the bear. If the bear displays aggressive behavior (snapping jaws, slapping the ground with its paws, ears laid back), you are too close. If the bear rushes forward, hold your ground with bear spray in the ready. Often, bears will bluff charge and stop within a few feet of you in an attempt to intimidate you. Back away slowly while talking softly. If the bear continues to follow you, stand your ground waiving your arms, clapping your hands, yelling and/or throwing objects (rocks, sticks). If the bear charges/attacks, discharge your bear spray. If the bear spray does not deter the bear, fight back with all your might.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure! Be prepared, and be bear aware! It is a big world out there, and we all have a place in it. Enjoy!

## Commodity Insite! Head scratching and jawboning

by Jerry Welch

There are times when markets move north or south and the reasons for doing so are clear. There are also times when market movement is not so clear. There are times when markets move opposite of conventional wisdom and history, confusing both the bulls and the bears. Over the past month, the Big Four: the stock, bond, currency and commodity markets are as puzzling as any time I can recall.

Taking an up close view of the Big Four, here are some of my thoughts and forecasts in today’s tumultuous environment.

STOCKS: The Dow hit an all time high on March 1, around 21,106, but this week closed at a two month low around 20,414. The Russell 2000 ended near its worst close since early December. Here is the rub. For the first time in six months, the Dow and S&P closed under the 50 day moving average, which in the past has suggested more pain is coming for the stock market. The animal spirits supporting stocks appears to be coming to an end.

BONDS: The Fed has been raising interest rates with a promise of even more to come before the end of the year. When the Fed hikes rates, bond prices move south. But this week, bond prices defied conventional wisdom, rallied sharply and ended at their highest levels since mid-November. The rise with bond prices hints of two possible scenarios about to unfold. One, the Fed will not hike rates. Or, two, a host of markets from stocks to commodities are on the verge of pain with values moving much lower.

CURRENCIES: Late this week, President Donald Trump in an interview stated boldly that the United States dollar is “too strong” and he wants lower rates rather than higher rates as the Fed planning. His words caused the dollar to drop sharply and

was a contributing factor in the rise with bond prices. His words also caused gold prices to rise suddenly and end the week at a new, six month high. Never before have I heard of a sitting president bad mouth the U.S. dollar. But that is exactly what did. Understand –Trump’s jawboning the dollar lower will have consequences. And not necessarily good ones.

COMMODITIES: The rule of thumb for commodities is clear as gin. There is an inverse relationship between the value of commodities and the U.S. dollar. When one goes up, the other goes down. With the President jawboning the dollar lower, it explains why gold prices hit a six month high and kept other hard assets well bid.

Here is another rub. The Fed is hiking rates with the promise of more to come this year and through 2019. Higher rates are intended to slow economic growth and keep a lid on prices and inflation. Thus, the jawboning coming from the White House regarding the dollar and a desire for low rates is the very opposite of what the Fed is trying to achieve. Fed policy and Trump jawboning looks to me to be two trains heading for each other at high speed. And train wrecks are never pretty.

GRAINS: The USDA just issued another monthly stocks report and the data was bearish showing no shortage of any major grain. In the case of U.S. wheat stocks, supplies are the largest in 30 years. Corn and soybean stocks are not necessarily burdensome but supplies are more than ample. However, the growing season lies ahead and if it is troublesome, grain prices may rise from current levels. On the other hand, if the growing season is trouble free, ending stocks for all grains will be even larger, setting the stage for lower

prices yet in 2018.

LIVESTOCK: The USDA pegs the U.S. hog herd as the largest in history amid signs that producers are increasing their herds. Such data is bearish. Of course, there is a tendency for hog values to rally in the April to June period and that may happen this year. Still, there is no shortage of hogs and once the market tops out and rolls over sometime before the end of June, the downside potential is great. Especially if feed costs remain cheap.

The USDA also claims that beef production this year will be up 5.1 percent, the largest since 2002. Late-

ly, cattle prices have been doing stellar thanks to fund buying. But once the “hot money boys” turn seller, I would not be surprised to see summer and fall cattle futures at \$100 to \$105. Or, as low as \$96.

The Big Four: stocks, bonds, currencies and commodities, are caught in a baffling period where confusion, and a lack of conviction reign supreme. Add to that unfortunate scenario the White House using jawboning as a policy and what you have is a recipe for more head-scratching and heightened volatility. None of which is bullish.

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