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Wisdom DOT section house site selection meeting set

Where to put a new maintenance section house for the Montana Department of Transportation in Wisdom will be the focus of a public meeting.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 6, at the Wisdom Community Building on Highway 43 in Wisdom.

The present maintenance facility, now approximately 50 years old, is not large enough to accommodate larger tandem trucks and other equipment.

It has also deteriorated in condition over the years.

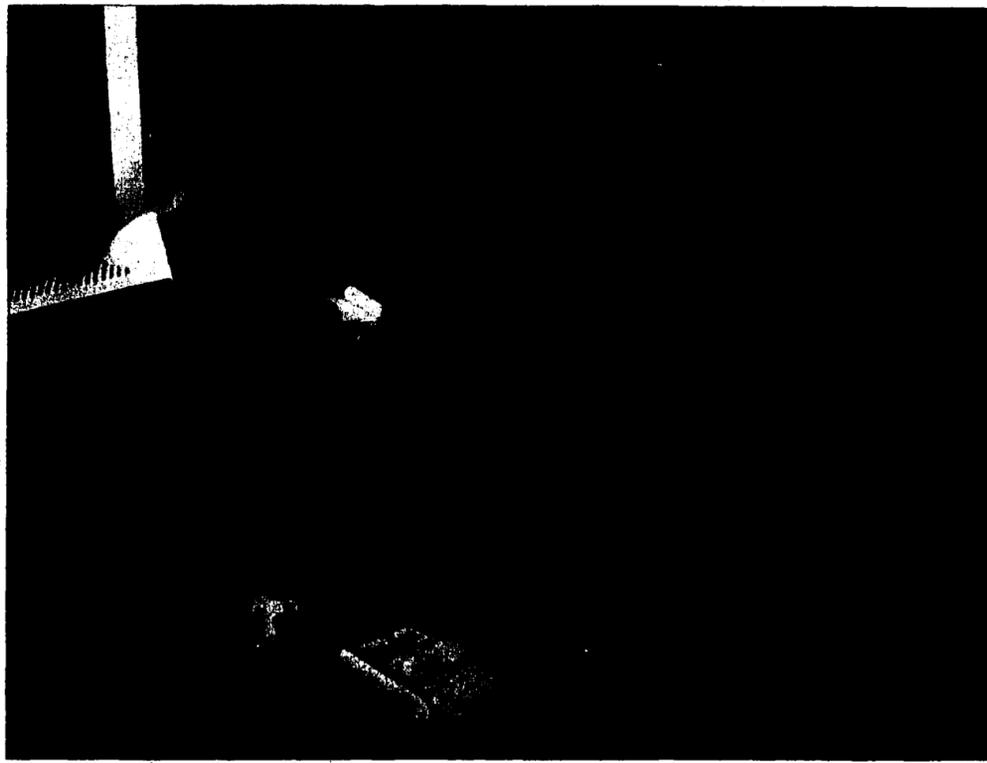
The property where the building is located is also not large enough to meet the needs of the section for the new truck building, a new sand shed and storage of gravel, materials and equipment.

Expansion of the current site can't be considered because of environmental and right of way issues.

The new location of the facility is planned to be four miles south of Wisdom on Secondary Highway 278, away from the community and homes of Wisdom, and on state-owned property.

The meeting will be used to present the purpose and need for the new maintenance facility and to detail other reasons for selecting that site.

For more information, or to comment on the project, contact John Blacker, Maintenance Administrator, Box 201001, Helena MT 59620-1001, or call 444-6158.



Remembering Jackie Zadow

Jackie Zadow, left, is seen in the Elderhostel office at the University of Montana Western with administrative assistant Deborah Henningsen this summer. Zadow, 46, died as a result of injuries sustained in a vehicle accident near Big Sky Friday, October 18.

Zadow is known throughout the state and country for her work with the aging services program, which offers educational, adventure, and service excursions for senior citizens. Her obituary is printed on Page B-6. Elaine Spicer Photo

Vehicle accident claims UMW Elderhostel leader

A Dillon woman died Friday as a result of injuries sustained in a one vehicle accident near Big Sky. Jackie Zadow, 46, veered off the east side of U.S. 191, overcorrected, and her vehicle rolled. She died at the scene.

Officials say Zadow was wearing her seatbelt, but the chest strap was behind her back. When the car rolled, her head hit a support bar between the car's windshield and door window, officials say.

Over the past ten years, Zadow was well known through her work with the University of Montana Western Elderhostel Program, which offers educational opportunities to senior citizens.

Hundreds of persons across the country were touched by her as she coordinated and trained coordinators for Elderhostel programs.

Starting in her work with Elderhostel part-time as a student, Zadow had a huge impact on the success of the program.

Elderhostel is learning about the world and meeting new people. Zadow explained, "the educational component is the most important part, even in the service programs. The value of Elderhostel is in the teaching."

She was especially proud of the impact working with the program had on students, saying in an interview last summer, "they step out and shine when they coordinate. We have been able to help them learn and grow."

"This little program is vital and does a lot around the state," said Zadow of the UMW Elderhostel program. Noting that their local programs have a lot of impact on the community, Zadow said, "community involvement makes this program as vital as it is."

She was en route from her last Elderhostel program of the season to a state program directors' meeting when the accident occurred.

A memorial program was held Tuesday at the Beier Auditorium at the University of Montana-Western.

Foster dad charged here

As a result of a complaint filed by the Montana Department of Family Services, Beaverhead County Under-sheriff Jay Hansen, of Beaverhead County Sheriff's Office, conducted an investigation of an alleged offenses committed against a juvenile by a foster parent.

The investigation led to an arrest warrant being issued by Beaverhead County Justice of the Peace Candy Hoerning.

Arrested October 18 was 44 year old Michael Jay Simonsen, of Grant.

Simonsen is currently being held in the Beaverhead County Jail on charges of Felony Sexual Intercourse Without Consent and Misdemeanor Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with bond set at \$25,545.

County looks to expanded dog law

The Beaverhead County landfill has gone back to its winter hours, effective Monday, October 21. The landfill will be closed on Sundays and holidays and open Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

The Beaverhead County Commissioners have accepted bids from two companies, Western States Caterpillar and RDO, to supply road graders to the county. A question and answer session is set for Monday, November 4 during the next regular commissioner's meeting.

The Beaverhead County/City Health Board has been working on an expansion of a dog ordinance. The health board would like the ordinance expanded to include animal other than dogs that may carry rabies. The issue will be discussed at the November 4 meeting.

Beaverhead County Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator Larry Laknar has been appointed by the commissioners to be the local agent of the DES Mitigation Grant.

Beaverhead County has agreed to allow its employees to receive a flu shot, with payment to come from each department's budget. The maximum allowed for each employee is \$12.

Beaverhead County Road Manager Richard Miller, Wise River Forest Service District Ranger Charlie Hester, Forest Service engineer Dick Judge, and resident Burr Lively visited Trapper Creek Road to discuss options. The road has not been identified as a county road.

Community Service Expo set for Thursday

The first-ever Community Service Expo to be held at the Lewis and Clark Room of the University of Montana-Western on Thursday, October 24. The event is free of charge to attend or to participate in and will occur from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. that day.

The event is "an opportunity for service organizations that work within Beaverhead County to present what they do," explained organizer Sarah Schwanfelder, who works on the UM-W campus as an AmeriCorps-Vista member.

Special raffles and door prizes will be offered, including a raffle for Patagonia Outlet items. Great Harvest has donated refreshments for the event.

Candidates vie off in local debate here Thursday

Candidates for the House of Representatives race, Debbie Barrett and Louise Bruce, and for County Attorney, Tom Scott and Mike Riley, will meet in debate Thursday night. The debate, sponsored by the Dillon Tribune and KDBM/KBEV radio, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Old Depot Theater. The event will be moderated by UMW Chancellor Steve Hulbert.

Dillon Library seeks approval of 2 mill levy to expand local services, serve county readers better

Photo and story by John Barrows

When voters head to the polls November 5 they'll find a box asking them to approve the Beaverhead County Commissioners allowing to levy up to two mills to provide additional revenue for the operation and maintenance of the Dillon City Library.

Although earlier this year the commissioners authorized \$7,000 for the city library, a first time action on the part of the county, the requested mill levy would mean the county will now be helping to fund the library on a substantial basis.

That could mean county residents will help out the city to the tune of about \$32,000 to sustain the library and to help it expand, and maintain, additional services.

The city currently has a budget of approximately \$56,000 for the library, paid for entirely by city residents, except for a small amount raised by a \$7 annual charge for non-city residents to use the facility.

If the levy passes, that would mean the end of the \$7 surcharge, library board officials said.

A concern for library operations has been the fact that many library users are county, not city residents, but do not pay an equal share of the cost of maintaining the facility.

Passing the levy will help equalize the cost of operating the library county-wide, and provide a great number of additional services as well.

Two main reasons for putting the levy before the voters, supporters said, is to correct the present disparity of funding and provide an equitable support from the present city-only financing.

The commissioners, Library Board Chairman Melissa Heckard said, "have been very supportive and proposed the election."

Although passage of the levy will mean financial help from county residents, it will not actually be city-county library, but will continue to operate as at present.

What is being planned, however, is to provide greater outreach to rural readers. The board, Heckard said, is currently looking at the library in Sidney and Richland County as a model for the Dillon facility.

Passage of the levy will mean county residents will pay less than \$7 on a \$100,000 home.

City residents are already being taxed approximately \$29 to support the library, she said.

Already the library has undertaken a number of steps designed to help both Dillon and country library users.

Those include

longer hours, expanded interlibrary loan services, development of Internet access to finding and ordering books and library materials.

Other services are planned to be expanded, including interaction with rural schools and Internet access.

A favorite of youngsters, the library's youth programs in the summer are open to all county residents, and last year alone over 400 boys took advantage of them.

Members of the Dillon City Library board of trustees include Heckard, Swede Troedsson, Cindy Bennett, Mary Beth McIsaac and John Warren. Barbara Fredrickson, the library's director, also acts as the board's secretary.

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