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MSU ag building closer to reality

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Evelyn Wanke of Rudyard offered a planned donation of \$2.7 million toward a teaching and research building.

Montana State University's College of Agriculture is closer to paying for a new teaching and research building thanks to a generous \$2.7 million donation from a Rudyard woman.

Evelyn Wanke, who is in her 70s, offered a planned donation of \$2.7 million toward the building from her

estate, to be distributed after she dies, Jeff Jacobsen, dean of the college, said.

The announcement came Saturday, at a breakfast celebration of the college's Animal Bioscience Complex at the Hilton Garden Inn

on Commerce Way.

The college hopes to build the new teaching facility in conjunction with a second building — a high-tech U.S. Department of Agriculture research facility that will, in part, work to decode animal genomes for research

and product development, said.

Jacobsen praised Wanke's generosity, and said the gift brings the college within \$3 million of reaching its funding goal for the project.

"We will be working feverishly to get that to zero, and we're excited with our hard work and the level of interest in this that we have there," Jacobsen said.

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RIDING TO THE RESCUE

**EQUESTRIAN GROUP
LOOKS TO PRESERVE
OPPORTUNITIES
FOR HORSE OWNERS**



DEIRDRE EITEL

Marianne Amsden rides her horse Gallahad on Wednesday afternoon at her home south of Bozeman. She wants the city to consider horse and equestrian recreation in its long-term planning.

Marianne Amsden grew up in Bozeman, but had to leave for 13 years to live in Southern California.

When she came back, she wanted a place where she could keep horses.

Amsden, who owns five horses, found 25 acres of land south of Bozeman. She was attracted to the neighborhood because of its open space and gravel roads.

"We don't always have time to trailer out to the mountains, so it is nice to ride down the gravel roads," she said.

Now two of those gravel roads have been partially paved. High-density subdivisions are popping up throughout the Gallatin Valley. And Amsden and other local horse owners are eager to ensure that as the county and the city of Bozeman grow, there will still be

plenty of space for equestrians to ride.

"I would hate to see Bozeman homogenize the valley everywhere it grows," Amsden said. "I just think there needs to be balance."

The Gallatin Equestrian Partnership — called "GalEP" for short — only recently got on its feet, but already its organizers have big plans. They envision GalEP serving as an umbrella organization, bringing together nonprofit groups with horse owners to support land conservation and to promote equestrian recreational opportunities.

Among the organization's top priorities is a horse trail system and creation of an equestrian park where horse owners can meet and take part in competitions, in which riders show off their talents through show-jumping and other tests of skill.

Missoula and Kalispell have equestrian parks, but so far Bozeman lacks one. The closest horse-events location is in Billings, said Maire O'Neill, who lives south of Bozeman with her seven horses.

"There is a huge, growing demand in the Gallatin Valley for competition like this," O'Neill said.

An estimated 150,000 horses live in Montana, most of them near the state's urban centers, according to the Montana State University Extension Office.

Of course, horses have lived in Bozeman since its founding. An 1890s photograph of the Story Mansion in the book "Montana Mainstreets: A Guide to Historic Bozeman" shows two horses grazing leisurely in the mansion's front yard.

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GALLATIN EQUESTRIAN PARTNERSHIP

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Vietnam veteran Lonnie Bowen Jr. smokes a cigarette outside the the Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service & Education Center in Philadelphia, Oct. 24. A new report scheduled to be released



On the streets

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lonnie Bowen Jr. was once a social worker, but for 17 years the Vietnam war veteran has slept on the streets off and on as he's battled substance abuse and mental health problems.

"It's been a hard struggle," said Bowen, 62, as he rolled a cigarette outside a homeless processing center in downtown Philadelphia, where he

though they are a general adult population, a report to be released by the Alliance to End Homelessness and public education.

And homelessness among middle-aged and older veterans. Younger veterans from Afghanistan are treated at a shelter and soup kitchen.



Record low -9/1934

Precipitation:

24 hours through 4 p.m. 0.00

Month to date 0.00

Normal month to date 0.28

Year to date 20.94

Normal year to date 17.68

Normal for year 19.29

Information taken at Bozeman Airport ending at 4 p.m. yesterday

Temperature:

High 64° at 3:30 p.m.

Low 34° at 12:30 p.m.

Normal high 44°

Normal low 29°

Record high 72°/2003

Record low -4°/2003

Precipitation:

24 hours through 4 p.m. 0.00

Month to date 0.00

Normal month to date 0.21

Year to date 12.74

Normal year to date 13.54

Normal for year 14.71

REGIONAL SUMMARY

Billings: Mostly cloudy and mild today. High 60. Partly cloudy tonight. Low 34. Partly sunny and breezy tomorrow. High 59. Saturday: clouds and sun.

Butte: Mild today with a blend of sun and clouds. High 58. Partly cloudy tonight. Low 22. Mild tomorrow with clouds and sun. High 59.

Great Falls: Mild today with clouds limiting sun. High 58. Partly cloudy tonight. Low 32. Mostly cloudy and mild tomorrow; winds gusting past 35 mph.

Kalispell: Cloudy today. High 52. Partly cloudy tonight. Low 28. Mostly cloudy tomorrow. High 52.

Livingston: Mild today with clouds and sun. High 63. Partly cloudy tonight. Low 33. Partly sunny tomorrow. High 67. Saturday: rather cloudy. High 62.

Miles City: Mild today with clouds and sun. High 60. Partly cloudy tonight. Low 29. Mostly sunny tomorrow. High 57. Saturday: clouds and sun. High 63.

Missoula: Mostly cloudy today. High 52. Partly cloudy tonight. Low 30. Times of clouds and sun tomorrow. High 57.

REGIONAL CITIES

For the 24 hour period ending at 5 p.m.

City	Yest.		Today	
	Hi/Lo	Prc.	Hi/Lo	W
Belgrade	64/32	0.00	58/22	pc
Billings	57/43	0.00	60/34	c
Boise, ID	61/35	0.00	60/37	s
Butte	59/32	0.00	58/22	pc
Casper, WY	67/33	0.00	65/30	s
Dillon	58/35	0.00	59/26	pc
Glasgow	50/30	0.00	53/28	pc
Glendive	49/30	0.00	52/29	pc
Great Falls	61/47	0.00	58/32	c
Havre	54/37	0.00	54/29	pc
Helena	59/29	0.00	55/27	c
Kalispell	51/35	0.02	52/28	c
Lewistown	58/35	0.00	56/33	pc
Livingston	62/53	0.00	63/33	pc
Miles City	57/29	0.00	60/29	pc
Missoula	52/32	0.00	52/30	c
Sidney	52/28	0.00	52/28	r
W. Ystone	50/20	0.00	50/20	pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice, Pre-Precipitation, T-trace.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:13 a.m.

Sunset tonight 5:02 p.m.

Moonrise today 6:08 a.m.

Moonset today 4:03 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Nov 9	Nov 17	Nov 24	Dec 1

UV INDEX

Today:

9 a.m.	11 a.m.	1 p.m.	3 p.m.	5 p.m.
2	2	2	1	0

0-2, low; 3-5, moderate; 6-7, high 8-10, very high; 11+ extreme

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Amsden and others would like the city to keep that historic perspective in mind as it grows. Recently, 150 people signed a petition asking that horse riding be included in a master plan spelling out the recreation needs of the city.

Bozeman is not the only community where horse owners are worried about the effects of development on their pastime.

The Equestrian Land Conservation Resource, a Kentucky-based nonprofit, promotes land conservation for horse-related activities through a variety of tools, from conservation easements to the purchase of development rights.

CEO Deb Balliet said her organization is seeing increased interest across the country in preserving land for equestrian activities. Part of the reason is federal incentives for farm and ranch conservation. Another is a heightened sense of environmental awareness.

"It's very popular to be green right now," she said. "Some of us have been green for longer than that."

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The fear with a huge drop like Wednesday's is whether it is part not just of a correction, which is a 10 percent pullback in stock prices, but that it could be the beginning of a bear market. With the huge volatility that has swept Wall Street since the summer, and triple-digit moves in the Dow becoming commonplace, no one can be sure.

Still, the concern on the Street is that the extent of the fallout from the credit market crisis that has led to billions of dollars in losses for major banks and investment firms is not yet known. With Citigroup Inc. announcing Sunday it needed to take an addi-

tional \$8 billion to \$11 billion in writedowns, investors are very uneasy not just about stocks, but the economy as a whole.

"The financials are the bodyguards of the market and when the bodyguards are taking shots then the market can't do well," said David Darst, chief investment strategist for Morgan Stanley's global wealth management group.

"A lot of the bad stuff is known; what the markets are worrying about is the unknown," Darst said.

The Dow fell 360.92, or 2.64 percent, to 13,300.02. The Dow, which had gained 117 points on

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By an almost identical percentage, Helena voters rejected a measure urging Congress to provide a blank check to the military to fight terrorism. The preliminary tally was 4,917 opposed and 3,060 in favor.

John Forbes, who authored the blank-check referendum, said its defeat doesn't shine a positive light on Helena.

"To have what I consider basically a vote against the military does not reflect well on our community," Forbes said.

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It took roughly a decade for the lives of Vietnam veterans to unravel to the point that they started showing up among the homeless. Advocates worry that intense and repeated deployments leave newer veterans particularly vulnerable.

"We're going to be having a tsunami of them eventually because the mental health toll from this war is enormous," said Daniel Tooth, director of veterans affairs for Lancaster County, Pa.

Directions in Los Angeles, which gives veterans help with substance abuse, job training and shelter.

"I think they'll be forgotten," Keaveney said of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. "People get tired of it. It's not glitzy that these are young, honorable, patriotic Americans. They'll just be veterans, and that happens after every war."

Keaveney said it's difficult for his group to persuade some

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The college also inducted 20

U.S.D.A.'s Agricultural Research