

Grizzly kills mountain biker



MONTANA FISH, Wildlife and Parks game warden Perry Brown prepares to hunt for the killer bear on Wednesday in the Green Gate area along U.S. 2 near West Glacier. (Chris Peterson photos/Hungry Horse News)

Forest law officer dies in sudden encounter on trail; search underway for killer bear

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A West Glacier mountain bicyclist was killed Wednesday afternoon by a grizzly bear near West Glacier.

Brad Treat, 38, a career law-enforcement officer with the U.S. Forest Service, died when the grizzly attacked him on a trail, according to Sheriff Chuck Curry.

A small army of armed officers searched for the bear Wednesday evening. The grizzly had not been located as of 9 p.m.

Treat had been bicycling recreationally with a friend on the popular trail system in the Green Gate area north of the KOA campground off of U.S. 2.

The grizzly apparently confronted the bicyclists on the trail shortly after 2 p.m.

“IT APPEARS they likely surprised the bear and Treat was taken off his bike by the bear,” Curry said in a news release.

The second rider was not attacked or injured and rode back to get help. Treat was pronounced dead at the scene.

The first call for emergency responders came in around 3 p.m. Treat’s body was found shortly after 4 p.m. and was transported by the Two Bear Air Rescue helicopter.

The helicopter crew later spotted a grizzly bear in a marsh near the scene of the fatal mauling.

The incident attracted a substantial response, including Coram/West

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THE TWO Bear Air Rescue helicopter searches the woods for the victim of Wednesday’s fatal bear attack. While bicycling on a trail in the area, Brad Treat of West Glacier was killed by a grizzly.

College hones designs for student housing

By KATHERYN HOUGHTON
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Flathead Valley Community College is in the final phase of designing its first on-campus student housing.

“We’re still working on contract documents, but we have the designs done and expect to break ground in early August,” college President Jane Karas said Tuesday afternoon.

The college has worked with contractor CTA Architects Engineers since February to design the buildings that will provide lodging for 124 students.

The housing complex will consist of four buildings. They will be built west of the school’s Occupational Trades building and south of Walmart in an area that currently is a field.

Karas told the FVCC Board

of Trustees on Monday that while the final contract has not been signed, she projected the project would cost \$10.8 million at most. She said that estimate includes construction, permits and infrastructure work such as creating a path from housing to the campus.

Karas originally estimated in February that the housing project would cost between \$7 million and \$9.5 million. However, she said the current figure “includes a large contingency.”

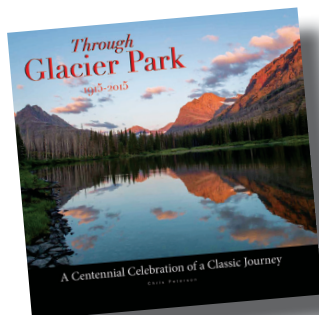
“We’ve been working hard to create cost-effective, good-quality and safe housing for students,” Karas said. “We’re excited to offer this.”

The buildings will have 50 double units and 24 single units. There will also be common areas and laundry facilities.



THIS ARCHITECTURAL rendering shows the housing complex planned at Flathead Valley Community College. (Graphic courtesy of FVCC)
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North America leaders urge against isolationism

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) — President Barack Obama and the leaders of Mexico and Canada pushed back forcefully on Wednesday against the isolationist and anti-immigrant sentiments that have roiled Britain and been championed by GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump. The leaders warned against easy solutions peddled by “demagogues” who feed on economic anxiety.

With tensions growing over terrorism and fallout from Britain’s exit from the European Union, Obama acknowledged that Americans and others have reason to be concerned about their own future in a rapidly globalizing economy. He said concerns about immigrants had been exploited by politicians in the past, but he insisted he wasn’t worried Americans will follow that path.

“We should take some of this seriously and answer it boldly and clearly,” Obama said, without naming the Republican presidential candidate. “But you shouldn’t think that is representative of how the American people think.”

Gathering in the Canadian capital, the leaders defended their calls for freer trade within the continent and beyond. They argued that instead of withdrawing from the world, advanced countries should focus on higher standards, wages and legal protections that would ensure the benefits of globalization are widely felt.

“The integration of national economies into a global economy, that’s here. That’s done,” Obama said.

Obama’s comments at a news conference with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau



CANADA PRIME Minister Justin Trudeau, left, welcomes U.S. President Barack Obama to the North American Leaders’ Summit in Ottawa Wednesday. (Fred Chartrand/The Canadian Press via AP)

and Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto came as the leaders sought to show unity amid growing nationalist movements in Europe and elsewhere, epitomized by Britain’s move to leave the 28-member EU.

Though Britain’s decision has rattled the global financial system, Obama said he believed the markets were starting to settle down. Still, he acknowledged there would be “genuine longer-term concerns” about global economic growth “if, in fact, Brexit goes through.”

“This doesn’t help,” he said.

Obama said his message to British Prime Minister David Cameron and to German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who is largely spearheading Europe’s response, was that “everybody should catch their

breath.” Though Merkel and other European leaders have urged Britain to start its withdrawal quickly, Obama called for a thought-out process that would be transparent and clearly understandable.

“I think that will be a difficult, challenging process, but it does not need to be a panicky process,” the president said.

The Canadian and Mexican leaders largely echoed Obama’s calls for staying focused on closer economic ties. Pena Nieto said Mexico sees opportunity for growth and investment by broadening its relationship with the rest of the continent.

“We are competitors, yes, but we have complementary economies, and that will give more development to our society,” the Mexican leader said.

And Trudeau said the three leaders’ strategy for combatting protectionist

views was to “highlight how much trade and positive agreement among our nations are good not only for the economy of the world and the economy of our countries, but it’s also good for our citizens.”

Yet it was Trump and his insistence that Americans are better served by reasserting independence that shadowed the leaders’ meetings at the annual North American Leaders’ Summit. Even as the three took the podium in Ottawa, Trump was threatening to pull the U.S. out of the North American Free Trade Agreement, chanting at a rally, “No more NAFTA.”

When a reporter asked the leaders to weigh in on Trump, Obama intervened, suggesting his counterparts should be careful what they say in case Trump ends up win-

ning. “I’m not saying they shouldn’t answer. I’m just — I’m helping them out a little bit,” Obama joked. He appeared personally insulted by Trump’s claims to represent the public’s best interests, accusing the presumptive Republican nominee of wrongly purporting to be a populist. He said people like Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders rightly deserve label of “populist” but that Trump is merely resorting to “nativism,” “xenophobia” and “cynicism.”

“We have to call this

mentality what it is: a threat to the values that we profess, the values we seek to defend,” Obama said later during a speech to Canadian Parliament, where a packed audience of about 1,000 interrupted him repeatedly with standing ovations. They chanted “four more years” as Obama wrapped up his address.

Ahead of the summit, Canada announced it will lift visa requirements for Mexican visitors as of December 2016, while Pena Nieto agreed to open Mexican markets to Canadian beef.

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Karas said the college is still working on calculating how much rent will cost. In February she estimated it would be roughly \$650 a month.

THE BOARD also discussed the college budget

that will be \$1 million higher than last year.

The FVCC general fund 2016-17 budget — which goes into effect July 1 and ends June 30 — is expected to exceed \$19 million, compared to last year’s roughly \$18 million.

“We’re expecting to see more students,” Karas said, adding that means more tuition.

She said the school also is due for a larger

round of state appropriation funding for the upcoming year as well as local appropriations.

“With this budget, we will continue to provide quality education to students by adjusting to their needs,” Karas said.

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Glacier Fire Department, Three Rivers Ambulance, North Valley Search and Rescue, Flathead County Sheriff’s Office, Glacier National Park, Flathead National Forest and

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

The incident is under investigation by the Wildlife Human Attack Response Team of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the Forest Service and the Sheriff’s Office.

The Half Moon Lake/Green Gate area has

been closed by the Forest Service for public safety pending completion of the investigation.

“Brad was an integral member of our area law enforcement team and a friend to us all,” Curry said. “Our thoughts and prayers are with his family tonight.”



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