College homes designs for student housing

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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 con-
tract 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 stu-
dents.

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 PVCC 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 hous-
ing 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 contin-
gency.”

“We’ve been working
carefully to create cost-effective,
good-quality and safe hous-
ing 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 com-
mon areas and laundry facil-
ities.

“This architectural render-
ing shows the housing complex planned at Flathead Valley Community College. (Graphic courtesy of PVCC) See HOUSING, A8”

MONTANA FISH, Wildlife and
Parks game warden Perry Brown
prepares to hunt for the killer bear
in the Green Gate area U.S. 2 near West Glacier.

CHRISTINE TREADWAY
Flathead Valley Community College

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

Head Trost, 38, a former law-enforcement officer with the U.S. Forest Service, died when the grizzly attacked him on a trail. A small army of armed officers searched for the bear Wednesday evening.

The attack occurred near a hunting camp that had been located as of 9 p.m.

Trost had been bicy-
c ling recreationally with a friend on the popular trail system in the Green Gulf area north of the KGO 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 Trost was taken off
his bike by the bear,”
Curry said in a note
released late Wednesday.

The second rider was not attacked or injured and rode back to get help.

Trost was pronounced
defat shortly after 4 p.m. and was transported by the Two Bear Air Rescue helicop-
er.

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

Trost had been bicy-
c ling on a popular trail in the area.

“The accident attracted a substantial response,
including Coram-West
Forest Law Enforcement.

The two Bear Air Rescue heli-
copter searches the woods for the
victim of Wednesday’s fatal bear
attack. While bicycling on a trail in the area, Brad Trost of West Glacier
was killed by a grizzly.

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