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GoFundMe account set to help victim of RV fire in Havre

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A fundraiser is underway to help pay for the recovery of a Havre man severely burned in an explosion in an RV on McKinnley Avenue Feb. 23.

Kim Wavrick is asking the community for help covering expenses while her son Levi continues to recover in the ICU of a Salt Lake City hospital nearly one month after then RV explosion.

Levi Wavrick suffered severe burns and other injuries which have required multiple surgeries and treatments. Now his family is realizing how much this will cost.

“Truthfully we were very overwhelmed and naive when this first happened. The future was so uncertain we were just looking to get him through moment by moment,” Kim Wavrick wrote on GoFundMe. “As Levi has pro-

gressed and we are able to see the future we know he’s got rehabilitation that will last for years and the full impact of that in his life is much clearer.”

Shelley Shellenberger, Levi’s aunt, said he actually is recovering remarkably well considering the severity of his injuries.

She said he suffered third-degree burns on 30 percent of his body, including his hands, wrists, arms, neck and back, but was being checked over this week might be released from ICU and could be released in two weeks.

He would have to stay in Utah another week while his family learns to care for him and do his wound therapy, and would go to Arizona with his mother after that, Shellenberger said.

She said his girlfriend, who was living with him in the RV, also was injured in the fire.

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Aid Levi's Journey to Recovery



\$10,590 raised

\$75K goal · 89 donations

14%

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Courtesy GoFundMe

‘Oliver’ comes to Havre High



Mr. Sowerberry (Jesse Lee), Mr. Bumble (Casey Pratt), Mrs. Sowerberry (Autumn Dark), and Oliver (Hawk Messinger) rehearse a scene from the Montana Acotrs' Theatre production of 'Oliver,' the Lionel Bartz musical adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic 'Oliver Twist.' The play premieres at the Havre High School Theatre tonight at 7:30 p.m., with 7:30 p.m. shows Fridayand Saturday and Thursday-Saturday of next week and 2 p.m. prefomrances this Saturday and next Saturday.

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MAT hits Manhattan with Pyett’s ‘The Harvest’



Courtesy Jim Potter

Jay Pyette, Arleen Rice and Laci Keller Christenson pose with a \$3,000 check AgWest donated to Montana Actors' Theatre to help fund its going to New York City to produce Pyett’s play “The Harvest.”

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The local acting troupe is hitting the big time next fall, producing Montana Actors' Theatre co-founder's play “The Harvest, which premiered in Havre in March of 2022.

This is really the big time for us. We aren't Broadway, but we aren't Off-off Broadway either,” Pyette said. We are in downtown Manhattan and considered Off-Broadway.

“The hope, of course, is that the

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Celebrity skier hits the slopes at Bear Paw

By Hare Daily News Staff

A world-famous, kelgendary skier considered the founder of modern extreme skiing hit the slopes and visited with people at Bear Paw Ski Bowl over the weekend.

Ski bowl manager Dave Martins said Glen Plake loved the terrain offered a variety of Greens to Double Black



Diamonds.

Placehas been called the “Pied Piper of Skiing,” the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame website said in its entry about his induction in the Hall of Fame Class of 2010. With his signature, multi-colored Mohawk hairstyle — Martins said his hair was pink while he was at Bear Paw — he is the most recognizable and quite possible the best-known skier in the world. From his appearances at the smallest of ski areas in the United States to his descents of the world’s most challenging mountains and his innumerable film, television and print media appearances, Glen has done more than anyone to promote the love for skiing to millions of people.

honed his skills through ski racing and free skiing between stints on the U.S. National Moguls Ski Team circuit. He was later crowned three-time World Hot Dog skiing champion. In 1988 his performance in the Greg Stump production, “Blizzard of Aaahhs,” launched a whole new genre of ski films which had a major impact on the way people viewed skiing and its possibilities. Other major and influential film appearances have included “Steep,” “The Edge of Never,”

Courtesy photo



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“License to Thrill,” and “Fistful of Moguls” to name a few.

The site adds that Plake is famous for his surprise visits to local ski areas — like Bear Paw. Traveling in his motor home with his wife, Kimberly, Plake spends time visiting

small to medium-sized ski areas to be with and encourage the local patrons of the sport. He is a strong believer in the importance of these areas as the foundation of skiing in

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Border patrol apprehends gang members in Sweetgrass area of responsibility

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U.S. Border Patrol announced that agents with the Havre Sector of the patrol March arrested a woman, and three illegal aliens identified as members of the Venezualan Tren de Aragua Gang, on suspicion of illegally smuggling the three aliens into the United Strates .


A spokesman for Border Patrol said the arrest occurred in the area of responsibility of the Sweetgrass Border Patrol Station.

Tren de Aragua is a group based out of Venezuela is a transnational criminal group that has made attacks in multiple countries including the United States.

A Facebook post by the U.S. Border Patrol Havre Sector said the smuggler, a U.S. citizen, would be prosecuted under federal law for bringing in and harboring aliens and the three aliens would be charged under federal law with entry of removed aliens and improper entry by an alien.

Friday's Weather

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Morning showers

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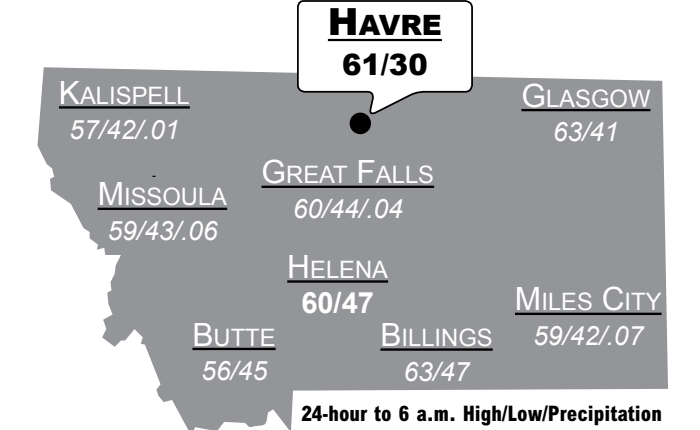
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GoFundMe

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His brother, Zack Wavrick, whose driveway the RV was in when the fire occurred, helped with the fire and getting them

out of the RV, Shellenberger said.

The GoFundMe Wavrick started to pay Levi Wavrick's

bills has raised more than \$10,000, however they now believe the cost of his recovery will be closer to \$75,000. People

can go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/aid-levis-journey-to-recovery> to donate to the fund.

MAT

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reviews are good, the script is noticed, and it goes on from there," he added. "We as a company won't, of course, but the script could get picked up and moved up the 'food chain,' as they say. Our actors, too, could get noticed, which would be fantastic."

The play, set on a small Montana wheat farm, revolves around the family dynamics of six adult children who come together from across the U.S. to help with the harvest after their father becomes too sick to run the farm.

"It's about this family coming to grips with, not just their relationship with each other and their relationship with their parents, but also the changing dynamics of this small family farm," Pyette said before its Havre premiere.

It already has been picked up by other companies, being performed in Anaconda last April by the Anaconda Ensemble Theatre and in Missoula by Rooted Theatre Co. in August 2024.

It is also not the first time a Pyette play has hit the big stage. His play "The Dead of Winter" was performed in London in the Union Theatre by MAT as part of MAT co-founder Grant Olson's graduate work at Kings

College London.

He said he submitted the play to MRT in Manhattan, and they contacted him and the plans went ahead from there.

"I think one of the important things to note is that just getting accepted by MRT is amazing," he added. They turn down about 98% of the scripts that are submitted to them. In addition, originally, they were going to cast and build the show there, but after quite a few conversations, and after their director was convinced that this will be an absolutely professional production, we decided that MAT could bring so much more authenticity to the story. So, while they don't finance it, they do produce it - which puts their reputation at risk. They are basically 'vouching' for MAT and believe both in the script and our ability to stage it professionally. They've also indicated that there is a great deal of interest in rural America right now and this is the perfect story to tell at this time."

The MAT troupe in Manhattan includes Pyette, who dill direct the play, and Olson as Alan, as well as State Manager Andi Daniel and Pam Veis as Anna, T.C. Knutson as James Jr., Brian Gregoire as Micky, Tylyn Turner as Sarah, Chad

Zuelke as John, Aylan Pratt as Samuel and Samantha Pollington as June.

"As you can see, we have some from the original production in Havre, but some new faces as well," Pyette said, adding, "all seasoned MAT veterans."

He said Manhattan Repertory Theatre originally wanted to put the play on itself, but Pyette persuaded them that having MAT do it would bring more to the production.

"We just knew that New York actors, as good as they are, could not understand the rural, farm lifestyle that is necessary to tell this story," he said. "They just wouldn't have the frame of reference. While this is a universal story and one that resonates with families that don't come from ag backgrounds, we do need a cast that understands that life. After many conversations with MRT, we all came to the conclusion that this was the best fit. Our publicist is thrilled by this idea and can't wait to market such a unique project."

Fundraising is underway, with AgWest giving a \$3,000 grant through its Rural Community Grant Program and, since then, \$1,500 from Frontline Ag Solutions and \$1,000 from the local Mountain View Co-op.

"But we are no where near covering all expenses," Pyette said. "To guild the set, transport it to NY, get the cast/crew there, house them, etc, we need to raise about \$85k. This is a large amount of money, but we're pretty confident. Arleen Rice has been working with me and we are approaching many of the large ag companies across the state. We also have many applications out there to foundations, etc. But yes, much more fundraising."

"MAT itself has pledged money to the project as well as some private individuals and at this point we're at \$25,500," he said. "We will, of course, accept support from anyone who wants to donate! We know that MAT asks a great deal of financial support from this community and we don't want to impact our regular season with this special project, so we are really focusing on large ag companies and state-wide organizations and foundations, but that's not to say we won't accept funding! There are a great many people in this area that have ties to a show like this and we'd love for them to help us take a story about rural Montana to the big stage!"

Celebrity

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America.

"Much of his and his wife, Kimberly's, time was spent

teaching kids some fun skiing skill exercises as well as making runs with kids and adults alike."

Martins said. "It was a fabulous and memorable day at Bear Paw."

"And he told the kids, 'more outside time, less screen time'" Martins added.

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Lap swim, 6 - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Havre Community Pool.

Friday, March 28

Yarn Circle, 4 - 6 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library. This program is free and open to the public. All crafts are welcomed. Refreshments will be provided.

Lap swim, 6 - 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Havre Community Pool.

Monday, March 31

Pool in the backroom, Monday-Friday, 1 - 3 p.m., North Central Senior Center, 2 2nd St. W.

Lap swim, 6 - 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Havre Community Pool.

Aqua exercise, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Havre Community Pool.

Tuesday, April 1

Burgers and Bingo fundraiser, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Bingo starts 6:30 p.m., Eagles Club. Dinner proceeds and some proceeds from bingo, go toward Eagles Club projects.

Tuesday Bingo, 1 - 3 p.m., North Central Senior Center, 2 2nd St. W. Cost is \$1/card for the afternoon. Pays 100% of amount paid in. Open to community members 18 and older.

Talk on Tuesdays, noon - 1 p.m. Havre-Hill County Library, to share a favorite book, a recently read book or a story to tell. Feel free to bring a lunch. This program is free and open to the public.

Just Breathe, with relaxing coloring, puzzles, music and refreshments, 4 - 6 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library. This weekly event is free and open to the public.

Lap swim, 6 - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Havre Community Pool.

Wednesday, April 2

Come Play Cribbage, 6 p.m., Elks Lodge, 321 2nd St. The community is invited to come play cribbage every Wednesday. Boards and cards are provided or people can bring their own.

Coffee Club Wednesdays, 10 - 11:30 a.m., North Central Senior Center. Drop-ins and newcomers welcome.

Books and Babies, 10:15 a.m., Havre-Hill County Library. Children aged 0-5 and caregivers are encouraged to attend but all are welcome. This program is free and open to the public.

Storytime, for children 0-5 years, 10:30 a.m., Havre-Hill County Library, with activities to follow. This program is free and open to the public.

Crafternoon, 3:30 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library, for kids 6 and older. This crafting event is free, with all supplies provided.

Lap swim, 6 - 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Havre Community Pool.

Aqua exercise, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Havre Community Pool.

Thursday, April 3

Pinochle Thursday, 1 - 3 p.m., North Central Senior Center. People of all levels and abilities can call 406-265-5464, or just show up to play.

Block Party, 3:30 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library, with Legos, building blocks and board games provided. This event is free and open to the public.

Lap swim, 6 - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Havre Community Pool.

Friday, April 4

Yarn Circle, 4 - 6 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library. This program is free and open to the public. All crafts are welcomed. Refreshments will be provided.

Free Blood Pressure Clinic, 11 a.m. - noon, North Central Senior

Center, with a licensed nurse taking blood pressure and providing hypertension health info.

Lap swim, 6 - 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Havre Community Pool.

Sunday, April 6

Soup-N-Bread lunch, noon, Eagles Club, with all-you-can-eat of a variety of soups and breads, \$5. Proceeds to support Eagles Aerie and Auxiliary, Legion Riders and Jaycees club charities.

Monday, April 7

Pool in the backroom, Monday-Friday, 1 - 3 p.m., North Central Senior Center, 2 2nd St. W.

The North Central Hangar of the Montana Pilots Association monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m., terminal, Havre City-County Airport.

Lap swim, 6 - 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Havre Community Pool.

Aqua exercise, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Havre Community Pool.

Tuesday, April 8

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Wednesday, April 9

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Crafternoon, 3:30 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library, for kids 6 and older. This crafting event is free, with all supplies provided.

Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group, 4:30 - 6 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library. This is a bi-monthly meeting for caregivers. For info, call 406-390-1551 or 406-301-3758.

Lap swim, 6 - 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Havre Community Pool.

Aqua exercise, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Havre Community Pool.

Thursday, April 10

Pinochle Thursday, 1 - 3 p.m., North Central Senior Center. People of all levels and abilities can call 406-265-5464, or just show up to play.

Block Party, 3:30 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library, with Legos, building blocks and board games provided. This event is free and open to the public.

Lap swim, 6 - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Havre Community Pool.

Friday, April 11

Family Roots Group, will meet at 1 p.m., at the Church of Latter-Day Saints Meeting Room, 1315 Washington Ave., use parking lot entrance on eastside of church. Please bring your laptop and mouse. Thanks.

Yarn Circle, 4 - 6 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library. This program is free and open to the public. All crafts are welcomed. Refreshments will be provided.

MSU-Northern Foundation announces 2025 Founders' Excellence Award recipients

Press release

The MSU-Northern Foundation is proud to announce the recipients of the esteemed 2025 Founders' Excellence Awards. This year, the Foundation honors Don Holst, Renelle Braaten & T. Wayne Koepke, and bestows a posthumous award on Arnold & Joy "Shug" Hokanson for their outstanding contributions to both Montana State University-Northern and the broader community.

The 2025 Founders' Excellence Award, a prestigious recognition, celebrates individuals who have shown remarkable professional achievements, steadfast loyalty, and exceptional service, all of which have significantly fostered the growth and development of MSU-Northern. This year's awardees embody these traits, having dedicated themselves to advancing the university's mission and positively impacting the lives of many.

"Our award winners represent the spirit of MSU-Northern. Their dedication and service have not only elevated our

University, but have also bettered our community," said Foundation Managing Director Melanie Skoyen.

The public is invited to attend the award celebration on April 25th, which will take place at the MSU-N Student Union Building. The evening will commence with a cocktail hour at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner at 6:30 PM. Tickets for the event are \$40 per person, and attendees are kindly requested to RSVP by April 21st to secure their spot.

For those wishing to join in celebrating the 2025 Founders' Excellence Award recipients, please reserve your seat by calling the MSU-Northern Foundation at (406) 265-3711 or sending an email to alumni@msun.edu.

We look forward to honoring our awardees and invite you to be a part of this memorable occasion.

For more information about the MSU-Northern Foundation or the 2025 Founders' Excellence Awards, please contact Angela Allestad at (406) 265-3711 or email alumni@msun.edu.

Little Pony Roundup set by Havre Public Schools

Screenings and school registrations set for April 1-3

inviting all children ages birth through 5 years to a Little Pony Roundup for childhood screenings and school registration.

The roundup will be at the Fifth Avenue Christian Church at 2015 Fifth Ave., with infant and toddler screenings April 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for children birth through 3 years,

and, for children 3-5, screenings and school registrations for Head Start and Early Head Start, preschool and Havre Public Schools kindergarten will be from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. April 1-2 and from 8:30-11:30 a.m. April 3. The child must be age 5 on or before Sept. 10, 2025, to enroll in kindergarten and their birth

certificate, immunization record and proof of Havre residence must be provided.

Appointments are required and people are asked to call 406-395-8550 or email baltruschm@blueponyk12.com to do so.

In addition, youth ages 19-21 with special services concerns are asked to call 406-395-8550.

Kerns, Johnson, Smiths make donations to Chinook Pool and Park Project

Press release

The Chinook Friends of the Pool and Park Foundation is celebrating two sets of donors to its project to rehabilitate the Chinook Community Pool and Ensign Sweet Memorial Park

Gale and Jeri Kerns, former Chinook and Great Falls Alumni, have made a donation to the Chinook Pool and Park Rehabilitation Project.

"We lived just a few blocks from the swimming pool, and as a youngster I lived there," Gale Kerns said. "I started the day at 0630 with the swim team, then moved on to whatever

Courtesy photo

Heather DePriest, from left, Juli Snedigar, Jessica Aberg, Gary Smith, Millie Smith, Kelsey Harry, Jill Paulsen and Laura Peppenger pose for a photograph.

the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Pool and Park Foundation.

When asked about his donation, he said, "It's an honor to contribute to the Pool project. Definitely, money well-spent on a project that means a great deal to the Chinook community."

Thank you so much Jerry, for your contribution to the project for the benefit of children of the community for years to come. We are beyond excited to start construction in August, and with your contributions, it has made this project possible for Chinook. Thank you, Jerry!

And, since the Friends of the

Courtesy photo

Jeri and Gale Kerns pose for a photograph.

Family Roots Group meeting April 11

Press release



Family Roots Group will meet on Friday, April 11, at 1 p.m., at the Church of Latter-Day Saints Meeting Room, 1315 Washington Ave., use parking lot entrance on eastside of church.

Please bring your laptop and mouse.

Thanks.

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15. sweeping sidewalks

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A. is the first picture that you look at

B. cannot see through umbrella, colored umbrella sections, more raindrops, puddle smaller

C. smaller flower, legs positioned differently, bottom of umbrella handle turned, tail feathers longer

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== Letters to the Editor ==

Trump voters not getting what they wanted

Editorial,

When I ask our Montana congressmen why they aren’t speaking out against Trump’s chaos, cruelty and corruption they tell me that this is what a majority of the voters asked for. To me, that doesn’t pass the smell test. Compare some of the things that Trump voters wanted to what is happening:

Lower cost of living—now inflation is increasing and set to explode with new tariffs.

More efficient government—now we have total chaos, loss of critical services and little actual savings. Most guard-rails against abuse are gone and corruption is rampant.

Common Ground

To the Editor:

There is common ground for those who voted for, or against, Donald Trump to be President of the United States again. First, we can all agree that he won the election. Second, Kamala Harris did not whine and lie to the American people that she really won. And third, since it was a free democratic election, the American people will get the government they deserve.

For those citizens who feel disappointed that a majority of voters chose as their leader a demagogue who believes the rule of law does not apply to him, your duty now is to bear witness to the consequences. And remember. For history’s sake.

Stay awake as the herd nods off, and avoids evidence of an insurrection

Protect Our Public Lands

The Bureau of Land Management administers over 19 million mineral acres in Montana. Ninety-five percent of that public land is open for leasing. The MAGA Party and its Corporate Directors complain that this is not enough. I say, It’s too much.

They say, log the national forests. I say, No, thank you. I like national forests for the protection of watersheds, which was the stated goal in the creation of the national forest system. I also like national forests as habitat for wildlife, for capture and storage of carbon, and for my peace of mind.

Our public lands, I think, should be for the benefit of the people rather than for the profit of private extractive industries or other profiteering schemes.

Please tell your local, state, and national elected officials: Hands off our public lands!

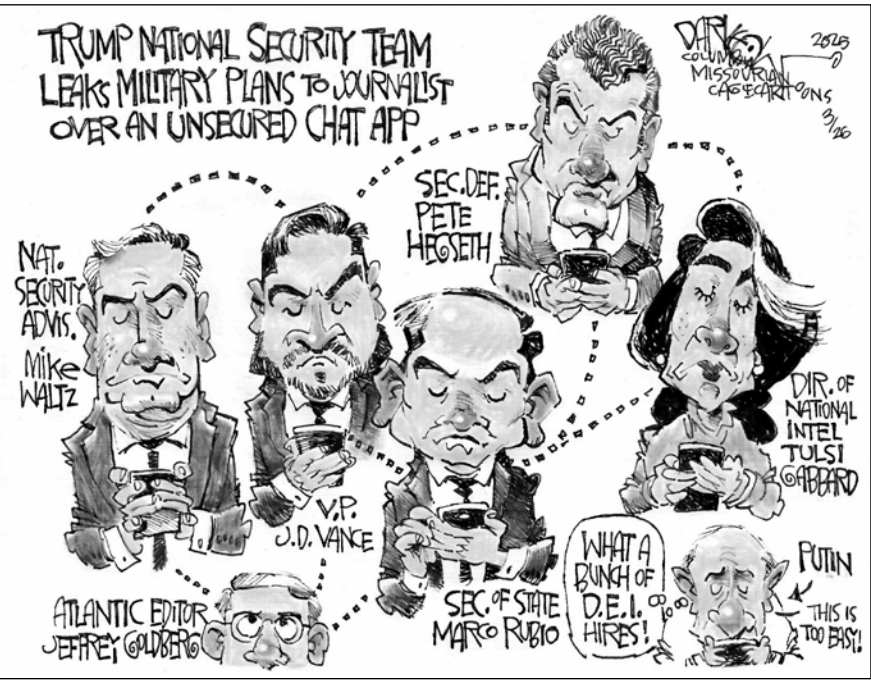
Please support the public land agencies, employees, and funding necessary for the lands to remain a public resource. Don’t let our public lands become scars from extractors’ greed, nor polluters’ dumping grounds, nor gated resorts for the wealthy.

Public participation in public lands management is part of our cultural and natural heritage.

Tell our congressional delegation — Senators Daines and Sheehy, Congressmen Zinke and Downing — to protect our public lands. Tell your state legislators to protect the state lands as well as the federally administered public lands in the state. Tell your municipal and county officials that you support public lands.

Government is “the servant of the people,” according to the 1940 textbook “The Montana Citizen.” We control our state and federal governments through not only written constitutions and elections, but also public participation in civic matters in general.

“The role of government is to make sure that public resources are available, protected, and well maintained because private success depends on public resources,” explained a Basin candidate in a past election. She reiterated, “private success depends on pub-



Roadkill with Oatmeal Brain

I make plans. Life smashes plans.

Last week I had social plans, lined up, all in a row. Because of trauma dredged up by news of my son, I wanted to cancel all the plans and binge on self-pity. But I was determined to suit up and show up, knowing I would enjoy outings with my good friends despite myself.

You know how sometimes when you awaken, you don’t feel tip-top? But a cup of coffee makes things better, right? In the hour between get-up and the-car-is-leaving-now, I felt “worse” and then “worse”.

With reluctance, I handed my concert ticket to Michelle and said, “Give it to someone, anyone, I don’t care, I can’t go.” On the way out of town they kidnapped Monica, Ana’s niece, and it happened to be her birthday, so wasn’t that perfect?

At home, I had a miserable day, not focused on anything but feeling like roadkill-day-one.


Roadkill-day-two was supposed to be therapy-in-the-pool day. Trying to fool myself that I felt better, I realized I felt worse.

You know that quiet little voice that sometime niggles in your ear and that is easy to ignore? Exactly. That one. Eventually, I paid attention to her and dug my test kit out of medical supplies. When does Positive feel Negative? No, I am not pregnant. I have Covid. I had managed to dodge that bullet through the whole pandemic, until now.

Today, I would not mind if posi-

Looking Out My Backdoor

Sondra Ashton



tive meant pregnant. There has been one Virgin Birth. Why not two? My daughter assured me there have been thousands. Thousands claimed, that is.

I quick-told Michelle and Ana that I am poison. They quick-told Kathy, Crin, and Carol to turn around and go home. No pool therapy today. We’d all been together for a Thai feast, all exposed to one another.

Roadkill-day-three I tried to fake that I felt better. It didn’t work. I’m used to pain. I can handle pain, no energy, congestion, fever, chills, swollen glands and all the ugly rest of it. Instead of visiting an archeological ruin, I am one.

The hardest thing for me is oatmeal brain.

I like oatmeal, steaming in the bowl, laced generously with brown sugar, drenched in a lake of milk. Oatmeal brain feels like cold oatmeal got dumped cold into my brain pan and congealed into a lumpy mass, no sugar, no milk. Incapable of thought impulses. Incapable of creativity. Incapable. Rendering me into a state of stasis.

Roadkill-day four found me no

better but I wanted to do just one thing. I had not lifted a finger for any chore since being stricken with the plague. Sweep the floor or wash sheets? I don’t sleep on the floor so that was a decision requiring no brain.

The thing about roadkill is that on the first day one knows that the flat slab once carried life. By day four, roadkill resembles a dirty piece of ancient cardboard. Oatmeal brain turns crusty around the blackening edges.

Day five. Can desiccated cardboard be freeze dried and rejuvenated later, kind of a Resurrection?

The days rolled on monotonously. Until one morning, like magic, I knew my body was being reconstituted.

My brain? Since I’m using breakfast food as an analogy, think of it like a progression. Oatmeal to scrambled eggs to the time honored brains and eggs. Might not get any better than that!

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Sondra Ashton grew up in Harlem but spent most of her adult life out of state. She returned to see the Hi-Line with a perspective of delight. After several years back in Harlem, Ashton is seeking new experiences in Etzatlan, Mexico. Once a Montanan, always. Read Ashton’s essays and other work at <http://montanatumbleweed.blogspot.com/>. Email sondra-jean.ashton@yahoo.com.



Support HB 490: A Crucial Step for Montana’s Safety and Resilience

Guest Columnist

Gary Wiens

As general managers of Montana’s electric cooperatives, we urge our state senators and communities to support House Bill 490 (HB 490). This vital piece of legislation ensures our state is better prepared to face the growing threat of wildfires and that our member-owned cooperatives can continue to serve our communities without the risk of being held liable for fires outside of their control.

Understanding HB 490

First, HB 490 requires that utilities adopt and implement comprehensive wildfire mitigation plans. These publicly available plans include proactive measures to manage vegetation, assess and upgrade equipment, and regularly report on mitigation efforts. Wildfire risk will thus be substantially reduced.

Second, the bill prevents utilities from being automatically found at fault for fires, as has occurred in some other states. Under HB 490, utilities can be held liable for fires caused due to their negligence, but our members are protected from paying the high costs of wildfires where our cooperatives were not at fault.

Bipartisan Support and Effective Collaboration

Clarifying Liability and Cost Shift Claims

Importantly, HB 490 does NOT shield utilities from liability. We will remain fully committed to being held accountable if we are negligent. This bill prohibits the utility from automatically being found at fault, which would unfairly burden our members with the costs of wildfires when their electric utility was not negligent.

Some opponents describe the bill as a cost shift. This is simply not true. The bill is an effort to reduce overall costs by preventing wildfires. By investing in wildfire mitigation, utilities can minimize the risk of wildfires, ultimately saving money

for every party involved.

A Path Forward

Utilities are obligated to serve, meaning we are required to provide power to our entire service areas, including areas with high wildfire risk. We don’t get to pick and choose who we serve, and we can’t “drop” high risk members.

HB 490 fairly addresses a real risk that could bankrupt Montana’s locally owned electric cooperatives, leaving them unable to continue serving their local communities. It is also important to remember that electric cooperatives are not-for-profit utilities owned by our members. We do not have deep pockets; we only have the pockets of the community members we serve. We need healthy communities, healthy forests, and healthy utilities – in the face of growing risks in each area, this bill provides a path forward. We ask our co-op members and our state senators to support House Bill 490 and help us create a safer, more resilient Montana.

—

Gary Wiens, CEO, Montana Electric Cooperative’s Association, and the general managers of all 25 rural electric cooperatives serving Montana

Out Our Way: Tighten your Cinch

Jeremiah 1:17 “Gird up your loins”

Out our way, when you saddle your horse it is important to check the cinch and make sure it is secure and tight. Doc would try to fake me out by blowing up his tummy when I cinched him — and occasionally I kneed him in the ribs to make him blow it out so that the cinch was on tight and would not slip. It was not just because a loose saddle, even with the saddle blanket, can rub a horse’s back raw, but because a loose cinch can be really dangerous for the rider.

Many years ago when I served a small church in rural Wyoming, one of my parishioners asked me to help him reset a grave marker in a long abandoned cemetery outside of town. The cemetery had lost its fence and the area was now grazing pasture for a local rancher’s herd. The gravestone was tall and cattle used to rub against it as they would a tree, and over time it was knocked off its pedestal.

Ike knew the young man whose grave it was. It belonged to an 18-year-old friend of his who was working cattle and while on a gallop after a stray

calf, the cinch came loose and the saddle and rider fell off. The young man was dragged to death. Ike was there for the funeral and burial, and as we reset the stine he reminded me: “Always check your cinch when you head out.”

In ancient times, folks wore long robes with a belt around the waist when working or walking or fighting because an unbelted robe interfered with the wearer’s mobility. One could easily get tangled with the robe around the legs, and so when action was required, the first step was to “gird up your loins”. Cinch up tight. Be ready and able to do what is needed without interference.

The prophet Jeremiah called on those who served the LORD to “gird up their loins” for the work ahead — casting aside all unnecessary obstacles and distractions to their labors in God’s Name, and moving ahead to do the LORD’s bidding.

I find there are times when I need to gird up MY loins — or as I prefer to say, “tighten my cinch”. I get distracted by petty things that I allow to interfere or even totally block me from being the disciple I am called to be. I, for example, have petty

grudges against people who have somehow annoyed me and allowed that to interfere or even totally block my call to “love my neighbor as I love myself”. Resentment and dislike are usually rooted in a “loose cinch” in my theology and spirit. I acknowledge I am merely a “dust eater disciple” despite all my degrees and pedigree as an ordained pastor. The Reverend Doctor can still be a total jerk and, as God’s representative, do great harm to the LORD’S work. Of late I have found myself mumbling and grumbling, and in my prayer time the LORD has chastised me for my attitude. “Tighten your cinch before you fall off and are dragged to oblivion”, He tells me.

Dear LORD, help me tighten my cinch when, through neglect or sheer pettiness, I allow it to start loosening up. My saddle slides a bit of late, LORD. Help me rein in, dismount, and tighten it again so I may serve You.

Be blessed and be a blessing. May you also tighten your cinch as needed.

Brother Jon, the “dust eater disciple” who is trying to tighten his cinch.

Pastor’s Corner: Attention! Attention!

When I first moved to Havre five years ago, I did a lot of reading about Montana’s history. I had a lot of time on my hands five years ago... and you might have had some extra time, too, since our society paused normal life in response to the pandemic. With that extra time, I paid attention to my new state.

One thing that struck me from Montana’s history was how rich the state was in natural resources, and yet how much of the wealth made from those resources never really benefited the places they had come from. For example, banks from the East Coast owned the mines in Butte, so while it was the miners in Butte doing the heavy (and dirty and dangerous) lifting, most of the money made from the mines was sent out of state. Far, FAR away from the state.

Once farm equipment became SUCH big business, a chunk of the earning potential from farms was also sent out of state, or so asserts the book “Montana: High, Wide, and Handsome” by Joseph Kinsey Howard. He quotes a Montana wheat grower, who said, “With the advent of the tractor, the Montana farmers were paying eastern manufacturers for labor they formerly had provided themselves.”

It didn’t take me long to learn that another wave of

resource extraction was hitting the state: non-Montanans were (are?) buying up real estate. I kind of patted myself on the back — I might be from out of state, but I haven’t bought any real estate yet!

And now we are in the grips of yet another attempt to wrest our precious resources away. This resource isn’t unique to Montana, though. It’s a resource that everyone has, whether you were born in Montana, or Michigan, or Mozambique. It’s the resource of attention.

Attention. Yes, our attention might just be the commodity most likely to make a millionaire (or billionaire) today. Think about how Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook fame made his money. He isn’t an oil man or railroad tycoon; he doesn’t sell or trade a physical commodity. He deals in attention. When we pay attention to a website — Facebook, or X, or Snapchat, or Amazon — that website generates money. My attention, your attention... all our attention adds up to billions of dollars. And those billions rarely circle back to benefit where they came from.

This Lent, the ELCA Lutherans in town have been focusing on spiritual disciplines. The heart of spiritual disciplines is ATTENTION. Where are we spending our attention? How do we pay attention to God and ourselves through prayer?

How do we pay attention to the Bible — that is, the story of salvation, the stories of our ancestors in the faith, the story of God? How do we pay attention to the physical side of our devotion to God, as seen in our practices of fasting? How do we pay attention to the ways we’ve sinned and fallen short of the glory of God through confession? How do we pay attention to what we do and why we do it during worship? How do we pay attention to God and ourselves through silence?

There’s a lot to pay attention to! But I would so much rather pay this attention — this precious, finite resource — to God than to any CEO. It takes real work and real discipline to wrest our attention away from the devices that have ensnared so many of us. These companies have invested lots of resources in developing ways to hook our attention and never let us go. Yet, God has invested God’s own Son, God’s very self, in creating and saving and redeeming us and the world. Isn’t that something worth paying attention to? Shouldn’t the reality of the God who is love be the algorithm that structures our reality? Isn’t that something worth paying attention to? God, I want to pay attention to what matters — help me and help us all!

—

Pastor Megan Hoewisch
First Lutheran Church



A Healing Touch

You know, Lord, ‘friend Grace’, wanted to share what her friend ‘Beth’ told her; she’d come up to attend a wedding, stopped for gas, ready to leave, a guy shouted, ‘Is that you, ‘Beth?’” She looked back, the guy looked familiar; he said, “I’m ‘Thomas’, remember me from school?” She laughed; ‘So, what’s up, Tom?’

“Have you a few minutes - I’ve a story to tell.’ She nodded, he continued: ‘After High school, I’d finished 2nd year in college; then I fell down some steps; when I woke, I didn’t know where I

was, couldn’t get up, nor open my eyes or speak. Was I in a hospital? I heard Dad, Mom, then the Dr. said; “There’s no hope. Tom will probably be dead in a few days.” They left. I heard the door shut.

‘Then I heard the door quietly open. I saw nothing, heard nothing, then felt a small hand touch my foot. A quiet voice said, ‘You don’t know me, I wanted you to know, before we moved away, that Daddy prays for you daily. ‘Dear heavenly Father, I’m Julie, asking you, like Daddy does, to heal Tom. Daddy Quotes 3 John 2: “Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, even as your soul prospers.” You know what he needs. Thank You, Father God for answering. I love you, Lord, Thank You. Goodbye, Tom.’

‘I heard the door close, then felt warmth move from my head to my toes, opened my eyes, sat up, no clothes, rang the bell, a nurse came in, looked shocked; ‘I need my clothes, I have to find that little girl!’ She said, ‘No one’s been IN here since your parents left; how did you manage to sit UP, she asked; I told her ‘I AM HEALED’”

“That was twenty-five years ago, Beth; I’ve searched for ‘Jewel’; I’ve never found her but I AM totally healed and I’m following God’s plan.”

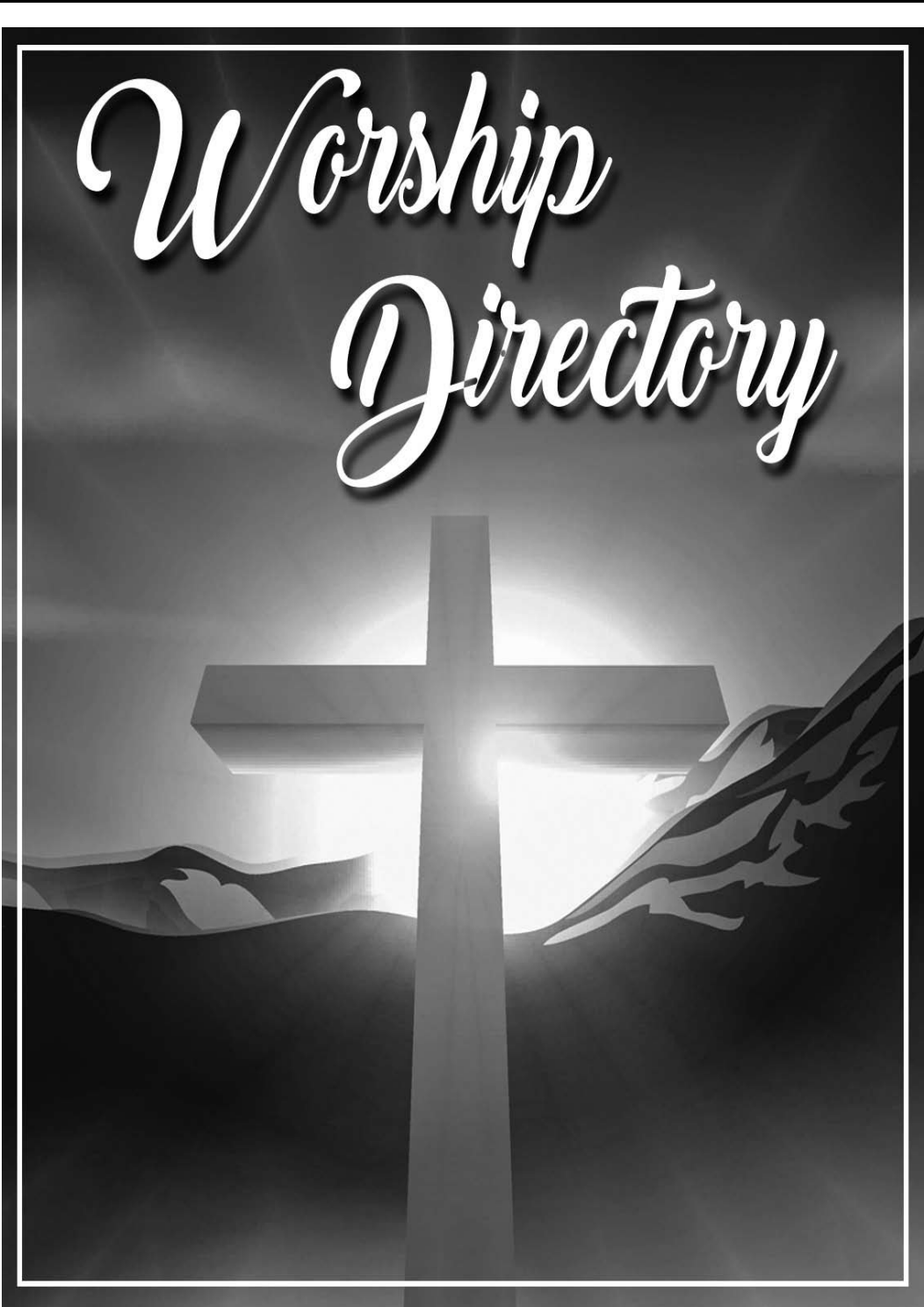
Grace added: “I just wanted to share Beth’s story! Our God is a wonderful God!”

Love, Mara.

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Make sure these readers know how you can help with a presence on our weekly church page.

Submit your columns or religion news to tleeds@havredailynews.com.



Due to changing circumstances, these schedules are subject to change. Please contact your church for updated information.

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Bishop Casey Pratt • 406-265-2811
Missionaries • 406-696-7364

St. Jude Catholic Church
624 Fourth St. • 265-4261
Father Daniel Wathen
Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Church of Nazarene
“Come As You Are” Meeting at: 2229 5th Ave (HRDC Building)
406-262-7032
Morning Worship & Childrens
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Pastor Joshua Woods

Living Water Church
(Assembly of God)
Corner of Laredo Rd. & Little Box Elder Rd.
SUNDAYS
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11 a.m. **Kids Service**
936-212-1528 —
Pastor Michael Vohs
395-5983 — Church

Van Orsdel United Methodist Church
410 5th Avenue — 265-4232
vourmc@itstriangle.com
Sunday worship: 11:00 Worship and Sunday School
Nursery available for children 5 & under
Wednesday — Scripture Meditation, 10 a.m. Youth Group with meal following, 6 p.m. Bell Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.
Pastor Carl K. Ellis
Facebook: VanOrsdelUnitedMethodist Church

The Ark Church
325 Second St. • 265-1661
Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Saint Constantine and Helen Eastern Orthodox Church
1101 1st Ave No • Great Falls, MT 406-452-3670
There will be Reader Service at 10:30 A.M. on Sunday. All are welcome to attend and experience the first faith.

Christ Messiah Lutheran Parish
417 20th St. • 265-2334

Messiah Lutheran
Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m.
Big Sandy Christ Lutheran
Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Pentecostal New Hope Apostolic Church
238 Sixth Ave. • 265-3358
Sunday Morning: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.
Mid Week Service: Wed. 7:00 p.m.

Immanuel
3003 Old Post Road • 265-6783
www.havreimmanuel.org
Pastor Christopher Richards
Sunday School Service — 9:45am
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
1100 11th St.
Pastor: Terry Forke
Church Office 265-7637
Sunday:
11:00 am Divine Service
www.stpaul-zion.com

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625 4th Ave., 265-8044
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Children's Sunday School
Tue: 9:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer
Wed: 6:00 a.m. Mens Breakfast and Bible Study

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10:30 am Fellowship
10:30 am Adult Ed
MONDAY
7:00 ACOA
THURSDAY
7:00 am Bible Study @ Char's
1:30 Bible Study @ Fellowship Hall
FRIDAY
7:00 AA • 7:30 ALANON
SATURDAY
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Web address: havrepres.org
e-mail address: presbyh701@itsTriangle.com

Havre Baptist Church
Pastor Morris Sherlin
405 6th Street • 390-5341
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10:00 a.m.: **Women's & Men's Community Groups**
TUESDAYS:
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Visitation & Senior Citizens Pastor – George Sturm; 1-307-575-2977
Children’s Pastor – Hannah Bicknell; 1-208-760-7769
Administrative & Youth Pastor – Terrell Koenig; 1-406-978-4684

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925 Eighth St. • 265-8482
www.havrealliance.org
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10:45 a.m. Worship Service
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MONDAY:
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TUESDAY:
5:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study @ Church
WEDNESDAY:
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THURSDAY:
5:30 a.m. Men's Prayer @ Church
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study @ Church
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Running track and field in Cut Bank



Courtesy Logan Machtemes/Ponderosa Publications
Havre track and field competed at the Cut Bank Booster Invite with several Blue Ponies doing very well at the meet. Watch for more on the results from the meet and future competitions on www.havredailynews.com and upcoming editions of Havre Weekly Chronicle.

38th Annual Hi-Line Invitational Tournament scheduled for March 27-29 in Havre

Press release
The Montana State University-Northern men’s and women’s basketball programs will be hosting the 38th Annual Hi-Line Invitational Tournament March 27-29 at the Armory Gymnasium. The H.I.T. features some of Montana’s top high school talent on all-star teams from each of the state’s four classifications (AA, A, B, C). Girls and boys action will take place throughout the weekend, culminating with consolation and title games on Saturday evening. A 3-point and slam dunk contest is also scheduled for Friday evening.

A complete schedule follows:
Thursday, March 27
5:30 p.m., Class A vs. Class C Girls
7 p.m., Class A vs. Class C Boys
Friday, March 28
8 a.m., Class C vs. Class B Girls
9:30 a.m., Class C vs. Class B Boys
11 a.m., Class A vs. Class AA Girls
12:30 p.m., Class A vs. Class AA Boys
2 p.m., Class A vs. Class B Girls
3:30 p.m., Class A vs. Class B Boys
5 p.m., 3-Point Contest/Slam Dunk Contest
6 p.m., Class AA vs. Class C Girls
7:30 p.m., Class AA vs. Class C Boys
Saturday, March 29
9 a.m., Class B vs. Class AA Girls
10:30 a.m., Class B vs. Class AA Boys
Noon, Consolation Girls Game
1:30 p.m., Consolation Boys Game
3 p.m., Championship Girls Game
4:30 p.m., Championship Boys Game

Havre basketball players make Northeast All-Conference

Press release
Several Havre players were among the competitors chosen for the Class A Northeast Conference Basketball All Conference teams for 2024-2025.

Northeast Conference Girls Class A Basketball All Conference 2024-2025
All State
2.) Ariana Gary — Havre High School
3.) Amaya Jarvis — Havre High School

1st Team All Conference
2.) Ariana Gary — Havre High School
4.) Amaya Jarvis — Havre High School

2nd Team All Conference
2.) Ela Harber — Havre High School

5.) Tierra Parker — Havre High School
Honorable Mention
2.) Tahlyn Olson — Havre High School

Players selected from other teams:
All State
1.) Lexya Burnham — Fergus High School
4.) Jillian Kanduch — Custer County High School
1st Team All Conference
1.) Lexya Burnham — Fergus High School
3.) Alli Glasscock — Custer High School
5.) Jillian Kanduch — Custer County High School

2nd Team All Conference
1.) Savanna Anderson — Sidney High School
3.) Ave Norby — Sidney High School

High School
4.) Sari Murphy — Dawson County High School

Honorable Mention
1.) Kiya Foran — Fergus High School
3.) Sam Peila — Custer County High School
4.) Ava Robinson — Fergus High School
5.) Riley Roche — Fergus High School

Northeast Conference Boys Class A Basketball All Conference 2024-2025
3.) Tre Gary — Havre High School

1st Team All Conference
4.) Tre Gary — Havre High School

2nd Team All Conference
5.) Dax Ostwalt — Havre High School

Honorable Mention
1.) Brayden Ereaux — Havre High School
2.) Matt Huse — Havre High School
Players selected from other teams:
All State
1.) Kason Brown — Fergus High School
2.) Levi Eaton — Dawson High School
1st Team All Conference
1.) Carter Amsler — Dawson County High School
2.) Kason Brown — Fergus High School
3.) Levi Eaton — Dawson High School
5.) Ethan Rivas — Dawson County High School

County High School

2nd Team All Conference
1.) Cy Eaton — Dawson County High School
2.) Rylan Gentry — Custer County High School
3.) Madden Norslien — Fergus High School
4.) Bridger Muri — Custer County High School

Honorable Mention
3.) Shann McPherson — Dawson County High School
4.) McKay Shobe — Fergus High School
5.) Kortt Smith — Custer County High School

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Noreen Halvorson



Halvorson

Noreen Halvorson’s memorial service will be held at Messiah Lutheran church in Havre April 5, 2025, at 1 p.m. A small reception will follow.

Lysbeth ‘Lynn’ Hughes Ophus

Lysbeth “Lynn” Hughes Ophus died of natural causes on March 19 at the South Hill Rockwood Retirement Community in Spokane, Washington.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Memorial donations can be made to the Van Orsdel United Methodist Church, PO Bos 606, Havre, MT 59501 or the MSU-Northern Foundation (Lynn



Ophus

Ophus Endowed Scholarship), PO Box 1691 Havre, MT 59501.

She was born February 5, 1932, in Scobey, Montana. Her parents were Frank Jr. and Doris Hughes. She attended

Scobey schools and graduated from Scobey High School.

Lynn attended the University of Montana and graduated with a degree in education. She began her teaching career in Big Sandy where she met her future husband, Myron “Whitey” Ophus Sr. She taught for one year in Shelby then moved to Havre, where she began a career teaching at Northern Montana College (later Montana State University-Northern).

Throughout a 27-year career at Northern she taught primarily health and physical education classes. Her students affectionately referred to her as Mrs. O. She coached the women’s basketball team for a year or two prior to it becoming an official sport. She was a recipi-

ent of the coveted Golden N award, an award chosen by students.

On his 30th birthday (October 1) in 1957, Lynn married Whitey in Scobey. About 2 years later, their first son, Myron Jr., was born. Another two years passed, and they welcomed their second son, Byron.

Lynn was active in several community organizations including Eastern Star, American Cancer Society and especially the Van Orsdel United Methodist Church. She loved genealogy and spent a great deal of time documenting the Ophus family and its history.

Lynn retired from teaching full-time in 1988 and started spending winters in Phoenix, Arizona. Whitey passed away in 2000. After his passing, Lynn

bought a home in Yuma and spent winters there. Several years after Whitey’s passing, Lynn and Sherm Ekness became friends. They enjoyed wintering in Arizona and traveling throughout the United States and the World. They rarely missed events if a grandchild was participating.

In 2020, Lynn moved to the Rockwood Retirement Community in Spokane, Washington, near her oldest son.

Lynn was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and brother Don.

She is survived by her brother JD Hughes of Whitefish, MT, children, Myron (Lori) of Spokane WA, Byron (Lisa) of Havre, and grandson, Brady of Charlotte, NC.

= For the Record

Havre Police Department

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025

Officers responding to a 9:23 a.m. report from Fourth Street about a woman yelling at children issued a written or verbal warning.

Officers responding to a 3:05 p.m. report at the police station of an assault arrested David Lee Carman of Havre, 62, on a charge of assault with a weapon.

Officers investigated a 3:14 p.m. two-vehicle crash on the 10 Block of 13th Street.

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025

Animal control received a report from Wilson Avenue and 10th Street West at 9:23 a.m. of a tan and white fluffy dog running around, but was unable to locate the animal.

Officers investigated a report of a car crash at 11:08 a.m. on the 10 Block of Third Avenue.

Officers investigated a report at 3:56 p.m. from Second Street of a person banging on doors and windows and breaking an outside window.

Animal control received a report at 4:14 p.m from Fourth Street that someone had found a stray cat and took the animal to the shelter.

Officers making a motor vehicle stop at 4:28. p.m. on Fourth Avenue West arrested Lavanna Marveen Are of Great Falls, 47, on charges of driving with a suspended or revoked driver’s license, first offense owner driving without insurance and a seat violation and on three Justice or City court misdemeanor warrants.

Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025

Officers investigated a report at 7:25 p.m. that a man was in the emergency room with a gunshot wound to the thigh.

Officers responding to a report of a hit-and-run crash on the 700 Block of First Street issued a summons to Glenda Topolosky of Havre, 74, on charges of failing to stop and identify self when striking unattended vehicle and failure to give notice of an accident.

Officers issued a summons, details not listed in the dispatch log, after receiving a call at 12:26 p.m. that a student had a vape at Havre Middle School.

Officers took a report at 12:41 p.m. from Ninth Avenue that someone had hit a parked car with their vehicle.

Officers investigated a report of someone’s vehicle hitting a parked car on the 300 Block of First Street.

Officers investigated a report at 1:30 p.m. from Eighth Street that a driver’s vehicle had hit a parked car.

Officers making a motor vehicle stop on First Avenue at 3:14 p.m. arrested Megan Michele Mountain of Great Falls, 28, on two Justice or City court misdemeanor warrants.

Friday, Feb. 21, 2025

Officers investigated a report from Seventh Street at 6:09 a.m. that the caller had caught someone going through their purse and stealing medication.

Animal control issued a written or verbal warning after a caller from Third Street reported at 9:22 a.m. that dogs had been barking for an hour.

Officers at 10:17 a.m. on Third Street arrested Falcon Leigh Meyers of Havre, 29, on a Justice or City court misdemeanor warrant.

Officers issued a written or verbal warning after a caller from the 100 Block of First Street reported a man passed out on a bench outside of a business.

After a caller reported finding a cat at 2 p.m. on Washington Avenue, animal control took the cat to the animal shelter.

After a caller from the 900 Block of First Street reported a man throwing and breaking dishes down a hallway, officers issued a written or verbal warning.

Officers rendered services after a caller from the 1200 Block of 10th Street West requested a person be removed from their apartment.

Officers rendered services after a caller from the 100 Block of First Street west at 9:47 said they think they dropped their prescription medication while at a convenience store.

Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025

After a caller from the 1200 Block of 10th Street West reported hearing fighting at midnight, officers resolved the incident peacefully.

Officers responding to an alarm on the 300 block of First Street at 2:22 a.m. found it to be a false alarm.

Officers responding to a call at 4:11 a.m. from the 10 Block of Third Street reporting a man sleeping outside a locked door arrested Adrian Tyrell Chiefstick of Rocky Boy, 42, on three Justice or City court misdemeanor warrants.

Officers issued a written or verbal warning after a caller from the 1900 Block First Street Northeast requested someone be trespassed from their property.

Officers rendered services after a person at the police station at 5:59 p.m. said someone was bothering them.

Officers rendered services caller at 6:26 p.m. reported someone had stolen a vehicle.

Ellie Anne Friede of Havre, 32, was arrested on three Justice or City court misdemeanor warrants offer officers served the warrants at 7:36 p.m. on the 600 Block of First Street.

Officers responding to a report at 8 p.m. to a no-show at the 24/7 sobriety program issued a summons to Martin Duane Flying Jr. of Havre, 32, on a charge of criminal contempt.

Officers investigated a report from Knob Road at 9:07 p.m. that the caller had backed their vehicle into another vehicle.

Sunday, Feb. 23, 2025

Officers at 4:32 a.m. at a business on the 1400 Block of First Street arrested Nona Anne McConnell of Havre, 55, on a Justice or City court misdemeanor warrant.

Officers making a motor vehicle stop on the 10 Block of First Street West arrested Joshua Ryan Lamere of Rocky Boy, 45, on charge of driving under the influence, driving with a suspended or revoked driver’s license, first offense owner driving without insurance and on a Justice or City court misdemeanor warrant.

After a caller on Sixth Street complained about two Irish setters being in their yard, animal control issued a summons, but details were not listed.

Officers provided assistance after a caller from the 1400 Block of U.S. Highway 2 West asked for an officer for a vehicle with a blown tire.

Animal control took two animals to the shelter after a caller from First Street West at 3:24 p.m. said two border collies were running around.

After a caller from the 1300 Block of First Street at 6:01 p.m. said a man was asking in the alley yelling at people, officers investigated but were unable to locate the suspect.

Monday, Feb. 24, 2025

Officers issued a written or verbal warning after a caller from Sixth Street at 7:21 a.m. reported a man pounding on the caller’s door.

Officers investigated a report at 9:37 a.m. from Seventh Avenue that a vehicle had hit two poles.

Officers investigated a report at 10:07 a.m. from the 10 Block of Second Street West that someone and taking things from a person.

Officers investigated a report at 11:53 p.m. from the 600 Block of First Street West that a vehicle had run into the front of a business.

Officers responding to a call from the 1200 Block of 10th Street West arrested Martin Duane Flying Jr. of Havre, 32, on a Justice or City court misdemeanor warrant.

Officers investigated a report at 4:50 p.m. from Second Street West that someone had stolen a gun.

Officers at 5:52 p.m. investigated a report of a possible scam.

A written or verbal warning was issued after a caller from Second Street at 9 p.m. reported dogs barking.

Officers issued a written or verbal warning after receiving a report from a business on the 700 Block of First Street at 9:20 p.m. that a woman had damaged goods.

Officers investigated an 11:37 p.m. report of a dog bite.

Hill County Sheriff’s Office

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025

Latisha Sue Lujan of Great Falls was served a Justice or City court misdemeanor warrant by deputies at 9:33 a.m. at the Hill County Detention Center.

Deputies responded to a 9:08 p.m. report of an assault in Box Elder and found the allegation to be unfounded.

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025

Deputies responding to a call from the 100 Block of U.S. Highway 87 in Box Elder at 2:20 p.m. issued a summons to Garret Wade Anderson of Rocky Boy, 31, on a charge of theft.

Thursday, Feb . 20, 2025

Deputies investigated a 1:46 p.m. report of vandalism from the 350 Block of U.S. Highway 2 West.

Deputies referred a 6:27 p.m. report of a motor vehicle crash from Beaver Creek Reservoir to another agency.

Friday, Feb. 21, 2025

A report of a vehicle crash south of Havre on U.S. Highway 87 was referred to another agency.

Deputies rendered services after receiving a report of a one-vehicle rollover east of Kremlin at 5:13 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025

Deputies responding to a 1:45 p.m. report of an assault on the 1200 Block of 11th Street North arrested Craton Cye Nelson of Havre, 22, on charges of stran-

gulation of a partner or family member, non aggravated partner or family member assault and tampering with a communication device.

Deputies issued a written or verbal warning after a 2:30 p.m. report of a man threatening a juvenile.

Sunday, Feb. 23, 2025

Animals were taken to the shelter after a caller at 2:24 p.m. on the 2500 Block of U.S. Highway 2 West reported two dogs on the highway.

Monday, Feb. 24, 2025

Deputies responding to call from the 10 Block of First Northwest Avenue in Box Elder at 12:28 p.m. issued a summons to Gilberta Ann Weaselboy of Rocky Boy, 57, on a charge of theft.

Deputies making a motor vehicle stop on U.S. Highway 87 at 2:55 p.m. made an arrest, but details were not available in the dispatch log.

Aryn KC Gardipee of Rocky Boy, 24, was served two Justice or City court misdemeanor warrants by deputies at the Hill County Detention Center at 6:23 p.m.

Havre Fire Department

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025

Fire department personnel responded to two medical calls.

Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025

Fire department personnel responded to one medical call.

Friday, Feb. 21, 2025

Fire Department personnel responded to a report of a gas odor, four medical calls and one motor vehicle crash.

Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025

Fire department personnel responded to a fire including four medical responses and one other medical call.

Sunday, Feb. 23, 2025

Fire department personnel responded to a gasoline spill, a fire and 11 medical calls.

Monday, Feb. 24, 2025

Havre Fire Department reported no calls.

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= Senior Center News

Senior Center News

March 31 to April 4, 2025

Weekly Menu
Menu subject to change
Monday, March 31, 2025 — Chicken Alfredo, Roasted Veggies, Fruit, Dessert
Tuesday, April 1, 2025 — Cuban Sandwiches, Wisconsin Cheese Soup, Dessert
Wednesday, April 2, 2025 — Chili, Cornbread, Salad, Apple Crisp
Thursday, April 3, 2025 — Grilled Ham & Cheese, Bean & Ham Soup, Fruit, Dessert
Friday, April 4, 2025 — Clam Chowder, Caesar Salad, Fruit, Lemon Bars

TAX SEASON is Coming to an End: to let everyone know Tax Appointments will start winding down and end April 7th, 2025. The workers need a little time to close out all their cases. Or if they discover any problems, must have time to resolve all cases.

Brad Taylor: Music Tues. April 1st 2025, 11:00am-12:00pm.
Foot Clinic: (call 406-265-4776,) Tuesday, April 1st , 9:00am-3:00pm.
Bingo: Tuesday April 1st, 1:pm-3pm \$1.00 per card
Roger Fischer & Brad Taylor: music Wednesday April 2nd, 10:00am-12:00pm
TOPS: Wednesday April 2nd TOPS Weigh-in 8:00-9:00am Meeting 9:am-10:00am.
Coffee Club: Wednesday April 2, 10:00-11:30am.
Gene Allen: Music Thursday April 3rd, 10:00-12:00
Don't forget Game Day: on Thursday and Friday at the Center April 3rd & 4th , 2025
Also Pinochle: on Thursday and Friday at 12:30pm-3:00pm April 3rd & 4th. This group welcomes new players all levels and abilities.
Do you like to Color? Stop down to the Senior Center and pick up a picture to color for April.

IMPORTANT: Welcome to Aleah Faldalen. We have hired her for Site manager and cook at the Rudyard Senior Center. For now, she will be in training at the Havre Center. We have hired a driver in training for the MOW families in Rudyard, Gildford & Hingham, to make sure everyone gets their meals. Addresses are a little more rural than we are used to, but we will be doing our best.

Havre Senior Advisory Board: Havre Senior Center is also looking for more members to add to our Advisory Board. If anyone interested in helping us, please call 406-265-5464 and speak to Heather Sinclair. We would like to choose someone from the Rudyard/Gildford area if possible. Our Board meets once every month in the Havre Senior Center at 1:00pm. We meet the first Tuesday of every month.

NEWS FROM OUR GIFT SHOP All kinds of interesting and unusual items can be found at an affordable price. Some items include: Picture frames, glassware, yarn, statues, nick knacks, various covered trinket boxes, Valentine cards (.25 cents each)

NEEDED: Donations are now being accepted: No clothes Please. Tis the season to knit and crochet and our yarn supply in gone. Donations of yarn are always appreciated All occasion cards are available at .25 cents each. Puzzles .50 cents each.

Gift store hours — M-F 9:00 3:00.

Battling Bites: as the days grow warmer & longer summer fun beckons. But so do the bug bites. Mosquitoes carry many illnesses like dengue fever in the south, West Nile virus all over the country, malaria, and the list keeps growing. For decades, researchers have been trying to develop vaccines to protect people against mosquito-borne diseases. But what if you could vaccinate people against mosquitos. This in time, could happen. Researchers continue to work on ways to battle mosquitos, there are simple steps we can take to reduce bites right now. Cover your

skin,use insect repellents when outside. Use a fan when sitting outside. Protect your home use screens. Remove all breeding grounds. Drain puddles around your house. Get vaccinated before you travel. Talk to your Doctor.

Would You Like to be a Volunteer at The Senior Center? Right now we are looking for a volunteer to answer phones at the front desk. We are very thankful for the many volunteers who help us daily and also during our special Events. If you have a little extra time, we could sure use your help. We are finding ourselves a little short on volunteers now that we have opened our doors after closing due to the pandemic. If you would like to share your time and talents, please give us a call at 265-5464 to let us know. There are many different volunteer opportunities, maybe one just right for you, give us a call.

Transportation: is still being handled by the North Central Montana Transit. This change seems to be going very well. If you need a ride call 406-265-4762. They would appreciate a 24-hour notice for local rides and a 48-hour notice for Great Falls trips.

SCAMS: Scam Calls are still widespread. Text messages and emails are also becoming popular. Do not respond to any of them. Do not even open

them, just delete them. Medicare isn't issuing gold cards. Talk to someone in the community before you consider a reverse mortgage.

Commodities: If you are interested in receiving commodities, we still have a few select openings. You can sign up at the Senior Center, fill out an application and find out if your income falls within the guidelines. If you qualify, you can receive commodities once a month. You do have to come to Senior Center to pick them up.

Important phone numbers
Montana Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) RAINN National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673 Tumbleweed Runaway and Family Crisis Program: 259-2558 (local) 1-888-816-4702 (toll free)
Friendship Line by Institute on Aging — The Friendship Line is both a crisis intervention hotline and a warm-line for non-emergency emotional support calls. It is a 24-hour toll-free line and the only accredited crisis line in the country for people aged 60 years and older, and adults living with disabilities. Toll-Free Line: (800) 971-0016
For those seniors getting frustrated with staying home and needing someone to talk to you can call 1-877-688-3377 for Montana's Warm Line.

Evans celebrates 85th birthday with five generations

Special to the Weekly Chronicle
Family recently gathered together to celebrate Dixie Evans' 85th birthday including all of her six children, many of her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her first great-great-granddaughter, Layleah.
A special thank you to all friends and family for making this celebration so special.



Courtesy photo
Trinity Brown, back from left, Chris Brown, Cathy Brown, Dixie Evans, front center, holding her great-great-granddaughter Layleah Marie



Courtesy photo
Dixie with her two daughters, Barb McLeod and Cathy Brown, along with her four sons, Mike, Bo, Dude and Billy Evans.

Seewald joins Havre's Stockman Bank as loan officer

Press release
JR Seewald has recently joined Stockman Bank in Havre as an Ag Loan Officer. His responsibilities include developing and servicing agricultural and commercial loans and assisting clients with their lending needs.
Seewald is a native Montanan, growing up on his families ranch north of Cut Bank. He recently earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Management and Information Systems from Montana Tech and is a former Oredigger football player.
He is located at 324 3rd Ave. and can be reached at 406-265-3811.



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MONTANA TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, HILL COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of
MARJORIE SPINLER
Deceased.

Probate No. DP-25-013

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at PO Box 2650, Havre, Montana 59501, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.

DATED this 10th day of March , 2025.
/s/Gregory Spinler
Personal Representative

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MONTANA TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, HILL COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of
WILLIAM F. ARVIN,
Deceased.

Probate No. DP-21-2025-0000002-II
Judge: Hon. Kaydee Snipes Ruiz

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed as the Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

A written statement of the claim indicating its basis, the name and address of the claimant, and the amount claimed, may be filed with the Clerk of the Hill County District Court, 315 4th Street, Havre, Montana 59501 or mailed, Return Receipt Requested, to the Personal Representative, c/o OMVIG HAMMER LAW, P.C., attorneys for the Personal Representative, at P.O. Box 1202, Kalispell, Montana 59903.

DATED this 05 day of March, 2025.
/s/ Jana Bucher
Personal Representative

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NOTICE OF OPEN BOARD POSITION(S) Board:

- Dates posted:**
- (2)Zoning Board of Adjustments 12/29/2020
 - (3)Great Northern Fair Commission 2/2/2024
 - (4)Hill County Planning Board 6/6/2024
 - (1)Historic Preservation Commission 2/2/2024
 - (2)Council on Aging Governing Board 2/16/2024
 - (3)City-County Planning Board 4/8/2024
 - (1)Hill County Refuse Board 6/6/2024
 - (1)Mosquito District Board 6/6/2024
 - (2) Tourism Business Improvement District #1 10/21/2024
 - (3)Hill County Weed District Board 1/9/2025
 - (1) Tax Appeals Board 3/5/2025
 - (1)Mount Royal TV Board 3/5/2025
 - (1)Compensation Board 3/5/2025
 - (2) Hill County Park Board 3/5/2025

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Please make sure to include your contact information such as email, phone and address.

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Call for Applicants for Hill County Park Board

The Hill County Park Board is looking for members interested in serving on the Park Board. The following positions are at the end of their term.
Park Board: 2 positions
Applicant requirements and applications for the Park Board can be obtained from the Hill County Commissioners Office as well as the Park Office. These positions will be posted from March 29th,2025, through April 19th, 2025, with interviews taking place as early as April 22nd, 2025. Applications MUST be received by 5pm April 19th, 2025.

For detailed information on the committee and a complete list of Duties and Responsibilities for the Park Board, please contact the Hill County Commissioners Office or the Park Office.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to obtain an Opencut Mining Permit (Pursuant to Section 82-4-432(14)(a)(x), MCA).

Riverside Contracting, Inc.
5571 Alloy South
Missoula, MT 59808
(406) 721-9267

Will be submitting an Application for a Dryland Opencut Mining Permit with the Opencut Mining Program of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. The site is referred to as the Havre NW - Sand Borrow site. It is located on 9.0 acres in Sec 29, T35N, R13E, Hill County. Riverside Contracting, Inc. will be operating at this site for the removal of borrow materials, up to 90,000 cubic yards, for the upcoming Havre-NW project. The estimated date for operations to begin is April 2025 and reclamation to be initiated by December 2026. Access for the site is located on the west of Highway 232 about 4.5 miles via Roads 140N, 345N, 130N, and 325N. Copies of the application and location map may be obtained from the address above or by emailing sjhill@riversidecontracting.com.
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NOTICE OF SEALED BID SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Hill County Commissioners are accepting sealed bids for the sale of the following surplus vehicle:
• Make/Model: Hyundai Sonata
• Year: 2008
• VIN: 5NPET46C48H390671
• Mileage: 164,000
• Condition: Runs and drives smoothly. Clean title, no accidents. Regular maintenance and oil changes. New battery, windshield wipers.
The vehicle is available for inspection at the Hill County Courthouse at 315 4th Street. Havre, Montana during normal business hours.

BID SUBMISSION:
Sealed bids must be submitted to: Board of Hill County Commissioners. 315 4th Street. Havre, Montana. 59501
All bids must be received no later than 3:00 pm on April 3rd, 2025. Late bids will **NOT** be accepted.

BID REQUIREMENTS:
1. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Sealed Bid – Hyundai Sonata"
2. Include bidder's name, address, phone number, and bid amount.
3. The minimum bid is \$1,500.00.
4. The vehicle is sold as-is, where-is, with no warranties or guarantees.
5. Payment must be made in full within five (5) business days of bid acceptance.

BID OPENING:
Bids will be opened in a public meeting on April 3rd, 2025 at 3:00 pm in the Commissioner's office at the Hill County Courthouse. The highest responsible bidder will be immediately notified. The Board of Hill County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities, or to accept any bid they deem to be in the best interest of Hill County.
For further information, contact Executive Administrative Assistant to the Commission, Tiffany Tanner at 406-265-5481 or by email at tannert@hillcounty.us.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners in Regular Session this 20th day of March 2025, at Havre, Montana.

/s/Jake Strissel, Chair

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Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in Levies

As an essential part of its budgeting process, the Davey Elementary School Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose levies to support its budget. The Davey Elementary School Board of Trustees estimates the following increases/ decreases in revenues and mills for the funds noted below for the next school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, using certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year as provided to the district:

Estimated Change in Revenues*
Estimated Change in Mills*

Estimated Impact, Home of \$100,000

Estimated Impact, Home of \$200,000*

Transportation
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease

Bus Depreciation
\$0.00 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease

Tuition
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease

Building Reserve
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease

Flexibility
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease

Total
\$0 increase
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease

***impacts above are based on** current certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year

Regarding the increase in the building reserve levy referenced above, the following are school facility maintenance projects anticipated to be completed at this time:
1. Replacing duct work.
2.Storage addition.

Date: March 4, 2024

JBob Hould
Board Chair
/s/ JBob Hould
Board Chair

/s/Serena Dawson
District Clerk
/s/ Serena Dawson
District Clerk

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee’s Sale on July 22, 2025, at 2:00pm on the front steps of the Hill County Courthouse located at 315 4th Street, Havre, MT 59501, the following described real property situated in Hill County, State of Montana:
THE EASTERLY 94 FEET OF THE NORTHERLY 15 FEET OF LOT 9, AND THE EASTERLY 94 FEET OF LOT 10, BLOCK 4, KEN-WRIGHT HILLS FIRST ADDITION TO HAVRE, HILL COUNTY, MONTANA.
More commonly known as 38 6th St, Havre, MT 59501.

Joshua Kirkaldie and Taruha Kirkaldie, as Grantors, conveyed said real property to First American Title Company of Montana, Inc., as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for Guild Mortgage Company, a California Corporation, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, by Deed of Trust on December 7, 2017, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Hill County, State of Montana, on December 7, 2017 as Instrument No. 605346, in Book 180, at Page 9, of Official Records.

The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Montana Board of Housing Assignment Dated: December 6, 2022 Assignment Recorded: January 18, 2023 Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 622087,

All in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder for Hill County, Montana. Jason J. Henderson is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Hill County, State of Montana, on February 26, 2025 as Instrument No. 627610, in Book 185 MTG, at Page 590, of Official Records.

The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to the Grantor(s) failure to make monthly payments beginning February 1, 2024, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$106,525.17, interest in the sum of \$4,651.35, escrow advances of \$7,579.50, and other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$660.99 for a total amount owing of \$119,417.01, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced.

The Beneficiary anticipates, and may disburse, such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantor. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee’s fees and attorney’s fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any.

The Beneficiary has elected, and has directed, the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.

The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier’s checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee’s Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.

The Grantor, successor in interest to the Grantor, or any other person having an interest in the property, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee’s Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney’s fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee’s and attorney’s fees. In the event that all defaults are cured, the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled.

The scheduled Trustee’s Sale may be postponed by public proclamation for up to 15 days for any reason. In the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the Trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Dated this 28th day of February, 2025.
Jason J. Henderson, Substitute Trustee
38 2nd Avenue East, Dickinson, ND 58601
Telephone: 801-355-2886
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST)
File No. MT22669
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Notice of Close of Regular Voter Registration and Option for Late Registration for School District Elections Held May 6, 2025 in Hill County

Notice is hereby given that regular registration for elections to be held on May 6, 2025 will close at 5:00p.m. on Monday April 7th, 2025. To register to vote, or to update your name, address, or other voter information, submit a voter registration application to the county elections office.

*NOTICE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register for and vote in the election by showing up at the county election office **before 8:00 PM** on Election Day. All active and inactive electors of Hill County are entitled to vote in their respective school district election.

The following school district elections are scheduled to hold a May 6, 2025 election; however, their elections may be cancelled if trustee positions are not contested and there are no other ballot issues to vote on:
Havre School District 16 & 16A, North Star School District 99M, Cottonwood School District 57, Davey Elementary School District 12, Gildford Colony School District 89, Chester-Joplin-Inverness School District 48-11 & 48-21, Box Elder Schools 13G, and Rocky Boy School District 87.

If the district is conducting a Polling Place Election: Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the polling place in order to vote, by requesting an absentee ballot in any election, or by notifying the school districts election administrator in writing of the elector’s current address in the county.

If the district is conducting a Mail Ballot Election: Ballots will be automatically mailed to active electors only. If you are a registered voter and do not receive a ballot, contact the school district election office to update your information as necessary and receive a ballot.

Late registration is only available through the county election office and not the school district.

The county election office is located at: Hill County Courthouse, Lexis Dockter, Hill County Election Administrator, 315 4th Street, Havre, MT 59501

Dated this the 11th of March, 2025
/s/ Lexis Dockter
Lexis Dockter, Hill County Election Administrator

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Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in Levies North Star School District 99M

As an essential part of its budgeting process, the North Star High School Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose levies to support its budget. The North Star High School Board of Trustees estimates the following increases/decreases in revenues and mills for the funds noted below for the next school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, using certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year as provided to the district:

Fund Supported
Estimated Change in Revenues*
Estimated Change in Mills* Estimated Impact, Home of \$100,000*
Estimated Impact, Home of \$200,000*
Bus Depreciation
\$3,321.22 increase
\$0.24 increase
\$0.32 increase
\$0.65 increase

Transportation
\$18,824.17 increase
\$0.36 increase
\$1.36 increase
\$3.67 increase

Tuition
\$10,000 increase
\$0.72 increase
\$0.97 increase
\$1.95 increase

Flexibility
\$0.00 increase/decrease
\$0.00 increase/decrease
\$0.00 increase/decrease
\$0.00 increase/decrease

Building Reserve Permissive
\$445.84 decrease
\$0.03 decrease
\$0.04 decrease \$0.09 decrease
Total
\$31,699.55 increase
\$2.29 increase
\$3.09 increase
\$6.18 increase
*Impacts above are based on current certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year.

District expected use of its Building Reserve State Major Maintenance levies and associated funding are as follows. This year, the District expects to use those proceeds to partially fund capital improvements approved by the Board on March 1, 2025 as well as operation costs of school safety (Roof repairs, General Maintenance, safety needs). This District estimates this funding structure will generate approximately \$31,699.55 dollars during 2025-26, with a net cost increase to local taxpayers of \$100,000 home \$3.09 and impact on \$200,000 home \$6.18

As an essential part of its budgeting process, the North Star Elementary School Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose levies to support its budget. The North Star Elementary School Board of Trustees estimates the following increases/decreases in revenues and mills for the funds noted below for the next school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, using certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year as provided to the district:

Fund Supported
Estimated Change in Revenues*
Estimated Change in Mills*
Estimated Impact, Home of \$100,000* Estimated Impact, Home of \$200,000*
Bus Depreciation
\$1,084.35 increase
\$0.08 increase
\$0.11 increase
\$0.22 increase

Transportation
\$13,346.33 increase
\$1.01 increase
\$1.37 increase
\$2.74 increase

Tuition
\$6,269.85 increase
\$0.48 increase
\$0.64 increase
\$1.29 increase

Flexibility
\$0.00 increase/decrease
\$0.00 increase/decrease
\$0.00 increase/decrease
\$0.00 increase/decrease

Building Reserve Permissive
\$1,112.20 decrease
\$0.08 decrease
\$0.11 decrease

\$0.23 decrease
Total
\$19,588.33 increase
\$2.32 increase
\$2.01 increase
\$4.02 increase

*Impacts above are based on current certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year.

District expected use of its Building Reserve State Major Maintenance levies and associated funding are as follows. This year, the District expects to use those proceeds to partially fund capital improvements approved by the Board on March 12, 2025 as well as operation costs of school safety (Kitchen remodel, stove, general maintenance, safety needs). This District estimates this funding structure will generate approximately \$19,588.33 dollars during 2025-26, with a net cost increase to local taxpayers of \$100,000 home \$2.01 and impact on \$200,000 home \$4.02
Sarah Russell
Business Manager/Clerk
North Star School District 99M

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Bid Notice
Sealed bids on the Harlem School Athletic Field Lighting Package located at 610 1ave SE, Harlem Montana.

Bids will be received by Marty Dirden, Director of Technology and Infrastructure, Harlem Public Schools. Address is 610 1st Avenue SE, Harlem, Montana 59526.

Bids are to be taken to the Harlem School District Administration Office located at the same address until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2025. Bids will be promptly reviewed and bidders contacted with the results. The Athletic Field Lighting Electrical Work is to be executed per the accompanied Plans and Specifications. The General Scope of Work will consist of Primary Power Electrical Distribution from the existing Utility Pole to a new Pad Mounted Transformer as shown on the drawings. The remaining Electrical Distribution taken from the Secondary Side of the Transformer to all the respective Light Poles will complete the Package. Contractors have the option to bid the Primary Distribution and/or the Secondary Distribution with Lighting. All components needed for a complete and functional system are to be included as shown on the contract documents. Time is of the essence and the project will need to be complete during the Summer of 2025. Please contact Mark Qualman at mark@costgurus.com should there be ANY questions of the execution of the bid. To obtain an ELECTRONIC COPY of the Project Documents, contact Mark Qualman at mark@costgurus.com. We will have the Architect of Record, Collaborative Design Architects work with their Electrical Engineer, Morrison Maierle to answer technical questions for the work.

There will NOT be a MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE. If you would like access to the work, please contact Marty Dirden at 406-390-3449 to make arrangements for a visit. The preferred viewing times would be 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Interested Contractors are encouraged to visit the site before submitting bids. All bids need to take into account that the labor needs to be factored using current Montana State Prevailing Wage Rates in force at the time of this bid. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled time for the Bid Submission which is 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period of not to exceed sixty (60) days and accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid which is in the best interest of the OWNER. Harlem School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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There will NOT be a MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE. If you would like access to the work, please contact Marty Dirden at 406-390-3449 to make arrangements for a visit. The preferred viewing times would be 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Interested Contractors are encouraged to visit the site before submitting bids. All bids need to take into account that the labor needs to be factored using current Montana State Prevailing Wage Rates in force at the time of this bid. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled time for the Bid Submission which is 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Hill County Commissioners will receive sealed bids for the purchase over time of one or more new, 2025 or newer, diesel powered, articulated frame motor grader. Contact Shane Huston, Road Department Supervisor, 1405 2nd St. W. Havre, MT 59501, (406)265-8507, to obtain specifications for the equipment.

Bids will be opened on the 4th of March 2025, at the time of 10:00 MDT a.m. in the office of the Board of Hill County Commissioners, in the Hill County Courthouse, 315 4th St. Havre, MT 59501.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid bond payable to Hill County in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid for the motor grader without deduction for the value of the possible trade in equipment. The successful bidder shall forfeit to Hill County their bid security if they fail or refuse to enter into a contract within the time specified. Bid security of unsuccessful bidders shall be returned upon acceptance of the successful bid.

All bids shall remain effective for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of opening. Hill County reserves the right to consider or reject any and all bids, and further to waive any defects or irregularities. All bidders must use the bid form supplied with the specifications. A contract will be awarded to the most responsible bidder.

All bidders are expected to be aware of and to abide by all state and federal statutes, rules, and regulations governing the solicitation and acceptance of public contracts, including any such statute, rule or regulation relating to non-discrimination.

The Board of Hill County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities, or to accept any bid they deem to be in the best interest of Hill County. By order of the Board of Hill County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 6th day of February 2025, at Havre, Montana.

/s/Jake Strissel
Jake Strissel, Chair

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Clerk of North Star School District No. 99M, Hill County, State of Montana that the Annual School Election will be held on Tuesday, May 62025, by mail ballot. Ballots may be returned to the following locations, at the following times:

Location Prior to Election Day: North Star Administration Office, 105 3rd Ave, Rudyard, Mt 59540 and Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Location on Election Day: North Star Administration Office, 105 3rd Ave, Rudyard, MT 59540 and Hours: 8:00 AM to 8:00 pm

Electors will consider the following issues at the election:

- Two (2) Trustee(s) to be elected for a three (3) year term.
- Mill levy proposition to finance the school's Elementary General Fund
- Proposition 1: Shall the district be authorized to impose an increase in local taxes to support the Elementary general fund in the amount of \$66,665.80 which is approximately 5.07 mills for the purpose of maintaining and operating North Star Elementary School for the 2025-2026 school year. Passage of this proposal will increase taxes on a home with a market value of \$100,000 by approximately \$6.84, on a home with a market value of \$300,000 by approximately \$20.53, on a home with a market value of \$600,000 by approximately \$41.07. The durational limit of the levy is permanent once approved by the voters, assuming the district levies that amount each year thereafter. However, lowering over-Base tax levies in any year will lower the amount of the permissively over-Base levies in subsequent year.

A qualified registered elector who will be absent from the district during the time the election is being conducted may: a) vote in person at the election administrator's office as soon as the ballots are available and until noon the day before the ballots are scheduled to be mailed; b) make a written request, signed by the applicant and addressed to the election administrator, that the ballot be mailed to an address other than the address that appears on the registration card. The district clerk/election administrator's

office is located at:
105 3rd Ave, Rudyard, MT 59540

If you miss this regular registration deadline (30 days prior to the election), you may still register at the county election office. The late registration certificate may be exchanged for a ballot at the school election administrator's office until the close of polls on election day. The county election office is located at:

315 4th Street, Havre, MT 59501.

A late registrant may obtain a ballot on election day at the following location:

105 3rd Ave, Rudyard, MT 59540

DATED this 18th day of March, 2025
District Clerk : Sarah Russell
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Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in Levies

As an essential part of its budgeting process, the Cottonwood Elementary School Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose levies to support its budget. The Cottonwood Elementary School Board of Trustees estimates the following increases/decreases in revenues and mills for the funds noted below for the next school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, using certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year as provided to the district:

Estimated Change in Revenues*
Estimated Change in Mills*
Estimated Impact, Home of \$100,000*

Estimated Impact, Home of \$200,000*

Fund Supported Bus Depreciation:
\$_0_ increase/decrease
\$0_ increase/decrease
\$0_ increase/decrease
\$0_ increase/decrease

Transportation:
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease

Tuition
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease
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Building Reserve
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0. increase/decrease
\$00 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease

Flexibility
\$0.00 increase/decrease
\$0.00 increase/decrease
\$0.00 increase/decrease
\$0.00 increase/decrease

Total
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease
\$0 increase/decrease

*impacts above are based on current certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year

Regarding the increase in the building reserve levy referenced above, the following are school facility maintenance projects anticipated to be completed at this time:
1. School safety Fund
2.Boiler Room

Date: March 12, 2024

Carol Bachini-Wood
Board Chair
/s/ Serena Dawson
District Clerk

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April Fool's Day Surprises

The first day of April is April Fool's Day. It is a time for lots of fun. People like to play harmless jokes and pranks. One favorite trick is to point out something that's not really there!

April Fool's Day used to be called All Fool's Day. It is thought to have started in France. A long time ago, March 21st was the date of the New Year. A little over a week of parties and fun followed. On the last day of the festivities, April 1st, formal visits were paid and gifts exchanged.

In the 16th century, the Gregorian calendar was introduced. March 21st was no longer New Year's Day and April 1st was no longer the right day to visit and give gifts. News traveled slowly in those early times, so many people continued to celebrate April 1st as the last big day of the holiday season. Many others did not like the change of date and refused to change their ways. People who clung to the old ways were called "April fools."

Today, on April 1st, you might hear someone call out, "Poisson d'Avril!" They have fooled someone and are calling them an "April fish." The person took the "bait" and was easily "caught." April Fool's Day is a day for tricks that hurt no one. It is a time for laughter.



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I put "eyes" on all of the fruit to freak out my brother.

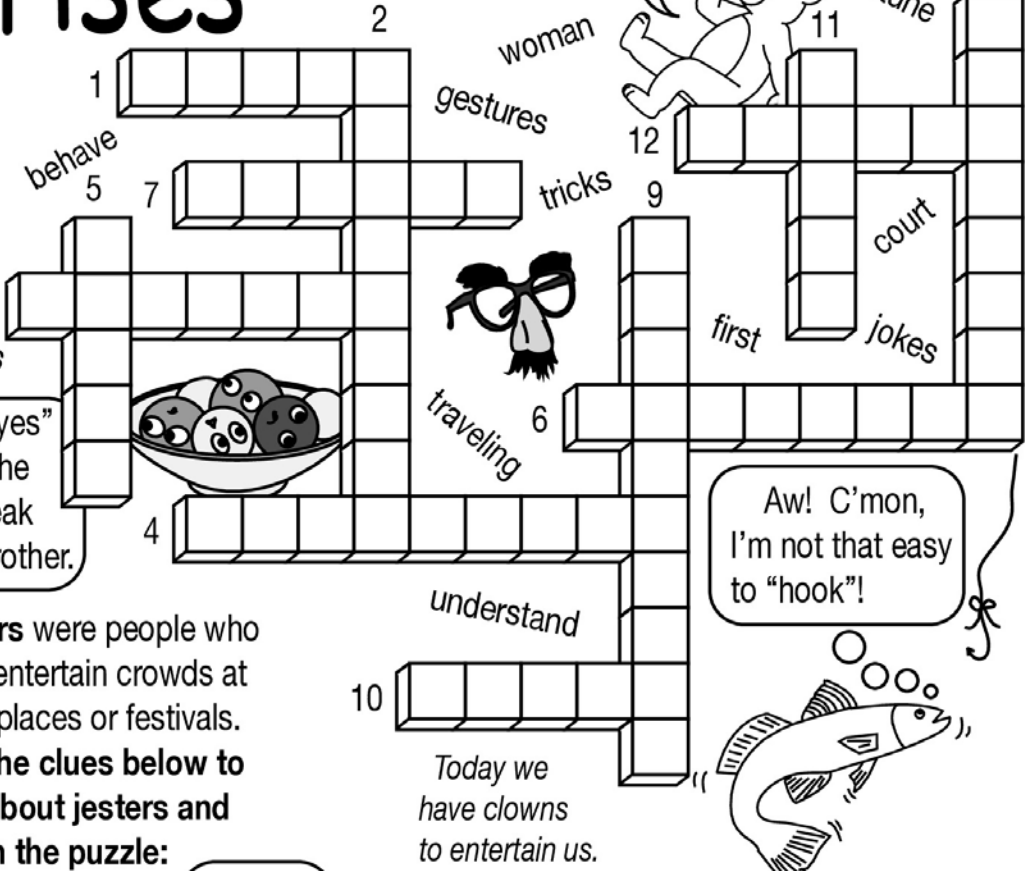
Jesters were people who would entertain crowds at marketplaces or festivals. **Read the clues below to learn about jesters and to fill in the puzzle:**

- _____ jesters entertained the king
- _____ jesters entertained crowds of people in marketplaces or at festivals
- some people thought jesters were "unlucky" and others thought they would bring good _____
- jesters might wear _____ to surprise people
- they told stories and _____

We put a rubber ducky in the fridge.



I love to make people laugh!

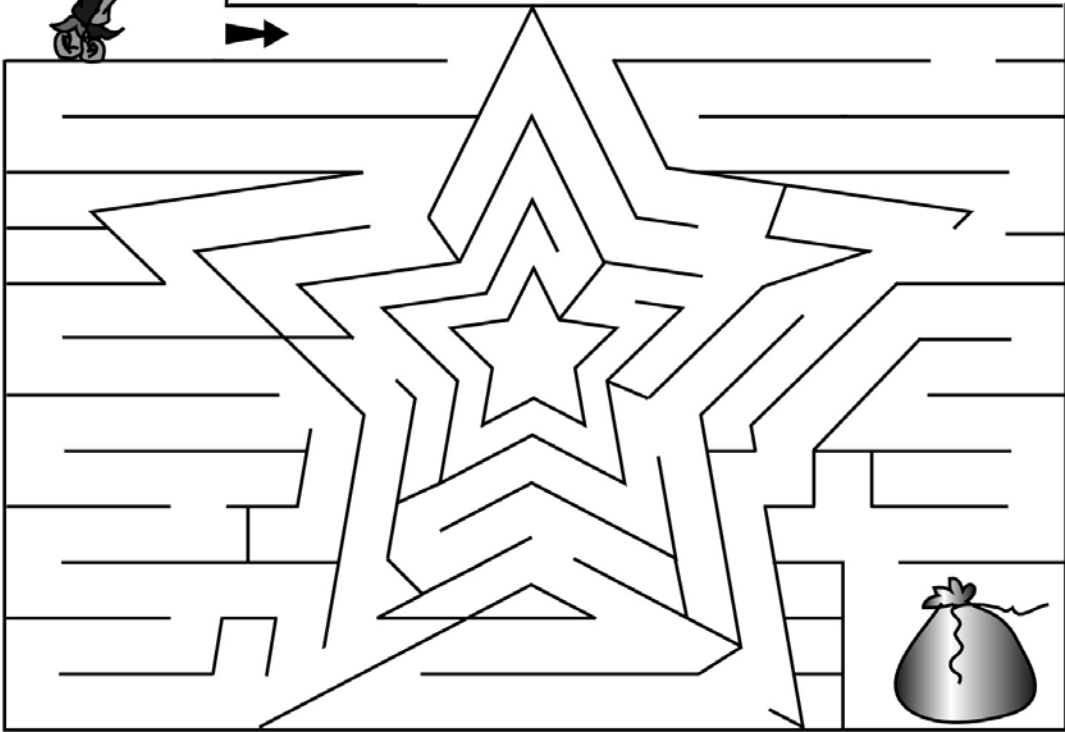


Aw! C'mon, I'm not that easy to "hook"!



Jester's Bag of Tricks

Help me find my bag of pranks. Then find and circle the words in the puzzle that describe jesters and some of the talents or skills they display.



- trickster
- clown
- magician
- jester
- fool
- joker
- prankster
- buffoon
- entertainer
- actor
- acrobat
- puppeteer
- juggler
- storyteller
- fire-eater
- contortionist
- tightrope walker
- animal trainer



Hey! A spaceship is landing on the school parking lot!

Really? Can I see it?



All in Good Fun!

April Fool's Day is a lighthearted celebration. Many countries around the world have special days of fun, with people playing good-natured jokes on one another. These surprise-filled days almost always occur when the season of spring is coming. Do you think that the sunnier, warmer weather puts people in a lighter mood? Below are some things we like to use to fool or kid our friends. **Can you match each item to its description?**

- joke
 - riddle
 - hoax
 - wisecrack
 - pun
- a puzzling question or problem posed: the answer is hard to figure out
 - a "fresh" or "smart" remark
 - a false story told in such a way as to make people think it is real
 - something done for fun; a jest
 - clever use of a word to have more than one meaning

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FORMING NEW HABITS INVOLVES CREATION OF NEW NEURAL PATHWAYS

Dear Doctors: My husband and I usually make a few resolutions for the new year. This year, I skipped it because I never follow through, and I wind up feeling bad about myself. My husband did OK for about a month, but now he's also quit trying. Why are resolutions so hard to keep?

Dear Reader: As the launch pad for a fresh start, New Year's Day is pretty irresistible. It's the crescendo to a month (or two, if you've started at Halloween) of celebratory eating, drinking and socializing. By the time we crack open that brand-new calendar, we're ready to tackle some changes in our lives. Although we think of those changes as resolutions -- lose weight, exercise more, save money, quit sugar, quit smoking, spend less time on social media -- what they really boil down to are plans to form a new habit. And that's where things get tricky.

Research tells us that forming a new habit involves the creation of new neural pathways. You are basically rewiring your brain. This takes a lot of repetition, often over a significant period of time. An added complication is that to successfully form a new habit, there is usually at least one old habit you will have to break. You not only have to be willing to take the time and energy to adopt a new behavior, but you also have to put in the work to let go of an old one. This often means being willing to endure a certain amount of mental and physical discomfort.

Force of will can get you through a few

days, or even a few weeks, of a new habit. But to successfully integrate a new behavior into the bedrock of daily life takes strategic planning. One interesting study found that how you state your goal plays a role. People whose desired habits were of the "I will" variety were more successful than those who approached their resolutions with "I won't."

Also important in goal-setting is to be as precise as possible. Rather than the vague "exercise more," choose a specific target. Then break that into realistic increments. Maybe the wish is to run a 10k race. To get there, the first step may involve a 15- or 20-minute walk/run three or four days a week. Once that becomes a habit, you can gradually begin to increase the time and distance.

As many people who have successfully modified their behavior can attest, slip-ups are often part of the process. You wind up skipping a day, or perhaps even a week, of working toward your new goal. It can be tempting to view these lapses as a failure. But the good news is that the new neural pathways you have been building still exist. It means returning to the new behaviors will be easier than launching them had been.

It can be even easier, and more fun, with someone to support you. You might also consider goal-sharing with a friend, a family member or co-worker. Having support in the ups and downs of a transformational journey can make a big difference to its ultimate success.

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Have questions? Send them to: askharriette@harriettecole.com

READER READY TO START A FITNESS JOURNEY

DEAR HARRIETTE: Last month, I received some concerning news about my health, and it made me realize that I need to take better care of myself. I want to start working out, meditating and eating healthier, but honestly, I don't know where to begin. The idea of completely changing my lifestyle feels overwhelming, and I've never been great at sticking to a routine when it comes to fitness or healthy eating. I worry that I'll start strong but lose motivation quickly, especially when life gets busy or when I don't see immediate results. I also don't want to fall into an all-or-nothing mindset where I feel guilty if I slip up. How can I create a realistic, sustainable wellness journey that allows me to build better habits without feeling like I have to be perfect? Where should I start so that this process feels manageable rather

than intimidating? -- Choosing Fitness

DEAR CHOOSING FITNESS: Find out if your insurance will give you support through a dietician. Having professional guidance when designing an eating plan could be a helpful first step in creating a workable strategy to meet your goals. Either way, map out what you will eat and plan your meals weekly. This will help to establish discipline around what you ingest.

Similarly, schedule a weekly fitness routine. What are you willing to do each day for your health? Can you walk for 20 minutes? Go to the gym three times a week? Turn on music and dance on a daily basis? Get an accountability partner who will help you stay true to your fitness goals? Figure out something that you can and will do to establish a fitness routine, and stay on track.

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- Votes against
- Saying
- Stone fruit
- "Exodus" hero
- Sandwich meat
- Permissive
- Story with a moral
- Chances
- Release
- Island in a river
- Gift for dad

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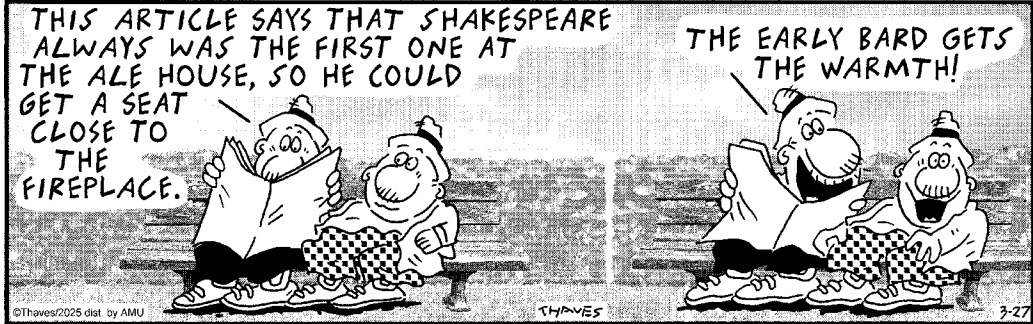
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- Inventor — Graham Bell
- Housemate
- Deviled item
- Cakes and —
- Bloodsucking worm

- Movie house
- Bouquet
- Lascivious look
- Simple
- Part of the eye
- Tool handle
- Oodles
- Use a blue pencil
- Trap for fish
- Agent (Hyph.)
- Wigged lawyer
- Peru's capital
- Abbr. in footnotes
- Wrath
- Tater
- British prep school
- Pictures
- Turns over
- Military decoration
- Pith helmet
- Golf club
- Danger
- Eye layer
- Deserve
- "— Maria"
- Come in first

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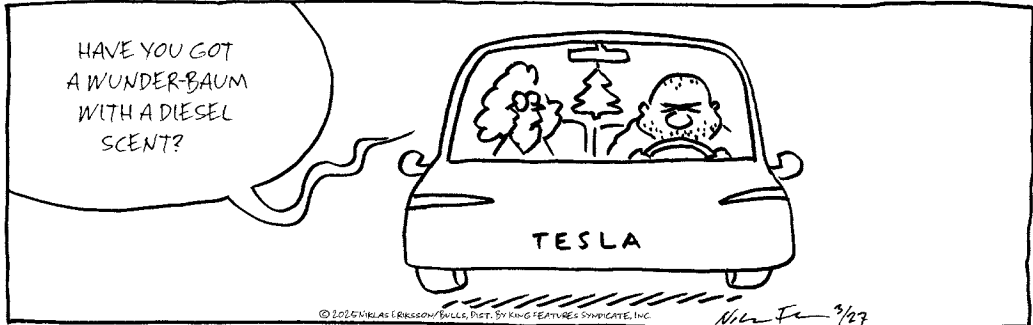
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By Jessica Ophus
Big Sandy Medical Center is pleased to welcome Amber Groves, PA, to our full-time staff.
Amber lives full time in Wisconsin, but is no stranger to the area or to Big Sandy Medical Center. She worked for IHS for six years and helped out as a locum provider here during that time. She fell in love with the place and has continued to come and help out a few weeks per year, until 2025 when she decided to come on full time. In the recent past she has been working internal



Amber Groves

medicine in a large health system facility in Wisconsin. Due to the bureaucracy and limitations set forth on the time with her patients, she chose to make the transition to working in our independently owned facility instead. So she flies in for 12 days a month to see her patients in the clinic and cover call, allowing for a great work-life balance, not just for her, but the other providers at BSMC as well.
Amber has been a PA since 2005, earning her education from Lock Haven Pennsylvania (now Commonwealth

University). With her 7 years experience in Internal Medicine, 7 years in Endocrinology, and 6 years in rural health family medicine, she is a wealth of knowledge. Pair that with her desire to spend time listening to her patients and supporting them in the way they chose to navigate their health care and she is a perfect fit for Big Sandy Medical Center. Amber says, “Good patient care is not cookie-cutter medicine. I’m here to educate you and support you in whatever you decide.” She is certainly excited to get away

from the larger health system and get back to connecting with patients and working as a team with them to reach their health goals.
Amber and her husband of 25 years have three adult children who are earning their own college degrees currently. Left at home she has a dog, two cats and a handful of chickens. She loves to garden, especially growing from seed. She also enjoys sewing and crafting. Many of her projects include making usable items from recycled materials. When given the opportunity she loves to

cook, priding herself on healthy, flavorful meals from scratch.
Amber is accepting new patients and is certainly not afraid of a challenge. She really enjoys chronic disease management, like diabetes care and endocrinology and is ready for even the most complex internal medicine and chronic disease management cases. And of course, she is willing and able to care for everyone from birth to end of life. When you’re ready to book your appointment with her, call the clinic! 406-378-2189.

Do you eat a meal in 20 minutes or less? It might be time to slow down

By MARIA CHENG
AP Medical Writer
LONDON — You can have your cake and eat it too — just do it slowly.
Experts tend to focus on the kinds of foods you can eat to improve your health. But the speed at which you devour your dinner matters just as much. There are risks with eating too fast — think stuck food and the potential to overeat before your brain tells you to stop. (Inhaling your food also risks annoying your slower-paced dining companions or the person who took the time to cook your meal.)
Here are some tips from scientists on how to slow down and take a more mindful approach to consuming your diet.



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Salmon poached in green salsa and topped with baked chips are displayed for a photo in Concord, N.H. Researchers say people should slow down when they eat their food.

Why is that a problem?
People who eat quickly are likely to swallow more air, Heinberg said, which could lead to bloating or indigestion. Not chewing your food properly can also compromise digestion, meaning you won’t get all of the nutrients from your food. Unchewed pieces of food also could get stuck in your esophagus.
Some previous studies have suggested that people who eat quickly have the highest risk of obesity, while the slowest eaters were the least likely to be obese.

How can you slow down when eating?
For starters, turn off the TV and put down your phone.
“If you’re eating while you watch TV, people tend to eat until there’s a commercial or the show is over,” Heinberg said, adding that people are less inclined to pay attention to the body’s own signals that it’s full. “When we do things while we’re eating, we’re eating less mindfully. And that often causes us to eat more.”
She said that when people focus exclusively on eating, they tend to enjoy the meal

more and eat less.
Heinberg also acknowledged the pace at which you eat is often an ingrained habit, but said change is still possible. She suggested things like using your non-dominant hand to eat, trying utensils you might not ordinarily use like chopsticks or taking a deliberate break to drink water when your plate is partially empty.
If you have a busy life, it might be unavoidable to eat lunch at a work meeting or snack while running errands. But Sarah Berry, chief scientist at the British nutritional company ZOE, said when possible, “be mindful of what the food tastes and feels like.”
“If we’re not fully present, it’s very easy to eat more quickly and not notice how much we’ve consumed,” Berry said.

Chew your food, just like mom told you to
One of the simplest things to do is to increase the number of bites you take, said Helen McCarthy, a clinical psychologist with the British Psychological Society.
“If you chew each mouthful a little bit longer, that will slow down your eating,” she said.
The kind of food you eat may also make a difference, pointing out that it’s much easier to eat ultraprocessed or fast foods quicker, because they typically

have a softer texture.
“It’s hard to eat vegetables and protein at the same rate as something that’s highly processed and requires less chewing,” McCarthy said.
Some of her patients also reported an unintentional side effect once they began eating more slowly, referencing one woman who often ate a tube of potato chips every evening. When McCarthy told her to slow down and eat every single chip

individually, her patient told her “it was like having a mouthful of claggy chemicals.”
“She didn’t find (the chips) enjoyable anymore,” McCarthy said.
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