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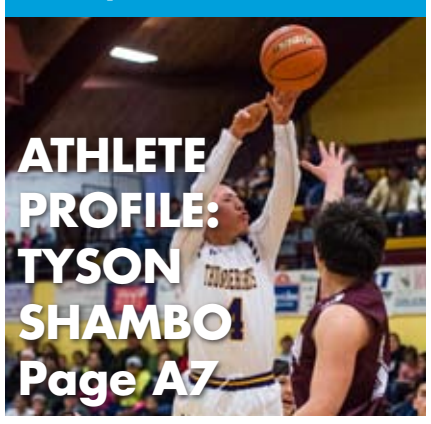

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Board talks about loss of fairgrounds manager

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During an exit interview between chairman of the Great Northern Fair Board and its former manager, the latter said his resignation had a lot to do with failing to meet expectations during his short tenure.

"I think his biggest challenge was feeling like he couldn't meet the board's expectations," Great Northern Fair Board Chairman Paul McCann said Tuesday night after fair board members met. "It's hard to do because you got grounds and then you have management, and it's not all mapped out in an operating manual."

Board members spent some portion of Tuesday's two-hour meeting tinkering with the fair board policy, which McCann would say afterward, is crucial to helping the incoming manager-groundskeeper know what the working dynamic between board members and the groundskeeper will be.

"It's very important, when a person takes that position they realize that they basically have six bosses," McCann said. "The board is the boss of that position. Also, it's a volunteer board, and the board is the source of the manager to gain knowledge and define responsibilities and coach, so to speak, that person, that position.

It's not that former manager Bob Horne didn't know what the job required, McCann said, emphasizing that he was speaking for himself and not necessarily the board members. But there is some on-the-job training, he added.

"You'll have people that probably won't know the job until they get into it, even though you described it," he said.

Horne may have also thought he could work on something else on the side while being the fairgrounds manager, McCann said, which is not an easy task to do.

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Volunteering in the holiday season

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Members of Havre's Leadership High School work to sort clothes at the Havre Salvation Army Tuesday. Leadership High School students spent Tuesday morning volunteering at a variety of Havre organizations also including the Feed My Sheep Soup Kitchen and Havre Food Bank, then having lunch at Pizza Hut before going shopping at Kmart to buy items for the Giving Tree.

Trump meeting security adviser after attacks abroad

By JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — President-elect Donald Trump is planning to meet with his incoming national security adviser in the aftermath of violence abroad as the process of filling top jobs in his administration presses on, marked by some infighting among advisers.

Trump opened his day today by boasting anew about his Nov. 8 election victory, tweeting that his win in the Electoral College was more difficult to pull off than winning the popular vote would have been if he had tried. Democrat Hillary Clinton won at least 2.6 million more votes than Trump, an apparent sore point for the president-elect.

"I would have done even better in the election, if that is possible, if the winner was based on popular vote — but would campaign differently," he tweeted.

Trump's meeting with retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, his choice for national security adviser, will come a day after Flynn and several other members of the incoming national security team met with Vice President-elect Mike Pence in Washington.

Aides said the meeting was planned before the acts of violence in Germany and Turkey, though they were discussed. The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for the truck attack in Berlin that killed 12 people and injured 48. As well, investigators searched for clues on whether the gunman who assassinated the Russian ambassador to Turkey planned the attack alone.

The gathering with Pence Tuesday included retired Gen. John Kelly, Trump's nominee for head of the Department of Homeland Security; retired Gen. James Mattis, the pick for defense secretary; and Rex Tillerson, the head of Exxon Mobil and the intended nominee for secretary of state.

While Trump has assembled his Cabinet at a quick pace, the process to fill out top White House jobs has been slowed by pushback among some advisers. Some of Trump's earliest advisers have expressed concern to the president-elect himself that they are getting boxed out in favor of those more closely aligned with incoming chief of staff Reince Priebus, who has chaired the Republican National Committee.

Among those whose future is still in flux is Corey Lewandowski, Trump's first campaign manager, who was fired after clashing with the president-elect's family. Monday, Lewandowski met with Jared Kushner, Trump's influential son-in-law, and could still be offered a job in the administration, though potentially one that would keep him out of the West Wing — and away from the president.

The president-elect's transition team has said it expects to announce some White House positions in the coming days.

Trump met Tuesday with candidates for his unfilled Cabinet positions, including prospective hires to

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Death sentences decline sharply as public attitudes shift

By SAM HANANEL
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Only 30 people were sentenced to death in the United States this year, the lowest number since the early 1970s and a further sign of the steady decline in use of the death penalty.

The number is a sharp drop from the 49 death sentences last year and just a fraction of the peak of 315 in 1996, according to a report from the Death Penalty Information Center, a nonprofit organization that opposes capital punishment and tracks the issue.

"I think we are watching a major political climate change concerning capital punishment and it's reflected among reduced death sentences across the country," said Robert Dunham, the group's executive director.

The growing reluctance of juries to sentence defendants to death is one of several factors contributing to the overall drop in executions. Twenty people were executed this year, the fewest since 1991, when 14 people were put to death. The high-water mark was in 1999, when there were 98 executions.

Other factors leading to a drop in executions include shortages of the drugs needed to carry out lethal injection and more robust legal challenges by defendants in capital cases.

About half of Americans still support the death penalty according to a Pew Research Center poll earlier this year, but that is the lowest level in more than four decades. Public support for capital punishment peaked in the mid-1990s, when 80 percent of

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Community invited to Christmas Day dinner

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Havreites looking for a fresh, hot meal Christmas Day are invited to the annual Community Christmas Dinner at the Eagles Club.

Event coordinator Tom Farnham, Eagles Club manager, said the requirements to attend the dinner are an "appetite and a smile."

Food will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone who would like a meal but can't leave their home can call the North Central Senior Citizen Center at 265-5464 and arrange to have a meal delivered to their home. The deadline to arrange a home delivery is Friday by 5 p.m.

Farnham said he's been helping coordinate the dinner for the last five years. But it has been happening for, at least, the last 30 years.

For some people, it's not worth making dinner for two, he said. For others, they can't make it to see their family for the holidays — and that's another example of who may attend the dinner. He said the dinner usually draws about 650 people throughout the day — "all walks of life come togethher."

The meal will include turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, dressing, sweet potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce and pie for dessert.

The Community Christmas Dinner happens because volunteers and local businesses donate time, money and even food, Farnham said.

More volunteers are always welcome and anyone interested can call Farnham at 265-9551.

"Or they can just show up," he said.

Volunteers are asked to show up around 11 a.m. as the dinner gets underway.

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Koolen Schmidt of Havre, 8, gets ready to bite into his pumpkin pie at the 2015 Christmas Day Dinner in Havre. The Cottonwood North student said the entire dinner was great, but the pie was the best part.

Texas gives Planned Parenthood notice of Medicaid ouster

By PAUL J. WEBER
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas put Planned Parenthood on notice Tuesday of plans to soon cut off Medicaid funds, a move that federal judges have blocked in other Republican-controlled states, which are now waiting to see if President-elect Donald Trump will strip the organization of taxpayer money.

Planned Parenthood responded by vowing to ask a court to stop Texas from defunding clinics in January. Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Kansas are among the states where judges have denied similar efforts.

Planned Parenthood says its clinics serve nearly 11,000 women in Texas each year through Medicaid. Republican Gov. Greg Abbott pledged to kick Planned Parenthood out of the state's Medicaid program more than a year ago, joining other socially conservative governors who took similar steps in 2015, when an anti-abortion group released secretly recorded videos that it claimed showed Planned Parenthood officials profiting from sales of fetal tissue for medical research.

Investigations by 13 states have been concluded without charges of wrongdoing, although a congressional panel is still investigating. Texas' final notice to Planned Parenthood comes at a time when the 100-year-old organization is simultaneously fighting to stop Congress from also cutting off taxpayer dollars.

"Texas is a cautionary tale for the rest of the nation. With this action, the state is doubling down on reckless policies that have been absolutely devastating for women," Planned

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Child agency's new head looks to improve hiring, training

AMY BETH HANSON
Associated Press

HELENA — The troubled Montana agency charged with protecting children needs to lower the record number of kids in foster care while making smart hires and conducting better training for its caseworkers, the new head of the state Division of Child and Family Services said.

Maurita Johnson addressed those issues in a recent interview with The Associated Press about a month after beginning her job. Johnson, former deputy director of Child Welfare Programs in Oregon, visited all six of her division's regional offices and all seven of the state's Native American reservations as she got acquainted with the child protection system.

Agency officials "have the ability to solve a lot of problems for families," she said. "Having a kid home with a parent is what we want."

Johnson is taking over an agency that has been heavily criticized in recent years. It has faced allegations of children dying after workers failed to remove them from dangerous situations, others wrongly removed from homes and workers failing to communicate with families.

A panel created by Gov. Steve Bullock last year investigated the agency and found the child protection system in crisis. The Protect Montana Kids Commission cited the agency's enormous growth in cases, its high level of caseworker turnover and the inability to hire and retain enough caseworkers.

The commission suggested caseworkers need more training and adequate supervision and that the agency needs to update its outdated computer system.

Johnson said she plans to address those issues, including more training. She also said the agency needs to get more foster children into permanent homes.

Montana has a record 3,300 children in foster care, compared with Idaho's 1,300 children, for example.

Johnson said she plans to make caseworkers more aware of community services available to families so children can be returned home sooner.

"I hate to delay sending a child home because a parent isn't gainfully employed," she said.

Another priority is hiring people who can handle the difficult work of a caseworker and creating an environment so they are satisfied with their jobs, she said.

The state is seeking six child protection specialists, down from 17 openings in March. The current worker training class is full, Johnson said.

The agency also needs to better follow its system of evaluating whether a child is in danger and what threats exist to his or her safety, Johnson said. The system also aims to set conditions under which the child could go

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Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services' Division of Child and Family Services via AP

Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services' Division of Child and Family Services Director Maurita Johnson poses for a photograph Dec. 5.

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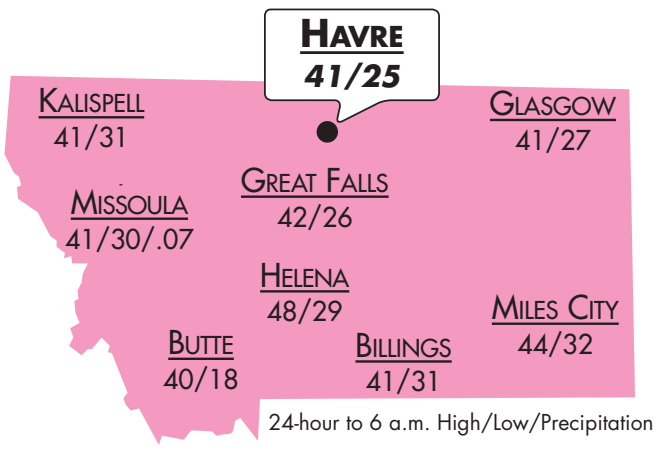

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Weather Almanac for 12/20

High/low: 41°/24°
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State high: 48° in Helena
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Precip in December: .44"
Normal monthly precip: .25"
Precip for year: 19.25"
Normal yearly precip: 11.05"
Sunset tonight: 4:26 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday: 8:09 a.m.

Islamic State group claims Berlin Christmas market attack

By DAVID RISING and FRANK JORDANS, Associated Press

BERLIN — The Islamic State group claimed responsibility Tuesday for a truck attack on a crowded Berlin Christmas market that German authorities said came right out of the extremist group's playbook, inflicting mass casualties on a soft target fraught with symbolic meaning.

The Monday night attack on the popular market by the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church in the heart of former West Berlin left 12 dead and 48 injured — the first mass casualty attack by Islamic extremists carried out on German soil. German security forces were still hunting for the perpetrator after releasing a man from custody for lack of evidence.

The claim of responsibility carried on the Islamic State group's Amaq news agency described the man seen fleeing from the truck as "a soldier of the Islamic State" who "carried out the attack in response to calls for targeting citizens of the Crusader coalition."

Germany is not involved in anti-IS combat operations, but has Tornado jets and a refueling plane stationed in Turkey in support of the coalition fighting militants in Syria, as well as a frigate protecting a French aircraft carrier in the Mediterranean, among other assets.

The claim of responsibility came not long after German prosecutors said they had released a man picked up near the scene of the attack, initially suspected of driving the truck.

The man, a Pakistani citizen who came to Germany last year, was taken into custody based on a description from witnesses of a suspect who jumped out of the truck and fled after the attack.

Even before his release, officials had expressed doubt the man was behind the attack.

"We may still have a dangerous criminal out there," warned Berlin Police Chief Klaus Kandt, whose office urged people to be "particularly vigilant" and report "suspicious movement" using a special hotline.

Though Germany had not seen any successful mass-casualty Islamic extremist attacks until Monday, attempts and recent attacks in neighboring France and Belgium had made many feel it was inevitable.

"We've all been prepared that something like this could happen, so we were not surprised," said economics student Maximilian Much.

The 24-year-old Berliner said the attack hit home because he'd often visited the Christmas market with his girlfriend, but that he wouldn't let himself be led by emotion.

"I'm not going to change my lifestyle now," he said. "The chances that I get killed in a car or bike accident are bigger."

Germany's top prosecutor, Peter Frank, told reporters the attack on the popular market was reminiscent of July's deadly truck rampage in Nice and appeared to follow instructions published by the Islamic State group.

"There is also the prominent and symbolic target of a Christmas market, and the modus operandi that mirrors at least past calls by jihadi terror organizations," Frank said.

In Washington, State Department spokesman John Kirby said the attack "bears the hallmarks of previous terror attacks," but said U.S. officials didn't have enough information to back up the IS claim of responsibility. "There is no direct evidence of a tie or a link to a terrorist organization," he said.

The man arrested near the scene denied any involvement in the attack. Under German law, prosecutors have until the end of a calendar day following an arrest to seek a formal arrest warrant keeping a suspect in custody.

Prosecutors said they decided to release him after turning up no forensic evidence proving he was in the truck's cab during the rampage, and no witnesses who were able to follow him from the scene to where he was picked up.

Among the injured was Inaki Ellakuria, who had surgery Tuesday for a broken tibia and fibula on his left leg. He said he knew immediately it was no accident.

"It came fast, too fast to be driving off the road accidentally," the 21-year-old student from Spain tweeted only minutes after the attack. "It has swept me and ran over both of my legs."

Fairgrounds: Manager position description should be finalized Jan. 17

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"It's a tough one to run a parallel job next to, and I think that was his intention on the front end is: 'If this is 30 hours a week, that'll allow me to do something else.' There's more than 30 hours of work up there, so you have to make executive decisions as to where those 30 hours go, and you haven't done it before," McCann said.

During the meeting there was indication that Horne may still be living on the grounds, as talk between board members went from questions to what he is doing there to how much longer the 30-day contract allows Horne to occupy or work on the property. If he's not living on the grounds, Horne may still be putting things away and periodically checking on the house, McCann said.

Since he put his resignation in Nov. 16 and the contract says he has a 30-day grace period, the board members agreed Horne has until the end of the month to to be completely off the property.

The fair board is working to bring in a new manager, and the quicker the better, McCann said. The reason for that, he added, is so mistakes aren't repeated.

"Bob (Horne) entered into this in the spring," McCann said. "It's just a very busy time. That's like hiring somebody when the grain is ready to be cut, so to speak. The work is there in excess and yet the orientation of it is going to be learned in the process of doing."

Talk of what the position will look like continued, with board members asking: What are the pros and cons of having the position divided? Should the house stay on the grounds, should it be gotten rid of, or should it be rented out? Should the word "manager" be in the position or would "administrator" be a better fit? Should seasonal help be hired to fill in needs during the busy times?

Pay came up as well. At $15 an hour, it's not like someone with a family to support can take that job, McCann said after the meeting.

"You're almost looking for someone who is successful, retired and looking to give back," he said during the meeting.

Despite challenges, McCann said, people are showing interest in the position and they're bound to find a good fit.

By the next meeting Jan. 17, McCann said, the goal is for position description be solidified. He said it could be different or it could end up being the exact same position Horne applied for.

Death Sentence: Justice Beyer called for Supreme Court decision

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Americans favored it.

Yet the issue still causes deep divisions. Voters in California and Nebraska declined to abolish the death penalty in their states when they considered referendums last month. And states like Ohio and Oklahoma that have halted executions over problems with lethal injection drugs are trying to figure out how to resume.

Capital punishment remains legal in 31 states.

Only five states conducted executions this year, the fewest number of states to do so since 1983. Georgia led the way with nine, followed by Texas with seven, two in Alabama and one each in Missouri and Florida.

And just five states sentenced more than one person to death in 2016. California imposed nine death sentences, followed by five in Ohio, four in Texas, three in Alabama and two in Florida. But California hasn't executed any of the 741 inmates on its death row since 2006 due to legal challenges over its lethal injection method.

"As fewer states use the death penalty and as it's used more sparingly in the states that do, we can expect long-term numbers to remain low and perhaps continue to drop," Dunham said.

Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer last week renewed his call for the high court to consider whether the death penalty is unconstitutional. Breyer dissented from the court's refusal to take up a Florida death row inmate's appeal. He said defendants who face death sentences are not society's worst criminals but are "chosen at random, on the basis, perhaps of geography, perhaps of the views of the individual prosecutors, or still worse, on the basis of race."

So far, only Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has joined Breyer in questioning the constitutionality of the death penalty.

Texas: U.S. Supreme Court struck down sweeping ant-abortion law in Texas

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Parenthood President Cecile Richards said.

Texas Health and Human Services Inspector General Stuart Bowen referenced the videos as "the basis for your termination" in his letter to Planned Parenthood. He accused Planned Parenthood of "misrepresentations," a charge that other states have also lobbed against the group.

Planned Parenthood strongly denied the allegations and no wrongdoing was proved, but the group announced in October that it will no longer accept reimbursement for the costs involved in providing fetal tissue to researchers.

Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion provider but receives no public funding in Texas for those services.

The U.S. Supreme Court earlier this year struck down a sweeping anti-abortion law in Texas that would have left only 10 abortion clinics open in a state of 27 million people. Mere days after that ruling, Texas announced plans to require the burial or cremation of fetal remains, rules that a federal judge in Austin put on hold last week.

Trump sent mixed signals during his campaign about Planned Parenthood, saying it helped "millions of women" while also endorsing plans to defund it. One of Trump's first defining acts as president next year could come on long-sought efforts in the GOP-controlled Congress to scuttle taxpayer money for Planned Parenthood.

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Security: Trump has handful of Cabinet posts to fill

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run the Department of Veterans Affairs, a beleaguered agency that the Republican businessman has vowed to overhaul.

At Mar-a-Lago, Trump's palatial Florida estate, the president-elect met with Luis Quinonez, who runs a company with military and health care ties and is said to be under consideration for VA secretary. He also interviewed Toby Cosgrove, the CEO of the Cleveland Clinic, who was a top contender to replace Eric Shinseki when he resigned from the VA in 2014. Cosgrove later withdrew from consideration.

Trump repeatedly pledged during the campaign to fix the woes at the department and said he would "take care of great veterans." But he also came under scrutiny for being slow in paying out money raised for veterans groups and for suggesting that "strong" veterans don't need treatment for mental health problems.

Others said to be considered for the post include former Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown, Florida Rep. Jeff Miller and Pete Hegseth, an Army veteran and former CEO of Concerned Veterans for America.

Trump is also considering Jovita Carranza, who worked in President George W. Bush's administration, as his choice for U.S. trade representative. She served as deputy administrator of the Small Business Administration under Bush.

With just a handful of Cabinet posts to fill, Trump is facing some criticism for a lack of diversity in his senior team, which currently includes no Hispanics.

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Agency: Grandparents' group willing to work with Johnson

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home if their care and safety needs are met.

"We got very comfortable with the first part," Johnson said, but giving parents clear and reasonable conditions for the return of their child and assessing their ability to protect them "kind of fell by the wayside."

One of the agency's strongest critics is a group of grandparents who picketed several Child and Family Services offices and testified before the Legislature about their struggles with the agency. Their activity in part prompted Bullock to create the Protect Montana Kids Commission.

Jay Walton of Great Falls, a member of the grandparents' group, said he spoke with Johnson and believes she has some good ideas. But he said he's concerned about having previous mistakes addressed.

Members of the grandparents' group "are of the opinion that we should see what she has in mind," he said.

"We will help if we can. But if we can't get along, then it's back to the demonstrations, it's back to the phone calls, the emails," Walton said.

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Recycle Hi-Line, 7 p.m. Hill County Annex Building, 302 4th Ave., through the alley door.

Open skating, Havre Ice Dome, south end of 5th Ave., 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library. Free, and public is welcome.

Thursday, Dec. 22

Santa and Mrs. Clause will ride inta Havre at the train station on the north end of Third Avenue at 5 p.m.

"Hansel and Gretel," a Christmas Panto produced by Montana Actors' Theatre, 8 p.m., MSU-Northern Little Theatre. Doors and Backstage Lounge open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: adults $15; students, seniors and military $10; and kids K-8 $5.

Community Christmas Dinner orders for delivery Dec. 25, call 265-5464, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. through Friday.

Lego Time and Robotics, 3:30 - 5 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library. Free, and open to the public. For info, call 265-2123.

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Havre Community Pool closed today.

Open skating, Havre Ice Dome, south end of 5th Ave., 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., or until 7:15 p.m., if Glacier Nationals are playing.

Saturday, Dec. 24

"Hansel and Gretel," a Christmas Panto produced by Montana Actors' Theatre, 8 p.m., MSU-Northern Little Theatre. Doors and Backstage Lounge open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: adults $15; students, seniors and military $10; and kids K-8 $5.

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Sunday, Dec. 25

Community Christmas Dinner, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Havre Eagles Club. Free and open to the public.

Havre Community Pool closed today.

Monday, Dec. 26

Havre Community Pool closed today.

North Central Montana Transit buses will not run today.

Tuesday, Dec. 27

NAMI, National Alliance on Mental Illness, 6:30 p.m. basement at 921 3rd St. For info, call Crystal at 406-879-6646.

Wednesday, Dec. 28

Open skating, Havre Ice Dome, south end of 5th Ave., 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Books and Babies, 10:15 a.m., Havre-Hill County Library. Free, and public is welcome.

Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library. Free, and public is welcome.

Thursday, Dec. 29

"Sing Street," Movie Night at Havre-Hill County Library, 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. Free and open to the public. Any donations will help to pay for next year's dinner.

Lego Time and Robotics, 3:30 - 5 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library. Free, and open to the public. For info, call 265-2123.

Friday, Dec. 30

The Library Art Display Project presents artists Aubree and Izhanna Erickson at Havre-Hill County Library through January.

Open skating, Havre Ice Dome, south end of 5th Ave., 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., or until 7:15 p.m., if Glacier Nationals are playing.

Saturday, Dec. 31

Havre Community Pool closed today.

Sunday, Jan. 1

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Community foundation presents grants

Havre Daily News staff

The Hill County Community Foundation recently presented three $500 grants to local organizations for work they do that meet needs in one or more of the foundation's three focus areas: basic human needs, arts and culture, and community beautification.

Havre Public Schools, in partnership with Opportunity Link Inc., will be using their award to provide food for children via the backpack program that runs throughout the school year. The backpack program ensures that children who are in need of nourishment are sent home with food each weekend.

While the public schools coordinate this program during the school year, the Van Orsdel United Methodist Church manages this program during the summer months. The backpack program, administered by different entities throughout the year, supports the HCCF focus area of basic human needs.

The Bullhook Blossoms Garden Club will be leveraging their award with a grant from the Lions Club to establish two Blue Star memorials This project supports the HCCF focus area of community beautification.

Courtesy photo

Rosie Goldich, from left, Faye James, Jean Murphy and Jim Bennett pose for a photograph with a $500 check awarded by Hill County Community Foundation to Opportunity Link Inc. and Havre Public Schools to support the Havre Backpack Program

Courtesy photo

Sandy Brown, from left, Gerald Anderson, Edna Gregory, Pam Veis and Faye James pose for a photograph with a $500 check Hill County Community Foundation presented to the Brother Van SOS program at Van Orsdel United Methodist Church for its Summer Backpack program.

Courtesy photo

Gloria Tilleman, from left, Janice Brady-Bergren, Lela Patera, Jody Olson, Faye James, Karen Wall and Rosie Goldich pose for a photograph with a $500 check Hill County Community Foundation awarded to Bullhook Blossoms Garden Club for two Blue Star memorials in town.

Santa train arriving Thursday

Santa and Mrs. Claus are scheduled to ride into the Havre train station at the north end of Third Avenue on a BNSF Railway locomotive at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Everyone is invited to go down to welcome Santa and his wife to Havre and spend some time with the couple.

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Officials remind local residents to be safe during holidays with 'Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving' program

Press release

Local officials announced this week that this holiday season, Hill County DUI Task Force and Hi-Line Tavern Association are teaming up with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to remind all drivers that "Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving" and to always plan a sober ride before the holiday parties begin.

Too many people take to the roadways after consuming alcohol because they think they are "OK to drive," a press release issued Monday says. During the holiday season, festive parties and celebrations with alcohol contribute to the number of impaired drivers on our roadways.

"We want to keep our roads safe this holiday season and help people understand that the only time they should be behind the wheel is when they are sober," Havre Chief of Police Gabe Matosich said in the press release. "Alcohol affects people differently, and you don't have to be feeling or acting drunk to be too impaired to drive."

Any consumption of alcohol can impair judgment and reaction times, making it unsafe for to drive. "Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving" is a nationwide impaired driving campaign to inform all Americans about the dangers of driving after drinking.

Drunk driving kills thousands of people in our country every year. In 2015, 35,092 people were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes on our roadways, and 29 percent — 10,265 — died in crashes that involved a driver with a blood alcohol concentration over the legal limit of .08.

This time of year is especially dangerous. In December 2015 alone, 840 people were killed in crashes involving at least one drunk driver or motorcycle operator.

"Drinking and driving should never mix, therefore we want everyone to plan a sober ride in advance if they will be celebrating the holidays with alcohol," Matosich said in the release. "Don't allow yourself to become a statistic because you failed to plan ahead."

This holiday season, the Havre Police Department and the NHTSA urge people to designate a sober driver before start drinking. If people plan on drinking at all, they should plan not to drive.

People should remember these tips to avoid a DUI and to keep our roads safe:

• Even one drink can impair people's judgment and reaction time and increase the risk of getting arrested for driving drunk or causing a crash.

• People who will be drinking should not plan on driving. They should plan ahead; designate a sober driver before the party begins. People can receive rewards for doing the right thing. The Hi-Line Tavern association sponsors the Designated Driver Program. If the designated sober driver identifies themselves to a bar employee, they receive free non-alcoholic drinks that night as well as a chance to win two monthly drawings of $50 and a yearly drawing of $500 in cash.

• People who have been drinking should not drive — even a short distance. They should call a taxi, a sober friend or family member, use public transportation or the Home FREE Program

• New Year's Eve, with the support of two local businesses, Havre Ford and Triangle Communications, individuals may call 265-1700 between 5 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. and request a free ride to a drinking establishment or home from one, thus, ensuring their safe transi. Also, people can try NHTSA's SaferRide mobile app, which allows users to call a taxi or a friend and identify their location so they can be picked up.

• Help others be responsible. People who see someone they think is about to drive while impaired should take their keys, take them home or help them arrange a safe ride home.

• People who see a driver on the road that appears to be intoxicated should contact police when it is safe to do so. Their actions could help save a life.

People should remember to play it safe this holiday season and always plan their sober ride before the festivities begin. Buzzed driving is drunk driving.

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Ruminations on end of Senate term

Community Focus

Sen. John Brenden Scobey

As 2016 soon will be over so will my senate term. It has been an honor to have served this vast part of northeastern Montana.

The first six years, Senate District 18 included parts of Richland, Roosevelt, Valley and Phillips counties and all of Sheridan and Daniels counties. When redistricting was completed two years ago to Senate District 17, Richland County was deleted and Chinook and northern Blaine County and north of Highway #2 in Havre and Hill County to about 40 miles west of Havre were included in my senate district and it still had parts of Phillips, Valley and Roosevelt counties and all of Sheridan and Daniels counties. This new senate district stretches from the North Dakota border to about 40 miles west of Havre. That is 285 miles of the 565 miles of the U.S.-Canadian border, or 51 percent of the border with Canada. This is the largest state senate district bordering Canada on the 49th parallel! This senate district is the thirrd largest district in Montana and has about fourteen thousand square miles and is larger than nine or 10 states! Before the new constitution was passed in the early 1970s, each county had one state senator. One can see how eastern and rural Montana lost representation in the Montana House, but especially in the Montana State Senate.

I was a presidential elector of Montana in 2004, 2008 and 2012. Montana has three, and there are 538 electors in the U.S. A state has as many electors as they have U.S. senators and representatives. California has over 50 electors! Our Founding Fathers had great wisdom and insight as they sought to balance rural versus urban, giving each a balance of power. If it were not for the Electoral College the East and West Coast would dominate government and any state between would not matter. In this last presidential election, Hillary Clinton won four of the five boroughs in New York City by more than 2 million votes. That is about the number of votes that gave her the popular vote. I do not believe we want to be controlled by the likes of California and New York!

I will miss my old and new friends in the Senate and especially all of the great friends in my Senate District 17, as the plus in a big district knowing more folks has broadened my insight and knowledge and hopefully my understanding. I will also miss standing up for our freedom rights and fighting against those who want to take away our property rights away, especially the left wing environmentalists! I want to wish my successor Sen.-elect Mike Lang from Malta well and I know he will do a great job for our district. I also want to congratulate Speaker of the House Austin Knudsen and his new counterpart, Rep.-elect Casey Knudsen. I wish Congressman Zinke well in his new important job as Interior Secretary and I hope the Republicans will choose his successor wisely.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Sen. John Brenden, R-Scobey

If the mainstream media covered Jesus' birth

Guest Columnist

Tom Purcell

Network news anchor Brent Fullworth: We bring you a live update on the birth of Jesus Christ from our correspondent, Bethany Smug, who is standing by in Bethlehem. Bethany?

Bethany: Brent, what we know is that a carpenter named Joseph and his alleged virgin wife, Mary, traveled from Nazareth to Bethlehem to pay a tax that had been decreed by Caesar Augustus. It's rumored the two were delinquent, but finally consented to pay.

Brent: A couple of tea-party types, Bethany?

Bethany: That's the rumor, Brent. When they arrived, they couldn't find a room at the inn — even though Mary was with child — because of the heartless cuts Republicans made to housing vouchers.

Brent: By electing conservatives, don't these tea partiers understand they are voting against their own interests, Bethany? One other thing puzzles me: You said Mary was with child? How can that be if she is a virgin?

Bethany: An alleged virgin, Brent. Members of the religious right are making the ludicrous claim that the child is a result of some kind of miracle.

Brent: Sounds to me like Mary and Joseph concocted this "miracle" tale to conceal something.

Bethany: No doubt, Brent. In any event, the baby Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger.

Brent: Why didn't Joseph take Mary to a hospital?

Bethany: Republican cuts to government health care would be my guess, Brent. This story gets more bizarre. The religious right claims that when the baby Jesus was born, shepherds in nearby fields saw angels appear. The angels allegedly declared that the "Savior" was born and that his name was Jesus Christ.

Brent: There must be a scientific explanation.

Bethany: Whatever the case, the religious right also claims that when Jesus was born, a star shone bright over Bethlehem. And that three kings hundreds of miles away saw the star. They followed it for many days until they arrived at the stable. They brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Then they returned to their lands to spread the news.

Brent (laughing): What the heck is frankincense and myrrh?

Bethany (snorts): Beats me, Brent. To add drama to this incredible tale, King Herod has fallen for the absurd claims spread by the religious right. The king is threatened by allegations that the baby Jesus is the "Savior" and the "Messiah." He has ordered that Jesus be killed.

Brent: That's no laughing matter, Bethany.

Bethany: Sources tell me the young family just fled Bethlehem with King Herod's men hot on its tail.

Brent: Hold on, Bethany. Our satellite cameras have located a small family heading for Egypt. We can see a man walking next to a donkey. A woman is sitting on the donkey, holding a baby in her arms. At the top of the screen, you can see King Herod's army searching in vain. The army is headed east, unaware that the young family is headed west.

Bethany: How far away is the army from the family?

Brent: According to our satellite technology, the family is exactly 8 miles east of Egypt's border. King Herod's army is only 5 miles east of the family. Wait, it appears that King Herod's army has abruptly changed direction. The army is heading toward the family at a rapid clip.

Bethany (laughing): Sounds like somebody tipped them off, Brent!

Brent: We need to break for commercial, but when we come back, we'll bring you the latest on the birth of Jesus Christ. Will the young family survive? The answer when we return.

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Republicans are the masters of not getting over things

Raging Moderate

Will Durst Columnist

And now a few choice words for all Republicans advising Democrats to "stop whining about the election and get over it." Oh, really. Get over losing a presidential election to a high-strung petulant flake soon to be in possession of the nuclear codes? Get over a man destined to be leader of the Free World tweeting frivolous 3 a.m. insults at Alec Baldwin?

Exactly how does one get over that, pray tell? A fistful of barbiturates? A four-year nap? An eternal tray of mango margaritas? Love it or leave it? Like it or lump it? The shuffling off of mortal coils? Climb a tower? Couple rounds of Russian roulette?

Perhaps an example of how Republicans get over something would help grease the skids here. Pull something out of your vast experience of "getting over it" for us. Like how you got over Barack Hussein Obama's two election wins crying about his citizenship for eight years like little babies with colic whose diapers needed to be changed? That kind of getting over it?

Because, correct me if I'm wrong, but I seem to remember Mitch McConnell boasting that his first order of business as Senate Minority Leader was to deny Obama a second term. Epic fail on that getting over.

I also seem to remember the GOP Congress refusing to pass anything that would smack of giving Obama a single legislative victory including obstructing bills they previously proposed. Classic case of cutting-off-your-nose-to-spite-your-face getting over it there.

I seem to remember Republicans trying to repeal Obama Care over 60 times. You mean that kind of getting over it? Does the term "getting over Benghazi" have any meaning here? Because if that's the kind of bipartisan hand- holding you're looking for, you're about to get your wish.

Republicans aren't just sore losers, they're lousy winners too. If Hypocritical were an Olympic sport, the GOP would be deemed ineligible, having lost their amateur status right around the middle of Ulysses S. Grant's first term. Republicans are to "getting over it" what Martha Stewart is to vertical zinc mines and Wayne Newton is to rock & roll.

Hillary Clinton won the popular vote by 3 million votes after being gang tackled by Wikileaks, an orange clown, the FBI and Russia. You mean Democrats aren't supposed to report getting mugged by a foreign power? Isn't failing to report a felony illegal? Are you advocating aiding and abetting here? But then again, nobody really cares, since the Russians are white. Or is it the oil?

Now Donald Trump is griping that nobody ever mentioned the possible hacking of the election until after he won. Wrong! There's footage of him during the second debate saying maybe the hacking of the DNC's emails wasn't done by the Rooskies, but some 400-pound guy on a bed. Did he forget or is he just plain oblivious?

The Trumpeteers have perfected whining to such an art form that Kellyanne Conway's gelatinous platitudes should be part of the permanent collection of New York's Metropolitan Museum. We all know that if the tables were turned, Trump would be accusing Hillary of not only personally conspiring with Putin, but so deep in bed with him she could suck her comrade's toes. Which, coincidentally, are tiny.

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Trump the epitome of complexities and contradictions

National Perspective

David Shribman

Franklin Roosevelt was a flexible president immobilized in a wheelchair. Dwight Eisenhower personified military precision but as president luxuriated in imprecise language. Lyndon Johnson commonly used a vulgar epithet to describe the black Americans he worked so hard to empower. Jimmy Carter spoke eloquently of human rights but lacked the human touch.

Still, America has seldom seen a president so full of contradictions as the one who takes office a month from now. Indeed, Donald J. Trump created an unusual combination of contradictions to propel him to victory. And while his campaign slogan may have spoken of making America great again, his political formula has clearly been much briefer:

Strength through contradiction.

All presidents are portraits in contradiction, and here are the principal contradictions in the politics of a president-elect whose mastery of American politics has astonished adversaries and allies alike:

• Running (and perhaps governing) as an independent while the nominee of the Republicans.

Trump's campaign resembled none in history so much as Theodore Roosevelt's independent "Bull Moose" campaign of 1912, when he ran against the establishment GOP candidate (and his political protege) William Howard Taft. Woodrow Wilson won that election, so we were deprived of seeing how TR would have governed in a White House reprise, but there is no question that, as a former president, he ran as an outsider in his third national campaign.

Trump not only antagonized conservatives, he also alienated many moderate Republicans. And while many of his appointments, especially at the Justice Department and the Environmental Protection Administration, will please conservatives, many of them surely recoil at his notion of big-spending projects, such as modernizing the nation's airports and fixing the country's infrastructure.

Yet Trump may create a spending program — he will not call it an economic stimulus, but it will have the same effect as one — larger than any that Hillary Clinton would have dared contemplate. The Democrats are quietly hoping he might.

"The electorate that put Donald Trump in the White House today wants bold, not incremental change," Democratic pollsters Stan Greenberg and Nancy Zdunkewicz wrote shortly after the election. "This is a country that still wants deep and long-term investments in America's infrastructure and is ready to invest in our underserved communities. It wants to limit corporate power that reduces competition and innovation and reform trade, starting with a dramatic ability to prosecute and enforce trade laws."

• Speaking to a nation of hope in the language of despair.

Commentators sometimes compare Trump with Ronald Reagan, for both came to politics from unconventional backgrounds and first appeared as grave threats to the established Republican order. But among the many differences between the 40th president and the 45th is that Reagan was sunny while Trump is dark.

There was a discernible smile on Reagan's face on the cover of Time when he was named its Man of the Year just before his inauguration; Trump, appearing on the magazine's cover this week for the same reason, is glowering. Yet both men have displayed an uncanny ability to judge the mood of the moment, and while Trump's convention speech in Cleveland may have been jet black, it was perfect for the moment.

That's because he spoke directly to blue-collar voters whose prospects were withering while those of the elites he pilloried were prospering. The median income of households headed by Americans without college degrees fell dramatically between 2001 and 2012 — "an unprecedented development," in the analysis of Robert J. Shapiro, who advised the Democratic presidential campaigns of Bill Clinton, Albert Gore Jr. and John F. Kerry, and who said that the result was "tens of millions of Americans losing income as they aged from their 30s to their 40s, or from their 40s to their 50s."

• Campaigning for the forgotten Americans and then selecting an administration largely of elites.

Trump spoke often of the people Richard Nixon called the "the great silent majority of my fellow Americans," particularly regarding the Vietnam War. Nixon's speech came on Nov. 3, 1969, almost exactly a year after his election. Trump's appeal to this group — actually, a group born a generation later — came before his election and was a rallying cry for his campaign.

But in debates and on the campaign trail, Trump repeatedly said he would salt his administration with "the best people," a distinctly elitist locution not unusual for presidential candidates. He was not blind to the irony. "What amazes a lot of people is that I'm sitting in an apartment the likes of which nobody's ever seen," he told the Time interviewers preparing the magazine's Person of the Year issue. "And yet I represent the workers of the world."

Lest we forget: Two of the greatest spokesmen for the poor and the striving were Democratic plutocrats with Harvard degrees, Franklin Roosevelt from the Hudson River gentry (who also had a degree from Columbia Law) and John F. Kennedy from the tony precincts of Brookline and Hyannisport.

• Seeking an office of dignity while promoting a culture of insult.

This quality of Trump does set him apart from all of his predecessors, the only exception perhaps being Andrew Jackson. The former general and Indian fighter assailed the stately and stodgy John Quincy Adams, who prevailed in the 1824 election because of what the Jackson forces called a "corrupt bargain."

Trump now must forge his own presidential style. Will he continue to tweet at odd hours? How will he handle ceremonial aspects of the position? What will be his profile at moments of national triumph or grief — or even at formal set-piece occasions such as Memorial Day?

• Running as an apostle of transformation in a system that resists dramatic change.

Trump will not be the first president to confront this contradiction, which isn't of his own making but instead is the making of the founders.

Gen. Eisenhower, full of the rhetoric of change, entered the White House after 16 years of Democratic rule. "Once in office," the pioneer public pollster and political analyst Samuel Lubell predicted in 1952, "the Republicans will automatically endorse much of the New Deal, through the simple device of leaving things untouched." He was right. But then again, Lubell, who died in 1987, never met someone like Trump. No political professional ever has.

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Accidental shooting deaths, injuries spike over the holidays

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The happiest of seasons is also among the deadliest: Unintentional shootings spike in the U.S. during the holidays, and are more likely to occur than any other time of the year, according to an analysis by The Associated Press and the USA TODAY Network.

In all, 32 people were killed nationwide and 59 injured over the past two years from Christmas Eve through New Year's Day, which the analysis identified as the most likely day for accidental shootings each year. The victims were mostly male and young, with a median age of 19. Nearly half the shootings were self-inflicted, and most occurred in their own homes.

The victims are people like Tezlar Wayne Ross, a 20-year-old from Gaffney, South Carolina, who killed himself while playing with a handgun at his home last New Year's Eve. His girlfriend and two other friends witnessed the accident in Ross' bedroom, Cherokee County Coroner Dennis Fowler said. Alcohol was not involved.

"They were absolutely clowning around," Fowler said. "And sometimes that innocent fun, especially with a gun, can get you in trouble. A weapon like that is not a toy."

Several factors contribute to the increase:

— Children and teenagers are out of school for the holidays and have access to unsecured guns at their homes and those of relatives and friends.

— Adults are drinking alcohol and inattentive to gun safety or their children.

— New guns are given and received as gifts in the tens of thousands.

— It's a popular time of year for hunting.

The count does not include three deaths and 16 injuries involving guns fired into the air to celebrate the New Year.

The AP and USA TODAY Network looked at holiday shootings after an earlier investigation found that accidental shootings involving children happen far more often than federal government statistics show. Based on incidents compiled by the Gun Violence Archive, they found that more than 320 minors were killed by unintentional shootings over a 2½ year period that ended June 30.

For those who have lost loved ones in holiday shootings, the season is never again the same. In recent interviews, the mothers of two teenage victims urged families to be aware of the heightened seasonal risk and take precautions to prevent unnecessary gun deaths.

"Alcohol and guns don't mix," warned Teka Russell, 43, of Frankfort, Kentucky, whose 16-year-old son, D'nomyar "Denom" Russell, was shot during a family Christmas gathering in 2014.

Denom's older brother, who was 21 at the time, had received a handgun as a gift earlier in the day for self-protection. After a family dinner, the adults were drinking while Denom played a video game, and one relative shot the gun into a couch to see if it was loaded, Russell said.

Denom's brother "freaked out" and started taking bullets out of the gun, which accidentally discharged as Denom walked around the corner to see what was happening, she said.

The death was ruled an accident and no charges were filed. The family is still struggling without Denom, who was remembered as a happy-go-lucky high school freshman who helped lift up struggling classmates.

The family didn't get together last year for Christmas; Russell said she will try to celebrate the holiday this year for her children.

"I don't want it to always be remembered as a bad day," she said.

FBI data show guns are popular gifts for the holidays: The agency conducted more than 185,700 background checks requested by firearms dealers on Nov. 25, the shopping day known as Black Friday this year. That was a single-day record in the program's 18-year history.

The AP-USA TODAY Network analysis found that the rate of accidental shootings spikes by about 50 percent during the nine days studied compared to the rest of the year.

Gun violence researcher Garen Wintemute of the University of California, Davis said he was unaware of any studies showing an increase in unintentional shootings around the holidays, so the news outlets' findings "might be breaking new ground."

"Lots of people get new firearms over the holidays and might be unfamiliar with them — and not applying the basic rules of good conduct with firearms," he said. Alcohol, too, may play a role, he added.

Researchers said the AP-USA TODAY Network research was the type of study that should be conducted by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but the agency is hamstrung under a 1996 law that blocked funding for research that could be used to advocate gun control.

"There's much research that could help target prevention efforts. This is one example among hundreds," said David Hemenway, director of the Harvard Injury Control Research Center.

Ashlyn Melton of Plaquemine, Louisiana, needs no proof of the dangers of the holiday season. Dec. 30 will be the fifth anniversary of the death of her 13-year-old son, Noah Daigle, who was accidentally shot by his best friend while staying the night at the boy's home.

Report: Crushed Kentucky miner was not wearing safety device

PROVIDENCE, Ky. (AP) — Federal investigators have concluded that a worker crushed to death by a machine at a Kentucky coal mine wasn't wearing an emergency shut-off device, and that his managers had not provided a way to securely attach it.

Managers at Webster County Coal's Dotiki Mine knew about the problem but didn't address it, potentially exposing the company to a higher fin a U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration report says.

Nathan Phillips, 36, was pinned to a wall while trying to move a continuous-mining machine in January. His transmitter, designed to turn off the machine if he got too close, had been on the floor of the mine for about a half-hour before he was killed, the report said.

The company, which is controlled by Alliance Resource Partners LP, also failed to make sure miners didn't work or travel in the danger zone close to the 65-ton machines while they were being moved, MSHA said in the report.

Operators stand nearby using remote-control devices to control the machine as it grinds out coal.

The system is designed to activate a warning light and sound if the operator gets too close, but the foreman, Keith Brown II, and other miners said they were aware of earlier occasions when Phillips either dropped the transmitter or it had fallen out of the pouch while he was operating the machine, according to the report.

Montana state parks administrator abruptly leaves agency

HELENA (AP) — The administrator of Montana's state parks has left his position after eight years.

An email sent to Fish, Wildlife and Parks staff Tuesday says Chas Van Genderen is no longer employed by the department, effective immediately.

The email's author, FWP chief of staff Paul Sihler, writes that the Van Genderen's departure is a personnel issue and he will not comment on it.

FWP spokesman Ron Aasheim says he has no additional information. A phone number listed for Van Genderen appears to be disconnected.

Van Genderen became the parks division's administrator in 2008.

Sihler's email says two employees, Tom Reilley and Melissa Baker, will alternate each month as acting division administrator until the position is permanently filled.

Sihler writes that it is a difficult period for everybody involved, and asks staff to be sensitive and patient.

Montana Briefs

Gold coin found in Montana Salvation Army kettle

KALISPELL (AP) — A Salvation Army worker has found a gold coin amid contributions collected in Montana.

Lt. Kabrina "KB" Hall found the American Buffalo gold coin Friday while counting red kettle donations from the Harvest Foods collection site in Bigfork.

Hall said Kalispell is her first appointment with the Salvation Army and this is the first gold coin she has found.

Two gold coins turned up during the Salvation Army's annual collection last year: a Double Eagle gold coin in Columbia Falls and a Standing Liberty gold piece in Bigfork. The combined total of those coins was about $2,140.

Hall said she is looking forward to selling the coin to bump up the Salvation Army's collection total.

Woman found frozen outside Helena home identified

HELENA (AP) — The Lewis and Clark County Coroner's Office has identified a woman found frozen outside her Helena home last week.

Barbara House, 62, had been found dead under snow on Dec. 14. Her cause of death has not yet been determined.

Coroner Bryan Backeberg said an autopsy was conducted Monday and the results of a toxicology test are pending.

Helena had received 5.8 inches of snow the day House's body was discovered.

No new invasive mussels found in Montana waters

KALISPELL (AP) — A preliminary report suggests that invasive mussels have not moved into Montana water bodies beyond the Missouri River Basin.

Montana Mussel Incident rResponse Team spokeswoman Jeni Flatow said lab results from 372 samples show no new detections of aquatic invasive mussels in Montana lakes or rivers, including the Flathead basin.

The preliminary results come after invasive mussels were found earlier this year in Tiber and Canyon Ferry reservoirs. Since those detections, the state has formed a task force to handle the situation, including expediting water sample testing.

Invasive mussels rapidly multiply and can damage beaches, clog boat motors and dams, harm fish and wildlife and cause costly damage to infrastructure.

Autopsy set for Oregon inmate serving time in Montana prison

BUTTE (AP) — Officials say an autopsy will be performed on a Montana State Prison inmate who died at a hospital in Missoula.

The cause of 54-year-old Carey Edwards' death has not yet been determined. Prison spokeswoman Amy Barton wouldn't say why Edwards was sent to St. Patrick Hospital, where he died Monday, other than it was for a medical emergency.

Edwards was an Oregon inmate who had been housed at the Montana prison since 2000 as an Interstate Compact Transfer.

He was serving a life sentence after being convicted of murder in Multnomah County, Oregon in 1989.

Lottery Roundup

The winning numbers for the Tuesday, Dec. 20, drawing are:

Mega Millions:

1 12 14 48 65 **2**

Megaplier: X5

Estimated jackpot for next drawing: $76 million

For the Record

Havre Police Department

Officers assisted Rocky Boy Police after a caller from the department requested a welfare check on someone Tuesday at 7:48 a.m.

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Kyle Tucker of Havre, 28, was arrested on charges of non-aggravated partner or family member assault and possession of drug paraphernalia after an Eight Avenue caller reported Tuesday at 8:52 a.m. that her ex was behaving violently.

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Officers investigated a motor vehicle crash after a caller near Sixth Avenue reported Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. that a blue vehicle slid into her pickup truck.

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Annaca Lee Nault of Box Elder, 28, was arrested on a Justice or City court warrant and a charge of driving without a driver's license during a motor vehicle stop near the Havre RV Park Tuesday at 5:01 p.m.

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Officers investigated a theft report after a First Street business caller made a report Tuesday at 6:20 p.m. A summons was issued, but no further information was provided.

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Jeri Ann Virginia Salazar of Havre, 23, was arrested today at 2:54 a.m. on a charge of disorderly conduct after a caller near Third Street and Third Avenue reported, earlier, at 12:38 a.m., that a fight was in progress.

Hill County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff's dispatch log reported no investigations or arrests.

Havre Fire Department

Emergency medical personnel responded to two calls Tuesday.

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Fire crews responded to a fire call Tuesday at 12:47 p.m. on the 600 Block of 31st Street North, where an alarm had malfunctioned and went off. The alarm was replaced and no further action was necessaruy.

Havre Animal Shelter

The animal shelter held this morning a black and white feral cat, a black, a black feral cat, four black feral kittens, a calico cat, an orange male kitten, a gray and white male kitten, a tiger-striped male kitten, two gray and white cats and a long-haired, tiger-striped cat

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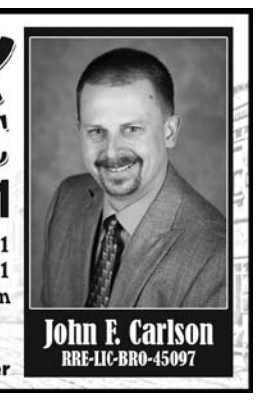
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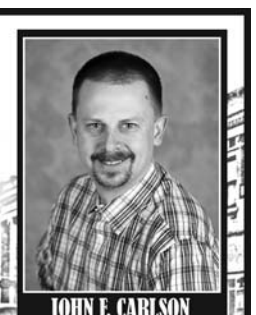
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On a roll: Ponies trample Rustlers

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The Havre High wrestling team is fresh off one of its biggest tournament wins in years. But last night, against CMR, the Blue Ponies showed no signs of complacency, dominating the Rustlers 51-15 inside the HHS Gymnasium Tuesday night.

Havre wasn't perfect on the night, but in the end, the Ponies were pretty close, losing a total of just three matches, while taking home nine victories, with one coming by forfeit.

"We were tired," HHS head coach Scott Filius said. "We have done a lot of wrestling and we had a long trip. But it was really nice to wrestle in our gym and nice not to have to travel. We know, living in Havre, that we have to travel a lot and we accept that, but it was nice to be home in front of our fans. They will follow us a long way, we had a lot of parents cheering us on in Coeur d'Alene but, it was nice they could watch us at home. We don't get many at home."

CMR won the opening match of the night, but after that Mason Dionne got a pin at 152 pounds for Havre over J.C. Depping, then Dane Flammond pinned CMR's Mike Ryan in 25 seconds and HHS led 12-6.

Graydon Irish answered with the Rustlers second win by fall of the night, as he pinned Taylor Gopher of Havre, to tie the dual at 12-12. But thanks to pins by Walter White (182) and Jase Stokes (205), the Ponies grabbed a 24-12 advantage. K.C. Budlay did earn a hard-fought decision for the Rustlers in the heavyweight class, knocking off Jared Sienkowski 4-1, but it would be CMR's last victory of the night.

Cameron Pleninger notched a pin at 103 pounds for Havre, followed by a victory by Ryan Stewart that also came via pin in just 1:13. Marc Ramirez got a win for HHS, via forfeit at 120 pounds, which pushed the lead to 42-15.

Lane Paulson (126) won a 4-2 decision over Carter Carroll and to close things out, Martin Wilkie got a victory at 132 pounds after pinning CMR's Zach Williamson in 1:19.

"I was pleased with the effort throughout," Filius said. "Technically, the kids are starting to get better and they are starting to understand what we want from them as coaches. It's coming around."

After taking on the Rustlers inside the HHS gymnasium Tuesday, Havre will turn around and take on Lewistown Thursday The two Central A rivals rarely dual each other head-to-head, but Filius said the Eagles could provide a challenge, at least at a few different weights.

"Overall, I don't think it will be much of a challenge," Filius said. "But they do have four or five kids that will make things hard on us. They have some good young kids and they have an up-and-coming program. So it will be nice to have them come here and it will be nice for us to wrestle in our gym again."

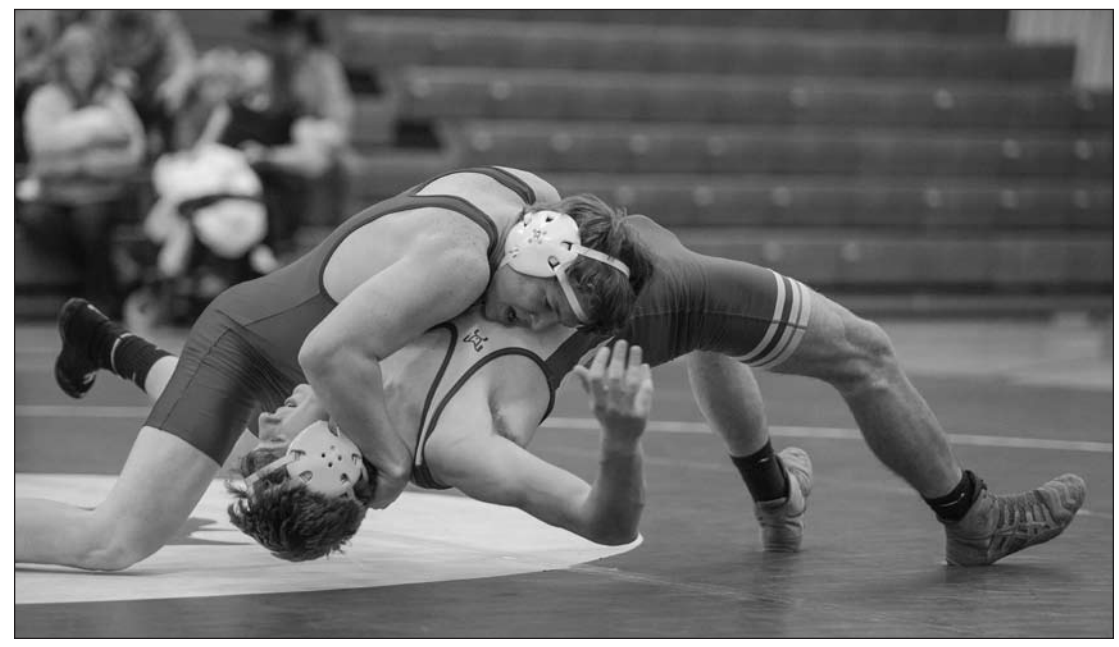
Coach Filius said his lineup will be mostly the same, except he may substitute Quinn Reno at 103 pounds for Pleninger. Parker Filius should also be back in action. He didn't wrestle Tuesday because CMR did not have a 145-pounder.

"CMR didn't have anyone at 145 pounds," coach Filius said. "So we didn't see the point of getting him weighed in."

Havre and Lewistown will dual Thursday 4 p.m.

Havre Daily News/Colin Thompson

Above: Havre freshman Cameron Pleninger, top, holds down a CMR opponent during their 103-pound match Tuesday night at the HHS gymnasium. The Blue Ponies dominated the Class AA Rustlers 51-15. Below: HHS' Walter White, left, has CMR's Eric Adle in a move during Tuesday night's dual in Havre. The Blue Ponies host Lewistown Thursday. For more photos from the dual, go to www.havredailynews.com.



Havre 51, CMR 15

103 - Cameron Pleninger, HAV pinned Jared Masters, CMR, 3:14; 113 - Ryan Stewart, HAV, pinned Andrew Paradise, CMR, 1:22; 120 - Marc Ramirez, HAV, win by forfeit; 126 - Lane Pauslon, HAV, 4-2 dec. Carter Carroll, CMR; 132 - Martin Wilkie, HAV, pinned Zach Williamson, 1:19; Kai Stewart, CMR, pinned Connor Harris, HAV, 4:30; 152 - Mason Dionne, HAV, pinned JC Depping, 2:00; 160 - Dane Flammond, HAV, pinned Mike Ryan, CMR, :25; 170 - Graydon Irish, CMR, pinned Taylor Gopher, HAV, 3:20; 182 - Walter White, HAV, pinned Eric Adle, CMR, 1:31; 205- Jase Stokes, HAV, pinned Austin Cooper, CMR, 1:20. HWT - KC Buday, CMR, 4-1 dec. Jared Sienkowksi, HAV.

Ponies beat Malta for first win

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After an 0-4 start, it was hard to know what to expect from the Havre High boys basketball team, on the road, in Malta.

But against a team that defeated the Blue Ponies twice last season, Havre found a way to play its best game to date this season and in the process, upended the Mustangs 59-56 on their home floor Tuesday night.

The Ponies, who have struggled to score so far this season, had no such problems in Malta, jumping out to an 19-8 at the end of the first quarter. HHS continued its hot start, added 15 points in the second quarter, to take a 34-23 lead over Malta at halftime.

Havre maintained its lead in the third quarter, thanks to another 13-point showing, giving the Ponies a 10-point advantage, 47-37, with eight minutes to play. Early in the fourth, Malta had gotten within seven, but a key bucket by Jacob LaBrie and a 3-pointer by Isaac Warp pushed the lead to 54-45.

From there, Malta went on a 9-0 run to get back within two points at 56-54, but two free throws by Nate Korb extended the lead to four and Havre hung on for the 3-point victory.

"We were more active on the defensive end," HHS head coach Curt Leeds said. "And we had some shots fall in the first couple of minutes and that gave us some confidence on the offensive end."

After scoring fewer than 40 points in their last two games, the offensive outburst was needed for Havre, which scored at least 12 points in all four quarters. Korb, who made two clutch free throws late, led the way for the Ponies with 17. LaBrie added 14 in the game; Ivar Aageson and Ryan Bakke each had nine and Warp finished with six. Havre connected on six 3-pointers, with three coming from LaBrie.

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Havre's Nate Korb scored 17 points to help the Blue Ponies beat the Malta Mustangs in Malta Tuesday night.

HHS is now 1-4 on the season and will play one last game before the holiday break. The Ponies will host CMR Great Falls High tonight at 7 inside the HHS gymnasium.

Havre 59, Malta 56

Havre 19 15 13 12 - 59

Malta 8 15 14 19 - 56

Havre - Jacob LaBrie 14, Nate Korb 17, Isaac Warp 6, Ryan Bakke 9, Ivar Aageson 9, Michael Loftus 2, Jake Sedahl 2.

Merry Christmas from Harvest Moon Lanes

Julie Rodgers
Guest Columnist

The holidays are in full swing, shopping, wrapping, baking and parties. Harvest Moon Lanes had a pretty good turnout for the Saturday Jackpot Bowling. Sad to say, none of the three pots were won, but that only means they will increase in value.

Harvest Moon Lanes will be closed Saturday and Sunday so employees can spend time with family and friends. The following Saturday is New Year's Eve Jackpot Bowling. The two pots will be for $45, and the final pot will be for $125, we will draw until some lucky bowler takes it home. So you still have time to reserve your spots. Bowling starts at 8 p.m. and we will end at 11 p.m. Live music by Plowed Under will be in the bar for you to enjoy, and all Jackpot bowlers will be given free cover charge to enter. Free champagne will be distributed at midnight. Watch the ball drop with your friends on the big scree TVs in the bar.

Harvest Moon Lanes wants everyone to enjoy their evening, but we would also like to remind everyone to be safe and designate a driver. All designated drivers will receiver free non-alcoholic drinks during their stay. Also, ride free services are available throughout town to help make sure everyone is safe. Call 265-5885 to reserve your spots.

High scores for the week were, Julie Rodgers with a 219 game and 582 series for the women. The men had a tie for high game between Shawn Mariani and Cody Thompson with 258. Roman Surber had the high series with 669.

Until next week, Harvest Moon Lanes wishes everyone a happy holidays.

Sunday Mixed: Women's: Michelle Denny 172-455, Alicia Burrington 156-432, Alita Newton 154-163-420, Janet Robinson 167-427; Men's: Barry Cowdery 207, Ryne Antley 221, Jeff Lynnes 203,214 583, Don Jones 217-587. High Series: Independence Bank, 2,749; 1st Place: Independence Bank.

Women's City: Rhonda Gregoire 180, Lisa Overlie 171-446, Julie Rodgers 219-582, Kim Purkett 177, Lacy Farmer 174-455, Pam Conaster 180-175-474, Maxine Munson 188-538. High Series: Independence Bank 2,352; 1st Place: Independence Bank.

Men's City: Dean Person 242, 209, 203-654; Sean Willadsen 224, 224-610; Mike Kasper 222, Cody Thompson 258-600; Dustin Kinsella 233, Brett Preeshl 212, 216, 218-640, Paul Jensen 221, 215-609; Roman Surber 224, 205, 249-699, Chuck Wimmer 222, 221, 214-623, Ryan Mapes 213, 205-637, Shawn Mariani 258, 207-623, Jay Shulund 214, Chris Owens 210-602; High Series: Oxford Bar, 3,201; 1st Place: Nalivka's.

Thursday Morning: Julie Rodgers 190, 188-544, Ginger Zanto 162-469, Dianne Watson 165, Jackie Mayer 177, 177-473, Donna Mangold 163, 185-480, Delonna Malone 187, 175-503, High Series: Frontier Lawn, 1,830; 1st Place: Havre Home & Hardware.

Thursday Mixers: Women's: Jeania 178-424, Sarah Randolph 160-457; Men's: Andy Owens 209, 191, 571, Doug Watson 203, Donald Linderman 231-552; High Series: Watson Trucking; 1st Place: Watson Trucking.

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Hi-Line Athlete Profile

Resilient Shambo helping HLP soar

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Hays-Lodge Pole's Tyson Shambo, left, shoots over a Harlem defender during the 2016 Native American Classic earlier this month in Havre. Shambo, a Class C All-State guard, has helped bring back HLP basketball to prominence, and he's getting to experience the game not only playing with his best friends but also being coached and mentored by his dad.

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Tyson Shambo has already had a memorable career in athletics at Hays-Lodge Pole. On both the football field and the basketball court, Shambo is one of the better Thunderbird athletes in recent memory.

On the basketball floor, Shambo has been a floor general for the T-Birds since 2014 and has been a big part of the roundball revival for HLP, which has made back-to-back appearances at the Northern C Divisional.

During that run, Shambo has been instrumental. As a sophomore, he proved to be one of the best up-and-coming players in the District 9C and eventually earned All-State honors after scoring more than 15 points per game.

Shambo and the T-Birds were even better in the postseason that year, getting all the way to the district championship game, before falling to Box Elder. HLP also made the semifinals at divisionals before bowing out to eventual champion Belt.

Then, before the start of his junior season, Shambo suffered an accident while hunting. He fell and a piece of glass pierced his arm and caused damage to some nerves. The injury cost him a chance to play football and it could have cost him his junior season of basketball, but Shambo was determined not to let it.

"I just always tried to stay positive," Shambo said. "I tried to never get down. I watched a lot of motivational videos and watched a lot of professional athletes that came back from injury. I remembered Paul Pierce coming back from a broken leg, so I thought if they can do it, I can too."

And return Shambo did. And while it took him some time to find his game, he eventually helped lead the T-Birds back to divisionals, only to fall short again of the state tournament, even though they won two games. For his part, Shambo earned First-Team All-9C honors, proving ultimately that the injury didn't affect him.

While Shambo is a star on the hardwood, he's good on the gridiron, too, and he showed that this past fall, when, as quarterback for the T-Birds, he helped guide them to two victories, the first for the program since 2011. In fact, with a win over Chinook in the season-finale, the T-Birds wound up winning multiple games for the first time in a long time,

Now, it's basketball season and with the combination of Shambo and Frank Runs Above for the third straight year, the T-Birds mean business. Under the direction of Derek Shambo, Tyson's father, HLP is 2-1 on the season, losing only to Arlee in a competitive game. In their most recent outing, the T-Birds beat Chinook, another 9C contender by 34, which shows what they are capable of when firing on all cylinders.

The first goal for Shambo is winning the district. Beyond that, he has many other achievements in mind. But he and the T-Birds will have to navigate the 9C first, a schedule that continues with games this week against North Star and Big Sandy.

But before taking part in the final two games for HLP before the holiday break, the Havre Daily News caught up with Shambo for five questions.

HDN: What's it been like having your dad as the head coach for Hays-Lodge Pole?

Shambo: "It's been really great. He has pretty much been coaching me my entire life. He has taught me pretty much everything I know about basketball and he was always our coach growing up, so it's been a great experience for me, but really the whole team really likes him because he has always been our coach and always taken us to tournaments in the summer and things like that."

HDN: Tell me about you and Frank. You guys obviously have played together a long time, what has that been like?

Shambo: "I have been playing with Frank my whole life. We hang out a lot and we play on the court a lot. It has really been great. It's special when you play with someone for so long. The game just becomes fun. We also know how to take constructive criticism from each other."

HDN: What is going to be the key for you guys to achieve your goals this season?

Shambo: "I think we just need to keep up the team work and keep working together. We just have to keep doing what we are doing. This year just seems different. We just have to keep playing, that's the main thing, that and having fun. That's what we are doing right now, just playing and having fun."

HDN: What is an individual goal you want to achieve this season?

Shambo: "I am really hoping to earn a basketball scholarship. I know those are really hard to get and not many people get them, but that is what I want to do. I want to be a role model for the kids around here and even though we are already, I want to show them what you can do with hard work."

HDN: With is being so close to Christmas, if you could have any Christmas present, what would it be?

Shambo: "If I could have anything, I would probably say a big house, with a basketball court and a lot of money. And I would just play ball all day and teach kids how to play ball."

Sports Record

College

The Top Twenty Five
The Associated Press

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Villanova (56)	11-0	1614	1
2. UCLA (3)	12-0	1514	2
3. Kansas	10-1	1450	3
4. Baylor (6)	11-0	1439	4
5. Duke	10-1	1385	5
6. Kentucky	10-1	1337	6
7. Gonzaga	11-0	1211	8
8. North Carolina	10-2	1170	7
9. Creighton	11-0	1058	10
10. Louisville	10-1	1044	11
11. West Virginia	9-1	937	12
12. Virginia	9-1	886	13
13. Butler	10-1	821	18
14. Wisconsin	10-2	781	14
15. Purdue	9-2	754	15
16. Indiana	8-2	719	9
17. Xavier	9-2	542	17
18. Arizona	10-2	501	19
19. Saint Mary's (Cal)	8-1	389	20
20. Oregon	10-2	299	22
21. Florida St.	11-1	290	23
22. South Carolina	9-1	218	16
23. Southern Cal	10-0	212	24
24. Cincinnati	9-2	202	25
25. Notre Dame	9-2	188	21

Others receiving votes: Florida 48, Virginia Tech 40, Maryland 27, Seton Hall 15, Oklahoma St. 8, Valparaiso 7, Minnesota 6, Miami 5, Northwestern 4, Clemson 1, Iowa St. 1, Kansas St 1, Loyola of Chicago 1.

NCAA FCS Playoff Glance
The Associated Press

Semifinals

Friday, Dec. 16
James Madison 27, North Dakota State 17

Saturday, Dec. 17
Youngstown State 40, Eastern Washington 38

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Saturday, Jan. 7
At Toyota Stadium
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James Madison (13-1) vs. Youngstown State (12-3), Noon.

NFL

National Football League
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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	12	2	0	.857	365	233
Miami	9	5	0	.643	315	314
Buffalo	7	7	0	.500	358	314
N.Y. Jets	4	10	0	.286	242	358

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	8	6	0	.571	250	294
Tennessee	8	6	0	.571	340	323
Indianapolis	7	7	0	.500	362	339
Jacksonville	2	12	0	.143	260	359

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	9	5	0	.643	341	276
Baltimore	8	6	0	.571	306	263
Cincinnati	5	8	1	.393	288	293
Cleveland	0	14	0	.000	220	408

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Oakland	11	3	0	.786	377	336
Kansas City	10	4	0	.714	319	274
Denver	8	6	0	.571	299	258
San Diego	5	9	0	.357	366	366

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Dallas	12	2	0	.857	366	258
N.Y. Giants	10	4	0	.714	272	250
Washington	7	6	1	.536	345	343
Philadelphia	5	9	0	.357	316	299

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	9	5	0	.643	469	358
Tampa Bay	8	6	0	.571	313	322
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429	406	392
Carolina	6	8	0	.429	337	352

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	9	5	0	.643	301	285
Green Bay	8	6	0	.571	363	339
Minnesota	7	7	0	.500	264	259
Chicago	3	11	0	.214	248	320

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Seattle	9	4	1	.679	298	235
Arizona	5	8	1	.393	340	325
Los Angeles	4	10	0	.286	197	328
San Francisco	1	13	0	.071	264	434

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Thursday's Games
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 8:25 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at New England, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Los Angeles, 4:25 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 8:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 4:30 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
Detroit at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 1
New England at Miami, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 1 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.
Arizona at Los Angeles, 4:25 p.m.
Oakland at Denver, 4:25 p.m.

NBA

National Basketball Association
The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	20	8	.714	—
Boston	16	12	.571	4
New York	15	13	.536	5
Brooklyn	7	20	.259	12½
Philadelphia	7	21	.250	13

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	16	13	.552	—
Atlanta	14	14	.500	1½
Washington	12	15	.444	3
Orlando	13	17	.433	3½
Miami	9	20	.310	7

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	20	6	.769	—
Chicago	14	13	.519	6½
Milwaukee	13	13	.500	7
Indiana	15	15	.500	7
Detroit	14	16	.467	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	23	5	.821	—
Houston	21	8	.724	2½
Memphis	18	12	.600	6
New Orleans	10	20	.333	14
Dallas	7	21	.250	16

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	18	11	.621	—
Oklahoma City	16	12	.571	1½
Portland	13	17	.433	5½
Denver	12	17	.414	6
Minnesota	8	19	.296	9

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	25	4	.862	—
L.A. Clippers	21	8	.724	4
Sacramento	11	17	.393	13½
L.A. Lakers	11	20	.355	15
Phoenix	8	20	.286	16½

Tuesday's Games
Charlotte 117, L.A. Lakers 113
New Orleans 108, Philadelphia 93
New York 118, Indiana 111
Orlando 136, Miami 130, 2OT
Toronto 116, Brooklyn 104
Boston 112, Memphis 109, OT
Cleveland 114, Milwaukee 108, OT
San Antonio 102, Houston 100
Golden State 104, Utah 74
L.A. Clippers 119, Denver 102
Sacramento 126, Portland 121

Wednesday's Games
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Houston at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Boston at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Miami, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Houton at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Miami at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Denver, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Utah, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Portland, 10 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	32	21	7	4	46	101	70
Ottawa	33	19	11	3	41	86	88
Boston	34	17	14	3	37	80	83
Tampa Bay	33	16	14	3	35	95	92
Florida	33	15	13	5	35	81	90
Buffalo	31	12	11	8	32	69	83
Detroit	33	14	15	4	32	79	93
Toronto	31	12	12	7	31	87	94

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	33	21	7	5	47	116	92
N.Y. Rangers	35	23	11	1	47	115	82
Columbus	30	21	5	4	46	101	63
Philadelphia	34	19	11	4	42	107	102
Washington	30	19	8	3	41	81	66
Carolina	31	13	11	7	33	82	87
New Jersey	32	12	13	7	31	75	98
N.Y. Islanders	32	12	14	6	30	85	101

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	35	22	9	4	48	101	84
Minnesota	31	19	8	4	42	91	60
St. Louis	34	18	11	5	41	96	98
Nashville	32	15	12	5	35	94	90
Dallas	34	13	14	7	33	86	104
Winnipeg	35	15	17	3	33	91	104
Colorado	31	11	19	1	23	65	99

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	33	20	12	1	41	84	73
Anaheim	34	17	12	5	39	95	97
Edmonton	34	17	12	5	39	100	92
Calgary	35	17	16	2	36	90	102
Los Angeles	32	16	13	3	35	81	81
Vancouver	33	14	16	3	31	84	101
Arizona	32	11	16	5	27	72	101

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Islanders 4, Boston 2
Nashville 5, New Jersey 1
Columbus 3, Los Angeles 2, SO
Pittsburgh 7, N.Y. Rangers 2
Florida 4, Buffalo 3, SO
Montreal 5, Anaheim 1
Tampa Bay 4, Detroit 1
Minnesota 2, Colorado 0
Ottawa 4, Chicago 3
St. Louis 3, Dallas 2, OT
Vancouver 4, Winnipeg 1
San Jose 4, Calgary 1

Wednesday's Games
Washington at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Arizona, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Pittsburgh at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Winnipeg at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games
Minnesota at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

North Carolina lawmakers meeting to consider HB2 repeal

GARY D. ROBERTSON
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RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina's legislature is reconvening to see if enough lawmakers are willing to repeal a 9-month-old law that limited LGBT rights, including which bathrooms transgender people can use in public schools and government buildings.

House and Senate members planned to meet in the capital today for a special session two days after the Charlotte City Council gutted an ordinance that in March led the Republican-controlled General Assembly to pass House Bill 2, known by some as the "bathroom bill."

For months, the state's Republican leaders had said they were willing to consider repealing the law if Charlotte acted first to undo its expanded antidiscrimination ordinance. But the mayor and most council members, with the support of gay rights groups, had been unwilling to do so in the name of equality.

The Democrat-controlled council didn't act until Monday, two weeks after GOP Gov. Pat McCrory conceded the gubernatorial race to Democrat Roy Cooper.

During the race, Cooper blasted McCrory over the law he signed and its fallout — job losses, canceled concerts and sporting events — contributed to McCrory's narrow defeat. Cooper, the attorney general for the past 16 years, helped broker Charlotte's cooperation in the deal and said during the campaign he wanted HB2 repealed.

Although House Speaker Tim Moore and Senate leader Phil Berger said earlier this week that they "would take up the repeal of HB2" in a special session, uncertainty over exactly what lawmakers will do remains. The legislature has shown a willingness to go its own way, despite intense outside pressure to scrap the law.

Over the past year, there has been bitter fighting between Democrats and Republicans. Just last week, Republican leaders convened a surprise legislative session and passed two laws designed to bring Cooper's powers in check when he becomes governor Jan. 1.

Cooper expects a full repeal of HB2, his spokeswoman said.

A few lawmakers from both parties interviewed Tuesday said they anticipated a simple measure they would support to repeal the entire bill.

"My hope for the session is that we have a one-day session with one bill and we go home," GOP Rep. Chuck McGrady of Hendersonville said. But McGrady said any lawmaker could offer amendments to retain parts of the law, which could complicate matters.

Some conservative lawmakers — urged on by conservative Christians groups that supported HB2 — are likely to want to keep the law in place.

"I'm not interested in repealing anything," GOP Rep. Jeff Collins of Rocky Mount told The Wilson Times. "I think we did the right thing the first time."

The Charlotte measure approved Monday notes that it won't take effect unless HB2 is repealed in its entirety by Dec. 31. And some sections of the city's expanded nondiscrimination ordinance for LGBT people approved earlier this year that weren't invalidated by HB2 were left intact. Both details could give some lawmakers justification not to repeal the state law today.

But repealing the bill would require only a handful of GOP support — perhaps 10 members in the Senate or 15 in the House — if all Democrats voted for it. The session that McCrory called is scheduled several days before Christmas, with some legislators out of town.

HB2 is best known for requiring transgender people to use restrooms corresponding to the sex on their birth certificate rather than their gender identity.

It also limits statewide protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in public accommodations and employment, and it reinforced a prohibition on local governments from raising minimum wage. Local governments are also prevented from enacting nondiscrimination measures that would go further than state law.

Discussions about repealing the law increased after decisions by the NCAA and Atlantic Coast Conference to move their championship events out of North Carolina this academic year. The NBA also moved an All-Star Game out of Charlotte.

LGBT groups, which had fought any deal with legislators earlier this year to do away with the Charlotte ordinance, are now on board if the result is the end of HB2.

"Full and complete repeal of HB2 is the only acceptable outcome," Stephen Peters of Human Rights Campaign said Tuesday in an email.

Follow Robertson at www.twitter.com/garydrobertson and Drew at www.twitter.com/jonldrew.

Chuck Liddy/The News & Observer via AP, File

Protesters head into the Legislative building April 25 for a sit-in against House Bill 2 in Raleigh, N.C. North Carolina legislators will repeal the contentious HB2 law that limited protections for LGBT people and led to an economic backlash, the state's Gov.-elect Roy Cooper said today.

What North Carolina's wide-ranging 'bathroom bill' covers

By The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina lawmakers will hold a special session today to consider the repeal of a law passed earlier this year that limits protections for LGBT people.

The law has been widely opposed by numerous businesses, organizations and individuals. Gov. Pat McCrory's defense of the bill was a contributing factor in his narrow loss to Democrat Roy Cooper, who will take office in January and announced Monday that he had a deal with legislators to get rid of the law.

Repeal of the law could also end legal challenges by the federal Justice Department and transgender residents.

Passage of the state law was a reaction to the city of Charlotte passing a broad nondiscrimination ordinance the state GOP opposed. On Monday, the city voted to undo its ordinance — provided the legislature repeal HB2 by the end of the year.

One part of the original law has already been done away with. HB2 initially prohibited employees of private businesses from filing lawsuits in state courts alleging workplace discrimination but the legislature amended the law to reinstate that right.

Here are the three main sections of the law:

PUBLIC ACCOMODATIONS

The law blocked a range of protections from taking effect in the state's largest city. Charlotte's ordinance would have covered gays and lesbians as well as bisexual and transgender people when they try to check into hotels, eat in restaurants or hail cabs; it also added marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression to the city's list of protected characteristics in public accommodations and commercial businesses.

The state law instead created a new statewide public accommodations policy that prohibits discrimination based on race, religion, color, national origin or biological sex. But the law includes no specific LGBT protections, essentially preventing local governments from in the future approving ordinances similar to what Charlotte approved.

Weeks after the law's passage, McCrory did issue an executive order that expanded protections based on sexual orientation and gender orientation to state workers who work for the state's executive branch.

The law also forbids cities and counties throughout North Carolina from imposing any additional requirements on employers. A handful of local governments had made veterans a protected class, and this is no longer allowed.

BATHROOM USE

Essentially, government agencies of all kinds must direct men and boys to multi-stall restrooms and locker rooms designated for use by people born as male, and keep women and girls in those designated for the female biological sex.

This applies to public schools, state university and community college systems, state agencies and local government offices.

Single-occupancy bathrooms or changing facilities are still allowed "upon a request due to special circumstances" to a local school board or by a person to a public agency. The decision on accommodating the request appears to rest with the school board or the agency.

There are exceptions, such as when preschoolers enter a restroom with their mother or father, or when a person with a disability needs assistance. Transgender people who have obtained a new birth certificate after a sex-change operation can enter the multi-occupancy bathroom that matches their new gender.

But just how individuals should apply and enforce the new rules is unaddressed in the law.

WORKPLACE RULES

The law also reaffirmed that local governments can't require area businesses to pay a minimum wage higher than North Carolina's statewide minimum, currently set at $7.25 an hour. Cities and counties also can't enforce ordinances setting their own minimum standards for businesses for paid sick leave or other employee benefits, and can't require government contractors to meet public accommodations standards above those set in state law.

Cities and counties can continue to set higher wage and benefit minimums for their own workers, or for company workers when required as part of an economic recruitment and incentives agreement.

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MSU to host barley and sugarbeet symposium Jan. 10-11

From MSU News Service

BOZEMAN — Montana State University, in conjunction with the University of Wyoming, will host a malt barley and sugarbeet symposium Jan. 10-11 at the Big Horn Resort in Billings.

The first day of the event will focus on barley production, precision agriculture techniques, reducing tilling practices and farming business issues. The keynote speaker will be Wade Malchow, sourcing manager for barley, malt and elevator operations with MillerCoors. The second day will focus on sugarbeet production, with Luther Markwart, executive vice president of the American Sugarbeet Growers Association, as the keynote speaker.

Additional speakers include Juliet Marshall with the Idaho Falls Research and Extension Center; Mark Boetel, North Dakota State University Research and Extension entomologist; Don Morishita, superintendent of Kimberly and Twin Falls Research and Extension Centers; and Andrew Kniss, associate professor of plant sciences at the University of Wyoming. Rebecca Larsen of Western Sugar and the Women of Biotech, who serve to promote the agricultural industry from the point of view of farmers, will speak, as well.

Pesticide applicator credits will be available. Symposium registration and a full agenda is available online at msuextension.org/pspp.

Pre-registration is $20 per day or $40 for both days. On-site registration is $25 per day. A special hotel rate of $89 is available before Dec. 26.

For more information, contact Jessica Rupp, MSU assistant professor of plant sciences and plant pathology and Extension plant pathologist specialist, at jessica.rupp@montana.edu or 406-994-5572.

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Seedstock producers give back to Montana FFA members

Press release

BOZEMAN — Bull producers across the state are taking part in a new program to support Montana FFA members in their beef production projects.

The new program with the Montana FFA Foundation has been very successful thanks to the generous support of these producers.

The Bulls for Blue: Genetics for Success program is designed to support FFA members with beef production projects. Montana seedstock producers can contribute by donating 10 percent of lot 10 to the Montana FFA Foundation. The program was started in 2015 and provides start-up funds for students in the beef industry. Students can use these funds to purchase cows, secure leased ground for grazing, and other costs associated with their project.

For the 2016 year, Bulls for Blue provided $8,000 in grants to support Montana FFA members in their endeavors, and we hope to increase this number for the 2017 year. Ninety-five percent of all funds generated through this program go directly back to our members in the form of grants, with a 5 percent operating stipend for administration needs.

Producers that have supported the program include: Bobcat Angus, Bulls of the Bitterroot, DeBruycker Charolais, Diamond D Angus, Felton Angus, Gateway Simmental, Hyline Angus Ranch, Indreland Angus, Klompein Red Angus, Mytty Angus, Prickly Pear Simmental, Sitz Angus, Stevenson Angus, Stevenson Basin Angus, Stevenson's Diamond Dot, Sutherlin Farms, Shipwheel Cattle Company and Vermillion Ranch.

This year, the Montana FFA Foundation hopes to support even more projects across the state by including programs for heifer and steer donations as well. For more information on how to get involved, visit the website, montanaffa.org, or call the office at 406-582-4118.

Two Creek Monture Ranch honored with Environmental Stewardship Award

Ovando ranchers work to make 'the best, better' through collaborative conservation efforts

From Montana Stockgrowers Association

The Two Creek Monture Ranch, of Ovando has been recognized as the 2017 Montana Environmental Stewardship Award winners.

Ranch managers Wayne and Karalee Slaght and family accepted the award Dec. 9 at the Montana Stockgrowers Association Annual Convention and trade show in Billings. The Two Creek Monture Ranch will now represent Montana at the Region IV Environmental Stewardship Award competition in Denver this spring.

Like the old 4-H motto, the ranch team is focused on "making the best better."

"That, to me, is that it means to be a good steward," Karalee said. "It's keeping up with new ideas for improving all of these things."

The Slaghts manage about 21,000 acres — half deeded and half leased — for owners Ralph and Toone Burchenal on the southern edge of the complex and greatly celebrated Crown of the Continent ecosystem in western Montana. It's arguably one of the last "best" places in the lower 48, yet the Burchenals and Slaghts continue to work to make it even better for future generations with decades of conservation and stewardship behind them and still ahead.

Greg Neudecker with the Montana Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program has worked with the Slaght family for more than 25 years and recommended the ranch for the award.

"Right now, we have all the critters that were here 200 years ago when Merriweather Lewis came through here. So from a working lands perspective, we don't have anything else like that in the lower 48 states and very few places in the world — so it's a very, very special place," Neudecker said. "It has old growth forests, incredible aspen stands, riparian areas, native bunch grass prairies, glaciated pothole wetlands — it's got everything, and that's due in large part to their stewardship."

Of course, the ranch team's main focus is the cattle. About 900 make their home on the commercial cow-calf ranch, and they not only co-exist, but play an important part in improving the landscape.

Wayne was raised on the neighboring Monture Ranch, where his father worked and managed for most of his ranching career, too. Wayne had been managing the Monture Ranch for more than 15 years when the Burchenals purchased and added it to the Two Creek Ranch, where Wayne, son Ben and brother-in-law Ken Kovatch now manage and work together on private, state and federal land.

"It's so important to prove — especially to the Fish and Wildlife guys — that cattle are a useful tool for the land," Wayne said. "They do co-exist with wildlife, which is quite proven on this ranch."

They've been able to grow the cattle herd over the years by not only making their deeded land more productive, but by fostering relationships that have led to new and continued leased grazing opportunities on neighboring state and federal lands. They work to improve owned and leased land alike with strategic rotational grazing, water development and riparian restoration projects.

"We realized we needed to work with all these federal and state agencies — we have to be on the same page," Wayne said. "We're here to partner with those folks to help manage the entire landscape. It we weren't here and they were subdividing us and turning this into houses, we've all realized we'd all be in trouble."

Managing a landscape full of endangered or threatened species — including grizzly bears, wolves and bull trout — plus abundant elk, deer, Sandhill cranes, turkeys and trumpeter swans, requires planning, innovation and a lot of collaboration in order to stay in business and balance a healthy ecosystem.

"Those species are all indicators — grizzly bears are large landscape indicators, bull trout are clean water indicators, trumpeter swans are healthy wetland indicators. So those are all indicators of how well a landscape has been managed," Neudecker said. "One of the things that wildlife is completely compatible with is ranching. If we don't have ranching and livestock and private landowners to maintain these open landscapes, we don't have places for these wild critters to roam, either."

The ranch played a key role in the rehabilitation of bull trout redds — spawning sites — on Monture Creek over the past 30 years, and continue to seek new ways to develop water that will enhance their grazing rotation and conserve riparian areas and in-stream flow for fisheries.

"Obviously, balancing the needs of fish and wildlife with the agricultural operation has its challenges in the modern world," Ron Pierce, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks fisheries biologist wrote in his letter of recommendation. "With these challenges in mind, the Two Creek Ranch has been a progressive leader with the ranching/conservation community of the Blackfoot Valley."

That leadership extends beyond the ranching community, too. Wayne's been a 4-H leader for nearly 40 years, served on local school boards, the volunteer fire department, coached grade school basketball and more, while frequently hosting local, state, national and international tour groups on the ranch to share conservation efforts and ideas.

"They're not only a voice of reason, they're a practice of reason that's really, really good for our industry," neighboring rancher David Mannix said. "Wayne's an early adapter. He has the courage to implement some of these things, and then he also has courage to share failures or challenges so the next neighbor can do it a little better and the third guy can do it a little bit better still."

Like his father and ranching mentors before him, Wayne's focus on making the "best, better," is geared toward leaving the land and leadership of the industry in better shape with the next generation. Ben came back to the ranch full-time in 2008 after earning a business degree from the University of Montana Western.

"I'd love to stay here and keep working to improve the ranch every day," Ben said. "We've just got to keep doing our homework and looking around us to see what's changing, what's next. We're always learning. We're constantly learning more about trees, about grass, about water — learning to increase what we can do with those resources. You're constantly learning, constantly changing and keeping an open mind to the fact that we don't know everything — you can always learn more from somebody else."

Conservation by the numbers at Two Creek Monture Ranch

- Improved management on more than 15 riparian miles on four different creeks on the ranch, each which support valuable fisheries and water sources for livestock and wildlife.
- Entered more than 5,000 acres of valuable grasslands, wetlands, riparian and timberland in to conservation easements to permanently steward those lands through the generations.
- Restored previously degraded instream habitat on more than 2 miles of streams on the ranch, while maintaining ranch water use and increasing production and irrigation efficiencies.
- Restored six drained wetlands totaling more than 100 surface acres on the ranch.
- Played a critical role in returning the final missing species Merriweather Lewis noted in the Blackfoot Valley 200 years ago. Ranch owners Ralph and Toone Burchenal made the initial financial donation to the Trumpeter Swan Restoration Project, and the ranch ushered the first breeding pair onto a restored wetland. Today, more than 10 pairs of Trumpeter Swans are established in the Blackfoot Valley.
- Developed riparian grazing plans and cooperative agreements to bring Federally Threatened bull trout spawning sites on Monture Creek from a low of eight redds in 1989 to a high of 92 redds, averaging 50 redds annually over the course of the past 30 years.
- Site of the first grizzly bear depredation on a calf documents in the Blackfoot Valley in more than 50 years. Installed the valley's first grizzly bear resistant fencing, leading other ranchers to do the same.
- Five years after their first calf was killed in 1998, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks documented 77 agriculturally-related grizzly bear/human conflicts in the valley. Over the past 10 years, thanks to management efforts and best practices by ranches like the Two Creek Monture Ranch and collaboration with cooperating agencies, conflicts have averaged around 12 per year, while the grizzly population has been increasing by 3 percent each year.
- Improved the forage capacity of one pasture by four times in one year with an aggressive noxious weed control program.

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ANNIE'S MAILBOX

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Dear Annie: I have a brainteaser for you. My husband and I have been married for nearly 11 years. He was divorced from his first wife about 15 years ago; they had no children. His family has welcomed me with open arms.

However, his ex-wife continues to stay in touch with family members. They even visit her and host her at their homes. Never has she been invited to family gatherings, and no one talks about her in front of me, but I still find out about it. My husband has made clear to these family members that this is awkward and not healthy for the ex-wife, but they persist.

I have two concerns. One, it feels as if someone is lurking in the shadows, and two, it seems odd that she has not moved on after so many years. I gave up connection to some lovely people when my ex-boyfriend and I split up, because it felt like the right thing to do for both of us. What's your take on this situation? -- Scratching My Head in NH

Dear Scratching: It's bizarre that she's still hovering around, 15 years later. By now, she ought to have buzzed off and found her own hive. When you say goodbye to a partner, you say goodbye to his family, too. (If there were children involved, it would be different.)

But clearly, some of your in-laws are encouraging her. So that raises the question: Who? Is it just one person? A sister who always got along well with this woman and connected with her as a friend? If that's the case, try to let the friendship remain and just ask that they continue to meet only at times other than family functions.

If several of your in-laws are doing this, it's time for your husband to step up. He needs to make abundantly clear that their maintaining such a close relationship with his ex-wife is not just awkward but also hurtful.

Dear Annie: I want to address "Sleepless in Anywhere, USA," "Sick and Hurt" and others who are hurt by spousal affairs.

There are various reasons committed and loving spouses have affairs. I was married to a loyal husband, but our marriage was scarred with emotional abuse that went unaddressed despite my continued pleas for dealing with it. Instead of being cherished, I was made to feel worthless.

From what I could determine, he suffers from emotional injuries inflicted during his childhood. He built an emotional barrier around himself. He refused to go to counseling; I went on my own, with mixed results.

I didn't want to get divorced, so I tried other means to get through the situation. In the end, I had an affair. We are near the end of divorce proceedings. I am saddened by the whole story, and much of what is important to me has to be left behind.

So, for those loyal partners who find their spouse in an affair, please step outside yourself and look at the whole picture. How could better communication and self-honesty improve your relationship? Are there past harms -- which have nothing to do with a current relationship -- hurting the present? If you have chosen to share your life with another, then really share life -- the good and bad. A loving spouse wants to help carry the burden, heal and move past these destructive ills. I did -- though here in the end, I'm the "evil gal who had an affair," while the other side of the story remains a secret. -- Made to Move On

ASK DR. K

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YEARLY MAMMOGRAMS AREN'T NECESSARY FOR ALL WOMEN OVER 40

Dear Doctor: Do I really need a yearly mammogram?

Dear Reader: This might be hard to accept, but if you're woman at low to average risk of breast cancer, you probably don't need a yearly mammogram. That's not to say we shouldn't give mammograms their due.

Mammograms can reduce deaths from breast cancer, and they're an important reason why breast cancer death rates have decreased over the last 40 years in this country. Studies have found a decreased death rate from breast cancer among women who have had mammograms compared to those who didn't.

Now let's look at just how much benefit. The public health advocacy group the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force calculated that, if 10,000 women between the ages of 39 and 49 had regular mammograms for 10 years, it would prevent three breast cancer deaths. For the same number of women between the ages of 50 and 59, there would be eight fewer breast cancer deaths. And for women between 60 and 69, there would be 21 fewer breast cancer deaths over that 10-year time period.

In short, the overall death rates were not significantly different between those women who had mammograms and those who didn't. This has especially been shown in studies in Canada and Sweden that compared the impact of annual mammograms with yearly breast exams from a health professional. In a 22-year Canadian study of 89,000 women, no difference in death rate was seen among women who had regular mammograms compared to those who had yearly breast exams with a health professional. This may point more to the importance of getting a yearly breast exam than the benefit of getting a mammogram.

Mammograms also have downsides. A primary one is that they have many false positives, leading to more imaging, breast biopsies and significant anxiety for patients. Another is that many breast cancers, such as ductal carcinoma in situ, would never be of clinical significance, so finding them on a mammogram is of little benefit.

That's not to say mammograms aren't useful. They do find breast cancers. But doctors and their patients need to discuss their risks and their benefits.

If you're a woman who has a mother or a sister with breast cancer, or if you have the BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene mutation that increases breast cancer risk, then a yearly mammogram after the age of 40 is a good idea. If you have a combination of risk factors -- such as having had your first baby after the age of 30, having later-onset menopause or having had an earlier onset of menstruation -- then a mammogram is likely a good idea.

However, if you're at average risk of breast cancer and between the ages of 40 and 49, there is only a small statistical benefit in having a mammogram, which should be balanced with the risks of testing.

If you are between the ages of 50 and 69, the benefit of a mammogram may overcome risk. At that age, you should get a mammogram every two years.

If you're older than 70, keep in mind that breast cancer rates increase up to the age of 80, so the screening could have a benefit. But that benefit must be weighed against the likelihood of dying from something else. Here again, the recommendation is for a mammogram every two years, but you should discuss your individual needs with your doctor.

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ASTROGRAPH

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- A physical improvement will add to your appeal. Preparing for the festive season and doing something nice for someone special will have an impact on your personal and professional lives.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Stay within your budget. Spending too much will be stressful when the bills arrive. Put more emphasis on being sincere and offering solutions instead of paying for others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- You must make a change to a pending settlement, investment or medical issue that needs attention. Looking forward and preparing for the future will contribute to your success. Romance is highlighted.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Discussions will help you get a better view of a situation that could end badly if too much time or money will be required. Stick to what is doable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Your emotions will be difficult to control. Don't let the past bring you down or allow what someone says to cause you grief. Remember the good things and make thoughtfulness, love and peace your mission.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You need to live within your means. It's important to know where you stand financially. Moving into the new year with a strategy in place will help you keep your overhead to a minimum.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Socialize with friends or go shopping with someone who can help you find excellent bargains. Love is in the stars. Don't hesitate to make a romantic gesture.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Be careful not to take on too much. Make it very clear what you can and cannot do. Refuse to let anyone take advantage of you, your time or your generosity. Don't overspend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Update your appearance or take better care of yourself and improve the way you treat others. A personal promise will bring positive change and stability.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Something you were counting on isn't likely to unfold the way you expected. Remain calm and think strategically how best to handle the outcome or disappointment. Choose intelligence over discord.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Emotions will rise to the surface if you discuss your plans. Someone will not be happy with the choices you make. Stick to your decision if it's what you really want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Emotionally charged spending will cause stress when the bills come in. You cannot win someone's heart with an extravagant purchase. Kindness and consideration should be good enough. Use your imagination.

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18 Urban rds.
19 Felt dizzy
22 Washbowl
25 Graze
29 Dispense
30 Tilts
32 Secret romance
33 Cocoon dweller
34 Not in class
37 Rubber-stamps
38 Grand Tour site
40 Shake up
43 Hummus, e.g.
44 Reebok rival
48 Managing, somehow
50 Puts up with
52 Love beads wearer
53 Solitude enjoyers
54 Pentium producer
55 Seaweed derivative

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3 Villainous
4 Hydrocarbon suffix
5 Squeal on
6 Tiny tunnelers
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8 Chest muscles
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10 Opposite of post-
11 Exam choice
12 Cover the walls
17 White Sox org.
20 Menu choice
21 Blob of mayo
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27 Name in cheese-cake
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31 Airline to Stockholm
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36 Part of TNT
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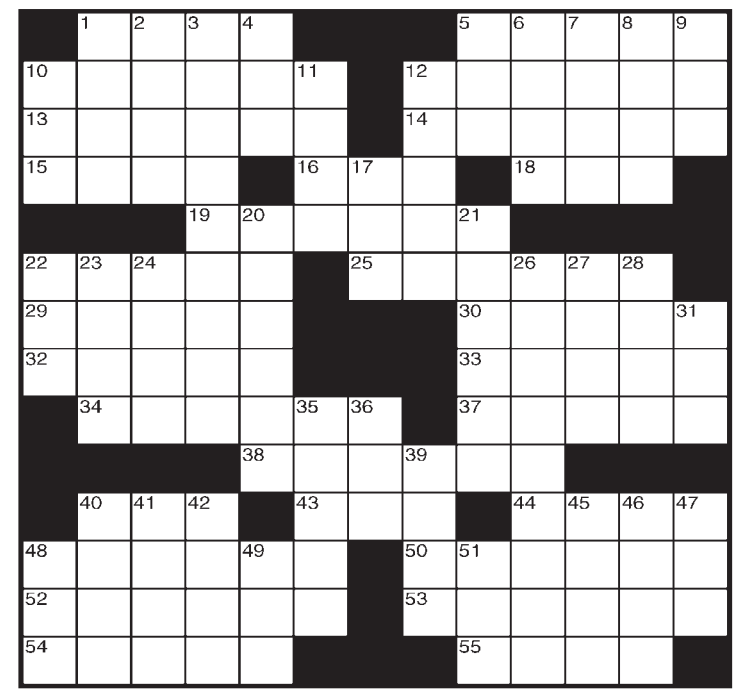

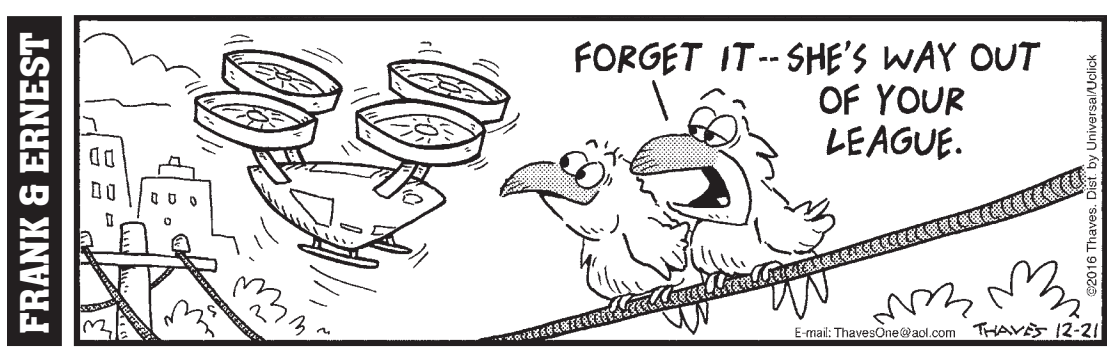

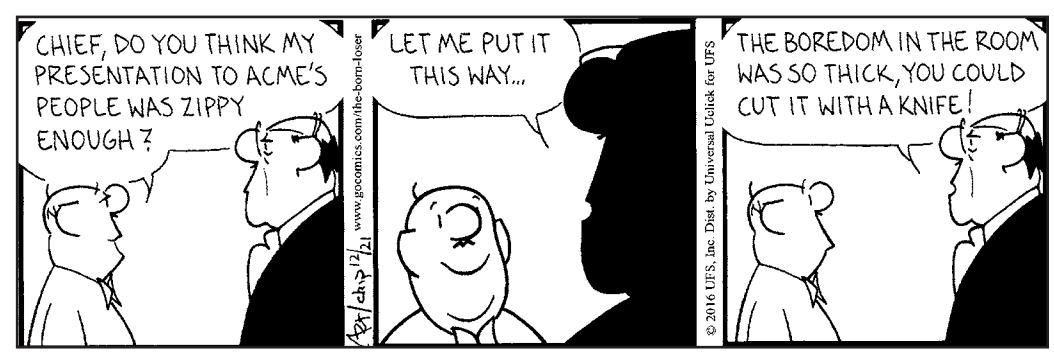

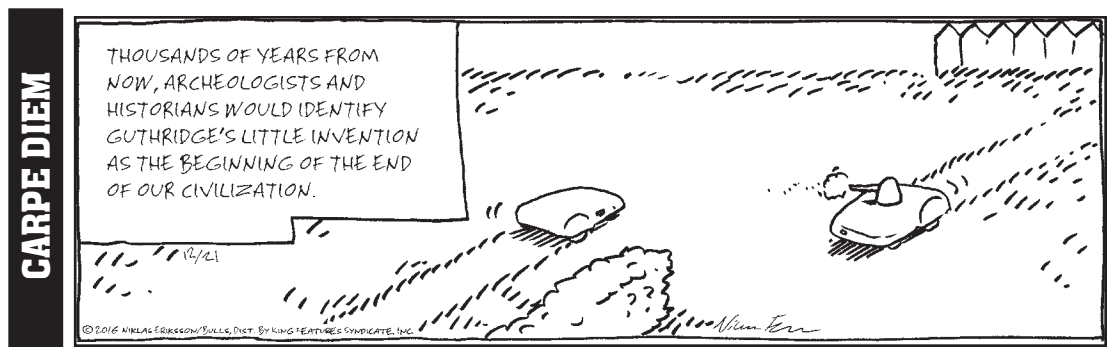

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I. Project Specifications:
A. One year contract to provide District 4 HRDC labor and materials for weatherization projects.
B. Contractor must be willing to serve families with low income within Blaine, Liberty and Hill counties; which includes the Rocky Boy and Ft. Belknap reservations.
C. Contractor is responsible for completing all projects in strict compliance with the Standard Work Specifications (SWS) for Single-Family Homes created by Montana DPHHS.
D. Contractor must be willing to work under mobile homes, oftentimes in sub-zero temperatures.
E. Contractor must handle exposure to hazards such as lead, mold, asbestos, unruly clients, aggressive animals, and illegal substances professionally.
F. Contractor must possess all tools necessary to complete all projects. Contractor will be able to rent a tool trailer from HRDC if necessary.
G. Work will begin within seven days from receipt of work order and completed within fifteen days after starting project.
H. All projects will be inspected by Program Director, Director Designee, or Quality Control Inspector before payment.
I. Any unsatisfactory work or work not completed per the Standard Work Specifications (SWS) will be remedied by Contractor at the expense of the Contractor and re-inspected before payment.
J. Weatherization projects will include some or all of the following:
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4. Repair, replacement, and/or new install of exhaust equipment.
5. Pipe wrapping of water lines and earthquake strapping water heaters.
6. Installation of vents (roof, gable, and foundation).
7. Any other energy related measure or minor repair in work order.

II. Proposals will include:
A. W-9
B. Independent Contractor License.
C. Company registration with Secretary of State.
D. Current Proof of Insurance ($1M per incident, $2M aggregate).
E. Proof of www.SAM.gov registration and be in good standing.
F. Proof of Workers' Compensation Insurance as required by law.
G. Letters of Reference stating Contractor is in good standing with
1. A lumber yard supplying materials.
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H. ASHRAE Certification or statement expressing a willingness to earn one.
I. EPA Lead Renovation, Repair, and Paint Certification or a statement expressing a willingness to earn one.
J. Mobile Home Weatherization Certification or a statement expressing a willingness to earn one.
K. Contact person information that includes phone number, address, and email.

III. Proposers Conference:
A. Date – Thursday, December 22, 2016
B. Time – 10:00am
C. Location – HRDC Conference Room
D. Host – Adam Gibbons, Weatherization Program Director

IV. Proposal closing date: Postmarked Tuesday, December 27, 2016 by 5:00pm

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Proposals will be reviewed Thursday, December 29, 2016.

For more information, contact Weatherization Program Director Adam Gibbons at 265-6743 ext. 1121 or by email at gibbonsa@hrdc4.org

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Analysis: The oilman who brought Trump and the Bush world together

By JULIE PACE
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Throughout the presidential campaign, the Bush family and many of its Republican allies turned their backs on Donald Trump.

Now, they're finding common cause with Trump over his pick to lead the State Department: Exxon Mobil CEO Rex Tillerson, who has long orbited their same political, philanthropic and business worlds.

Former President George W. Bush, who has largely avoided politics since leaving office in 2009, heaped praise on Tillerson in a recent phone call to Sen. Bob Corker, the Tennessee lawmaker who will oversee the secretary of state confirmation hearings. Jeb Bush, Tillerson's preferred candidate in the 2016 race, called the Exxon executive a "good man and accomplished leader."

Dick Cheney, Condoleezza Rice and Robert Gates — Bush's vice president, secretary of state and secretary of defense — have all offered glowing endorsements. Gates, who runs a consulting firm with Rice that represents Exxon, first put Tillerson on Trump's radar when the president-elect was dissatisfied with his more conventional options.

Despite the high-level backing, Tillerson faces obstacles in his path to Foggy Bottom. He has no government experience, having spent his whole career at Exxon. Senators in both parties have raised questions about his ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin, a relationship that's particularly eye-catching given uncertainty about Trump's own connections to Russia.

Corker said that while the support from the highest levels of the Republican national security establishment won't wipe away senators' questions about Tillerson, it could ease anxieties.

"Most people will look at that and understand that he's not outside the mainstream," said Corker, adding that George W. Bush was "effusive" in his praise for Tillerson when they spoke last week.

While Trump was never fully embraced by more traditional Republicans, his rejection by the Bush family and its national security apparatus was particularly glaring. The family produced the last two Republican presidents and had hoped for a third in 2016. The two Bush presidencies also defined the GOP's foreign policy philosophy as one that saw overseas military intervention as a means to pre-empt attacks on the U.S. and promote democracy abroad.

Trump has vowed to take the Republican Party in a new direction, both in style and substance. He showed no reverence for the Bush family during the campaign, blasting George W. Bush over the Iraq war and deriding his administration's focus on nation building abroad. He was particularly hard on former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who ran against Trump in the GOP primaries.

Trump transition officials say the Bush family has not coordinated its support for Tillerson with the president-elect, though Gates and Rice did directly offer their support to Trump's team.

Like the Bush family, Tillerson has strong ties to Texas and its vast oil industry. Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush ran oil companies before going into politics. Tillerson, a native of Wichita Falls, Texas, joined Exxon out of college as a production engineer before moving through the oil giant's executive ranks on his way to becoming CEO.

Hill County Justice Court

Editor's note: The computer program provided by the Montana state government to print media reports on court actions does not always list all fines assessed.

The following cases were resolved in Hill County Justice Court by Judge Audrey Barger in Oct. 4-12.

Kevin Thomas Smith II, born in 1987, forfeited $250 bond for false driving log.

Nevada Blue St. Marks, born in 1995, was fined $125 and sentenced to 180 days in jail, 176 days suspended and four credited, for driving while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked and was fined $125 and sentenced to 10 days in jail, all days suspended, for failing to carry proof of vehicle insurance, first offense.

Whitney Rae Rosette, born in 1990, was given a deferred imposition of sentence and fined $500 for possession of marijuana, first offense.

Shane Lee Benjamin, born in 1984, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, 354 days suspended and 11 credited, for possession of marijuana, second offense, and was fined $100 and sentenced to 180 days in jail, 177 days suspended and three credited, for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Raistlen Paul Katka, born in 1992, was fined $350 and sentenced to 10 days in jail, all days suspended, for operating a vehicle without liability insurance, second offense.

Khiana Berg, born in 1995, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all days suspended, for assault.

Andrew David Ambler, born in 1998, was given a deferred imposition of sentence for each of two charges: possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, and was ordered to pay $250 restitution on the case.

Tina A. Russette, born in 1967, was fined $200 and sentenced to 180 days in jail, 176 days suspended, for driving without a valid driver's license.

Frank Alvin Mcconnell, born in 1972, forfeited $200 bond for failing to obey direction to be weighed.

Austin John Moore, born in 1995, forfeited $225 bond for failing to use or extend retractable axle when needed.

George Wade Ball, born in 1980, was given a deferred imposition of sentence and fined $250 for nonresident license or permit offenses in each of three separate cases.

Brian Lee St. Pierre, born in 1969, was given a deferred imposition of sentence and fined $400 for possession of marijuana, first offense.

Colten Lee Shambo, born in 1991, was fined $250 and sentenced to 180 days in jail, 177 days suspended and three credited, for assault.

Alion Eagleman Sr., born in 1987, was fined $10 and sentenced to 10 days in jail, six days suspended, for disorderly conduct.

Judge Barger also dealt with nine tickets resulting in fines of less than $100 or jail sentences of fewer than seven days, and she or the prosecution dismissed seven charges. Barger transferred eight citations to another court and held five probable cause hearings for cases out of her jurisdiction. Additionally, one suspended sentence or deferred imposition of sentencing was revoked and reinstated.

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