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Four more deaths in Hill County

Officials warn of another expected COVID surge

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Hill County has had four more COVID-19-related deaths reported over the weekend, Hill County Health Department said in an update Monday, bringing the death toll in the county to 69 since the start of the pandemic.

Blaine County Health Department also reported another confirmed death, but that was found in the state Department of Public Health and Human Services' reconciliation of records and was not a recent death, the department reported. The actual time of the death was not listed.

Blaine County has had 28 COVID-19-related deaths.

Liberty County has two deaths listed and Chouteau County has eight.

Assuming the new death listed in Blaine County occurred after Aug. 6, when Havre Daily News again began tracking data as the delta variant-driven surge of COVID-19 hit the area, the four counties have had 29 COVID-19-related deaths since that date.

The region has had nearly 2,300 cases confirmed since Aug. 6, with more than 5,900 cases confirmed in the counties since the pandemic hit Montana in March 2020.

The latest state update was not released by printing deadline this morning, but as of Monday's update, Montana has had more than 70,600 new cases and more than 2,565 new deaths confirmed since Aug. 6, with 5,911 active cases listed in Monday's update and a total of 188,505 cases and 2,567 deaths since the pandemic started.

And while the numbers of new cases has been declining — as of Monday, Hill County was down to 20 active cases with four active hospitalizations, Blaine County had 19 active cases and two hospitalizations and, while the latest data was not available, Chouteau County had 7 active cases while Liberty County had 1 as of Monday's report — officials are warning that another surge is starting to hit the country.

Officials say that with more people staying indoors numbers are likely to increase, and it is coming while a more-contagious variant — a "delta-plus" variant — is cropping up in the United States.

Officials say the new variant appears to be slightly more transmissible than the highly contagious delta variant, which is twice as infectious as previous variants, but does not appear to cause more severe illness and the vaccines still are effective against it.

But, officials warn, that only helps if people are vaccinated and because of evidence that the original vaccinations, two shots of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and one shot of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, appear to wane over time, booster shots are highly recommended.

The Pfizer vaccine is approved for anyone 5 and older and the Moderna

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Tester: St. Mary Diversion funding 'massive'

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Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., said in an interview with Havre Daily News that getting \$100 million in funding that likely will go to the St. Mary Diversion is a really big deal.

"It will be massive," he said. "... It's a big deal. The most important part, really, is the predictability it provides for agriculture and municipalities."

Tester, one of the senators who crafted the bipartisan infrastructure bill that has passed Congress and been signed into law by President Joe Biden, also said it has been a long time coming.

"We've been talking about this stuff for 15, 20, 25 years," he said. "... Folks up and down the Milk have been fighting for so long; some of them have passed away, in fact, and aren't going to be here to see this, which is unfortunate."

Averting potential disaster

Local irrigators and residents have been warning for more than two decades the diversion and conveyance system, which provides much of the water in the Milk River each year, was on the verge of collapse after many decades of repairs and band-aiding the system together to keep it running.

The system, part of the Milk River Project irrigation system, was one of the first projects the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation was authorized to build after the bureau was created in 1902, with the project authorized in 1903.

It comprises Sherburne Dam, which stores water in Lake Sherburne on Swift Current Creek, a dike that diverts the water into St. Mary River, the diversion

dam the new bill references that diverts water into the conveyance works, then 29 miles of canals, gigantic metal siphons and the concrete drop structures that drop the water into the North Fork of the Milk River. Most of the system is on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation.

The system took years to complete, often using heavy equipment drawn by teams of horses. Much of the conveyance works was completed by 1915.

The water flows through the North Fork of the Milk into Canada before returning to Montana and eventually flowing into the Missouri River near Nashua below Fort Peck Reservoir. It provides water for irrigators in the Milk River Valley as well as municipal water for communities along the river including Havre, Chinook and Harlem as well as providing water to the northern part of Fort Belknap Indian Reservation.

The project was authorized as an

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Tester



Courtesy photo

Work proceeds on Drop 2 in the St. Mary Diversion and Conveyance Works in July, 2020, on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. Sen. Jon Tester said \$100 million that can be used on the diversion being included in the bipartisan infrastructure bill with no match requirement is huge for the Milk River Valley in Montana.

Landgraf sentenced to 25 years with none suspended for vehicular homicide

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A woman who killed another woman Jan. 18 when she drove into the oncoming traffic lane and caused a head-on collision was sentenced to prison for 25 years Monday in state District Court in Havre.

Jolee Landgraf, 29 at the time she was charged, was sentenced to 25 years with none suspended by District Judge Olivia Regier Monday after Landgraf pleaded guilty in a plea agreement Sept. 28 to an amended charge of vehicular homicide while under the influence.

She originally was charged with deliberate homicide for driving the vehicle that caused the crash that killed Loretta Park of Havre, 73.

Regier imposed the sentence with no parole restrictions and ordered Landgraf to pay a total of \$40,393.42 in restitution. She recommended Landgraf be screened for placement in the Elkhorn Treatment Center followed by a pre-release program.

A number of Park's friends and relatives made statements before the sen-



Jolee Landgraf awaits sentencing in state District Court in Havre Monday, sitting next to her defense attorney, Annie DeWolf.

tencing, saying Park was a pillar of the community, a volunteer in her church and other organizations — she was returning from volunteering at the

Chinook Senior Center when the crash occurred — and a friend to all.

"You took my longest, closest friend," Park's cousin Mahaila Johnke

said. She talked about Park always being there, playing cards, fixing meals, spending time with people and helping people.

"Loretta had concern for everyone," Johnke said. "... These times will be greatly missed."

She said Landgraf's decision has destroyed the family by taking Park away.

Park's son Ryan Higgins also talked about her being a foundation, comparing her to the Apostle Paul, whom Jesus named the rock on which he would build the church.

He said he was a little wild when he was a young adult.

"When it was time for me to turn myself around, Mom was there for me, she was my rock," he said.

Now, the relatives including Park's grandchildren have lost that, he said.

In a tearful statement before sentencing, Landgraf said she is truly sorry.

"I acknowledge I have destroyed your life and that can never be fixed," she said. "It's not enough to say

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Hill County Health Department said in its update Monday that four new COVID-19-related deaths were reported from Saturday through Monday. The department said 9 new cases were reported Friday and 7 met the criteria to be considered recovered, with three new cases reported from Saturday through Monday with 16 meeting the criteria to be considered recovered and 20 active cases in the county. The county had 3 cases discharged from the hospital and 4 active hospitalizations. Hill County has had 69 deaths and 3,387 confirmed cases.

Blaine County Health Department said in its update Monday that a previous COVID-19-related death was reported through the Montana Department of Health and Human Services reconciliation process but it is not a current death. The department was notified of 14 new cases and 5 met the criteria to be considered recovered with 19 active cases in the county. 1 person was hospitalized and 1 was discharged with 2

active hospitalizations for county residents. Blaine County has had 28 deaths and 1,490 confirmed cases.

Rocky Boy Health Center, also reported on the Chouteau or Hill county reports, reported Monday 1 new case and 5 met the criteria to be considered recovered with 12 active cases on the reservation with no active hospitalizations. The reservation has reported 10 deaths.

Fort Belknap Indian Community,

also listed in the Blaine or Phillips county numbers, reported Monday 10 new cases confirmed over the weekend and no one met the criteria to be considered recovered with 14 active cases on the reservation, 1 person was hospitalized and none were discharged with 2 active hospitalizations. The reservation has had 12 deaths.

Liberty County, latest data not available other than it had one active case.

Chouteau County, latest data not available.

The Montana state COVID tracking map was not updated by printing deadline this morning.

People can find online where vaccines are available in their area through <https://vaccinefinder.org>, operated by Boston's Children's Hospital and supported by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the United States Digital Service.

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Mostly sunny

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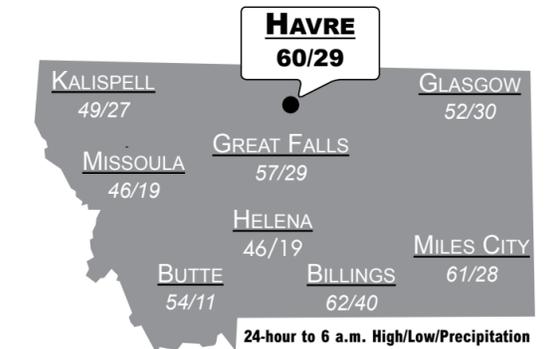
We will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25th to spend the holiday with family & friends.

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Montana Weather through 6 a.m. today

Extended Forecast from <http://www.weather.com>

Weather Almanac for 11/22



Tue 11/23	Wed 11/24	Thur 11/25	Fri 11/26	Sat 11/27	Sun 11/28	Mon 11/29
46/18 Evening rain/snow.	32/24 Mostly sunny.	51/42 Partly cloudy/wind.	55/31 Partly cloudy/wind.	51/43 Mostly cloudy.	61/37 Partly cloudy/wind.	49/29 Partly cloudy.

High/low: 60°/29°
Normal high/low: 39°/18°
Record high: 70° in 1954
Record low: -30° in 1985
State high: 68° in Hardin
State low: 11° in Butte
Precip in November: .17"
Normal monthly precip: .39"
Precip for year: 6.68"
Normal yearly precip: 11.32"
Sunset tonight: 4:31 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday: 7:41 a.m.

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St. Mary: Tester also encouraged Hi-Line to push for 4 for 2

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irrigation system with funding for its operation and maintenance primarily coming from the irrigators using it.

As repair costs rose, the system was patched together for decades, and, more than 20 years ago, users began to warn that if major rehabilitation wasn't done soon, the system would fail, which would be catastrophic to the region.

Tester noted that while talking about the importance of the \$100 million in funding.

"It's important ... for municipalities and agriculture along the Milk River drainage," he said. "If it wasn't for that division a couple of hundred miles away, the Milk would be running dry six out of 10 years."

With the push for rehabilitation, the state created a St. Mary Rehabilitation Working Group in 2003 and the group has been working with Montana's congressional delegation and federal officials to find some way to come up with the funds to fix the diversion and conveyance works before catastrophic failure, a rehabilitation with an estimated total cost in today's dollars of between \$200 million and \$225 million.

And the catastrophic failure hit in the spring of last year, when the last drop structure, concrete structures that channel the diverted water into the North Fork of the Milk, collapsed during a storm and the diversion had to be shut down.

Entities including Reclamation, the Milk River Joint Board of Control and the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation worked to find funding — without a matching cost requirement due to the construction being designated emergency work — and begin construction for a full replacement of the failed structure and another drop structure on which work had been planned, along with some other work on the drop structure system. Construction crews

arrived on site June 16 to begin required repairs and it was completed and the diversion began running again last fall.

Funding finally here for rehabilitation

And after 20 years of actively pushing for federal funding to rehabilitate the diversion, the project has some funding.

"It's been a long time coming," Tester said. "I was very happy that we were able to get this addressed when we set up the infrastructure bill."

And he said the impact for residents in the Milk River Valley is major.

"This is huge for agriculture on the Northern Tier. These guys ain't rolling in the dough in the best of situations, and without having to have this cost share they will get a predictability in water that they haven't had for a long time," he said. "And for the municipalities for like, say the town of Havre, or pick a town along the Milk, it's going to allow Havre to grow for the next 100 years in a way they wouldn't have been able to grow without this predictability."

He said it also will provide a predictability that will help sustain and grow recreation and world-class fishing and hunting in the region.

"It's a big deal," Tester said. He said that other projects that meet the criteria in the infrastructure bill also could apply for the funding, any project built by 1915 that has experienced a critical failure in the last two years.

Tester said the senators had the St. Mary Diversion in mind when they set the criteria.

"Milk River is absolutely one of the projects," he said. "I think they've got a pretty good chance to get a pretty good chance of (getting funding)."

And he added that the fact that no match is required makes a major difference. While future funding to finish the rehabilitation may need a match, this

funding can move forward immediately without one.

"We have had an ongoing fight because the cost share dollars has really been an inhibitor to getting the project done, and look, I think going forward it still will be a challenge, but for these dollars we are in good shape," he said.

Tester said while the \$100 million is not enough for a full rehabilitation of the system, it will move things forward and likely help with future funding.

"This is going to get us a long ways towards that 200, 225 million dollar rehab," he said, adding, "Money tends to attract money. ... The fact is is that I think there's going to be other dollars coming this way as demand for those dollars becomes apparent."

Tester said he hopes that work can start as soon as possible, noting that Biden's coordinator for the infrastructure plan is former New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, who has some experience in fixing infrastructure with dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

"So, we will be yanking his chain, and we'll be yanking the chain of the Bureau of Rec to get this money out the door, and anybody else we can get to listen," he said. "My goal is, when the snow goes off, there will be money there. All the I's will be dotted, T's will be crossed and there will be money there to start the repair and rehab and rebuilding."

Money also could go to 4 for 2

And, Tester said, money for Montana is in the infrastructure bill that could help the 4 for 2 project move forward.

That proposal started in 2001 when then-Sen. Sam Kitzenberg of Glasgow passed a bill requiring Montana Department of Transportation to widen U.S. Highway 2 to four lanes across Montana.

The first step came with a

study of the highway between Havre and Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, funded with a federal allocation pushed through by former Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont.

That study came back with a Federal Highway Administration recommendation for an improved two-lane instead of a four-lane, and, after saying he would follow state law and recommend a four-lane from the start of the project, the MDT director at the time, Dave Galt, reversed his position and also recommended an improved two-lane.

Work is still underway on the improved two-lane project, with the upgrades between Havre and Chinook essentially completed this fall.

Gov. Brian Schweitzer started another tactic, saying if Montana upgraded the highway from Culbertson to the North Dakota border so it connected to U.S. 2 in North Dakota, which already is expanded to a four-lane configuration, it would make sense to continue widening the highway farther and farther west.

The first part of that project, upgrading two lanes from Bainville to the state border, is complete, and the state is awaiting funding to add another two lanes to complete a four-lane configuration to the town, then start working to expand it to Culbertson.

Tester said, because of the amount of highways and bridges in the country it was virtually impossible to set requirements that would have favored that project, but the infrastructure bill includes \$3 billion for roads and bridges in Montana. How that is used is up to MDT, he said.

"If, in fact, you could sell that to (the department of transportation), they can use that money for 4 for 2," he said. "If folks on the Hi-Line made the pitch to (the department), they're going to make the call on where they go with that funding."

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COVID-19: Blaine County COVID walk-in clinic set for Nov. 29

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and Johnson & Johnson for anyone 18 and older. Officials warn that everyone eligible to be vaccinated gets vaccinated and people eligible for boosters — who have been vaccinated two months or more earlier with Johnson & Johnson and six months or earlier with the others — receive a booster shot.

Blaine County announced in its update that it is holding a COVID-19 walk-in clinic in the Blaine County Fairgrounds Commercial Building in Chinook Monday, Nov. 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. with

first, second and booster shots available in Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. People need to bring their COVID-19 vaccination card and their insurance card.

Rocky Boy Health Center is holding its second Vaccine Kickoff event for children 5-11 Wednesday, Dec. 1, from 4:30-7 p.m. in the health center Grand Hallway. The child must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

And local health agencies and organizations continue to offer vaccinations in general.

In Hill County, vaccinations are available through Bullhook Community Health Center, 406-395-4305; the Hill County Health Department, 406-400-2415; Northern Montana Health Care's Specialty Medical Center at 406-265-7831 or its Family Medical Center at 406-265-5408; Western Drug Pharmacy, 406-265-9601; Gary & Leo's Pharmacy, which takes walk-ins; Walmart; and the Rocky Boy Health Center says people can call 406-395-4486 to schedule a vaccination at the clinic.

Vaccinations are available in

Blaine County through Blaine County Health Department, 406-357-2345, and Fort Belknap Health Center by calling the public health nurse at 406-353-3250 or the pharmacy at 406-353-3104.

Vaccine is available in Chouteau County at the Chouteau County Health Department, 406-622-3771, and Big Sandy Pharmacy at 406-378-5588.

People can call Liberty County Health Department at 406-759-5517 to schedule a vaccination.

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I regret every decision. ... Not a day goes by that I don't ask God to help me and I ask God and Christ to be with you."

A charging document said Montana Highway Patrol was called to the scene of the crash, on Pork Chop Hill about 3 miles east of Havre, at 12:22 p.m. Jan. 18.

The trooper arrived at 12:29 p.m. and observed a Honda Dakota with extensive front-end damage sitting on the west-bound shoulder. Park was in the vehicle, dead on the scene. The vehicle had been pushed back 38 feet.

A Dodge Dakota, east of the Accord lying on its side, had sustained severe damage to the left front side and the windshield was missing. It had rolled multiple times and came to rest 141 feet from the initial impact.

A shoe, later determined to belong to Landgraf, was wedged in place over the gas pedal, the document said.

Landgraf, was ejected from the Accord and was lying in the westbound lane, the document said.

A witness said Landgraf had pulled the Dakota into the

oncoming traffic lane to pass a semi and had crashed into the Accord, the document said.

Another witness said she had called Landgraf's common-law husband and he said she had probably tried to kill herself.

Officers later interviewed the common-law husband and he said he and Landgraf had been arguing the night before and it extended into Jan. 18 and she ended up storming out of their home, the document said.

A trooper interviewed Landgraf and she told him twice she had purposely swerved into oncoming traffic, the document said.

The document said toxicology reports showed Landgraf had drugs in her system, including amphetamine, methamphetamine, lidocaine and THC.

Monday, The prosecution asked the court to sentence Landgraf to 30 years — the maximum sentence for the offense under state law — with 20 suspended and a parole restriction for 20 years.

Special Deputy County Attorney Karen Alley, who was the Hill County attorney when Landgraf was charged but has

since resigned to take another position in Helena, said that while Landgraf has no prior felony convictions she has a record of actions taken while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, a record that has escalated in seriousness as time progressed.

The sentence has to reflect Landgraf's choices that led her to crashing into Park's vehicle while under the influence of a "cocktail" of drugs, Alley said.

"She chose to drive. She chose to drive fast. She chose to pass a semi in a no-passing zone," Alley said.

Defense attorney Annie DeWolf asked the judge to sentence Landgraf to 20 years with 10 suspended, saying, as letters in support of her character say, she is kind, caring and compassionate to others and to animals. She is also articulate, honest, kind and remorseful.

But Landgraf fell into a downward spiral of addiction to drugs and alcohol, DeWolf said. She said Landgraf, after having her daughter six years ago, had cleaned up her act, and worked to care for her child and disabled veteran common-law husband, but fell again during the

pandemic. "Her lifelines vanished," DeWolf said. "She started using again."

She noted that along with the responsibility she acknowledges in Park's death, Landgraf suffered injuries herself she will have to deal with for her lifetime.

She said Landgraf realizes the loss from Park's death is immeasurable and was totally preventable, and she is heartbroken over what she did.

"She will have to have to live with her actions for far longer than 30 years," DeWolf said.

In issuing the sentence, Regier said Landgraf appears to be a good person, a good mother to her daughter, a good partner to her husband. But Regier said she had to take into account the violent nature of the action and that no sentence can absolve the suffering of Park's family.

Regier also noted that it was intentional, and that Landgraf's husband said he believed she was trying to take her own life.

"This was not an accident, it was a crash," Regier said. "Foolishness does not begin to describe your actions that day."

Community Calendar

Today

Burger Feed fundraiser, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Eagles Club. Meal includes salad, baked beans, chips and all the fixings with 1/4-pound burger, \$7, and double burger, \$8. All proceeds, along with some proceeds from 6:30 p.m. bingo, go toward the current Eagles Club project.

Tuneful Tuesdays, 4 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library, with Barb Zuck playing harp music. This event is free and open to the public.

MSU-N Gender & Sexuality Alliance LGBTQ2s+ and Allies Group meeting, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., open to community, too. For info, contact Brent Olinger 406-265-3534 or brent.olinger@msun.edu.

Lap Swim, 6 - 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., and 6 - 7 p.m., Havre Community Pool. For info, call 406-265-8161 or 406-265-5781.

Wednesday, Nov. 24

Community Thanksgiving Dinner volunteer opportunities, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., put away groceries, clean and cut vegetables, and kitchen cleanup, and 5 - 8 p.m., carve turkeys, slice pies and kitchen cleanup, St. Jude Parish Center. Masks are required. For info, call or text Deb Rhines, 406-945-2833.

Delivery reservations for Community Thanksgiving Dinner deadline, 4 p.m., call North Central Senior Citizens Center, 406-265-5464.

Story Time, 10:15 a.m., streaming on the Havre-Hill County Library Facebook page.

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

Aqua Exercise, 6 - 7 p.m., Havre Community Pool. For info, call 406-265-8161 or 406-265-5781.

Thursday, Nov. 25

Havre Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., St. Jude Parish Center. All meals this year will be provided as to-go meals. Masks are required.

Havre Community Pool closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day. For info, call 406-265-8161 or 406-265-5781.

Friday, Nov. 26

Havre Elks Lodge 4th Annual Cocktails and Crafts Show, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 321 2nd St., with a mix of home-based vendors and crafters filling three rooms of the building.

Chinook Festival of Trees silent auction, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., First Bank of Montana in Chinook.

Bell Choir performing, 2 - 4 p.m., First Bank of Montana in Chinook.

Chinook shop local vendors event, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Wallner Hall in Chinook, with Santa appearing from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Holiday dinner service, 5 p.m., Chinook Eagles Club.

Chinook Parade of Lights, 6 p.m., Indiana Street.

Saturday, Nov. 27

Havre Elks Lodge Fourth Annual Cocktails and Crafts Show, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 321 2nd St., with a mix of home-based vendors and crafters filling three rooms of the building.

Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Line Festival of Trees, 7 p.m., 500 1st Ave.

Monday, Nov. 29

Melodious Mondays, with Mary Stevens playing piano at Havre-Hill County Library, 10 a.m., 402 3rd St. This is free and open to everyone.

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Wednesday, Dec. 1

A children's COVID-19 vaccination clinic for ages 5-11, 3 - 7 p.m., Rocky Boy Health Center Grand Hallway.

Story Time, 10:15 a.m., streaming on the Havre-Hill County Library Facebook page.

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

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Thursday, Dec. 2

Legotime, 3:30 - 5 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library.

Lap Swim, 6 - 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., and 6 - 7 p.m., Havre Community Pool. For info, call 406-265-8161 or 406-265-5781.

Saturday, Dec. 4

SubZero SuperHero Polar Plunge, 3 p.m., Town Square, a Special Olympics benefit fundraiser.

Big Sandy Senior Center arts and crafts fair, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., 166 Johannes Ave.

H. Earl Clack Memorial Museum Dinosaur Christmas, 1 - 3 p.m., Holiday Village Mall in front of the museum, with dinosaur and Christmas crafts and cookie decorating for children.

Havre Community Christmas Tree lighting, 5 p.m., Town Square, followed by a brief Santa run and the Super Certificate Basket Giveaway drawing.

Live Nativity at Van Orsdel United Methodist Church, 5 - 7 p.m., in the alley behind the church, follow the signs.

Kremlin Volunteer Fire Department annual fundraiser, 6 p.m. - midnight, Fresno Tavern.

Monday, Dec. 6

Havre Dog Park Board monthly meeting, 6 p.m., Great Northern Inn Conference Room. For info, call Jessica, 719-216-5057.

Melodious Mondays, with Mary Stevens playing piano at Havre-Hill County Library, 10 a.m., 402 3rd St. This is free and open to everyone.

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Tuesday, Dec. 7

Burger Feed fundraiser, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Eagles Club. Meal includes salad, baked beans, chips and all the fixings with 1/4-pound burger, \$7, and double burger, \$8. All proceeds, along with some proceeds from 6:30 p.m. bingo, go toward the current Eagles Club project.

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Aquino receives service award from AARP Montana

From AARP Montana

Peggy Aquino from Stone Child College on Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation has been named AARP Montana's 2021 American Indian Partner Award recipient.

Aquino has been our partner from Stone Child College on the Rocky Boy Reservation since about 2004. She was the first Grandparent Raising Grandchildren support group leader at Stone Child College. We worked with her in that capacity for several years and she was always a touchstone for our other efforts at Rocky Boy.

We were working with the Social Security Administration and the SHIP program to do public benefit outreach training and conducted several at Rocky Boy. Peggy kept informed of other opportunities to partner with Stone Child College when they were having programs that our topics fit.

Finally, she has been our go-to person as financial aid director for Stone Child for our Honor Your Elder Scholarships. She was involved for the three years that we gave scholarships to the Stone Child Students, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Aquino has retired and has help transition us to a new contact person for 2022. Aquino has been a great partner to deal with and has stayed heavily involved with AARP for at least 17 years. Thank you for being such a great partner to AARP Montana.

AARP also selected Cheryl Bartholomew of Bozeman to receive the 2021 Andrus Award for Community Service, the Association's most prestigious volunteer award.

Each year AARP honors the legacy of AARP founder, Ethel Percy Andrus, Ph.D., with the AARP Andrus Award for Community Service. This award is a symbol of the power of individuals to make a difference in the lives of others. The award was formally presented to Bartholomew during a recent online ceremony.

In congratulating Bartholomew, Montana State Director Tim Summers said, "Cheryl Bartholomew has always recognized the important role volunteers play in making things better for society. It's a pleasure to present this honor to Cheryl, a person who has given of herself to make an important difference in the lives of others."

Bartholomew has been the champion of Age-Friendly work in Bozeman since the City joined the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities in 2018. She is a tireless and enthusiastic advocate helping Bozeman become a community that is livable for people of all ages, and she has been a key player keeping the Bozeman Age-Friendly program moving forward.

Bartholomew had a vision of creating an intergenerational community center in Bozeman and she has moved that project forward by coordinating with the Montana State University Architecture Department. Students created six Community Center models that will be displayed at City Hall for citizen consideration. Her vision is becoming a reality.

The Bozeman Age-Friendly effort began with two concerned citizens and she has led the group from the beginning. Bartholomew brought committees together to focus on Housing, Transportation, and Health. She always has a positive outlook and her energy and enthusiasm seem endless. Bartholomew's passion for Bozeman is contagious as she works to make her city a place where people of all ages and abilities can live safely, comfortably and thrive.

"Cheryl is an inspiration to others. On behalf of AARP Montana, we are honored to present Cheryl Bartholomew with the AARP Andrus Award for Community Service — she embodies the legacy of Ethel Percy Andrus' motto — 'to serve and not to be served,'" Summers said.

As part of the award, AARP Montana has donated \$2,500 in Bartholomew's name to the non-profit of her choice. She selected the Alzheimer's Research Center for the donation on her behalf.

Also at the event, special awards were presented to the following individuals and organizations:

Lee Montana Newspapers — 2021 Excellence in Public Service Communications

Lee Montana news organizations created a "Stories of Honor" series that features Veterans from across the state to inform readers about the service and bravery of the heroes who have served our country. Some of the most powerful stories come from those who have served in the U.S. Military. Across the state, more than 94,000 veterans live in Montana — that's a huge population of local heroes worth honoring.

From Memorial Day to Veterans Day a different veteran story was featured each week — in the markets of Billings, Missoula, Butte and Helena — more than 100 different veterans were featured this year. Curt Synness with the Helena Independent Record and Duncan Adams with The Montana Standard led the efforts to

research and write the profiles. AARP Montana was grateful to partner with Lee Montana Newspapers to bring these important stories to readers across the state.

Lee Montana Newspapers is delivering a great community service by bringing these stories to Montanans. Not only that, these stories will live on in the Lee archives which develops the historic record of these incredible stories of bravery that might have otherwise been lost to time.

AARP Montana named Lee Montana Newspapers as the winner of the 2021 Excellence in Public Service Communications Award for the Stories of Honor Series.

Mountain Pacific Quality Health — 2021 Outstanding Community Partner Organization

Mountain Pacific has been an outstanding partner with AARP Montana for many years, but during the pandemic they have become pivotal in our outreach to the community about COVID-19. Sara Medley, chief executive officer of Mountain-Pacific Quality Health, Dr. Douglas Kuntzweiler, Chief Medical Officer and Tony King, director of Pharmacy Programs, were our expert guests for six telephone town halls during 2020 and 2021 providing factual information and answering caller questions about the COVID-19 virus and vaccines. Additionally, Mountain Pacific has featured AARP Montana on their Healthy Living for Life television program and collaborated with AARP Montana on several community workgroups and coalitions and they have helped raise the visibility of upcoming AARP Montana events AARP caregiving information and resources for family caregivers.

Montana Area Agencies on Aging — 2021 Outstanding Community Partner Organization

The Area Agencies on Aging have become a powerful voice for older Montanans in the legislature. Their advocacy influence and policy breadth has improved the health and financial wellbeing of Montanans 50 and older. They have also secured several financial awards which has greatly improved their client services throughout the state. AARP is thankful to be able to partner with MAA on advocacy work and we especially appreciate the strategic and thoughtful approach of Association Director, Adrienne Cotton. We thank the area Directors and employees for the all the great work you do for older Montanans and their families!

Marsha Goetting — 2021 Outstanding Individual Community Partner

Marsha A. Goetting, Ph.D., is a professor and Extension family economics specialist at Montana State University in Bozeman. During 2021 as people across the country were social distancing in response to the COVID pandemic, Goetting collaborated with AARP Montana to offer a four-part virtual webinar series on estate planning to people across the state. These webinars were very popular, and we reached more than 1,400 Montanans with this useful information. We are currently collaborating with Goetting to present a 4-part series of telephone town halls to Montanans which will help to reach people in rural areas and those without an online presence. Marsha A. Goetting, Ph.D. has done an outstanding job of creating presentations that distill these often-complicated issues into useful information for the average person.

During the past seven years Goetting has presented more than 500 educational sessions reaching more than 15,000 Montanans with financial and estate planning information. She has received state, regional and national awards for her programs. She is also well known for her authorship of 47 MontGuides fact sheets in the estate planning area. Goetting received her bachelors' and masters' degrees in family economics and adult Education from Kansas State University and a PhD from Iowa State University. Goetting has been a pleasure to work with and AARP Montana truly appreciates her partnership.

Kate Humphrey — 2021 AARP Montana Community Engagement Award

After a chance meeting at the Bozeman Home Show, just weeks before the pandemic hit, Kate Humphrey has become a valuable, contributing volunteer for AARP Montana. As a licensed physical therapist and Certified Aging in Place Specialist, Humphrey has been a big part of our virtual outreach sharing our HomeFit information regularly during 2020 and 2021. She mastered the original presentation and then easily transitioned to the updated version. Thanks to Humphrey, Montana was the first in the nation to actually offer the revised HomeFit presentation to a public audience. Humphrey is always willing to share the great HomeFit material even though she works full-time in a demanding job that requires extensive travel. Many thanks to

Humphrey for her volunteer contributions and can-do approach.

Fran Schisler — 2021 Outstanding Retired Educator

Fran Schisler has received many awards and honors as well as making significant volunteer contributions throughout Montana and in her local community of Dillon. She was awarded the UMW Outstanding Teacher of the Year and was the first MREA Walters' Rural Teacher of the Year. She's been a lifelong supporter and advocate for youth, a 4-H leader and judge and is active in her church choir. Schisler spearheads the Southwestern Montana Retired Educators Association's donations to the Beaverhead County Food Bank and to area schools. A long-time Bannack Board member and Alpha Delta Kappa member, Schisler's volunteer contributions are too numerous to list them all. Thanks for all you do!

Thom Ainsworth — 2021 Outstanding Driver Safety Award

Thom Ainsworth has shown outstanding leadership as the Montana driver safety coordinator for many years. Ainsworth leads a large team of Montana DSP volunteers who are frequently the face of AARP in communities large and small throughout the state. The pandemic has presented many challenges for this in-person, classroom style program and yet Ainsworth has kept his volunteer team updated and engaged and they are poised to return to their in-person instruction in 2022.

Galen Hronek — 2021 Outstanding Tax-Aide Award

We will be saying goodbye to Galen Hronek as he moves on to new challenges in 2022. Galen has coordinated the AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide Program for many years and led his amazing team of volunteers that provides valuable tax assistance to Montanans. The Tax-Aide program has also been severely impacted by the pandemic, but we know that this resilient team of volunteers will be ready to resume their important work as soon as AARP determines that in-person activities are safe for volunteers and community members.

Dr. Richard Blank — 2021 Montana Outstanding Community Service Volunteer and Andrus Finalist

Dr. Richard Blank is a long-time RSVP Volunteer in Missoula County. With hands-on experience as a family caregiver for a loved one with Alzheimer's, Blank continued advocating for families dealing with Alzheimer's even after his wife, Pat, passed. He joined the Dementia Friendly Missoula movement and has shared his experience and expertise widely throughout the community, with support groups and with the Montana Legislature. He also participated in the MAS Kitchen Table Conversations to educate people on end-of-life care for many years. He volunteers with Meals on Wheels and frequently connects with clients. Blank has made a difference in the Missoula community and has touched many lives. Thank you for your volunteer service!

Beth Hagan — 2021 Empty Bowl Award and Andrus Finalist

Seniors on the Blackfeet Reservation were hit hard by COVID and they experienced an extended lock down during the pandemic. The "We Are Eating" Food Pantry now serves more than 1,900 people per month and Beth Hagan has volunteered with the mobile food pantry program since it began in January of 2021. As the community lead, Hagan

receives bulk delivery of food boxes each week and she is in regular contact with the recipients to determine who needs food for each weekly delivery. Hagan has also served as the photographer and videographer and has provided video footage to the Great Falls news stations to publicize the program. Hagan has made a significant difference in your community during a time of great need. AARP Montana appreciates all that you've done.

Low Savik — Andrus Finalist

As a model volunteer for the Red Cross of Montana and many other organizations in the Kalispell community, Low Savik is constantly willing to step up when needed. He's ready to lend a hand in local disaster response, has been deployed nationally. Savik regularly represents the work of the Red Cross with community stakeholders. Since 2015, Savik and his team have supported more than 200 disaster clients after more than 70 local disasters. Savik has empowered countless individuals to support the work of the Red Cross in their community. His contributions don't stop there. Savik and his team of volunteers conduct in-home fire prevention activities including the installation of smoke alarms. He also supports his local church, delivers meals to Habitat for Humanity building sites and supports youth track and field. Savik's volunteer contributions have touched many community members and have made the Kalispell community a better place to live. Thank you for all you've done.

Rebecca Johnson — Andrus Finalist

Rebecca Johnson has been coordinating voter registration efforts in Montana since 2016. She's recruited and trained more than 40 volunteers in the Helena-area. Johnson also plans, coordinates, and implements voter registration events. She identifies areas with low voter turnout and conducts voter education events to raise awareness and register community members so they can vote. Truly engaged in the civic process, Johnson and her team distribute voter guides and she has facilitated group brainstorming sessions to expand voter registration efforts in the Helena-area. As an active member of the League of Women Voters and Montana Women Votes, she has also been active in supporting voting rights. She believes that easy access to voter registration and voting helps encourage people to be civically engaged. Thanks you have made a difference in your community and in Montana.

"AARP has long valued the spirit of volunteerism and the important contributions AARP volunteers make to their communities, neighbors, and the programs they serve. It's a pleasure to present these awards to so many wonderful volunteers who have made an important difference in the lives of others," Summers said.



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The Super Certificate drawings will take place on Saturday, December 4th after the Tree Lighting at 5pm at Town Square. Havre merchants are participating in the holiday drawings for gift certificates and prizes valued at over a total of \$2000. Prizes and certificates will be divided into 4 baskets. Each basket contains over \$300 of gift certificates and prizes. Registration form boxes will be collected at 3:00pm on Friday, December 3rd in order to get all slips into the drawing. Must collect your prize by December 9th or a new winner will be drawn. No Photo Copy slips will be accepted. Limit one prize per person.

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Letters to the Editor

Thanks to Tester on Milk River Project

Editor,

For many years, my family has had farm land under the Glasgow Irrigation District. That is part of the larger Milk River Irrigation System that brings water all across the Hi-Line, over 700 miles from the Mountains to the irrigated acres in Blaine, Hill, Phillips and Valley Counties and to many cities and communities for their drinking water. A structure on that system at St. Mary failed some years back. The Bureau of Reclamation has been working to get it properly repaired.

I, and I am sure many others, have signed petitions and written letters of support regarding this important structure. It has been years of effort and there have been articles in the media. There have been many promises and words of support from local, state and nationally elected officials — and, finally, thanks to Sen. Jon Tester and President Joe Biden and all those caring Congressmen who supported the bipartisan infrastructure bill, Congress

has approved the funding needed and the BOR can make the necessary improvements.

The economic benefits to the Hi-Line area will be obvious. Agricultural dollars turn over in the local economy many times. These funds are an investment in the future and will show benefit for many years. In addition, those communities who rely on water for residential use will have a reliable, clean water supply.

This is so very important to Valley County along with the other communities along the Milk River. This is a positive news story that truly deserves a celebration and large headlines in all the news media along the Milk River route.

Thanks again, Sen. Tester, for your work, and for being the only member of the Montana congressional delegation who would show support by voting for the project. I appreciate you.

**Shirley Ball
Nashua**

What's being compromised?

Sometimes, when watching Congress in action, I can't decide whether to laugh, cry, or check myself into an insane asylum.

Not all lawmakers are political hacks, quacks and corporate toadies, but that contingent does seem to dominate. Most infuriating is that while purporting to represent the people, Congress routinely does what the American majority does not want done — and fails to do what people do want.

Take a peek at the cuts Congress is making to Joe Biden's landmark infrastructure proposals.

This is a monumental, long-overdue undertaking to reinvest in America's underpinnings — everything from roads and broadband networks to child care and paid family leave. The package would deliver real, tangible benefits across our nation, especially for low- and middle-income families, so it is enormously popular.

Yet when the first half of the plan recently came to a vote in the House, Republicans turned it into a partisan mud wrestling show, loudly voting "NO" on such obvious needs as fixing decrepit bridges, providing clean tap water in every community, and opening pre-school education programs to all three- and four-year-olds.

Cynical Republican gamesmanship aside, even more infuriating is the clique of self-described "moderate" Democrats who pose as champions of workaday Americans but constantly scuttle public policies that would make

Inflation is complicated, but making it better doesn't have to be

Many Americans are noticing the rising price of goods from sour cream to carburetors as politicians sound the alarm on an inflation crisis.

You may be wondering what single force would cause the cost of a dairy product to go up at the same time as the cost of a car part. The truth is that not all inflation is the same. Each sector has its own issues.

And none of it is solved by less government funding for our safety net, as some politicians have proposed.

Some of it is what we can call pandemic inflation. Because our economy bounced back quicker after the COVID-19 shutdowns than anyone predicted — thanks largely to investments from the American Rescue Plan — people have more spending money and demand has risen faster than our underinvested supply chain could handle.

This rising demand accounts for price flares in auto manufacturing and lumber, for example. At the same time, you'll notice prices that had plummeted during the shutdowns returning to pre-pandemic levels. Think: plane tickets.

Meanwhile, recent price spikes on other goods that families depend on — like diapers, meat, and dairy — can be linked to corporate greed. Decades of corporations monopolizing industries and cutting out competition has given them the power to artificially inflate the prices of these necessities under the guise of "inflation."

Big business is simply milking this opportunity to claim that they need to raise their prices while they use those profits to engage in stock buybacks — which benefit shareholders and CEOs, not small farmers or the grocers who stock the shelves.

This is hard on consumers as well as small and family-owned businesses who depend on bigger conglomerates like Amazon for supplies and market access. With bigger chains hiking up prices, many smaller businesses are going under.

But the price pressures that hurt families the most are not caused by the pandemic — and in fact have been rising for decades.

By far the biggest ticket items on struggling families' budgets are rent and child care. The housing crisis is so

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their lives better.

For example, the GOP and corporate Democrats have jointly demanded a trillion dollar "compromise" in the second half of the plan.

What's being compromised? Not the priorities of the wealthy, that's for sure. Instead, it's the long-postponed needs of everyday Americans, including home health care, free community college, affordable housing, wage hikes, environmental justice, etc.

The wealthy and their political enablers complain that America can't afford such projects, even as they lobby against the modest tax increases on the wealthy and corporations that would finance them.

But more importantly, we aren't ultimately talking about "projects" — we're talking about people! And permitting politicians and lobbyists to leave them behind yet again would be an abominable moral failure.

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bad that no person earning minimum wage full-time can afford rent in any U.S. state. And the cost of child care costs more than college tuition in 30 states.

The Build Back Better Act being debated in Congress right now would help address our housing supply crisis by building new affordable units with a \$150 billion investment. The law would also reduce out of pocket child care costs for families, increase labor participation, and raise the wages of care workers.

More local policies like rent control, which advocates won recently in St. Paul, Minnesota, could also help regulate prices.

A few conservative lawmakers have used inflation as an excuse not to pass these programs. But they have it exactly backward.

The best thing we can do to offset the pain of inflation — whatever its cause — and for the overall health of our economy, is to raise the standard of living for all of us. That means lowering the poverty rate, raising wages, and reaching full employment.

For too long we've supported an economy that depends on low-paid jobs, dangerous work, and big businesses monopolizing power. That makes all of us suffer. Slowing down our economy to boost profits for corporations won't eliminate the need for families to purchase the products they depend on or fix our supply chain issues.

We need to build a system that supports a healthy economy for everyone, and the Build Back Better Act would be a down payment on a future clean bill of health.

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Treat all instances of hatred and bias equally

About a month ago, I was traveling on the subway in Philadelphia when I was attacked by a young African-American male in a hoodie, who was angry that I was filming him after he'd punched me in the head moments before.

I made a report, and other than anger that SEPTA is incapable of guaranteeing my safety for the increasingly expensive fare they charge, I'm fine. In fact, I'd basically forgotten about the incident until last week, when I saw a video of a few African-American girls attacking Asian students in a Philadelphia subway car.

It is a disgusting display of inhumanity, with the aggressors yelling and screaming curses at the victims, who seem to be cowering in their seats and very much afraid for their lives. The attackers appear to be unarmed in the video, but they are feral and brutal, and much more violent than the teen who attacked me.

When the first reports were issued about the attacks on the train, local media and officials twisted themselves into Philly soft pretzels to avoid addressing the elephant in the room. One news channel posted an article about how they were "investigating" if this was a hate crime, ignoring the fact that on the video you can, if you listen closely, discern racial epithets screamed at the victims. It's not conclusive, but it matters.

More important, though, were the official announcements tweeted out by people like Mayor Jim Kenney, who wrote:

"I'm appalled by yesterday's assault involving students on the Broad Street Line. Those involved in the assault have been identified and will be held accountable. I want our residents to know that we will not tolerate any acts of hate."

Columnist

Christine Flowers



At first glance, it's not bad, although he doesn't mention the race of the assailants, nor the race of the victims. You can be certain that if it were a gang of Proud Boys attacking a person of color, we'd not only know the races of all parties involved, we'd have marches in the streets.

Imagine if a bunch of white girls from the suburbs had called a bunch of Black girls racial epithets, and that was caught on video. You know that this would be the number one story on the news for the next two cycles, and there would be op-eds written, community activists consulted and sensitivity trainings initiated.

Here, though, there seems to be a much lower sense of urgency. WHYY, Philadelphia's local public radio station and "voice of the community," barely mentioned the race of the attackers when they posted articles about these "alleged" hate crimes. I looked on their website, and could only find one reference to "African-American" teens embedded far down in the article.

Contrast that with what happened in Georgia last year, when there was the attack on Asian women by a white male. Before any of the details became known and the actual motives assessed, the media were in full "white supremacy" mode with the man going after women of color because of his toxic white masculinity. It was only after the real motive was determined to be the misogyny of a mentally unhinged man who couldn't get a date

did the media recalibrate its narrative to be something along the lines of the dangers faced by women of color with the emphasis on domestic abuse as opposed to racial animus.

We don't even need to go that far back to see the hypocritical gymnastics the media does when discussing race. After Kyle Rittenhouse was justifiably acquitted of all charges in Wisconsin, the usual race baiting suspects came out with comments about how if it had been a Black boy who shot white guys, he'd be sentenced to life. They inject race where it's irrelevant, but ignore it when it is actually relevant, as when African American teenagers are brutalizing Asian students.

Time after time, if the aggressor is white and the victim is not, it automatically becomes a narrative about bigotry and white supremacy. The "Through the Looking Glass" moment came when Rittenhouse, who is white, shot three men, who were also white, and he's still attacked as an example of white privilege. This is madness, and we are in societal quicksand.

Refusing to point out that race was very likely a factor in the attack by these Black students on Asian youth is racism by omission, namely, refusing to even consider the possibility that bias was a central part of the equation.

If we really want to have an honest discussion about race, we have to discuss all the messy, uncomfortable aspects about it.

We need to treat all instances of hatred and bias equally, because if we don't, we are proving that only some lives matter.

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A tradition to be thankful for

I love pumpkin pie — but not just any pumpkin pie.

It has to be my mother's pumpkin pie, made with her unique thick and dry crust, and it has to be enjoyed only on Thanksgiving Day.

It's a Purcell family tradition, after all, and tradition is the reason Thanksgiving is my favorite American holiday.

The very first recorded Thanksgiving occurred in November 1621 when the Plymouth colonists enjoyed their first corn harvest and invited the Wampanoag to share a three-day feast to give thanks for their bounty and to express their gratitude to the tribe for helping them adapt to, and survive in, the new land.

According to History.com, there's some controversy over the first Thanksgiving.

Similar events may have taken place earlier in other parts of North America and, given the bloody conflict among Native Americans and European settlers that took place over many years, there's also disagreement about how peaceful and friendly the first Thanksgiving really was.

For the next few centuries, as America flourished, individual colonies and states celebrated various kinds of Thanksgiving events.

It didn't become an official holiday until 1863, when, in the midst of the destructive Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

Humor Columnist

Tom Purcell



It didn't take much time after that for Thanksgiving to evolve into its current customs and formalities.

My great-grandfather, who came to America from Ireland in the 1880s and his wife, whose parents came from Alsace Lorraine, likely celebrated it the same way my extended family still celebrates it.

They ate too much turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce and fresh-made muffins.

They found room for a piece of pie covered in whipped cream, then sat around the messy dinner table sipping coffee, talking and laughing and feeling thankful for their bounty.

Their tradition didn't involve NFL football games, as ours now does, nor my mother's version of pumpkin pie.

Truth be told, the staples that many of us enjoy each Turkey Day were not a part of the first Thanksgiving.

In 1641, when Gov. Bradford wrote a book about the history of the Plymouth settlement, he described the bountiful spread at the first Thanksgiving.

He wrote that the settlers and the Wampanoag consumed geese, duck and venison — and likely lobster, seal

and swans.

They had no potatoes, since they didn't yet grow in North America.

There was no cranberry sauce, because the colonists didn't begin boiling berries with sugar until 1671.

There wasn't any bread because they had no ovens. And though pumpkins were plentiful, it's doubtful they had the butter and wheat flour they needed to make pie crust.

So how did the country end up with a day devoted to gorging ourselves on turkey and all the fixings?

In the late 1840s through the 1860s Sarah Josepha Hale, an editor of a popular magazine, lobbied hard to have Thanksgiving proclaimed a national holiday. She succeeded.

She also published many recipes that featured the turkey and trimmings that are now the core of the traditional Thanksgiving meal.

But the specifics of how we arrived at our annual Thanksgiving feast are not so important.

What's important is that the day always be a common celebration that unites Americans — a day in which we honor past generations and pass on our shared, ever-evolving rituals to the next.

Now if you'll excuse me, I have a piece of pumpkin pie to devour!

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The state of Montana education = Obituaries

State Board of Education examines shared goals and challenges for students across Montana's public K-12 and higher ed systems

by Alex Sakariassen
Montana Free Press

MISSOULA — Leaders of Montana's K-12 and higher education systems convened on the University of Montana campus Friday to discuss strategic goals and ongoing challenges to improve the quality of education for students across the state.

Addressing an in-person meeting of the State Board of Education, Gov. Greg Gianforte gushed about the scenes he's witnessed firsthand this year in classrooms from Frenchtown to Glendive. He lauded the passage of a new law in the 2021 Legislature that provides incentives for schools to increase starting teacher pay and efforts to increase financial aid for college students and expand flexibilities in licensing of qualified teachers in Montana. However, Gianforte said the state also faces "heavy-handed mandates" from Washington, D.C., that "threaten our schools and students."

"I'll continue working with Superintendent [Elsie] Arntzen and our congressional delegation to rescind the CDC illegal mask mandate on school buses," Gianforte said. "I'll also continue working with Attorney General [Austin] Knudsen to prevent vaccine mandates, which are illegal in Montana. While I continue to encourage Montanans to consult their health care provider in getting vaccinated, they should do so voluntarily, not under an edict that has not been passed through the legislative process."

Gianforte applauded the Montana School Boards Association for withdrawing its membership in the National School Boards Association over an episode relating to the debate about parental rights and the federal response to threats from members of the public against teachers and school officials nationally. He encouraged other education associations to evaluate their membership in national organizations to ensure those relationships are in the best interest of

Montana.

The State Board of Education comprises Gianforte, Arntzen, Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian, the Montana Board of Regents and the Montana Board of Public Education. Gianforte listed his key priorities for Montana's education system, which include:

- continuing to address the underlying costs of education to help students enter the workforce faster and with less debt;
- expanding public-private partnerships, such as UM's Accelerate Montana, to "better meet the needs of students and Montana employers"; and
- increasing educational opportunities for traditional and nontraditional students, including in-person and virtual instruction options.

Board of Regents Chair Casey Lozar informed the group of the "incredibly impressive strides" Montana's higher education system has made this year in recruiting and retaining Native American students.

Data collected from the Montana University System this fall showed an 8% increase in Native student enrollment statewide over the previous year and a retention rate of 8%, Lozar said.

"We're doing a better job of holding on to these students," Lozar said, adding that at the University of Montana alone, Native student enrollment increased nearly 25%. "This is just incredibly exciting news, and while there's more work to be done, the progress is real and it's substantial and it's been strategic."

Lozar also noted that MUS has also made progress in improving the pathway for transfer students from tribal colleges to state institutions, with Fort Belknap's Aaniiih Nakoda College and Rocky Boy's Stone Child College joining a standardized state course-numbering system this year to make those transfers easier.

Lozar said there was a significant increase in 2021 in the use of an online college application portal called Apply Montana, which allows a prospective student to apply to any state campus without paying an application fee. According to Lozar, more than 9,000 students submitted applications through the portal this year, and he estimated the fee savings for Montanans at roughly \$500,000. Lozar said the MUS plans to scale up a new pilot project called Montana 10, which offers focused support for students in key areas that typically impact retention.

"This year alone, we saw a 16 percent retention gain from fall to spring in the Montana 10 cohort as compared to the non-Montana 10 participants," Lozar said.

Board of Public Education Chair Tammy Lacey shared a brief glimpse of what she and her fellow board members discussed during a packed three-day agenda. The top note was a comprehensive strategic plan the board approved prior to the State Board of Education meeting. That plan, Lacey explained, not only honed the Board of Public Education's mission statement but also laid out six broad goals the board will focus on in the coming months. Among those goals are revising the state's standards for school accreditation and teacher and administrator licensing through an ongoing regulatory review process, and promoting safe learning environments for students and for teachers.

"We know that students and teachers can't learn and work unless they feel that they are safe and supported in their educational institutions," Lacey said. "So we'll work with educational partners to help school districts navigate a variety of federal and state regulations and funding and other aspects in order to provide a safe environment."

Lacey added that as the entity overseeing the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind, one of the board's immediate priorities will be to hire a permanent superintendent for the school. Paul Furthmyre has been filling the position on an interim basis for more than a year. Lacey said the board is currently accepting applications and will close that application window on January 1.

During her remarks, Arntzen said that the Office of Public Instruction is currently in the process of streamlining its teacher licensing process with the development of an online licensing portal. That effort is funded by \$13.4 million in federal COVID-19 relief funds made available through the American Rescue Plan Act.

"We will be up and running by May," Arntzen said. "Between May and August is when we recertify and license about 5,000 teachers. We're going to get out of paper, go to digital, be great in service to whoever, wherever teachers are going."

Arntzen added that OPI will partner with the Montana Department of Administration to map broadband needs in schools across the state to expand broadband access, also backed by federal pandemic relief funding.

During board comment, Regent Robert Nystuen tempered these optimistic assessments of Montana's education system with a gut-check culled from enrollment figures presented to the regents the previous day. According to those figures, Nystuen said, Montana has experienced a 10% decline

since 2010 in the number of graduating high school seniors who have gone on to postsecondary education. Nystuen said of those who do, 12% go to out-of-state institutions and 28% enroll in campuses in the Montana University System.

"Half the students say, 'I'm not going to go to college,' and as a former private-sector guy, retired, I find that trend to be most concerning," Nystuen said. "We, the people around this table, need to double down on our efforts to market and explain why some level of higher education beyond a K-12 diploma is so important. I think we're missing the boat."

Mary Heller from the Board of Public Education responded to Nystuen's concern by pointing out that Montana students may be embracing educational opportunities outside of the traditional higher education model. She cited the example of a 2020 graduate from Helena's Capital High School who had participated in the school's automotive program. The Monday after his graduation ceremony, Heller said, that student started a well-paying job at an automotive dealership. He walked directly into a viable career, she continued, one that includes opportunities for ongoing training and certification.

"While I think that two-year colleges or community colleges, tribal colleges, four-year universities are important in some fields, I do not want to forget that there are other forms of education," Heller said. "And I think we need to take a serious look at those. I think we need to exalt those."

Heller's statements spoke directly to Gianforte's earlier point regarding his desire to better reflect the needs of Montana employers in the state's education system. Gianforte took the opportunity to voice his support for workplace experience as an educational tool. The Legislature took a major step in that direction this spring, Gianforte said, by passing a bill that broadened the ability of local school officials to allow students to pursue on-the-job learning in lieu of certain core curriculum requirements.

"It's another tool we put in the box," Gianforte said. "It won't be the right thing for every community, but it will be looked at."

Friday's meeting was largely informational, offering the various state boards and agencies a chance to discuss their respective plans and shared goals. The Board of Public Education and the Board of Regents will meet again separately in January.

Leo E. Driscoll

Leo E. Driscoll, 64, passed away due to natural causes at his residence on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, surrounded by his family.



Driscoll

Cremation has taken place, and a celebration of Leo's life will be held during the spring of 2022.

Memorial contributions in Leo's honor may be made to the Benefis Foundation Gift of Life Housing P.O. Box 7008 Great Falls, Montana 59405.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

Please visit Leo's online memorial page and leave a message of condolence for his family at <http://www.holland-bonine.com>.

Leo was born July 5, 1957, to Stanley and Anne (Pruys) Driscoll at the family home in Charlo, MT, the seventh of eight children. After graduating from high school in 1977, he worked on the family farm and at various other jobs until beginning his employment with Montana Rail Link.

In 2000, Leo married Julie Beckman and acquired three children whom he adored, Roxanne (Iliad) Gesler, Wes Brekhus, and Christ Brekhus.

Leo enjoyed playing pool, cards, traveling, and watching his Westerns and other TV series.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley and Anne Driscoll, and brother Tom Driscoll.

Leo is survived by his wife, Julie Driscoll of Havre; children; six siblings, and numerous life-long friends and family.

Sara A. Gerber

Sara A. Gerber, 31, passed away due to natural causes at Northern Montana Hospital Sunday, November 21, 2021.

Cremation has taken place, and memorial services will be

held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, November 29, 2021, at First Lutheran Church with Pastor Megan Hoewisch officiating.

Sara's family has suggested memorial donations be made in her memory to the Friends of the Animal Shelter or a charity of the donor's choice.

Katie A. Waldner

Katie A. Waldner, 69, passed away due to natural causes at Northern Montana Hospital Thursday, November 18, 2021.

Funeral services took place at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, November 21, 2021, at the Hilldale Colony Church. Burial followed in the Hilldale Colony Cemetery.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

Please visit Katie's online memorial page and leave a message of condolence for her family at <http://www.holland-bonine.com>.

Katie was born November 23, 1951, at Rockport Colony to Andrew and Katie Waldner. She was raised at Rockport until 1963, when the family relocated to Hilldale, where she remained until her death. Katie served the colony as their head cook for 21 years. After stepping down, she worked at the school, supervising the children during lunch. She was a hard-working, loving woman who could fix anything.

Katie passed as she lived, with disregard to herself and a heartfelt "Thank you!" to her siblings for visiting and seeing her off to her final resting place, to be with her beloved Saviour Jesus Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew and Katie Waldner; niece, Clara J. Waldner; sister-in-law Sarah J. Waldner, and numerous aunts and uncles.

She is survived by her sisters, Sarah (David) Kleinsasser and Lena (Sam) Kleinsasser, all of Hilldale Colony, Becky (Tim) Hofer of Spring Water Colony, and Elsie A. Waldner, her roommate and younger sister with whom she was very close and loved dearly, of Hilldale Colony; brothers, Andrew (Katie) Waldner of Hilldale Colony, Jacob (Rosa) Waldner and Joe (Ruth) Waldner, all of Hartland Colony, and John (Clara) Waldner of Hilldale Colony, and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Katie's family is grateful for the compassion and care extended by all at the Northern Montana Hospital in Havre.

= For the Record

Havre Police Department

Monday at 9:21 a.m., officers investigated a Buttrey Drive vehicle crash in which one driver backed into a second vehicle.

Ryan Michael Greenough of Havre, 37, was arrested on a pick and hold order after someone with Probation and Parole reported Monday at 9:28 a.m. that he might be at a First Street business.

Jordan Nash Windyboy of Rocky Boy, 39, was arrested on a partner or family member assault charge after a domestic disturbance was reported on Fourth Street Monday at 10:55 a.m.

An arrest was made on First Street while officers were assisting Hill County Sheriff's Office and the Tri-Agency Task Force Monday at 10:57 a.m. No details on the charges were provided.

A tire was reported slashed on 14th Street West Monday at 1:10 p.m.

Ashley Dawn Kruse of Havre, 31, was arrested on a Justice or City court warrant during a Monday 2:54 p.m. vehicle stop on Third Avenue.

James Murel Goldsmith Jr. of Montana, 28, was arrested on

a Justice or City court warrant after a caller at a First Street establishment reported Monday at 9:29 p.m. that a man brought his own alcohol into the business then refused to leave.

An arrest was made after a caller on Smithville Road reported a domestic disturbance at 5:24 a.m. today, but no details on charges were provided.

Hill County Sheriff's Office

Jalen Jaret Watson of Havre, 20, was arrested on two Justice or City court warrants and Cali Terese Brien of Havre, 22, was arrested on a Justice or City court warrant served on First Street Monday at 10:56 p.m.

Deputies investigated a disturbance involving an intoxicating man on 123rd Avenue East Monday at 8:43 p.m.

Montana Highway Patrol

Montana Highway Patrol was called Monday at 4:19 p.m. to a two-vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 2 West. Trooper Lewis Johnson said one vehicle was exiting a parking lot onto the highway and was struck by an eastbound vehicle in that lane. The impact was predominantly to the rear door on the driver's side of the vehicle entering the highway, but the driver had to be extracted from the vehicle.

The drivers, the only occupants of the vehicles, sustained minor injuries, but neither was transported to the hospital. Both were wearing seat belts.

Havre Fire Department

Emergency medical personnel responded to one call Monday, accompanying firefighters, and one call early this morning. Firefighters responded at 4:17 p.m. Monday to the 3500 Block of U.S. Highway 2 West to assist with extrication of a person involved in the vehicle crash described above.

Havre Animal Shelter

The shelter this morning held two cats of unknown gender, five female cats, four male cats, one male 15-week-old kitten and one male and one female 7-month-old kittens.

The shelter also held a male shepherd, a male 9-month-old mixed-breed puppy, a male pit bull, two female mixed-breed dogs and a female 24-week-old border collie-Australian cattle dog-blue heeler cross puppy. Also, a male and a female 14-week-old mixed-breed puppies were being held separately.

Births

A boy was born Monday, Nov. 22, 2021, to Laura and Douglas Dightman of Havre.

= Lottery Roundup

The winning numbers for the Monday, Nov. 22, drawing are:

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Epic moments from an epic Brawl

From the Fringe...

George Ferguson
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MISSOULA — I gotta admit, I just didn't see this one coming.

Call me a pessimist, which so many people do when it comes to the Montana Grizzlies, or maybe it was just the fact that I had a ton of respect for what the Montana State Bobcats have built. Or just maybe, I was feeling apprehensive because it had been six, yes six calendar years since the Grizzlies had last beaten the Bobcats.

Probably all of the above. Whatever the reasons, though, I didn't think what happened Saturday inside Washington-Grizzly Stadium, in front of the largest crowd to ever see a game in state history by the way, was possible. I just didn't see the Grizzlies dominating that way.

But that's the rivalry isn't it?

Expect the unexpected. After all, during MSU's four-game winning streak, the Bobcats were in what many deemed, a rebuilding process. So how could they win four in a row?

That's the rivalry, though. Anything can happen and it usually does.

Like when Montana had won 16 straight in the series, no one would have thought a freshman named Travis Lulay, on one of the ugliest weather days you've ever seen in Missoula, would help the Cats snap that streak. But he did, and it's now the stuff of legends.

Like I said, anything can and does happen in the Brawl of the Wild, and it did Saturday.

In a monstrous twist of irony, true freshman Junior Bergen caught a 74-yard touchdown pass on the second play of the game to give the Griz a lead they would never relinquish. Why is that ironic? Bergen was an original MSU commit, but wound up changing his mind and changing over to the Griz.

Now he, too, will forever be part of Cat-Griz legend, and he's not even 20 years old yet.

And that's how it went Saturday. One shock after another.

It wasn't shocking to see two of the best defenses in the FCS duke it out in a low-scoring affair, but it was shocking to see Montana's defense hold the Bobcats to under 100 yards on the ground after the Cats had rushed for over 300 in three straight games against the Griz, and they came in leading the Big Sky in rushing by a wide margin.

It was also shocking to see Montana win so decisively while only being able to run the ball for around 60 yards. That's something you don't see every day.

To offset that, though, UM kicker Kevin Macias was a perfect five-for-five on field goals, including booting a 50-yarder. You know what else? Macias only moved to Missoula in the summer and joined the Griz in fall camp, and not only that, having gone to Arizona State, Saturday was probably as cold as he's ever played a football game in, and yet, he was a huge hero.

And on and on the stories from Saturday went.

Troy Andersen is already, and forever will be a legend of Cat-Griz games, but it wasn't too late for him to put an even bigger stamp on his legacy by tallying 10 tackles and intercepting a pass, and for good measure, he even made a brief appearance on offense.



The Montana Grizzlies celebrate with the Great Divide Trophy after beating the Montana State Bobcats in the 120th Brawl of the Wild Saturday in Missoula.

Havre Daily News/Colin Thompson

Perhaps not shocking, but maybe so, was the grid scoring a non-offensive touchdown, again. They've done it a lot this year, this time, cornerback Justin Ford picking up a botched MSU fake field goal to reach the endzone.

Special teams scores are always a bonus, and the Griz got a big one Saturday.

And last but not least, here's

something I personally found really sticking about Saturday's Brawl — the civility. Trust me, it isn't always like that in this game, but from every observation, before, during and after the game, of which I spent plenty of time in all three phases observing, the civility between fans was next level. And, with how bitter this rivalry has become, or perhaps, how bitter we're all guilty

of being toward sour fellow man these days, Saturday's civility in and around Washington-Grizzly Stadium, and all over Missoula, was shocking, but also so refreshing, and while totally unexpected, I really enjoyed it.

But again, that's Cat-Griz. You have to expect the unexpected, and there was plenty of it Saturday.

I said going in, this was

perhaps the biggest Brawl of the Wild ever, for a myriad of reasons. And I don't think I was wrong. From the pregame buildup, to an awesome flyover, to the record crowd, to the game itself, the 120th meeting between Montana and Montana State did not disappoint.

And even though I didn't see it coming, I certainly won't ever forget it.

Ice Hawks open the season with losses to Bozeman at home

Kason Clark

Havre Daily News sports

Winter sports are finally here as hockey is back on the Hi-Line with the Havre Ice Hawks high school hockey team hosting the Bozeman Icedogs to begin the season this past weekend. However, the Hawks' season did not get off to the best start at the Havre Ice Dome as they lost to Bozeman, 9-3, Saturday night and then lost, 5-3, Sunday.

"We did alright. I was hoping to see a little bit more out of them," head coach Chase Hanson said. "Overall, we did good. Just some mental errors that will get fixed going forward."

The Hawks and Icedogs began the season Saturday night in a game that was competitive early on. Just over three minutes into the game, Trayden Riley scored the first goal of the season for the Hawks to give them a 1-0 lead in the first period. Ten



minutes later in the period, the Icedogs responded with a goal from Brodie Shepardson during a power play to tie the game.

Shepardson carried his play into the second period with another goal just nine seconds into the period. Just 12 seconds later, he scored another goal to give Bozeman a 3-1 lead. A few

minutes later on a power play, Michael Emge scored a goal to cut the Hawks' deficit to 3-2.

However, the Hawks could not keep up with the Icedogs in the second period. Just over three minutes in the period, Spencer Wilkinson scored to make it 4-2 in favor of Bozeman. Shepardson then scored his fourth goal of the game to further extend the lead for the Icedogs. Miko Perkins and Alex Steckelberg then scored goals to give Bozeman a 7-2 lead to end the second period.

"It was a complete lapse on our end," Hanson said about the second period. "We just didn't carry over the intensity from the first period into the second period."

Almost 12 minutes into the third period, the Icedogs scored again with Steckelberg's second goal. The Hawks finally scored again with a goal from Ciaran Courtneage a few minutes later.

Late in the game, Everett Carr scored a goal to cap off the 9-3 victory for Bozeman.

After the loss Saturday night, the Hawks and Icedogs returned to Havre Ice Dome for a rematch Sunday. Early on it looked like the Icedogs would again dominate. Just over eight minutes into the first period, Finn Chumbler scored on a power play to give Bozeman the lead. Wilker-son then scored a goal to give Bozeman a 2-0 lead to close out the first period.

Despite a 2-0 deficit, the Hawks came back in the second period. Just over ten minutes into the second period, Emge scored a goal to get the Hawks on the scoreboard. Late in the second period, Austin Boyce scored on a power play to tie the game. After their loss Saturday, Hanson thought his players responded well as they played much better Sunday.

"The kids never really gave

up," Hanson said. "(On Saturday), we kind of stopped moving our feet, we kind of stopped moving around. (On Sunday), we kept it on them for the most part."

However, the Hawks could not hold onto momentum as the Icedogs roared back. Just over two minutes into the third period, Trey Morgan scored on a power play to give Bozeman a 3-2 lead. Steckelberg and Chumbler then scored a pair of goals to extend Bozeman's lead to 5-2.

"(We had) mental errors on our end," Hanson said about the third period. "We started chasing the puck. We started waiting to see what they wanted to do with it instead of forcing plays. Our defense was getting caught out of position and they made us pay for it."

Boyce scored again in the third period to cut the deficit to 5-3, but the Hawks could not come back. Both Boyce and

Emge finished the weekend with three points as both players recorded two goals and one assist in the two games. Goalie Clara Holland started both games for the Hawks and recorded a .777 save percentage.

While the Hawks could have played better to start the season, there were still many positives to build off moving forward. Hanson was impressed with how the team responded Sunday after the 9-3 loss Saturday and he hopes that character will carry through the rest of the year.

"The team stuck together," Hanson said. "They came right back out and they stuck together. That was a little bit of an issue in years past but hopefully it won't be this year."

The Hawks will next play against the Great Falls Americans at the Great Falls Ice Plex on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Field Soosloff represents MSU-N cross country at nationals

Kason Clark

Havre Daily News sports

The Montana State University-Northern men's cross country team was represented at the NAIA National Championships this past Friday as Field Soosloff ran for the Lights.

It was the second straight season that Soosloff ran in the national finals after he placed 229th last season. In this year's national finals in Vancouver, Washington, Soosloff placed 211th with a time of 27:40.9.

"I definitely performed a little better than last year but still not quite up to my expectations," Soosloff said.

Soosloff was one of 330 runners competing at the national meets. While he was happy to get the chance to compete on the big stage, he felt like not having his teammates there to run with hurt his time.

"Usually when you have your team there, you have



Soosloff

people to race for," Soosloff said "When the going gets tough during the race, you really kind of don't have that motivation to rely on."

It was a rainy day at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site where the race was held. With the rain turning the course muddy, it made the race even tougher to get through.

"It's pretty challenging, espe-

cially in that third or fourth mile when you get to a muddy spot. It really kind of saps your speed and you have to push through it to get back up to where you were," Soosloff said.

However, Soosloff loved the location of the meet and thought it served as the perfect backdrop for a run.

"It was more of a running atmosphere," Soosloff said. "I really liked Washington and I like the scenery. The big mountains in the background and the green everywhere were pretty cool."

Tennessee school Milligan won

the men's meet with a score of 115. Oklahoma City freshman Zouhair Talbi won the meet with a time of 24:43.1. Frontier Conference schools Carroll College, Southern Oregon and Eastern Oregon competed as teams at the meet. SOU finished 14th, EOU took 20th and Carroll finished 26th.

Rocky Mountain College also had a pair of runners qualify for at-large bids. Jackson Wilson finished 62nd with a time of 26:19.6 and Jackson Duffey placed 232nd with a time of 27:53.9. Montana Western's Luke Lutz also com-

peted as an at-large runner as he took 141st with a time of 27:05.3.

Coming off of back-to-back appearances in the NAIA National Championship, Soosloff will return for another season to run for the Lights. As he gets ready for next season, he said he will be sure to learn from his experience in Vancouver.

"I have a lot of things to work on. I got to learn how to mentally push through stuff when the going gets tough, even with or without a team there," Soosloff said. "I got a lot more training to do."

Lights crown three champs, place seven at Spokane Open

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The Montana State University-Northern Lights are off to a great start this wrestling season. And it continued last Sunday in Spokane, Washington.

Northern wound up second at the Spokane Open, a traditionally tough tournament the Lights, of head coach Tyson Thivierge, have been competing in for years.

Among the individual successes for the Lights, they placed seven grapplers overall, landed four in the finals and crowned three champions.

Isaac Bartel cruised to a title at 197 pounds, while NaKoda Siegel won at 174 pounds. But the best performance was by MSU-N 165-pounder Chase Short, who

won the team title at 165 pounds, and was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler. The Lights also got a second-place finish from former Havre Blue Pony Martin Wilkie at 141 pounds.

Other Lights to reach the podium Sunday included, freshman Collin Silverthorn, who placed sixth at 149 pounds, Carl Hansen, who finished third at 184, and Rylan Moldenhauer, who finished sixth at 285.

The Lights will return home to dual Cascade Conference rival Southern Oregon Dec. 2 then go to the Battle of the Rockies Dec 4 in Great Falls.

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Montana State University-Northern's NaKoda Siegel, right, won an individual title at last Sunday's Spokane Open.



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Beginning with the first scheduled football games of the 2021 season, entrants will have the opportunity to use their skill and knowledge of football to predict the winners of each listed game by circling the winning team. The entrant with the most correct predictions will win first place for the week. The entrant with the second most correct predictions will win second place prize.

Tie Breaker Game: When contestants tie, their accuracy in predicting the score of the tie breaker game will determine the winner. Each person may play one ballot. **Havre Daily News employees and their families are not eligible.**

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TasteFood: Turkey leftovers 2.0

I realize I am getting ahead of myself by talking turkey leftovers right now, but only by a week or so. I trust that you have your Thanksgiving turkey centerpiece under control. This recipe is about that turkey and addresses the leftovers you will face.

I can't imagine a better way to use up those leftovers than to add them to a platter of nachos. Following the sit-down turkey holiday feast, it's refreshing to make food that's decidedly unfancy, unplated and, well, messy. This casual family-style nacho platter will do the trick.

While it appears to be heavy and loaded (it is), these nachos are relatively light and straightforward in ingredients, with just enough cheese to bind them, and a gargantuan mound of mashed avocados to brighten and refresh. I prefer to use

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dark turkey meat for extra flavor. It's a great way to repurpose the little bits of meat salvaged from the turkey, reserving the larger pieces for the requisite sandwiches the next day.

Turkey Nachos

Active Time: 20 minutes
Total Time: 20 minutes
Yield: Serves 4

- 2 ripe avocados
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon Mexican hot

sauce

- 6 ounces tortilla chips
- 6 to 8 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, coarsely shredded
- 2 scallions, thinly sliced, white and green parts separated
- 1/2 medium red bell pepper, finely diced
- 1 jalapeno pepper, thinly sliced
- 2 cups shredded turkey meat
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves and tender stems
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Lime wedges for serving

Mash the avocados, lime juice, salt and hot sauce in a bowl until blended but still slightly chunky.

Preheat the oven broiler. Spread half of the chips on a 1/4-sized rimmed baking sheet

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or a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Scatter about one-third of the cheese over the chips. Top with the remaining chips. Scatter the sliced white scallions, red pepper and jalapeno pepper over the chips, then top with the turkey. Sprinkle the remaining cheese over the pan.

Transfer the nachos to the oven and broil about 5 inches below the heating element until the cheese is melted and the chips are tinged golden brown, about 4 minutes, rotating the pan as needed to ensure even cooking.

Remove from oven and scatter the sliced green scallions and cilantro over the nachos and garnish with black pepper. Serve immediately with the avocado and lime wedges.



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(BPT) — If you're like most people, you've spent more time at home in the last year and a half than ever before. While there are probably things you love about your house, spending so much time there makes you acutely aware of where upgrades are in order.

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HEALTH

Becerra says surprise billing rules force doctors who overcharge to accept fair prices

by Michael McAuliff
Kaiser Health News

Overpriced doctors and other medical providers who can't charge a reasonable rate for their services could be put out of business when new rules against surprise medical bills take effect in January, and that's a good thing, Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra told KHN, in defending the regulations.

The proposed rules represent the Biden administration's plan to carry out the No Surprises Act, which Congress passed to spare patients from the shockingly high bills they get when one or more of their providers unexpectedly turn out to be outside their insurance plan's network.

The law shields patients from those bills, requiring providers and insurers to work out how much the physicians or hospitals should be paid, first through negotiation and then, if they can't agree, arbitration. Doctor groups and medical associations, however, have lashed out at the interim final rules that HHS unveiled last month, saying they favor insurance companies in the arbitration phase. That's because, although the rules tell arbiters to take many factors into account, they are instructed to start with a benchmark largely determined by insurers: the median rate negotiated for similar services among in-network providers.

The doctor groups say giving the insurers the upper hand will let them drive payment rates down and potentially force doctors out of networks or even out of business, reducing access to health care.

The department has heard those concerns, Becerra said,

but the bottom line is protecting patients. Medical providers who have taken advantage of a complicated system to charge exorbitant rates will have to bear their share of the cost, or close if they can't, he said.

"I don't think when someone is overcharging, that it's going to hurt the overcharger to now have to [accept] a fair price," Becerra said. "Those who are overcharging either have to tighten their belt and do it better, or they don't last in the business."

"It's not fair to say that we have to let someone gouge us in order for them to be in business," he added.

Nonetheless, Becerra said he did not foresee a wave of closures, or diminished access for consumers. Instead, he suggested that a competitive, market-driven process will find a balance, especially when consumers know better what they are paying for.

"We're willing to pay a fair price," he said. But he emphasized that "I'll pay for the best, but I don't want to have to pay for the best and then three times more on top of that and get blindsided by the bill."

Becerra also pointed to a report on surprise medical bills that HHS released Monday and that was provided to KHN in advance, highlighting the impacts of negotiation and arbitration laws already in effect in 18 states.

The report, which aggregates previous research, found

people getting hit with surprise bills averaging \$1,219 for anesthesiologists, \$2,633 for surgical assistants, \$744 for childbirth and north of \$24,000 for air ambulances.

In the states that use benchmarks similar to what doctors are suggesting HHS use, such as New York and New Jersey, the report found costs rising. New York has a "baseball-style" system in which the arbiter chooses between the offers presented by the provider and the insurer, although the arbiter is told to consider the offer closest to the 80th percentile of charges. "Since the amount providers charge is typically much higher than the actual negotiated rate, this approach risks leading to significantly higher overall costs," the report found. In New Jersey, billed charges or "usual and customary" rates are considered.

"When the arbitration process is wide open, no boundaries, at the end of the day health care costs go up, not down," Becerra said of the

methods doctors prefer. "We want costs to go down. And so we want to set up a system that helps provide the guidelines to keep us efficient, transparent and cost-effective."

The system chosen by the Biden administration was expected to push insurance premiums down by 0.5% to 1%, the Congressional Budget Office estimated.

"Everyone has to give a little to get to a good place," Becerra said. "That sweet spot, I hope, is one where patients ... are extracted from that food fight. And if there continues to be a food fight, the arbitration process will help settle it in a way that is efficient, but it also will lead to lower costs."

While the administration chose a benchmark that physician and hospital groups don't like, the law does specify that other factors should be considered, such as a provider's experience, the market and the complexity of a case. Becerra said those factors help ensure

arbitration is fair.

"What we simply did was set up a rule that says, 'Show the evidence,'" Becerra said. "It has to be relevant, material evidence. And let the best person win in that fight in arbitration."

The interim final rules were published Oct. 7, giving stakeholders 60 days to comment and seek changes. More than 150 members of Congress, many of them doctors, have asked HHS and other relevant federal agencies to reconsider before the law takes effect Jan. 1. The lawmakers charge that the administration is not adhering to the spirit of the compromises Congress made in passing the law.

Rules that are this far along tend to go into effect with little or no changes, but Becerra said his department was still

listening. "If we think there's a need to make any changes, we are prepared to do so," the secretary said.

The HHS report also noted that the law requires extensive monthly and annual reporting to regulators and Congress to determine if the regulations are out of whack or have undesirable consequences like those the physicians are warning of.

Becerra said he thinks the rules strike the right balance, favoring not insurers or doctors, but the people who need medical care.

"We want it to be transparent, so we can lead to more competition, and keep costs low — not just for the payer, the insurer, not just for the provider, the hospital or doctor, but for the patients especially," he said.

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FORMER FRIEND MOURNS LOSS OF PARENT

DEAR HARRIETTE: Should I reach out to a former friend of mine who is grieving the loss of a parent? I'm not sure if she ever wants to hear from me again because of the way we left off. I don't want to offend her. What would be the best way to send my condolences to someone who might not want to hear from me? — No Longer Friends

DEAR NO LONGER FRIENDS: During times of grief, hearing from an old friend can be meaningful as long as that person doesn't ask for anything in return. Consider sending your friend a card that expresses your sincere sadness over the loss of her parent. Offer blessings and healing, and leave it at that. Do not ask to get together, to call or anything else. You can put your return address on the envelope in case she chooses to reach back, but you should make your gesture purely one of sympathy.

DEAR HARRIETTE: A good friend of mine is depressed, and honestly she's becoming a bit of a drag. Am I a bad friend for wanting distance from her? She's just not the same person she once was. I tell her all the time that I want to help pull her out of this state, but I realize that's something I may not be able to do. — Depressed Friend

DEAR DEPRESSED FRIEND: One sad reality for many people who have a depressed friend in their midst is that they can feel the burden of the depression, especially if the one who is suffering is not getting professional help. No matter how well-meaning you may be, when you do not have the professional capability to navigate your friend's mental health challenges, the relationship can become stressful, taxing and impossible to manage.

For starters, approach your friend with empathy. She is in crisis and is reaching out to her loved ones for help. Understand that this is her reality. Yours is that you do not have the tools to help her adequately. You will need to stand up and encourage her to seek out a mental health counselor. You can even offer to

take her to an appointment. You must also make it clear to your friend that her issues are not for you to solve because you aren't equipped to do so. Suggest that you give her space to work with her therapist and handle her problems directly. After she is grounded again, you can get back together. Make sure she knows you are not leaving the friendship. Instead, you are giving her the time she needs to get the help she needs and deserves.

According to healthline.com, here are classic signs of depression:

- seems more sad or tearful than usual
- appears more pessimistic than usual or hopeless about the future
- talks about feeling guilty, empty or worthless more often than usual
- seems less interested in spending time together or communicates less frequently than they normally would
- gets upset easily or seems unusually irritable
- has less energy than usual, moves slowly or seems generally listless
- has less interest in their appearance than usual or neglects basic hygiene, such as showering and brushing their teeth
- has trouble sleeping or sleeps much more than usual
- cares less about their usual activities and interests
- experiences forgetfulness more often or has trouble concentrating or deciding on things
- eats more or less than usual
- talks about death or suicide

If your friend is exhibiting any of this behavior, do your best to guide her toward professional help.

ASTROGRAPH

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Look over your finances and consider what you can do to achieve the life you want. Contemplate how to sell off what you no longer need, and invest in something that brings you joy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Put everything into doing the best job possible. An energetic approach to life, love and happiness won't disappoint you. Make positive changes at home and work that will give you a new lease on life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Listen and learn. Don't fall prey to a glib sales pitch. You don't have to make a move if you aren't ready. Following someone will not help you achieve what you want out of life.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You'll get a financial boost if you are energetic in your pursuits. A physical improvement will draw attention and the interest of a loved one. Watch your successful peers for helpful examples.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- You

can think what you want, but don't blurt it out. Diplomacy will help you get things done. Focus on results, and stay away from anyone looking for a fight. Don't take a risk with your health.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You'll be ready to make a change, but before you do, consider the pros and cons, along with the cost involved. Turn your vision inward; consider starting with small yet meaningful personal improvements.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Learn from your experience and avoid putting your reputation at risk. Don't share personal information if you want to avoid being put in a vulnerable position. Look for a unique opportunity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Do something that makes you think and prompts you to get involved in events that reflect your concerns. Speak up and become part of the solution, and you will make new contacts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Check deadlines. Don't feel pressured to make a change or move because someone else does. Look for healthy alternatives when faced with choices. Physical and mental activities are encouraged.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Reach out to someone who always lifts your spirits. A networking function will lead to information that will help you redefine what you have to offer. Pick up skills that will boost your qualifications.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Take a moment to find out how others feel and think. Don't give up; find common ground that gives all the key players a reason to participate. Working with others, you can accomplish much!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Embrace what life has to offer and explore the possibilities that come your way. Personal growth will lead to a lifestyle change. Have faith and go with the flow. Welcome the unexpected!

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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 - Spanish dance
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- Part of speech
- Tickled pink
- Lipstick color
- Spleen
- Windows predecessor
- Tinting
- Custom-make
- Gas pump platform
- Kitchen tool
- Dull greens
- Answer back
- Sand, silt and clay
- Strong, as venison
- Monument Valley sight
- Repairs a seam
- Used car deals
- Prized statuettes
- Did something
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- Make a tunnel
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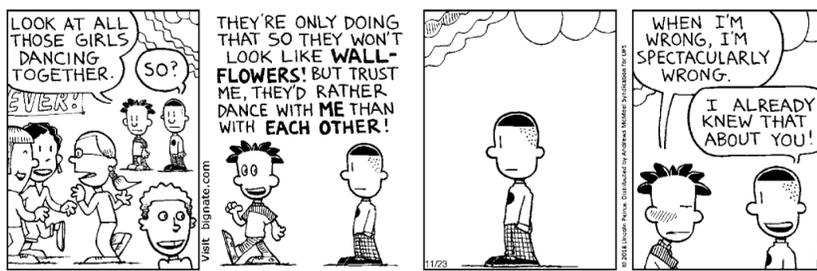
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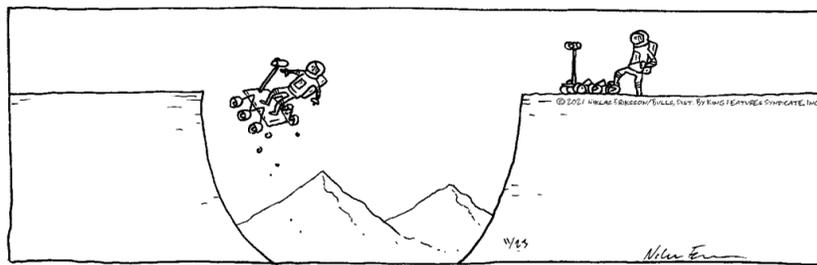
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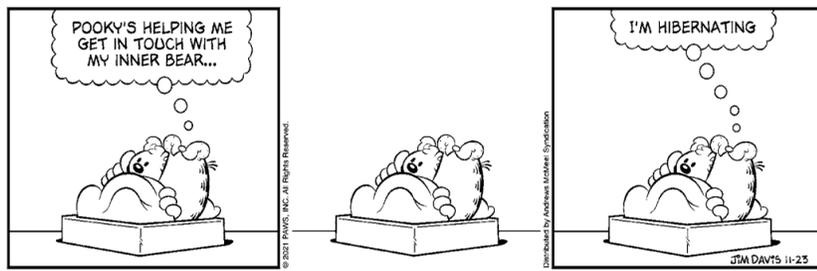
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The Chippewa Cree Tribe is currently requesting proposals for a Feasibility Study of a Meat Processing Facility on the Rocky Boy's Reservation. For further information regarding the RFP, please contact Trevor Standing Rock, Planning Director, at 406-395-5705 or trevor@chippewa-cree.org or Traci Caplette, Economic Development Specialist, at 406-395-5705 ext. 2044 or traci@chippewa-cree.org.

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BULLETIN BOARD

Personals

Tight Housing! Do you live in a home not realizing it needs cleaning or that damage exists. Landlords notice! If a landlord rents one or two homes, may be older, have medical problems; they could just care less about renting again and that reduces available homes. Please, PAY FOR YOUR DAMAGES!

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HILL COUNTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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- Dispatcher ~ 2-PT & 1-FT ~ \$15.37/hr

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- Sanitarian ~ 1 PT/FT
- Without License ~ \$18.55/hr
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Hill County Auditor's Office

- Clerk ~ PT ~ \$13.36/hr

Beaver Creek Park

- Administrative Assistant ~ PT ~ \$14.03/hr; after 1040 hours \$14.69

Hill County Conservation District

- Administrative Assistant ~ PT ~ \$14.03/hr

All employment openings, applications and job descriptions are posted at Hill County Courthouse and listed on Hill County - Human Resources website as well as the Havre Job Service website.

Please reach out to personnel@hillcounty.us if any questions. **Hill County is an equal opportunity employer. Reasonable accommodations will be made.**

Position Opening

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The vacancy announcement will be posted on USA Jobs at: www.usajobs.gov From November 19, 2021 through December 3, 2021. All applicants must apply through the USA Jobs website by the closing date.

NOTICES

Legals

Sheriff's sale

The following described property will be sold at sheriff's sale at 10:00 am on the 16th day of December 2021 on the front steps of the Hill County Court House 315 4th street, Havre Mt 59501

Property described as follows. Lot 19 block 2 "tentative" annexation plat to Havre, Hill County, Montana according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the clerk and recorder of Hill County, Montana

With a property address of 21 2nd Street West Havre MT 59501

Havre MT 59501
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Sheriffs sale

The following described property will be sold at sheriff's sale at 10:15 am on the 16th day of December 2021 on the front steps of the Hill County Court House 315 4th street, Havre Mt 59501

Property described as follows: Lot 5, block 2, saddle Butte Estates, Second addition, Havre, Hill County, Montana according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the clerk and recorder of Hill County, Montana

With a property address of 2535 35th street southeast, Havre MT 59501
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Shop small businesses to improve the holiday experience

7 Reasons to Shop Local

1. Boost your economy

More of your money will stay in your own community.

2. Customer service

Small shops have a reputation for caring about individual customers. They couldn't stay in business otherwise.

3. Big public benefits

Your tax dollars will be supporting local services.

4. New jobs in town

Small, independent stores help keep more people employed.

5. Helping the planet

By not driving far away, you're saving both time and gas money.

6. Helping non-profits

Small businesses typically donate more time and money to local charities.

7. You matter more

At a small, independent shop, you're not just a number. Your business makes a real difference.

(METRO)

It's the time of year when newspapers thicken with sales circulars and holiday advertisements. Consumers looking to beat the hustle and bustle and steer clear of the crowds this year may want to pay attention to local businesses.

Every time consumers visit local coffee shops to grab a latte, pick up a dress at a nearby boutique or patronize a farmer's market down the street, they are supporting a small business. The Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving are some of the busiest shopping days of the season, and they also can be some of the friendliest to small businesses.

Plaid Friday was conceptualized in Oakland. It may have been born in the Golden State, but the movement soon spread across the country. Plaid Friday is an alternative to big box stores' Black Friday bonanzas. It is designed to promote both local and independently-owned businesses during the holiday season. The name Plaid Friday was used to help people visualize the various threads of small businesses coming together to create a strong community fabric that was diverse and creativity.

Shoppers can continue their small business patronage with Small Business Saturday. This, too, is a counterpart to Black Friday and Cyber Monday. The first event was created by American Express in conjunction with the nonprofit National Trust for Historic Preservation. Since its inception, many small business groups, merchants and politi-

cians have touted the event and the Shop Small® mantra. The idea is that when small businesses thrive, communities and individuals thrive along with them.

The Small Business Administration says that, since 1995, small businesses have generated 66 percent of all new jobs in the United States. There are a number of big reasons to shop small. One can start around the holidays and then continue all year long.

- Shopping small businesses helps give back to the community directly. According to Civic Economics, a strategic planning business, on average 48 percent of each purchase made at independent businesses is recirculated locally through tax money and other support.

- Small business owners often strive to provide personalized, hands-on customer service. Repeat business is key to their survival, so they want to ensure shoppers are happy.

- Small businesses, since they are not beholden to corporate oversight in terms of what they sell, have greater flexibility. That allows them to offer a diverse product selection.

- Small business owners often live nearby, and they're the people you see in town, schools and elsewhere in the local community. Many consumers are comforted to know they're supporting their neighbors, especially during the holiday season.

Supporting local businesses is easy. And shoppers who like what they see can share the good news with others on social media.



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