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Hill County youth COVID vaccinations set

As U.S. surge continues, promising adolescent youth vaccine results submitted

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COVID-19 vaccinations are becoming more available in this part of north-central Montana, and are coming at a time when the number of cases are again starting to surge in the United States.

Hill County health officials announced that at the vaccination clinic scheduled at Holiday Village Mall Thursday of next week, April 8, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine approved for youths 16 to 18 will be available, and shots will be administered to that age group from noon to 5.

Hill County Health Officer Kim Larson said the vaccine became available through an offer by Fort Belknap Public Health.

"They are bringing up the Pfizer vaccine; they will be there to administer and monitor the cold-chain for the vaccine," she said this morning.

Northern Montana Health Care Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator Julianne LaSmith urged everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

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Mueller appointed as Havre Public Schools superintendent

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The Havre Public Schools Board of Trustees unanimously voted at a meeting Tuesday night to offer the position of HPS Superintendent to current Interim Superintendent Craig Mueller on a three-year contract.

Mueller and Capital High School Principal Brett Zanto were both interviewed for the position at the meeting and the consensus among the trustees was that both candidates were not only qualified for the position but performed admirably in their interviews, but Mueller's experience as interim superintendent at HPS gave him an edge over Zanto.

Long-time Superintendent Andy Carlson resigned in June of last year, and Mueller, then the assistant superintendent, accepted the position of interim superintendent effective July 1.

Mueller had previously expressed that he had no interest in the position, but he said he was asked to reconsider his decision recently and applied.

This initial refusal was a matter that was brought up by board Vice Chair Harvey Capellen, but he said it wasn't that big of an issue.

"I don't consider it a strike against him, but it is a concern," he said.

Many board members said Zanto did have the potential to bring new ideas and a new attitude to the district, but given the chaotic nature of the past year Mueller's experience and clearly demonstrated competence even in the uncharted waters of the COVID-19 pandemic might make him the more appropriate candidate.

Mueller thanked the board for the opportunity despite initially expressing

his lack of interest earlier in the year.

The interviews

Zanto, a graduate of Montana State University and the principal at Helena Capital High School, introduced himself to the board as energetic and devoted educator who cares deeply for his job and the students he is in charge of.

He said he enjoys change and has no problem taking on a new challenge like he would as Havre's superintendent, but he said he does have experience living in northern Montana early in life which is an asset.

During the interview, he talked a lot about the Professional Learning Community, a method of encouraging collaboration between educators to better address student needs, he helped foster at Capital High School.

Zanto said as part of this program time was set aside each week for teachers to analyze student performance and come up with a plan to address their needs and help them succeed.

He said when he became principal his school had an unfortunately high remediation rate, with students needing to take extra classes to be accepted to college, especially writing classes.

He said in his time as principal he has been able to work with staff to virtually eliminate that number altogether. He said the school has also seen an increase in dual credit classes, and ACT scores have increased during his tenure as well.

When asked about how he would



Mueller

handle potential conflicts between his goals and that of faculty he recounted his desire to let students decorate their graduation caps, something he said many faculty members took offense to.

He said he wanted to allow students to express more individuality and it seemed like a reasonable change given how many other schools allowed the same thing seemingly without issue.

He said he worked with faculty as much as possible to come to an understanding, but eventually did put his foot down even though it hurts some feelings.

A bit more controversial, Zanto said, was the issue of COVID-19, which has thrown a significant wrench into the positive progress his school has made, brining with it a huge rise in failing grades and significant tension among staff.

He said re-opening was also a frustrating affair, trying to balance the legitimate concern of teachers for their health and safety with community pressure to re-open.

Despite the frustrations of the past year, he said, he has had some significant achievements in his time as principal, recalling when an exceptional student being celebrated by the school for their academic excellence and extra-curricular activities honored him as their most influential educator.

Zanto said this meant a lot to him, especially since he was a principal at the time and didn't have nearly as much contact with students as he would like.

He said his greatest weakness as an administrator is delegation, a result of overeagerness to solve every issue himself, which has caused issues in the past.

Director, Policy Services & Senior Counsel at the Montana School Boards Association Kris Goss, who helped direct the meeting, when reporting on Zanto's references said he'd heard much the same thing from them, but they indicated to him that Zanto's difficulty with delegation was a result of his exceptional work ethic more than anything else, and they highly recommended him anyway.

He said references also praised his dedication to facilitating student achievement, clear leadership and consistently effective teamwork, going on to say that he would be a loss for their district.

Mueller

Mueller, during his interview, talked about his past as an educator in northern Illinois where he coached various sports and was involved in his school's student congress program, as well as his eventual move to Havre.

He said he learned a great deal about working closely with faculty, staff and other school leaders in his time as Havre High School principal.

He said his experience being both principal and assistant superintendent at the same time was also quite an experience and he appreciates then-superintendent Carlson's guidance during that complicated time.

Mueller, throughout his interview, expressed his belief in the importance of maintaining open lines of communication between himself, HPS administrators, staff, the board and the community, especially during the pandemic.

Goss's reference report confirmed that a consistently identified strength

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Fire destroys east Havre residence



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Havre Fire Department responded at 9:04 p.m. Tuesday to a report of a house fire on the 3400 Block with two engines, a water tender, an ambulance and 14 personnel. The home was a complete loss, Havre Fire Chief Mel Paulson said. All of the family members made it out of the dwelling, but their pets and belongings were lost in the blaze, Paulson said, adding that two family members were transported to the hospital for smoke inhalation, but he thinks they were released by this morning. When the first engine arrived the back of the house was fully involved in the fire, but the fire did not spread to other structures or the surrounding area. The cause of the fire is undetermined at this time, Paulson added.

Fire watch in effect Thursday, Friday

Havre Daily News staff

With one fire already started and extinguished in the area, National Weather Service issued a fire weather watch for this region Thursday through Friday.

Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation firefighters successfully contained and extinguished a fire on the reservation

Sunday, keeping it to 6.6 acres in a wind that could have made it spread rapidly.

Weather Service says in its watch that high winds and low humidity will make fires easily started and difficult to contain during the period of the watch, from Thursday afternoon through Friday evening.

The watch includes Blaine, Chouteau, Hill and Liberty counties as well as eastern Glacier, Toole and central, eastern Pondera and Fergus counties as well as Lewis and Clark National Forest Rocky Mountain District and central and eastern Lewis and Clark National Forest areas

The watch says southwest winds of

15 to 25 mph with gusts up to 45 mph and humidity as low as 14 percent are expected in the region.

The report says a fire weather watch means that critical fire weather conditions are possible. A combination of gusty winds, low relative humidity and warm temperatures will create high fire growth potential.

Thursday's weather

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42°

Partly cloudy/wind
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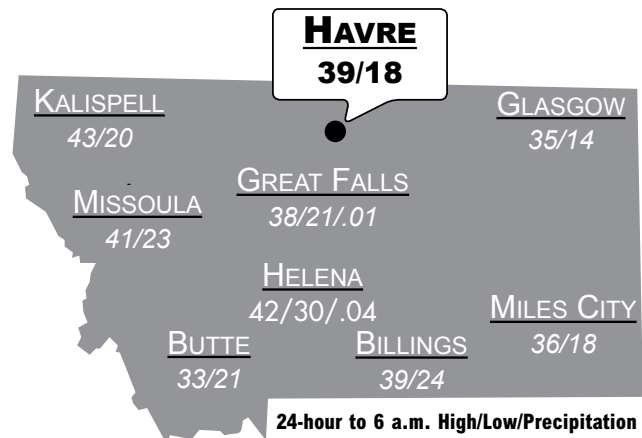


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Extended Forecast from <http://www.weather.com>

Weather Almanac for 3/30



Wed 3/31	Thur 4/1	Fri 4/2	Sat 4/3	Sun 4/4	Mon 4/5	Tue 4/6
56/33 Sunny.	70/42 Partly cloudy/ wind.	68/37 Mostly sunny.	71/42 Partly cloudy.	70/39 Mostly sunny.	60/38 Partly cloudy.	51/32 Partly cloudy.

High/low: 39°/16°
 Normal high/low: 51°/27°
 Record high: 79° in 2004
 Record low: -7° in 1936
 State high: 46° in Heron
 State low: -1° in West Yellowstone
 Precip in March: .15"
 Normal monthly precip: .52"
 Precip for year: .98"
 Normal yearly precip: 1.13"
 Sunset tonight: 7:49 p.m.
 Sunrise Thursday 6:56 a.m.

An important message to HDN readers

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tinue to bring you the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 as well as coverage on local news and sports. Our circulation department will deliver papers in our coverage area and be available in digital format as usual. Our advertising department will continue to provide the same quality services to our area businesses. We remind you to continue to advertise, continue to keep your name on the top of your customer's mind, make our readers think about you and the services you have to offer them. We are seeing an increase in subscriptions during this time. Make sure they see you in your local newspaper. Don't change your advertising investment. This time will pass. That return on your investment will happen. You will prosper. You will overcome. We all will overcome.

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Mueller: Both discussed problems of pandemic

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of Mueller was excellent communication as well as professionalism, planning and vision.

Mueller also talked about the importance of tracking student achievement through the school system's Response to Intervention method, which helps educators identify students in need and respond appropriately to get them back on track.

He said it's important to track student performance through more than just final grades and test scores, but

through a number of assessment tools in order to create programs to help every student.

Both Zanto and Mueller identified addressing the learning gap caused by the pandemic as the most pressing concern to Havre Public Schools at the moment.

Mueller said it's difficult for him to take credit for achievements at the schools because virtually all of them are ultimately a collaborative effort but he does think he has been able

to make a difference in improving the schools' hiring procedures.

Goss said Mueller's references credited him with numerous significant achievements in his time at Havre Public Schools.

He said after the interviews were complete that neither candidate had any legal or ethical concerns brought up during their respective tenures and the testimony of their references were consistent with what they said in their respective interviews.

Goss said both candidates have faced controversy over response to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent school reopenings, but both handled the issue professionally in their capacities as interim superintendent and as principal.

The board determined that a committee would meet at a later date to work out the final details of Mueller's contract, including his salary which will be between \$120,000 and \$125,000.

Youth: Variants appearing in Montana

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"Our vaccination numbers have been dropping, so we just want to encourage people that if they intend to get the vaccine, they should come as soon as possible," she said this morning. "That is the best way for our community to move forward."

At this point, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is the only one U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved for use on 16- and 17-year-olds, although studies are under way with other vaccines including on children younger than 16.

The Pfizer vaccine also needs to be stored at minus 70 degrees Celsius, colder than minus 90 degrees Fahrenheit, which makes its availability difficult.

Walk-ins of 16- to 18-year-olds will be accepted at the April 8 Hill County Clinic or people can call 265-1585 or 400-2369 to schedule a vaccination.

The usual clinic for people ages 18 and older, with the Moderna vaccine, will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. that same day and Thursday of this week at the Holiday Village Mall clinic.

People 18 and older can also call those numbers, 265-1585 or 400-2369, to schedule a shot at the clinics and walk-ins also will be welcome, Larson said.

Blaine County already had a vaccination with younger people, with Fort Belknap helping administer a vaccination clinic for 16- to -18-year-olds at Chinook High School Monday.

Both Hill and Blaine county health departments previously have offered to help 16- to 18-year-olds obtain the Pfizer vaccinations through partner health departments.

In Hill County, vaccine is available at Western Drug, Gary & Leo's Health Mart, Walmart Pharmacy, and community clinics through partnership of NMH, Bullhook Community Health Center and Hill County Health Department.

Chouteau County Public Health Nurse Angelica Johnson said the vaccination clinics in that county are going well, with both the health department and Big Sandy Pharmacy offering vaccines.

"We feel very fortunate to be able to serve our communities," Johnson said this morning. "We are scheduling clinics weekly and people can contact our office for an appointment at 622-3771."

She said they offering both the Moderna and the Jonson & Jonson Janssen vaccine.

"We do not currently have the capability to offer Pfizer due to the storage," she said, adding, "We have not reached

out to our partners that offer this as of yet."

Cases on the rise in the country

The vaccinations continue and new cases are almost nonexistent in this region, but case numbers are going up in other parts of the country, emphasizing the need to get people vaccinated as quickly as possible.

Health officials like Dr. Anthony Fauci, the head of National Institutes of Health, have warned that the more the virus continues to spread, the more mutations that will occur, with the chance of variants that are much more contagious, possibly more deadly and possibly resistant to the vaccines will develop.

Numbers of new cases are rising rapidly in the U.S., including confirmed cases of mutated variants that appear to be more contagious.

Variants have been confirmed in Montana including one case - already recovered weeks or months ago - in Hill County.

Officials are warning people that they need to continue to take precautions like wearing masks, when out in public, avoid-

ing large gatherings, regularly washing their hands and cleaning and disinfecting surfaces - and getting vaccinated - or the surge could continue and get worse.

Studies showing positive results on younger children

With the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine the only one approved for use in children younger than 18 so far, and only to age 16, results of studies on younger children are showing promise.

Pfizer and BioNTech announced today a study in 12-15-year-olds also shows positive results, and they are going to submit the results to the FDA for emergency use approval of administering the drug to that age group, with vaccinations hopefully available before the next school year.

"We share the urgency to expand the authorization of our vaccine to use in younger populations and are encouraged by the clinical trial data from adolescents between the ages of 12 and 15," Pfizer Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Albert Bourla said in a release this morning. "We plan to submit these data to FDA as a proposed

amendment to our Emergency Use Authorization in the coming weeks and to other regulators around the world, with the hope of starting to vaccinate this age group before the start of the next school year."

"Across the globe, we are longing for a normal life. This is especially true for our children," CEO and Co-founder of BioNTech Ugur Sahin said in this morning's release. "The initial results we have seen in the adolescent studies suggest that children are particularly well-protected by vaccination, which is very encouraging given the trends we have seen in recent weeks regarding the spread of the B.1.1.7 UK variant. It is very important to enable them to get back to everyday school life and to meet friends and family while protecting them and their loved ones."

Moderna also is conducting studies on 12-17-year-olds and announced March 16 it was conducting studies on children 6 months to 12 years old.

Johnson & Johnson is also working on setting up studies on youths and children for its vaccine, which only requires one dose.

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Lap Swim, 6 - 8 a.m., 6 - 7 p.m., Havre Community Pool.

Fitness Swim, 8 - 9 a.m., Havre Community Pool.

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

Thursday, April 1

"Art Never Sleeps" multi-artist showing at Artitudes Gallery, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Atrium Mall. This art show features all Artitudes artists displaying what they have been creating all year. The gallery is still not ready for public receptions for a while, but interested art enthusiasts can stop at High Plains Gallery on the upper level and Kris will let them in to view the latest works.

Hay U Webinar on Harvest and Storage of Forages, with Hayes Goosey, MSU Extension forage specialist, 6 p.m., by registering at <https://bit.ly/3qWteB4> or calling 406-271-4054. This five-part series on hay — from seed to feed or sale — will run Thursday evenings through April 15. Webinars will be recorded and posted on the MSU Extension Pondera County YouTube page for people unable to attend.

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Fitness Swim, 8 - 9 a.m., Havre Community Pool.

Family Swim, 7 - 9 p.m., Havre Community Pool. For info, call 265-8161.

Friday, April 2

QPR Suicide Prevention Training online, 1-2:30 p.m., via ZOOM. The training is free to anyone in Hill County. QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis. Attendees also will learn common myths about suicide; why suicide rates are high in Montana; the warning signs of suicide; how to ask if a person is suicidal; how to persuade someone to stay alive and how to get help for someone in crisis. Attendees will earn QPR certification. To register, email amber.spring@msun.edu.

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Saturday, April 3

Havre Eagles-Jaycee's Easter Egg Hunt, 1 p.m., Eagles Park, rain or shine. The Eagles is hosting an Easter party, with food, games and a bike raffle, at 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 4

Havre Optimist Easter Egg Hunt, 1 p.m., Optimist Park, with three age groups for kids 9 and younger.

NAMI, National Alliance on Mental Illness, family support group, 2-3:30 p.m., Suite 212, 305 Building, 3rd Ave. For info, call Crystal Laufer, 879-6646.

Monday, April 5

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

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

Tuesday, April 6

St. Jude's Parish Council of Catholic Women, 6:30 p.m., St. Jude Parish Center. For info, call Debi, 945-2833, or Francine, 265-7635.

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.

MSU-N Safe Zone LGBTQ and Allies Group meeting, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. For info, contact Brent Olinger 265-3534 or brent.olinger@msun.edu.

Lap Swim, 6 - 8 a.m., Havre Community Pool.

Fitness Swim, 8 - 9 a.m., Havre Community Pool. For info, call 265-8161.

Wednesday, April 7

Why It Matters: The Political Power of Young People, last in a Humanities Montana series of conversations, this one looking at how, as young people engage passionately on important issues, the lives of all Montanans improve, 4 p.m., via Zoom. Register at <https://www.humanitiesmontana.org/events/why-it-matters-young-people-and-civic-engagement>.

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Thursday, April 8

Hay U Webinar on Hay Quality for Livestock, with Megan Van Emon, MSU Extension beef cattle specialist, 6 p.m., by registering at <https://bit.ly/3qWteB4> or calling 406-271-4054. This five-part series on hay — from seed to feed or sale — will run Thursday evenings through April 15. Webinars will be recorded and posted on the MSU Extension Pondera County YouTube page for people unable to attend.

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Friday, April 9

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Lap Swim, 6 - 8 a.m., Havre Community Pool.

Fitness Swim, 8 - 9 a.m., Havre Community Pool. For info, call 265-8161.

Monday, April 12

Havre Dog Park Board meeting, 6 p.m., Old Station Brewing. Everyone is welcome.

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

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

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Fitness Swim, 8 - 9 a.m., Havre Community Pool.

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

Tuesday, April 13

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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Fitness Swim, 8 - 9 a.m., Havre Community Pool. For info, call 265-8161.

Wednesday, April 14

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

Lap Swim, 6 - 8 a.m., 6 - 7 p.m., Havre Community Pool.

Fitness Swim, 8 - 9 a.m., Havre Community Pool.

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

NPS seeks expressions of interest on Lake McDonald properties

From National Park Service
WEST GLACIER, —The National Park Service announces a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) seeking responses from individuals, educational institutions, government agencies or entities, and non-profit or for-profit organizations, interested in the preservation and re-use of one or more historic buildings at Glacier National Park through a lease with the National Park Service.

The NPS invites individuals and/or organizations to express their interest in leasing, rehabilitating, preserving and maintaining one or more properties

on the shore of Lake McDonald within Glacier National Park, including Greve's Tourist Camp, Grisley Cabin, Fox-Henderson Cabin and Moberly House.

In recent years, Glacier National Park has come into possession of several once privately owned recreation properties, including the properties listed above on the shore of Lake McDonald. The cabins and outbuildings are eligible for listing or are already listed in the National Register of Historic Places. All have been unoccupied for some time and will require maintenance and repair to varying degrees.

Additional information on

the facilities, park, and process are available in the RFEI. Copies of the RFEI are available for downloading at <https://beta.SAM.gov> at <https://beta.sam.gov/opp/8ceedf8c61334dc78cf1f54b911c5f8a/view>.

A formal site tour will be held to allow interested parties to observe existing conditions at each of the properties, including building interiors, April 28. Additional information regarding the site tour will be sent to interested parties upon request; see the contact information in the RFEI at beta.sam.gov.

None of the buildings are currently open to the public.

Briefs

MAT Youth Workshops

Havre Daily News staff
Beginning Monday, April 5, Montana Actors' Theatre will be offering a monthlong workshop for middle school and high school aged youth on costume design and construction.

The workshop will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. at Montana State University-Northern's Little Theatre in Cowan Hall.

This is part of a series of workshops with each month focusing on a different theater aspect, a press release said, and will be led by various MAT staff and volunteers. During the months when MAT does not have workshops scheduled, the troupe's activities will be focused on specific shows and performances.

Cost is \$50 per month and includes all eight sessions in the month. Additional children in the family attending the workshops will only cost \$35 per month. Space is limited.

To register, go to <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php> or contact Angela at angela@mtactors.com.

MSU to offer summer journalism camp for rural high school students

MSU News Service
BOZEMAN — Registration is now open for Montana State University's Rural Journalism Camp, to be held July 11-16 on MSU's campus.

The camp, presented by the Yellowstone Writing Project and the MSU Continuing, Professional and Lifelong Learning program in Academic Technology and Outreach, is a weeklong residential experience immersing rural high school students in the theory and practice of daily journalism.

Students will explore issues facing American journalists today and develop skills of the craft by covering a variety of actual news events in the Bozeman area. Upon leaving

camp, students will return to their home communities and develop a journalistic piece that sheds light on a significant aspect of life within the community.

The camp will begin at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 11, and run through 3 p.m. Friday, July 16. Students will be housed in a residence hall on MSU's campus and meals will be provided. The camp will follow CDC and MSU COVID-19 policies and procedures, including but not limited to, wearing masks, social distancing and sanitizing on a regular basis.

The camp is free for accepted applicants. Students from all Montana communities are eligible to apply. For more informa-

tion and to apply, visit ato.montana.edu/ywppjour/. The application deadline is Wednesday, May 26.

The Rural Journalism Camp is made possible by the MacArthur Foundation and the National Writing Project.

If you have questions, please contact Nicole Soll at nicole.soll1@montana.edu or call 406-994-6633 or toll free at 866-540-5660.

Continuing, Professional and Lifelong Learning is a program of Academic Technology and Outreach at MSU. ATO works across the university to support and advance its land-grant mission through unique and innovative opportunities for outreach and engagement.

MSU to offer July writing camp for students grades 5 through 12

MSU News Service
BOZEMAN — Registration is now open for Montana State University's Youth Writing Camp, to be held July 12-16 on MSU's campus.

The camp, presented by the Yellowstone Writing Project and the Continuing, Professional and Lifelong Learning program of Academic Technology and Outreach, will include activities such as walking field trips, writing games and specialized workshops from local writers. Participants will write alongside their peers and receive guidance and feedback throughout the writing process from licensed educators. Students will write in multiple genres.

The camp will be led by writing teachers from the Yellowstone Writing Project, a

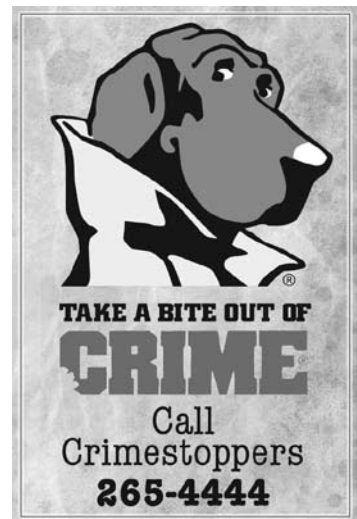
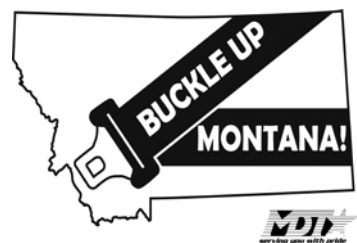
National Writing Project site based in MSU's Department of English in the College of Letters and Science.

The Youth Writing Camp, which runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, is open to students who will be entering grades 5 through 12 this fall. Participants will be placed in writing groups based on age and grade level. Camp will culminate with a writing showcase to celebrate the campers' creativity. COVID-19 precautions will be in place for the camp, and participants must bring their own lunches.

Early bird registration runs through May 28. Registration will remain open until the camp is filled. For more information and to register, visit <http://ato.montana.edu/YWP>.

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Letters to the Editor

Keep all Montana voters selecting Supreme Court judges

Editor,
I'm starting with Tuesday legislation House Bill 325. So many bad bills this session, but this one is brought forward by a bitter crying woman who lost her election twice to the Montana Supreme Court and she's exacting her hate and temper tantrum through the legislature to destroy our legal system in Montana.
I've witnessed a couple of the past Judicial Nomination Commissions and listened to their questioning of the three to five candidates who wish to fill a judge seat. The last one, the commission gave Gov. Steve Bullock three names and their first choice. Bullock chose the number three selection and it's hard to say if it has made any significant difference in Hill County Courts.

My point is, our current lieutenant governor is attempting to create a loophole so they can politically influence the election of state and Supreme Court judges! Democracy is based upon all Montanans having a say in our government and our courts, turning it into a total fiasco if the bill passes and the glory hound GG signs it. We need to retain the right as citizens to control our courts, not a politically challenged Legislature drunk on their profound political beliefs and actions!

Raise your voices and protect our courts and how we the people vote our judges into office and not some political parties agenda and "back room" black market money exchanged.
Dave Brewer
Montana

Biden's FDR delusion

In early March, President Joe Biden met with a group of seven historians in the East Room of the White House. One topic of conversation: Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the New Deal. "He'd like to be [FDR]," Axios' Mike Allen reported in an inside account of the meeting. "Biden's presidency has already been transformative, and he has many more giant plans teed up that could make Biden's New Deal the biggest change to governance in our lifetimes."

That's a bit over the top — we don't know what is to come, but in its first 70 days Biden's presidency has not been transformative. But the "Biden's New Deal" talk is real. Axios reported there was much discussion of "transforming" the country, and much consideration of Biden's plan "to jam through once-in-a-lifetime historic changes to America."

Historian Michael Beschloss, who attended the meeting, reportedly said that FDR, along with Lyndon Johnson, are "the past century's closest analogues" to what Biden hopes to do. "Beschloss said the parallels include the New Deal economic relief that Franklin Roosevelt brought in 1933, which saved the country from the Depression and chaos," reported Axios.

To put it diplomatically, this is far-fetched. The United States is not in a Great Depression. Yes, there was an economic catastrophe last year. Everyone knows what caused it. GDP plunged, and unemployment soared. Then, quickly, GDP soared and unemployment plunged. The recovery began almost instantly. No, the economy is not yet fully recovered — remember that at this point 12 months ago, the country was still headed into the worst days of the COVID pandemic — but there is simply no comparison between the U.S. economy today and in 1933, when Roosevelt took office.

And for the economic problems that do persist, Congress has passed multi-trillion-dollar recovery bills. There is good reason to think that lawmakers have already spent too much money on recovery. Last month, before Congress passed a \$1.9 trillion "COVID relief" recovery program, the Democratic economist Lawrence Summers argued the plan was too big for the problem it purported to fix.

Democrats went ahead and passed it anyway. Biden signed it into law. And now they want to pass \$3 trillion, or maybe as much as \$4 trillion, more in spending. Why? So that the president can "go big." So that he can "change the paradigm." (Biden said that not once, not twice, but three times during his first, and so far only, news conference.)

But what would the new spending do? If the \$1.9 trillion "COVID relief" bill spends \$150 billion a month to fix a \$20-billion-a-month problem, what would a new plan do? "President Biden's economic advisers are pulling



Columnist
Byron York
together a sweeping \$3 trillion package to boost the economy, reduce carbon emissions and narrow economic inequality, beginning with a giant infrastructure plan." The New York Times reported recently. In The Washington Post, the headline was, "White House prepares massive infrastructure bill with universal pre-K, free community college, climate measures."

In other words, everything. What is really going on is that many Democrats are hoping to use Biden's presidency to "jam" into law a variety of Democratic agenda items old and new. Their vast ambitions are hampered by the fact that they have a very narrow majority in the House — so narrow that Democrats are trying to grab a seat in Iowa that has already been certified by state election officials — and the Senate is tied, 50-50. American voters have not given Democrats the kind of dominant majorities needed to "transform" the country.

In the first six years of FDR's presidency, Democrats had between 318 and 347 seats in the House. In the Senate, Democrats had between 60 and 79 seats, at a time when there were 96 senators. Neither party has ever again had 300 or more seats in the House, nor has either party ever had 70 or more seats in the Senate.

So Biden does not have the political strength to be Franklin Delano Roosevelt, even if he had FDR's other qualities. But most important, the country is not in a place that needs an FDR. Perhaps Biden has a hazy, nostalgic view of FDR, who was president when Biden was born in 1942, but he does not have a clear-eyed view of the country's condition right now.

"Assuming vaccinations allow us to get back to some type of economic normal, the problem is that all of the emergency spending (plus its momentum for future spending) will likely about double U.S. debt relative to GDP," notes Kevin Hassett, who chaired the Council of Economic Advisers in the Trump White House. "The analogy is to the end of World War II, not the start of the Great Depression. A president who imagines himself launching the New Deal at this point is not FDR, he is Don Quixote."

This content originally appeared on the Washington Examiner at washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/byron-yorks-daily-memo-bidens-fdr-delusion.

Byron York is chief political correspondent for The Washington Examiner.

Out like a lion

The Postscript



Carrie Classon

every level surface. Pink and yellow blooms are everywhere, and everyone is waiting and watching and trying to be helpful. There is so much to do. There is so little to be done.

I remember when I first met Lori. We were not the best of friends. She was a strong woman with fierce opinions, some of which I did not share.

But after her illness, we grew close. The circumstances were unusual. We spent many hours talking about things that people may not get a chance to talk about — unless they happen to be alone together during a pandemic and dying. I learned to love her seemingly bottomless capacity for empathy and her adventurous spirit. I knew, almost from the beginning of the pandemic, that I was experiencing something special. I felt genuinely blessed.

The last time I spoke with Lori, she was so tired. I told her we had just come by to tell her how much we loved her. She said, very softly, "I'm going to haunt you, you know."

"I hope so," I told her. She smiled and closed her eyes. And it's true, I do.

Lori rode motorcycles and flew planes and even jumped out of one once. She talked to strangers at every opportunity. She was open to new ideas and changing her mind and always giving people the benefit of the doubt. I would be happy to be haunted by her curiosity and her caring and her ribald humor and her insatiable thirst for new experiences and new insights.

And, if such a thing were possible, I would love to have her looking over my shoulder, prodding me. "Can't you be a little braver, a little more honest, a little less proper? What have you got to lose?"

What have I got to lose? Right now, losing Lori seems like a terrible loss.

I had the privilege to be with Lori as she died peacefully in her sleep on the first day of spring. And while, at this writing, I don't know how March will end, I know my sister-in-law, Lori, went out like a lion.

Till next time,
Carrie

Carrie Classon is married to Havre native Peter Heimdahl. Her memoir, "Blue Yarn: A Memoir About Loss, Letting Go, & What Happens Next," was published in 2019. Learn more at <https://www.carrieclasson.com>.

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May I sing the housing subdivision blues?

Tyrades!



Danny Tyree

My wife and I would never have met, except that her family fled a densely populated state when she was 11.

Given her satisfaction with the simple life (deer in the yard, the neighbors' ponds and livestock across the road), I dreaded sharing game-changing news with her the other evening.

"One of the neighbors said a 100-house subdivision is planned for one mile away on our country road."

(Technically, I think the revelation was "One of the neighbors said a 100-house subdivision is planned for one mile away on our country road; now, where's my supper, woman?" I'll probably be able to remember more precisely when the swelling goes down.)

Don't get me wrong. I'm not holier-than-thou when it comes to turning forests and pastureland into domiciles. For much of my childhood, my father helped keep a roof over our heads by working as an agent for my mother's cousin, a real estate developer.

(Dad also kept a FLOOR under our feet, but I've noticed parents never get much credit for any non-roof amenities. Maybe parents should diversify their speeches. "Well, young lady, as long as you're benefiting from my threshold and my wainscoting, you're living by MY rules!")

My wife and I became homeowners nearly 28 years ago, so I balk at

begrudging anyone else their own shot at affordable housing and the American Dream. Granted, the American Dream ain't what it used to be, if townfolks' new aspiration is to be wedged between Casa de Tyree and the industrial park! I'm just saying.

Yes, everyone is entitled to their own little piece of Paradise — which brings an interesting twist to a classic philosophical conundrum: "How many angels can dance on the head of a pin?" ("I don't know — but way more than can fit on Mike's subdivision deck, dude.")

I refuse to be one of those petition-waving NIMBY ("Not in My Back Yard") soreheads. Because, frankly, most of the theoretical future neighbors would stare and ask, "What's a back yard?"

I'm not even going to lose any sleep over the eventual cute, ironic name of the subdivision. You know, the developments are usually celebrating something that is no longer around BECAUSE of the development. Maybe it will be Turkey Cove or Groundhog Meadows — or The Ability to Turn Your Cat Outdoors

Without It Getting Splattered by Umpteen Garbage Trucks, Ambulances and Police Cars Acres!!!

Ours is not the only part of the county experiencing a flood of home construction. People from every corner are gobsmacked by the situation and ask some variation of "If we suddenly need all these houses, where the (bleep) are the people living NOW?"

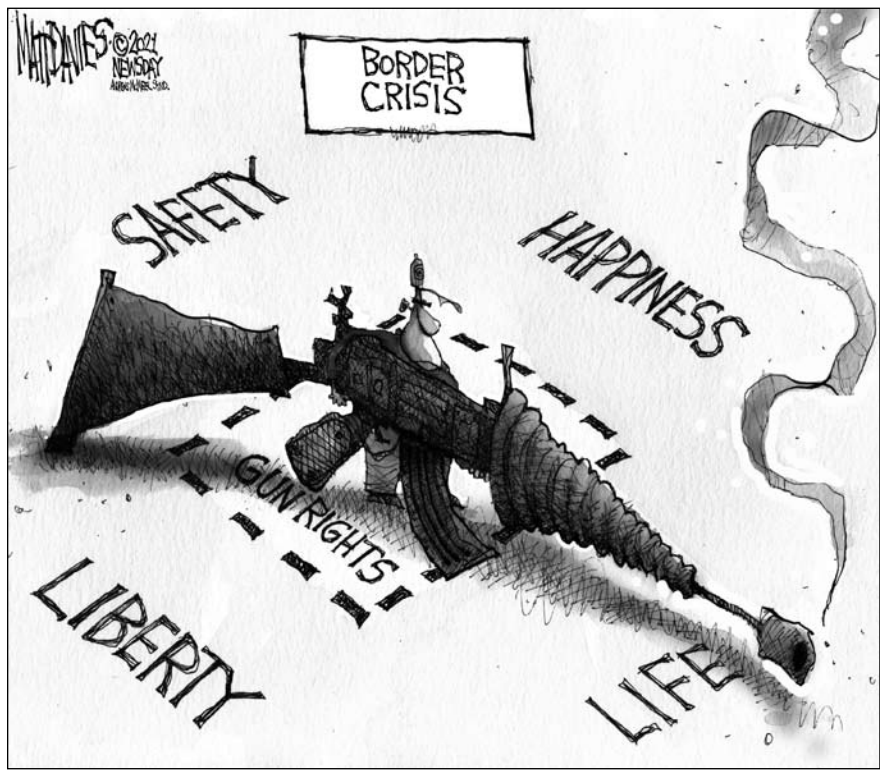
Good question. Maybe there are citizens far to the north hearing the Siren call and rationalizing, "Yes, they'll be cookie-cutter homes, but they'll be cookie-cutter homes that will provide AIR CONDITIONING BILLS out the wazoo."

Or, most likely, we will see pasty-skinned adult children emerging from their parents' basements in search of a home of their own. ("The man at the hardware store called this a 'leaf blower' — but it would be so cool to use against Orcs and trolls!")

I'll not stand in the way of progress. Even if rising home values supersize my tax bill.

"Well, old man, as long as you're living in MY COUNTY, you're not going out with money left in your pockets!"

Sigh
—
Danny Tyree welcomes email responses at tyreetyrades@aol.com and visits to his Facebook fan page "Tyree's Tyrades."



Durango's COVID 'cowboy' rounds up spring break scofflaws, lines 'em up for shots

by Rae Ellen Bichell
Kaiser Health News

Bartenders were pouring Old-Fashioneds at a bar with a bullet hole straight through the wood. Servers in corsets and fishnet stockings roamed the room, passing an old piano that, twice a week, fills the building with ragtime tunes.

It was a Friday evening at the Diamond Belle Saloon on the main drag in Durango, Colorado. Outside, a man in boots, a cowboy hat and a button-down vest adorned with a U.S. marshal badge patrolled the block, eyes scanning the streets for trouble. If trouble were to appear, it would likely take the form of errant Texans.

"You can't throw a stone around here without hitting a Texan," recalled Scott Perez, the man in the marshal get-up.

This was the Wild West, after all: spring break 2021. And leaders of this city of about 19,000 are eager to hold COVID-19 at bay with a bit of old-time law and order on mask mandates — and even a little modern vaccine science.

Perez is very familiar with this block, having staged his death several times outside the saloon during summertime gunfight performances. The former cowboy and current actor, stuntman and history buff also pretended to rob the steam train that takes tourists to the former mining town of Silverton. Now, a consortium that includes local businesses and the tourism office has hired him and a few other actors for a very specific task: to get people to obey the city's mandate to wear their dang masks.

Early in the pandemic, some mountain towns and counties shut out visitors. These days, they're welcoming tourists with open arms — and, in some cases, a shot in the arm.

The health department that serves Durango's La Plata County is among those offering COVID vaccines to outsiders. In neighboring San Juan County, where the sheriff was threatening to fine and tow cars with out-of-county license plates a year ago, officials are now telling visitors, "If you're here and with us now, let's get you vaccinated if you're eligible," county spokesperson DeAnne Gallegos said. Andrew Sandstrom, a

spokesperson for the Gunnison County COVID response, said his county is doing the same but officials are just asking that visitors receive both doses in the same place.

Liane Jollon, executive director of the health department that spans La Plata and Archuleta counties, said more than 30 percent of residents have gotten at least one vaccine dose, putting the counties ahead of the curve. They aren't advertising their vaccine supply as a lure for tourists, but as long as visitors fit Colorado's vaccine eligibility criteria, Jollon said, they aren't turning anyone away.

The state told vaccine providers not to ask for IDs or proof of residency, to avoid creating barriers for immigrants or homeless people, said Brian Spencer, with the Colorado State Joint Information Center. By extension, though, that means spring break tourists or second-home visitors also can partake.

"While it can feel like a difficult burden to vaccinate more individuals in your jurisdiction, it also helps keep our entire community safe," Jollon said. "We've had people drive up for the day from New Mexico to get a vaccine."

Typically this time of year, visitors come in spring break waves from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona. Oklahoma's governor has refused to impose a statewide mask mandate, and the governor of Texas lifted that state's mandate and fully reopened businesses shortly before spring break tourists began arriving in Colorado.

In La Plata County, cellphone data analyzed by the health department shows that, from the first week of March to the third, mobile devices belonging to nonresidents shot from 15 percent of the total to 40 percent, with most coming from Texas and Oklahoma.

Some of the influx started even earlier. Gunnison County, which banned visitors during last year's spring break, has seen tourism more than rebound in the past few months. It had a jump of at least 30 percent in tax revenue from short-term lodging in December and January compared with the

same months before the pandemic.

Coloradans fear what the visitors may leave behind.

"In many of our mountain towns, we're starting to see a new uptick," said Jollon. "We're really concerned that after spring break we could see an uptick that would hurt our schools' ability to continue to offer in-person learning options."

Around this time 102 years ago, Durango was closing its schools and opening an emergency hospital — again — to deal with a resurgence of the 1918 flu pandemic. People were fumigating their houses with formaldehyde, and kids were jumping rope to the song "I had a little bird. Its name was Enza. I opened the window, and in-flu-Enza."

"It was definitely bad here," said Perez. "They had bodies stacked up, particularly the ones that died in the winter because they couldn't dig to bury them. They couldn't find the mortician. He was laying amongst the bodies because he died. ... A lot of the ladies of the evening became nurses."

So this time, the community wants to prevent a resurgence, but also keep the tourism dollars flowing.

Durango, which usually attracts an estimated 1.5 million visitors each year with its brick buildings, steam train and bluffs crumbling into the Animas River, initially planned to hire a private security firm to persuade out-of-towners to don masks. That's what the town of Breckenridge did. But then Rachel Brown, executive director of Visit Durango, jokingly proposed Old West actors instead.

"I have been told that the fun and theatrical approach of the Mask Marshal program is being very well received," Brown said. "We are glad that we chose this option over private security."

The need for mask police puzzles Perez. "I can't figure it out at all," he said. "I mean, there's so much evidence about how this helps and yet somehow it became political."

His right-hand woman in mask compliance is Cathy Roberts, a fellow reenactor, plus an animal advocate and mili-

tary veteran. She wears a red-and-black cancan dress and goes by "Miss Kitty," after the saloon owner in the TV and radio series "Gunsmoke."

"She can disarm anybody with charm," said Perez. "The goal is that I disarm them with some humor." But he's also clear they have a second option if things go sour: a direct line to the Durango Police Department.

"And the third option is not pretty," said Perez. To be clear, the only heat he's packing is two rounds of Pfizer.

As the pair entered the saloon Friday night, Roberts recounted, a waitress gave her what she calls "the look."

"That's all they gotta do," said Roberts, who quickly spotted the problem by the door: four people who clearly were not familiar with Durango's mask rules. People are required to wear masks indoors, even in a bar or restaurant, unless they're seated and eating or drinking. The women had on masks, but their noses weren't covered. The men didn't have masks at all.

Roberts walked up cheerfully in her ruffled dress, greeted them, welcomed them to Durango, and offered masks that said "I [heart] Durango." One man accepted it, she said, and put it on. The other sulked, zipping his coat up over his mouth. "I'm like, 'Sorry, sir, it's not over your nose,' and he pulled it up even higher," she recalled.

Perez hung back behind her, silent beneath his bandanna and white mustache. Technically speaking, all noses had been covered, so the pair moved on.

"Mask compliance actually is really, really high," said Perez. "There's a lot of people wearing masks even out on the sidewalks, where they don't have to."

The past few weekends, he's mostly found himself greeting people, welcoming them to Durango, chatting about local history and then slipping in the rules about masks.

"And 99.9 percent of the time, that's well received," he said, even among the Texans, who may also go home vaccinated.

= Obituaries =

Cheryll Lynn Wymore

Cheryll Lynn Wymore, 74, passed March 26, 2021.



Wymore

Funeral services will be held at Wilderness funeral home in Chinook 11 a.m. Friday, April 2, 2021.

She was born to Elmer Grosser and Eva Prishmont March 14, 1947.

She married James Delbert Wymore in 1966 and they lived together in Montana. Together

they raised four children, David, Todd, Zane, Justin.

Cheryll enjoyed the simple things of life, and they meant a lot to her. She enjoyed going out to restaurants to eat and meeting new people. She was the kind of lady that was always talking to someone and everyone loved her for this. She had many friends. Cheryll also enjoyed spending time with her family including her six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Cheryll lived her life full of joy and love, showing everyone around her love and respect. She was an inspiration to her loved ones and close friends.

She is survived by her long-term boyfriend, Guy Sears; her sons Todd Wymore and Justin Wymore; six grandchildren, Josh Wymore, Zachery Wymore and his wife Echo, Sherasha Wymore, Sheranda Wymore, Zebakiah Wymore, Zavver Wymore, and five great grandchildren, Colton, Clayton, Saphira, Brooklyn and Lillian.

Cheryll was preceded in death by her husband, James Wymore; her children David and Zane Wymore, and her parents.

= Lottery Roundup =

The winning numbers for the Tuesday, March 30, drawing are:

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= For the Record =

Havre Police Department

Tuesday at 8:09 a.m., a First Avenue caller reported a hit and run crash that happened during the night.

Someone stopped at the police station Tuesday at 8:32 a.m. to report a theft.

Child and Family Services filed a cross report Tuesday at 10:05 a.m. at the police station.

Two summonses were issued after a disturbance was reported at Havre High School Tuesday at 2:32 p.m. No details on the charges were provided.

A 4:31 p.m. Tuesday caller at the high school reported that a vehicle had been vandalized.

A caller on Boulevard Avenue reported a two-vehicle crash at 8:46 p.m. and said that the person who hit their vehicle had driven off.

Hill County Sheriff's Office

Deputies assisted Havre Fire Department at a fire on U.S. Highway 2 East.

Monday at 6:55 p.m., a caller on Washington Avenue reported that two pit bulls had torn up a horse.

Havre Fire Department

Emergency medical personnel responded to five calls Tuesday and two early this morning.

Firefighters responded to a report of a house fire on the 3400 Block of U.S. Highway 2 East at 9:04 p.m. Tuesday. See Page 1 for more details.

Havre Animal Shelter

The shelter this morning held a 9-week-old male kitten, four male cats and five female cats.

The shelter also held a

female and four male 12-week-old mixed breed puppies, a female 26-week-old Chihuahua/corgi puppy, a male boxer-pit bull cross dog, and a male mixed-breed dog.

= Agendas =

Hill County Park Board

The Hill County Park Board will hold its monthly meeting Monday in the Great Northern Fairgrounds Community Center.

The meeting agenda is:

- 1) Approval of minutes
- 2) Approval of Agenda
- 3) Guests and public comments on agenda items only and agenda requests for the next meeting
- 4) Cabin business
 - #12 Mooney Coulee
 - #24 Mooney Coulee
- 5) Old business
 - Monitoring progress
 - South cross fence
 - Wind damage and insurance claim
 - Memorial bench
- 6) New business
 - Potluck meeting date and location

Births

A boy was born Tuesday, March 30, 2021, to Breanna Christiansen and Reese Lowrance of Havre.

Budget requests
7) Committee reports
Rules and Regulation Committee

Finance and Planning Committee
Grazing Committee
8) Group reports
Cabin owners report
Friends of Beaver Creek Havre Trails
9) Superintendent report
10) Claims
11) Public comment on anything pertaining to Hill County Parks

The next Park Board meeting is Monday, May 3, at the Community Building, Great Northern Fairgrounds

The deadline for agenda items for the next meeting is noon, Monday, April 26

Hill County Commission weekly business meeting

Editor's note: Due to an editorial error, an addition to the agenda originally sent, an ordinance for a request for prosecutorial assistance, was left out of the agenda printed Tuesday.

The agenda for the Hill County Commission weekly business meeting Thursday at 10 a.m. is:

- Public comments on non-agenda items
- Public comments on agenda items
- Claims
- Employment
- Budgets

Ordinance:
Social host ordinance
Resolution

Resolution No. 21-2657: Requested prosecutorial assistance

Contracts
Agreement for ambulance service

- Board appointments
- Policy updates
- County permit approval
- Subdivision/survey approval
- County needs
- Insurance plan renewal
- Justice of the Peace equipment transfer to District Court

Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:

Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Fever or chills

Muscle or body aches

Vomiting or diarrhea

New loss of taste or smell

Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness, and appear 2–14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

Seek medical care immediately if someone has
Emergency Warning Signs of COVID-19

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your healthcare provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
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cdc.gov/coronavirus

Hi-Line Athlete Profile

Brock Nystrom vaults into his last spring



Havre Daily News/Colin Thompson
Havre High's Brock Nystrom pole vaults during the 2019 track and field season. Nystrom has had to wait almost two years to clear the bar again, as COVID-19 wiped out the 2020 spring sports. Now however, spring sports is back and Nystrom is looking to go out on a high note.

Kason Clark
Havre Daily News sports

Spring sports are back in Havre for the first time in nearly two years. Emotions are high for every athlete returning, including Havre track and field star Brock Nystrom.

Nystrom described the return as nerve-racking but exciting. He will now get the chance to compete in pole vaulting, the high jump and 100 sprints in his senior season. Returning to pole vaulting should be the most exciting part for him since it is his favorite track and field event.

"It's just fun," Nystrom said.

"Fun flinging yourself through the air."

His favorite memory in track and field involves pole vaulting when he made it to divisionals his first year participating in the event. Nystrom has been competing in track and field ever since middle school after his middle school football coach Ryan Joy got him into it.

Since then, Nystrom has been enjoying how track and field lets athletes compete individually. It's one of the reasons why he participates in events such as sprints.

"Just trying to beat the other dude next to me," Nystrom said.

The Blue Ponies began their 2021 season this past Saturday at the Cut Bank Boosters Invitational. In the meet, Nystrom competed in Havre's 4x100 relay team. Before he heads off to Glasgow for the Ponies' next meet this Thursday, the Havre Daily News got the chance to ask Nystrom a few questions.

HDN: What is your favorite part of track and field?

Nystrom: "It's a very individual, competitive sport. Every individual gets to go out and they compete against each other as individuals, so it's not

like a team sport."

HDN: What are you hoping to accomplish in your final season as a Pony?

Nystrom: "I want to win and make some memories with my friends who are out doing track also."

HDN: What do you love about pole vaulting?

Nystrom: "It's a mind game. It's very intense and it's a very mental game."

HDN: What do you love about the high jump?

Nystrom: "It's just something I've always really liked and thought was easier to do and very fun to do."

HDN: Any favorite hobbies outside of track and field?

Nystrom: "I love fishing and that's about it. Out in the Bear Paws."

HDN: Is there anything you would like to say to our readers?

Nystrom: "I'd like to thank them for their support."



HI-LINE SPORTS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

College Volleyball

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High School Track

Havre at Glasgow Invite

FRIDAY

College Volleyball

Skylights vs RMC, 7 p.m.

High School Softball

Havre at Browning

High School Basketball

H.I.T. at Havre High

SATURDAY

College Football

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The H.I.T is back, though it will look a little different

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Havre Daily News sports

The HIT basketball tournament is back this weekend after missing the 2020 event because of the COVID-19 pandemic. It will be held at the Havre High Gymnasium, making it the 12th year in a row since Havre started hosting the high school all-star basketball tournament.

Chris Mouat, the tournament's co-director and MSU-N women's basketball coach, believes that everyone will be happy to be back after missing last year.

"I think everybody missed it," Mouat said. "It was tough for us and I think hard for the kids not to get that opportunity to play."

There will be four boys and four girls teams participating in the tournament. Each team represents the four classifications in Montana high-school sports: AA, A, B and C.

"All four of the rosters on the boys and girls sides are really good," Mouat said. "The coaches that put these teams together go out and they try to get the best players possible and they've all done a great job for us."

A unique aspect of the tournament is that it will allow players to play on the same teams with their opponents from the regular season.

"They get to play with kids that they've butted heads with all season long," Mouat said. "Their arch rival is now their teammate and I think that's what makes this tournament unique."

Some familiar names on the Class A boys team include Havre seniors Kellen Detrick Jr. and Josh Warp. Lewistown's Royce Robinson will also play on the team and state-champion Billings Central will be represented by Malachi Stewart.

Havre will be represented on the Class A girls team by senior Kylie Walker, junior Sadie Filius and sophomore Yelena Miller. Fellow Northeast A school Glendive will have Jillian Litwiller on the team. State runner-up Billings Central will be represented by Mya Hanson and Isabella Erickson. Both Class A teams will be coached by Havre head coach Walynn Burgess.

The District 9C will have players on the Class C boys team such as Fort Benton's Hayden Diekhans and Chinook's Reese Elliot and Ethan Bell. State champion Scobey will be represented on the Class C team by Aiden Fishell, Jayce Tande and Caden Handran.

Aspen Giese of state-champion Fort Benton will play on the Class C girls team. Shyan Krass from fellow District 9C school Turner will also play on the team. State runner-up Saco-Whitewater-Hinsdale will also be represented by Kia Wasson, Jaycee Erickson and Kaitlyn McColly. Belt head coach Jeff Graham will coach both Class C boys and girls teams.

Rocky Boy's Joe Demontiney will compete on the Class B boys team. State-champion Lodge Grass will only have one player on the team in Damon Gros Ventre. Caden Holgate of state runner-up Manhattan will also play in the tournament for the Class B team.

Taya Trottier of Harlem will compete on the Class B girls team. She will be joined by members of state-champion Sweet Grass such as Bailey Finn, Hailee Brandon and Emily Cooley. Payton West will also represent state runner-up Columbus on the team.

On the Class AA boys team, state champion Billings Skyview will be represented by Cam Ketchum, Ky Kouba and Payton

Sanders. Levi Torgerson, Reid Harris and Drew Wyman of state runner-up Great Falls High will also play for the Class AA team. Sophomore Eli Hunter of Gallatin will be competing in the HIT tournament for the first time.

State-champion Helena Capital will only have one member of the Class AA girls team with Dani Bartsch. State runner-up Missoula Hellgate will be well represented on the team with Addy Heaphy, Bailee Saylor and Lauren Dick.

The teams will compete in a round-robin tournament format Friday and Saturday. Each team will play three games each before getting seeded into either a consolation or championship game Saturday. There will also be other competitions such as a three-point contest and slam dunk contest Friday.

Not only will the HIT tournament allow players to get more in-game reps, but it will give them the chance to impress college recruiters. While most seniors have already committed to their colleges, the tournament will give underclassmen a chance to get their names out there.

"A lot of kids that have not committed are going to come here and they're going to get seen a little bit more," Mouat said. "They're going to get that opportunity to shine, so you never really know until you roll the ball out there."

The HIT tournament will start Friday at 9 a.m. at the HHS gym. Saturday, the girls consolation game will be at 1 p.m. and the boys consolation game will be at 2:15 p.m. The girls championship game will then be at 3:30 p.m. and the boys championship will end the tournament at 4:45 p.m.



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Havre High's Yelena Miller is one of several area standouts who will play in this weekend's H.I.T. The annual all-star high school tourney returns to Havre after being canceled last year due to the pandemic.

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Regarding the increase in the Bus Depreciation, Transportation and Building Reserve levies referenced above, the following are projects anticipated to be completed at this time:

1. Example: To be used for unforeseen maintenance issues.

Note: Optional additional information: The items listed above this line are mandatory minimums listed under SB 307. SB 307, however, does not otherwise restrict other supplemental information that may be included in the resolution. A school board is free to incorporate additional explanations, context, information, etc. Examples of additional items a board may want to include might include, for example, the adjusted impact on mills that might occur because of newly taxable property.

Date: March 1, 2021

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/s/ Fred A. Davey
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Cause No. DN-21-2021-004

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the above-entitled Court by the Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services, Child and Family Services Division (hereinafter "the Department"), 232 1st Street W., Suite B, Havre, MT, 59501, requesting grant of emergency protective services, adjudication of the above child as a youth in need of care and grant of temporary legal custody to the Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED to appear on the 28th day of April, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., in the Hill County District Court Courtroom, 315 4th Street, Third Floor, in Havre, Montana, then and there to show cause, if any you may have, why the Department's requests for relief should not be granted.

The child was born on February 10, 2021 in Havre, Hill County, Montana. The child's mother is Lakeisha Fox. The identity of the child's putative father is unknown.

NOTICE: You have the right to be represented by an attorney in these proceedings. If you are unable to afford an attorney, you have the right to ask the Court to appoint an attorney to represent you.

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The Petition is filed with the Clerk of District Court in Havre, Hill County, Montana, Tel: (406) 265-5481, ext. 2414.

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Kathie Vigliotti
Clerk of District Court

/s/ Kathie Vigliotti
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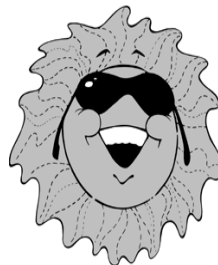
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Senators introduce bipartisan bill to increase transparency in cattle market

Press release
WASHINGTON — Sens. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, and Jon Tester, D-Mont., along with their colleagues Sens. Steve Daines, R-Mont., Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, John Hoeven, R-N.D., Tina Smith, D-Minn., Mike Rounds, R-S.D., Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and

Cory Booker, D-N.J., have introduced legislation to foster efficient markets while increasing competition and transparency among meat packers who purchase livestock directly from independent producers.

This bipartisan bill will require that a minimum of 50

percent of a meat packer's weekly volume of beef slaughter be purchased on the open or spot market.

"Montana livestock producers have made it clear: there needs to be more transparency in the cattle market to ensure ranchers get a fair shake, especially as

market consolidation continues to rise," Tester said. "This bill is about putting Montana family ranchers first, instead of tying their bottom lines to the whims of multi-national corporations."

"The lack of transparency in cattle pricing isn't a new problem. Unfortunately, the COVID-

19 pandemic has only highlighted the need for additional price transparency measures to ensure producers are getting a fair price for the hard work of raising cattle," Grassley said. "Food doesn't come from the grocery store, it comes from tens of thousands of farmers and independent pro-

ducers who work day and night to ensure families across the country have an abundant supply of food. Independent producers deserve to be paid what their beef is worth."

Editor's note: Look for more on this issue in April's Farm and Ranch special section.

Tester praises USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers program that will open up billions for Montana ag producers

Note: This was provided by the office of Sen. Jon Tester

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Jon Tester released the following statement after the United States Department of Agriculture announced that billions of dollars in coronavirus relief funding will be opened up to bring critical financial assistance to agricultural producers impacted by COVID-19 market disruptions:

"This announcement is welcome news to Montana farmers and ranchers who have been impacted by the coronavirus crisis. I'm happy to see that this money will be put to good use, giving more flexibility to producers and investing in Montana's ag priorities. I'm proud to have worked to secure this funding, especially as the American Rescue Plan begins delivering critical support directly to Montana cities, towns and counties. This infu-

sion of resources will be a boon to our rural communities where agriculture — our state's largest industry — will play an essential role in helping our economy bounce back from this crisis."

The Pandemic Assistance for Producers program will benefit Montana producers in four parts:

Part 1: Investing \$6 billion to expand help and assistance to more producers

USDA will dedicate at least \$6 billion to develop a number of new programs or modify existing proposals using coronavirus relief funding. Where rulemaking is required, it will commence this spring. These efforts will include assistance for programs including:

- Costs for organic certification or to continue or add conservation activities

- Timber harvesting and hauling; and,

- Improving the resilience of the food supply chain, including assistance to meat and poultry operations to facilitate interstate shipment.

Part 2: Adding \$500 million of new funding to existing programs

USDA expects to begin investing approximately \$500 million in expedited assistance through several existing programs this spring, with most by April 30. This new assistance includes measures like:

- \$100 million in additional funding for the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, administered by the Agricultural Marketing Service, which enhances the competitiveness of fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture and nursery crops;
- \$100 million in additional

funding for the Local Agricultural Marketing Program, administered by the AMS and Rural Development, which supports the development, coordination and expansion of direct producer-to-consumer marketing, local and regional food markets, and enterprises and value-added agricultural products; and,

- Approximately \$80 million in additional payments to domestic users of upland and extra-long staple cotton based on a formula set in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 that USDA plans to deliver through the Economic Adjustment Assistance for Textile Mills program.

Part 3: Carrying out formula payments under CFAP 1, CFAP 2, CFAP AA

- An increase in CFAP 1 payment rates for cattle. Cattle producers with approved CFAP

1 applications will automatically receive these payments beginning in April. Information on the additional payment rates for cattle can be found on <http://www.farmers.gov/cfap>. Eligible producers do not need to submit new applications, since payments are based on previously approved CFAP 1 applications. USDA estimates additional payments of more than \$1.1 billion to more than 40,000 producers, according to a mandated formula.

- Additional CFAP assistance of \$20 per acre for producers of eligible crops identified as CFAP 2 flat-rate or price-trigger crops beginning in April. This includes alfalfa, corn, cotton, hemp, peanuts, rice, sorghum, soybeans, sugar beets and wheat, among other crops. FSA will automatically issue payments to eligible price trigger and flat-rate crop producers based on the eligible acres

included on their CFAP 2 applications. Eligible producers do not need to submit a new CFAP 2 application. For a list of all eligible row-crops, visit farmers.gov/cfap. USDA estimates additional payments of more than \$4.5 billion to more than 560,000 producers, according to a mandated formula.

- USDA will finalize routine decisions and minor formula adjustments on applications and begin processing payments for certain applications filed as part of the CFAP Additional Assistance program.

Part 4: Reopening CFAP 2 sign-up to improve access

USDA will re-open sign-up for of CFAP 2 for at least 60 days beginning April 5.

- FSA has committed at least \$2.5 million to establish partnerships and direct outreach efforts intended to improve outreach for CFAP 2.

Tester's bipartisan bill provides ag and livestock haulers critical relief from burdensome red tape

Senator's **HAULS Act** increases hours-of-service flexibility for ag and livestock haulers, allows for more efficient transport of agricultural commodities

Note: This was provided by the office of Sen. Jon Tester

U.S. Sen. Jon Tester is fighting to ensure Montana ag and livestock haulers have the flexibility they need to safely deliver their products to market with the reintroduction of his bipartisan Haulers of Agriculture and Livestock Safety — HAULS — Act of 2021.

"Ranchers and livestock haulers face unique challenges when transporting perishable crops and live animals, and the rules should reflect that," Tester said. "This commonsense bill cuts the burdensome red tape that can prevent ag and livestock haulers from doing their jobs safely and gives them the flexibility to ensure more of Montana's world-class products can make it to market."

Hours-of-service — HOS — requirements by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's limit the time a commercial driver may be on duty to 14 hours and driving to 11 hours. Congress granted limited exceptions to these requirements in 1995, but due to the perishability certain commodities, ag and livestock haulers still face challenges ensuring their products make it to their destination.

Tester's bipartisan HAULS Act modifies the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 by updating the ag and livestock HOS exemptions with three key provisions:

- Eliminating seasonality — Current HOS exemptions for ag and livestock haulers apply only during state-designated planting and harvesting periods, despite the growing diversity of crops and agricultural practices that can result in the need for product hauling throughout the year. The HAULS Act strikes the burdensome seasonal limitation on HOS exemptions, ensuring they are available year-round for ag and livestock haulers across the country.

- Adding 150 air mile HOS exemption to destination — In 2018, FMCSA released guidance stating that ag and livestock haulers may begin recording their HOS after crossing a radius of 150 air miles from their beginning location. The HAULS Act provides a similar 150 air

mile HOS exemption to the destination of an ag or livestock hauler's haul to account for the additional time needed to safely navigate rural and minimally maintained roads.

- Clarifying "agricultural commodity" definition — The HAULS Act identifies general ag and livestock products that are either non-processed or minimally processed to fall under FMCSA's "agricultural commodity" definition, allowing haulers moving these products to utilize the ag and livestock HOS exemptions.

Tester has been a long-time champion in the fight to lift burdensome hauling and trucking regulations, notably securing a bipartisan deal that prohibited the Department of Transportation from enforcing electronic logging device — ELD — rules for livestock haulers. Tester's bipartisan Transporting Livestock Across America Safely Act further increases flexibility for haulers, exempting them from road time requirements and allowing them to better care for the animals they are transporting. To

further support women in the trucking and hauling industries, Tester recently reintroduced the bipartisan Promoting Women in

Trucking Workforce Act.

Tester's HAULS Act is supported by 102 ag and livestock organizations, including the

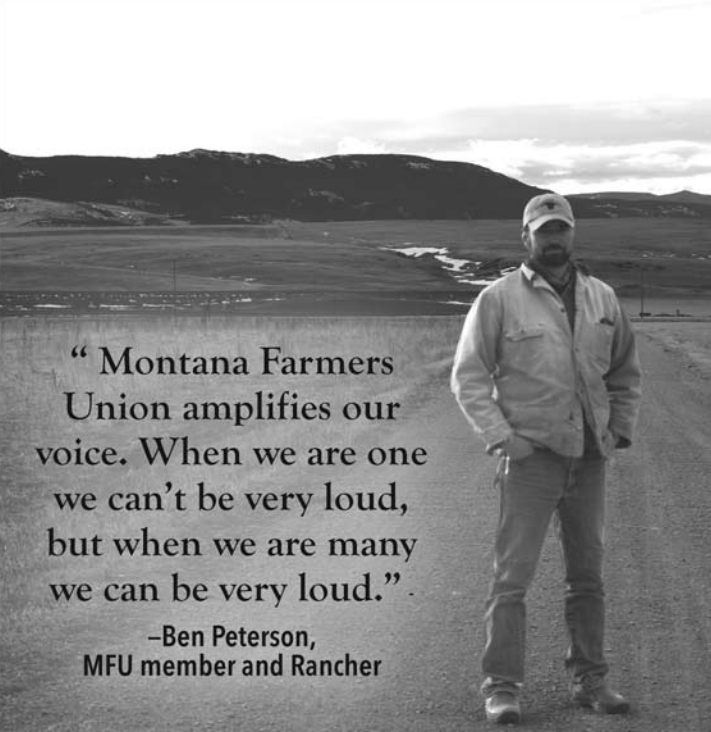
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Dear Doctor: I heard two teenagers in line at the drug store talking about the skin microbiome and how you shouldn't use soap on your face because it wipes out the good bacteria. We hear a lot about the gut microbiome lately, but is the skin microbiome really even a thing?

Dear Reader: The word "microbiome" refers to any community of microorganisms that live together peacefully in a specific environment. To reflect the fact that they don't cause illness, it's said that they "colonize" an area rather than "infect" it.

In terms of the human microbiome, we're talking about the vast array of microbes that live upon and within our bodies. These colonies are typically composed of bacteria, bacteriophages, fungi, protozoa and viruses. Depending on their location, they number into the millions, billions and, in the gut microbiome, trillions.

In addition to the gut, anatomical sites of distinct microbiomes in and on the human body include the nose, mouth, esophagus, lungs, genitals and even the hidden depths of the belly button. And, yes, the skin, which is often referred to as the largest organ in the body, is the site of a microbiome. Multiple ones, in fact. They differ depending on their specific locations, and are affected by the variety of environments they interact with, including oily, moist and dry.

For instance, the skin between your toes, which spends long stretches of time in the moist darkness created by socks, shoes and perspiration, hosts a different profile of microbes than does the skin on your scalp, behind your ears or on the backs of your

hands. The epidermis, which is the top layer of the skin, is a tough environment for microbes. It's dry, acidic and low in nutrients, and great swaths of it are exposed to the elements. And, yet, millions of bacteria, viruses and fungi find a way to make it their home. Depending on their location, they survive on the available proteins, oils, salt or moisture. Research shows that, as with our gut, many of the microbe colonies on our skin play a role in fending off potential pathogens. They also play a role in wound healing, in maintaining skin's overall health and in how we smell. All of which is good reason to take a look at our bathing and skin care routines.

Dermatologists have long suggested that harsh soaps, too much scrubbing and daily bathing with overly hot water can strip the epidermis not only of helpful oils, but also wreak havoc on beneficial microbe colonies. To protect your skin's microbiome, think in terms of gentle, pH-balanced soaps, and gentler overall treatment. That means save the scrubbing with loofas and brushes and other rough materials for the truly grubby areas. Instead of a vigorous rubbing with a towel when you are finished bathing, gently dab and pat your skin dry. And, in case you were wondering, you definitely want to keep up the vigilant hand washing that helps keep us safer during the coronavirus pandemic.

ASTROGRAPH

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Take care of legal, financial and health matters. Obsessing over something you cannot change won't help you move forward. Assess your position and release yourself from negative thoughts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Dig into your psyche, and you'll discover something meaningful. How you use your time and structure your interactions with others will help you achieve peace of mind and a positive attitude.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Evaluate what you can do to help a situation. Don't be gullible; verify the facts and offer only what's necessary. Use any opportunity that comes along to advance. Talk to someone who can help you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Do something constructive. A creative project or time spent with people who offer mental stimulation will spark an intriguing idea. Focus on fitness and taking an energetic

approach to life. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Plan every move you make. Spontaneity will have its limitations. It's best to prepare for whatever you set out to do today if you want to make sure everything runs smoothly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- An unexpected change will turn out better than anticipated. Spend time with someone who encourages you to be yourself and to follow your dream. Push negativity away, and go with the flow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Don't overextend or make unrealistic promises. Put your heart into something that will expand your mind or skills. Taking on a new challenge will open up a host of opportunities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Keep your life simple, moderate and within your budget. Focus on achievements and changes that will ensure you get to live life your way. Set goals and make solid plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Pay more attention to physical tasks and less to conversations with people who don't see things your way. Choose your battles wisely to avoid interference. Say less and do more.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Dig in and get things done. Taking charge will put you in the spotlight and help you get ahead. A change you make at home will encourage you to strive for perfection.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Uncertainty will set in if you are subject to someone indecisive or emotionally unstable. Concentrate on the things you can achieve. Move things around at home to enable the highest level of productivity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Explore your options to find a good investment. Refuse to let anyone push you in a direction you don't want to go. Do what works best for you, and you'll encounter people who share your sentiments.

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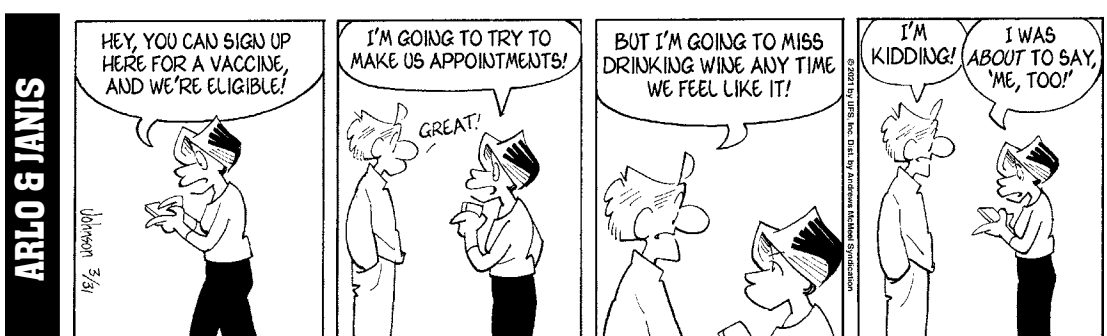
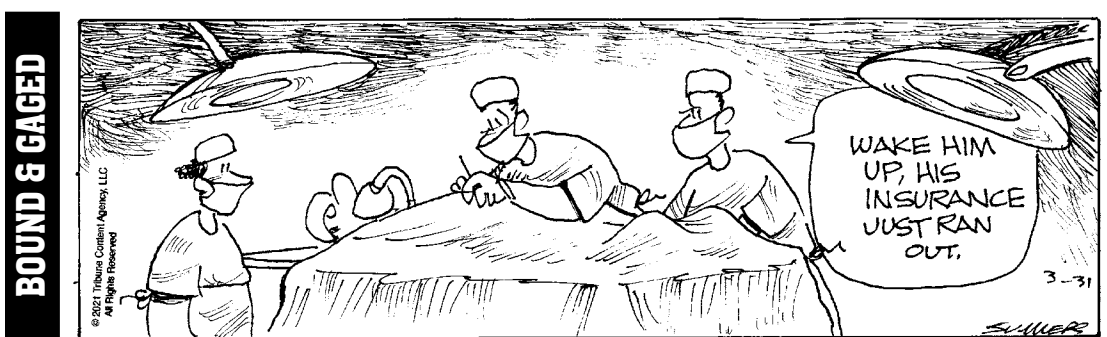
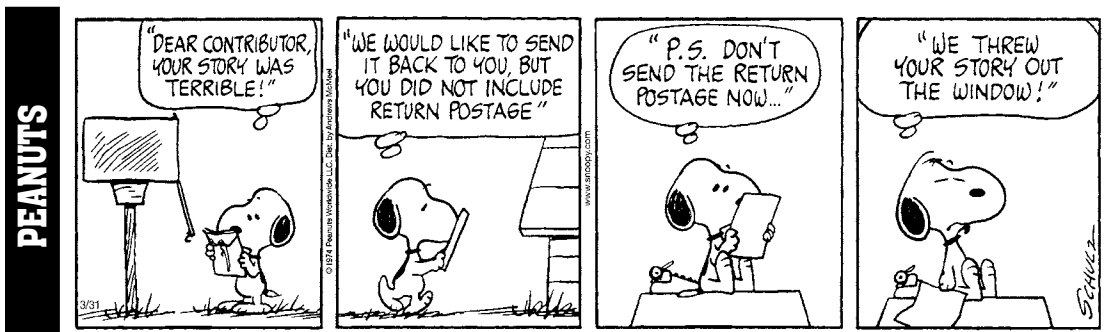
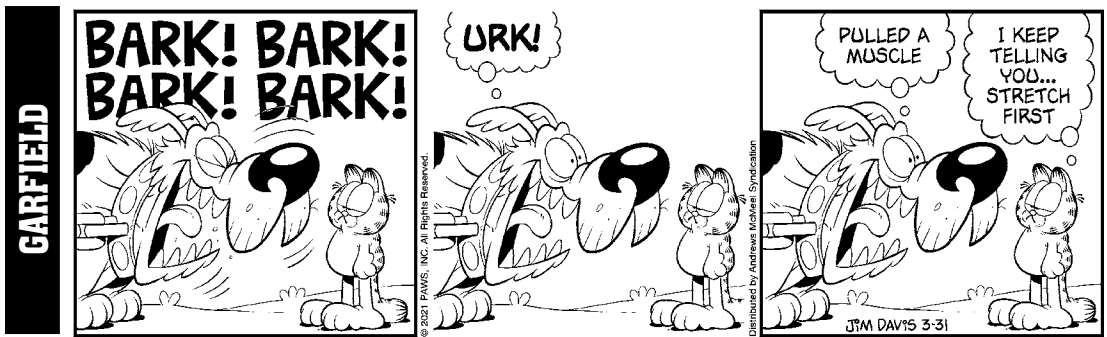
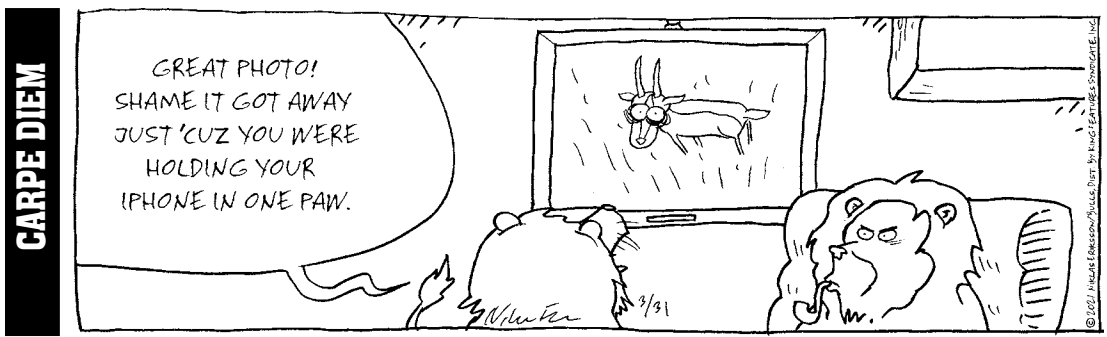
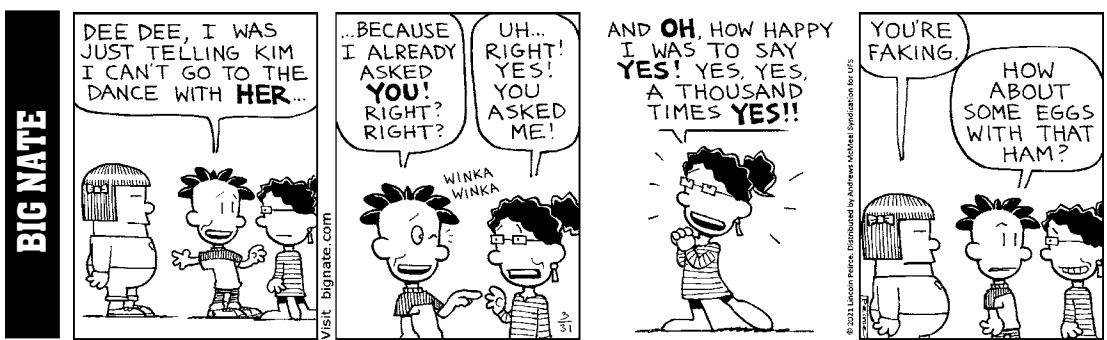
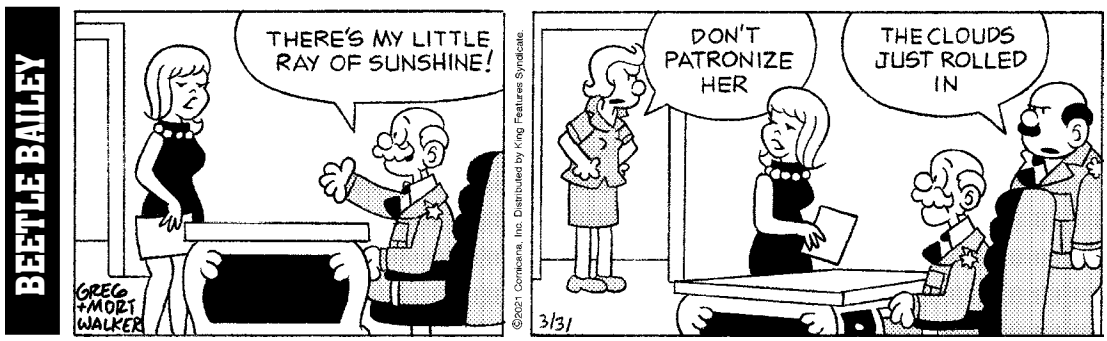
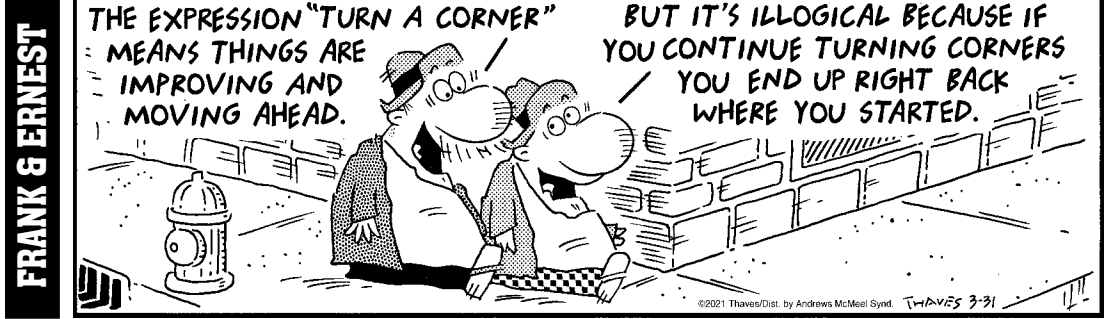
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 - 21 Barely managed
 - 23 Cheerful color
 - 24 Trirame mover
 - 26 Stiff pleated collar
 - 29 Media mogul — Turner
 - 30 Dash off
 - 32 Luau number
 - 34 "En garde"
 - 36 Literary miscellany

- DOWN**
- 1 Quick to learn
 - 2 German article
 - 3 GI mail drop
 - 4 Deep-pled fabric
 - 5 Mississippi town
 - 17 Spooky quality
 - 19 Hangs onto
 - 20 More unusual
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 - 25 "Just as I thought!"
 - 27 Rolls tightly
 - 28 Pesky hoppers
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 - 33 Easy as —
 - 35 Letter after zeta
 - 39 Amaretto flavor
 - 41 Zoo heavyweights
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 - 47 Valhalla host
 - 48 Comedian Jay —
 - 49 Some parents
 - 51 Refrain syllables
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 - 55 Helmsman's dir.
 - 56 Grassy field
 - 57 Clumsy boat

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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...on our friends on April Fool's Day.



Kids: color stuff in!



April Fool's Day Surprises

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

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

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

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



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

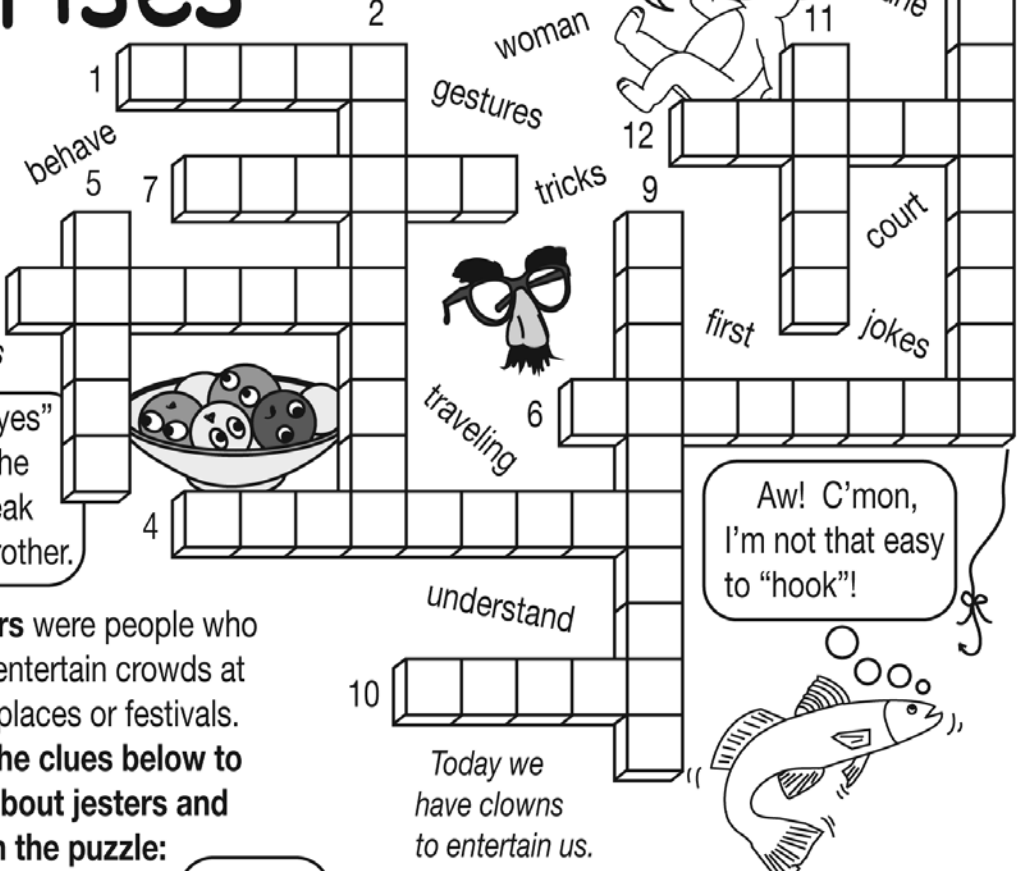
Jesters were people who would entertain crowds at marketplaces or festivals. **Read the clues below to learn about jesters and to fill in the puzzle:**

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

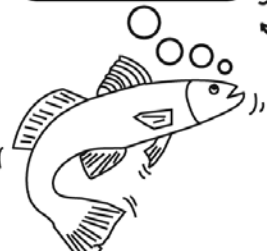
We put a rubber ducky in the fridge.



I love to make people laugh!



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



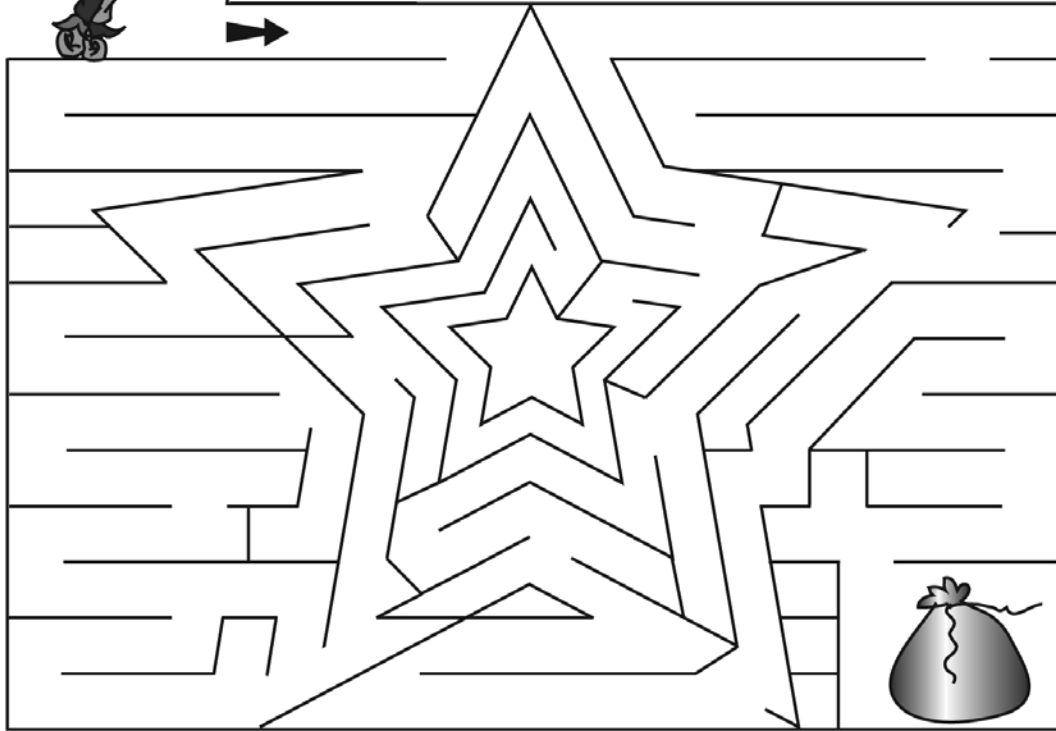
Today we have clowns to entertain us.

- some jesters used _____ or props
- sometimes they were allowed to _____ in ways that were not allowed for other people
- dressed in many kinds of _____
- sometimes they helped people or a king to _____ what was going on by telling stories
- a man or a _____ could be a jester
- the _____ day of April is April Fool's Day
- it is a day to play fun, harmless _____



Jester's Bag of Tricks

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



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



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



Really? Can I see it?



Boy, little kids are easy to fool.

All in Good Fun!

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

- joke
- riddle
- hoax
- wisecrack
- pun

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

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Getting a prescription to die remains tricky even as aid-in-dying bills gain momentum

by **Katheryn Houghton**
Kaiser Health News

Linda Heim knew her dad didn't plan to wait for the cancer to kill him. For decades, he'd lived in Montana, which they'd thought was one of the few places where terminally ill people could get a prescription to end their life.

After two years of being sick, Heim's dad got the diagnosis in 2019: stage 4 kidney cancer. His physician offered treatments that might extend his life by months. Instead, the 81-year-old asked the doctor for help dying. Heim said her parents left the appointment in their hometown of Billings with two takeaways: The legality of medically assisted death was questionable in Montana, and her father's physician didn't seem willing to risk his career to put that question to the test.

"My parents knew when they left there that was the end of that conversation," said Heim, now 54. "My dad was upset and mad."

The day after the appointment, Heim's mother went grocery shopping. While she was gone, Heim's dad went to the backyard and fatally shot himself.

Heim asked that her father's name not be published due to the lingering stigma of suicide.

About a decade earlier, in 2009, the Montana Supreme Court had, in theory, cracked open the door to sanctioned medically assisted death. The court ruled physicians could use a dying patient's consent as a defense if charged with homicide for prescribing life-ending medication.

However, the ruling sidestepped whether terminally ill patients have a constitutional right to that aid. Whether that case made aid in dying legal in Montana has been debated ever since.

"There is just no right to medical aid in dying in Montana, at least no right a patient can rely on, like in the other states," former state Supreme Court Justice Jim Nelson said. "Every time a physician does it, the physician rolls the dice."

Every session of the biennial Montana state legislature since then, a lawmaker has proposed a bill to formally criminalize physician-assisted death. Those who back the bills say the aid is morally wrong while opponents say criminalizing the practice would be a backstep for patients' rights. But so far, lawmakers haven't gained enough support to pass any legislation on the issue, though it has been close. The latest effort stalled on March 1, on a split vote.

Even the terminology to describe the practice is disputed. Some say it's "suicide" anytime someone intentionally ends their life. Others say it's "death with dignity" when choosing to expedite a painful end. Such debates have gone on for decades. But Montana remains the sole state stuck in a legal gray zone, even if the practice can still seem taboo in many states with clear laws. Such continued uncertainty makes it especially hard for Montana patients like Heim's dad and their doctors to navigate what's allowed.

"Doctors are risk-averse," said Dr. David Orentlicher, director of the health law program at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, who helped write clinical aid-in-dying guidelines published in the *Journal of Palliative Medicine* in 2016. "The fear of being sued or prosecuted is still there."

Despite that, access to medical aid in dying is gaining momentum across the U.S. Outside Montana, eight states and the District of Columbia

allow the life-ending aid — six of them since 2014. So far in 2021, legislators in at least 19 states have pushed aid-in-dying bills, most seeking to legalize the practice and some seeking to drop barriers to existing aid such as expanding which medical professionals can offer it. Many are repeat legalization efforts with some, like in New York, dating as far back as 1995. Only the Montana bill this year specifically sought to criminalize it.

North Dakota considered legislation this year to legalize medically assisted death for the first time. Rep. Pamela Anderson, a Democrat from Fargo who proposed the measure after hearing from a cancer patient, said she wasn't surprised when the bill failed in February in a 9-85 vote. The state's medical association said it was "incompatible with the physician's role as healer." Angry voters called Anderson asking why she wanted to kill people.

"But I heard from just as many people that this was a good bill," Anderson said. "There is momentum to not let this concept go away."

Back in Montana, now-retired state Supreme Court Justice Nelson said he has always regretted joining the majority in the case that allowed the practice because the narrow ruling focused on physicians' legal defense, not patients' rights. Having watched a friend die slowly from disease, Nelson, 77, wants the choice himself if ever needed.

Despite — or because of — the court decision, some Montana doctors do today feel that they can accommodate such patient decisions. For example, Dr. Colette Kirchoff, a hospice and palliative care physician, said until she retired from private practice last year

she considered patients' requests for life-ending drugs.

Physicians who help in such cases follow well-established guidelines set by other states, Kirchoff said. A patient must have six months or less to live — a fact corroborated by a second physician; can't be clinically depressed; needs to ask for the aid; and be an adult capable of making health care decisions, which is determined by the attending physician. They must also administer the life-ending medication themselves.

"You're obviously not going to do a case that is vague or nebulous or has family discord," Kirchoff said. "The doctors who are prescribing have felt comfortable and that they're doing the right thing for their patient, alleviating their suffering."

Of her few patients who qualified for a prescription, she said, none actually took the drugs. Kirchoff noted that, in some cases, getting the prescription seemed to provide comfort to her patients — it was enough knowing they had the option if their illness became unbearable.

For the past six legislative sessions — dating to 2011 — a Montana lawmaker has proposed a bill to clarify that state law doesn't allow physician-assisted death. Republican Sen. Carl Glimm picked up that effort the past two sessions. Glimm said the current status, based on the more than decade-old court decision, sends a mixed message in a state that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ranks as having among the nation's highest suicide rates. Glimm said allowing someone to end their life because of pain from a terminal illness could normalize suicide for people living with depression, which is also a form of pain.

"It's really hard because I do sympathize with them," Glimm said. "What it boils down to is, if you're going to take your own life, then that's suicide."

Kim Callinan, president and CEO of national nonprofit Compassion & Choices, said the comparison to suicide is frustrating.

"People who are seeking medical aid in dying want to live, but they are stricken with a life-ending illness," she said.

Glimm and his bill's supporters say that some patients could be pressured into it by family members with something to gain, and doctors could prescribe it more often than they should.

But Callinan, whose group advocates for aid in dying, said that since Oregon first legalized it in 1997, no data has shown any merit to the warnings about abuse and coercion. One study showed no evidence of heightened risk of abuse within the practice for vulnerable populations such as the elderly. But critics have said states aren't doing enough to track the issue.

By now, Leslie Mutchler, 60, knows most of the people on all sides of the debate after years of testifying in support of protecting aid in dying. Her dad, Bob Baxter, was a plaintiff in the case that eventually led to the 2009 Montana Supreme Court decision on medically assisted death. After leukemia whittled his body for years, he died in 2008 without the option, the same day a lower court ruled in his favor.

Mutchler said she didn't understand how complicated the Supreme Court's ultimate ruling was until her son T.J. was diagnosed with terminal metastatic pancreatic cancer in 2016.

He was 36 and lived in Billings, Montana. By then, the

6-foot-5 man had lost 125 pounds off what had been a 240-pound frame. He couldn't keep food down and needed a feeding tube for medicine and water. T.J. Mutchler wanted to have the choice his grandfather never got. But when he went to his physician and asked for aid in dying, the response was it wasn't legal. Eventually, Mutchler found a doctor to evaluate her son and write the prescriptions for phenobarbital and amitriptyline. T.J. took the drugs more than two months later and died.

"People contact me asking how to find someone and it's difficult," Mutchler said. "That's why people end up taking matters into their own hands." Research into terminally ill populations is limited, but one national study published in 2019 found the risk of someone with cancer taking their own life is four times higher than the general population.

For Roberta King, another one of Baxter's daughters, the ongoing fight over aid in dying in Montana means she knows every other winter she'll make the more than 200-mile round trip from her Missoula home to the state capital. King, 58, has testified against all six bills that sought to ban aid in dying following her dad's case. She memorized a speech about how her dad became so thin after his medicine stopped working that it hurt for him to sit.

"It's still terrible, you still have to get up there in front of everybody and they know what you're going to say because it's the same people doing the same thing," King said.

But skipping a hearing doesn't feel like an option.

"If something were to happen to this and I didn't try, I would never forgive myself," she said.

It's not just QAnon — Democrats and independents also want to recall California's governor

by **Angela Hart and Samantha Young**
Kaiser Health News

SACRAMENTO — California Gov. Gavin Newsom is framing the burgeoning effort to remove him from office as a fringe Republican movement backed by right-wing extremists, Trump supporters and QAnon conspiracy theorists.

But Newsom isn't telling the whole story about who supports his recall.

Democrats and independent voters — who together dominate the state's electorate — have also signed the recall petition, motivated by frustration with Newsom's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Even Californians who helped elect Newsom to his first term in 2018 are angry over prolonged school closures, the whipsaw of business closings and openings and closings, vaccination chaos and turmoil at the state's unemployment agency — which has been plagued with fraud, website failures and devastating backlogs that have left legions of residents without benefits.

"I'm not anti-mask, I'm not anti-science," said Hastin Zylstra, 34, a Santa Ana Democrat who owns a laundromat and voted for Newsom in 2018. He signed the recall petition earlier this year, in part because he feels Newsom hasn't done enough to help struggling small businesses.

"It sucks to be lumped into a group of white supremacists and anti-mask Republicans when a few months ago I was text-banking for Joe Biden and helping in the Georgia runoffs," he added. "It feels a little bit like a knife in the back."

Zylstra and other Newsom voters are chafing at the governor's escalating attempts, in campaign advertising and on national television, to cast the recall drive as a partisan power grab. He told CNN on March 16 that his leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic "saved thousands and thousands of lives," and the same day on "The View," Newsom dismissed recall supporters as extremists who don't believe in science.

"It's the anti-maskers and anti-vaxxers, not just the mega Trump donors," Newsom said on the ABC daytime talk show. It's also "the conspiracy theorists and militia members that are behind this recall."

It's true that the leaders of the recall petition are connected to Republican donors, right-wing extremists and QAnon, and that many conservatives have signed the recall petitions. But Democratic and independent voters say they've lost trust in the once-rising star of the Democratic Party.

A recent Emerson College poll found that 58 percent of Democrats and 55 percent of independent voters — those

registered under no-party preference — would be open to dumping Newsom in favor of another Democratic candidate. And back-to-back polls this year by the University of California-Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies and the Public Policy Institute of California showed Newsom's poll numbers dropping, although they are higher than those of former Gov. Gray Davis before his recall in 2003.

"I would vote for another Democrat over Gavin, of course I would," said Mara Kolesas, 51, a Berkeley mother of two who also voted for Newsom but believes he has failed students. "He had an opportunity to lead, but he's putting politics and labor unions above kids."

The Republican recall organizers have seized on unpopular decisions Newsom has made since last March, when he issued the nation's first statewide stay-at-home order, shuttering businesses, churches and schools across California. His mask mandate further fired up recall backers, but Newsom's attendance at a birthday dinner with lobbyists last November at the high-end French Laundry restaurant in Napa Valley marked a turning point that gave recall supporters momentum.

More than 2.1 million Californians have signed the petition to recall Newsom, according to campaign organizers. They need 1.5 million to place the question before voters, and the secretary of state's office has so far validated nearly 1.2 million. Local election officials have until April 29 to certify the remaining signatures.

"The governor's pandemic response is clearly driving voter attitudes, and concerns about his performance are not limited to Republicans," said Darryl Sragow, a Democratic strategist and publisher of the nonpartisan California Target Book, which predicts the recall will take place in November. "And people who never signed a recall petition are going to be asked to pass judgment on how the governor has been doing."

Nathan Click, Newsom's campaign spokesperson, argues that controversy surrounding the governor's pandemic decisions will not result in his ouster, with powerful Democrats still backing Newsom. Newsom's allies have characterized the movement as a waste of money and a distraction from ending the pandemic.

"Gov. Newsom followed science and moved aggressively to keep Californians safe during the pandemic. His actions saved countless lives," Click said. "What we are seeing up and down the state is Democrats uniting around the governor to stand up against

this Republican recall."

Now, as California's massive economy begins to reopen quickly — the state is allowing restaurants, gyms and theaters to open for indoor patrons — some public health experts warn that the state is once again prematurely loosening restrictions. While cases and deaths have declined since the winter peak, they say, the drop is leveling off and case rates nationwide are beginning to rise, presenting worrisome signs for California. Most concerning is the spread of new, more infectious and deadly variants.

"I'm afraid we're doing the same thing we did in May and June and October — opening too soon," said Dr. John Swartzberg, a UC-Berkeley expert on infectious diseases. "Nobody can predict the future, but I think it's likely we're heading for a swell in new cases."

The quick pace of reopening is angering some Democrats.

Butte County resident Debbie Blake strongly supported Newsom's decision last March to order a statewide lockdown but said now she's disappointed with his quick pace of reopening, vaccination chaos and inadequate testing early on. She said she wants to vote for another Democrat should a viable candidate emerge.

"He had us. Then he lost us," said Blake, 64, a lifelong Democrat and retired school administrator who voted for Newsom in 2018.

"I felt like by opening up so

fast, he succumbed to business pressures. And once you open up, it's really hard to shut back down," she added. "He always has the right things to say, but I feel he will do things that are expedient for him and not necessarily the public he's serving."

And as schools in the rest of the country have begun to reopen, the frustration among many California parents has boiled over.

Parents accuse Newsom of caving to the powerful California Teachers Association union — one of his largest political contributors — which rebuffed his calls for educators to return to campuses without strict health and safety measures in place, rather than requiring them to come back sooner to teach in person.

Jen Tarbox, a Folsom mom of two high schoolers, said Newsom went too far and didn't consider the social-emotional impact on kids left at home, sitting in front of screens, disconnected from their friends, teachers and coaches.

"He messed with our children," said Tarbox, 40, who led a protest at the state Capitol in February. "Any parent — Republican, Democrat, I don't care what political belief — is going to fight for their child."

And when Newsom lamented earlier this month in his State of the State speech about his four children's experience with distance learning and "Zoom school," Tarbox said he was not being honest. His kids attend private school and started to return in person in October.

"He called himself a Zoom parent," said Tarbox, who signed the recall petition. "Absolutely laughable."

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