

# Havre DAILY NEWS

Monday, December 6, 2021

## Blaine County reports another COVID death

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Blaine County Health Department reported Friday that it was notified of another COVID-19-related death in a county resident between Wednesday and Friday.

That brings the total deaths in Blaine County to 29.

The health department reported the county has 15 active cases with

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## Brockie receives prestigious award from Johns Hopkins

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Teresa Brockie, Ph.D, Master of Science Nursing, RN, a member of the Aaniiih Tribe who grew up in Hays, was given the 2021 Career Impact Award at Johns Hopkins University last week for exceptional work supporting the campus' students and community.

The award is among the most prestigious in the field and celebrates faculty members, students, postdoctoral fellows and alumni who have gone above and beyond in support of others across the Johns Hopkins community.

Brockie said she was proud to have received the honor but said her mentorship of students was not done for a

reward, but to fulfill a responsibility and do for others what was done for her.

"My career path was not a solo journey," she said. "There have been plenty of people along the way who opened doors and who shown a bright light for my path ... I know that it's my responsibility to reach back my hand and help those coming after me."

Brockie graduated from Hays-Lodge Pole High School before receiving her undergraduate degree in nursing from



**Brockie**

the University of North Dakota, and her graduate degree and Ph.D. in nursing from Johns Hopkins University, where she eventually became a professor, five years ago.

Before that, she worked for the National Institutes of Health for nine years but neither workplace was one she envisioned for herself during her days in Montana.

"I couldn't ever imagine, as someone growing up in Hays, Montana, that I would even be working at the NIH Clinical Center or at Johns Hopkins University," she said.

One of the people she has helped is Ph.D. candidate and Baltimore hospice nurse Katie Nelson, whom Brockie has mentored during her time working on

her doctorate, and the one who nominated Brockie for the award.

Nelson, originally from Minnesota, said she met her mentor about a year into her studies at Johns Hopkins and Brockie always treated her as not just a health care professional or Ph.D. student but as a person, which is important in the high-stress environment the pandemic has created.

"She acknowledges people on a human level, which I think is really important, especially with how difficult it is right now," she said. "... People are more than the work that they do."

She said Brockie always bends over backward to help people at the univer-

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## A Christmas-filled Saturday

**By Havre Daily News staff**

It was a busy holiday-themed day in Havre Saturday, with events running through the day and into the evening.

Havre's Christmas Stroll invited people to travel around town visiting local businesses all day, and the Dinosaur Christmas event, canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was back Saturday afternoon.

And the SubZero Superhero Polar Plunge, held online in 2020, returned to Town Square in Havre Saturday afternoon for live action of people jumping through falling snow into a pool of icewater to raise money for Special Olympics Montana.

That was followed by the annual tree lighting, also returning to live this year after being done online in 2020, followed by a glow run and the Super Certificate drawing by the Havre Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Live Nativity at Van Orsdel United Methodist Church again happened this year but, again, due to the pandemic, was held as a drive-through event with people viewing the live re-enactors while driving through the alley behind the church.



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**Above: Kaare Engebretson climbs out of the water tank through falling snow Saturday after jumping into the pool of icewater in the SubZero Superhero Polar Plunge fundraiser for Special Olympics Montana.**

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**Right: Community members perform during the annual Live Nativity Saturday at Van Orsdel United Methodist Church.**



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**Val Hickman of the H. Earl Clack Memorial Museum Board helps children make Christmas cards during the Clack Museum's Dinosaur Christmas at Holiday Village Mall Saturday.**

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**Santa and Mrs. Claus throw the switch Saturday to light the Havre Community Christmas Tree Town Square.**

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**Blaine County Health Department said in its update Friday that it was notified of 1 new COVID-19-related death and 11 new cases Wednesday through Friday. 11 met the criteria to be considered recovered with 15 active cases in the county and 1,516 total cases. No one was hospitalized. The county has had 29 deaths.**

**Hill County**, reported on the state update this morning, had 12 new cases and 71 deaths. Current data was not available on the Hill County Health Department numbers for active and total cases, which have conflicted with data on the state update.

**Rocky Boy Health Center**, also reported on the Chouteau or Hill County reports, reported Friday no new cases and no met the criteria to be considered recovered with 1 active case and no active hospitalizations. The reservation has had 1,199 total cases and 10 deaths.

**Fort Belknap Indian Community**, also listed in the Blaine or Phillips county numbers, had not reported its latest data by print deadline this morning.

**Liberty County**, reported on the state update this morning, had no new cases, 3 active, 267 total cases, 2 deaths.

**Chouteau County**, reported on the state update this morning, had 1 new case, 4 active, 778 total cases, 8 deaths.

The Montana state COVID tracking map after this morning's update listed 357 new cases, 3,271 active

cases, 198 hospitalizations and 2,768 deaths. The cumulative total for the state was 192,590 cases.

People can visit the state tracking map, normally updated between 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. each day, online through links at <https://montana.maps.arcgis.com> and at <https://covid19.mt.gov>.

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

## Winter weather hits region

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After a long, dry summer and fall, wintry weather has hit the region, with snow whitening the ground and ice and frosting windshields.

National Weather Service reports that the station at the Havre City-County Airport now has recorded 2.5 inches of snow for December, with the snow starting to fall Saturday morning.

And the temperatures plummeted. Havre went from a record high of 69 degrees Wednesday and a still-warm high of 55 Thursday — the normal temperature for that date is 36 degrees — to 34 degrees Saturday with the low dropping to 18 degrees then to a high of 22 Sunday and temperatures dropping

to a low of minus 9 at the Havre airport this morning and a bitter minus 13 in Chinook.

Snow fell across the state over the weekend, with more expected in this area today and through early tonight, with rain and a chance of snow again Wednesday and Wednesday night.

No more snow is predicted after that through Sunday. After a forecast high in the teens today and 20s Tuesday, the highs are expected to go back into the 40s midweek, 30s Thursday and Friday and low 40s Saturday and Sunday with lows in the teens through the week and 20s Saturday night.

The long-range forecast is a little less clear, with a La Niña condition in

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**Tuesday's Weather Complete forecast / A2**

**26°**  
**20°**

**Partly cloudy**

**INSIDE: AREA WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW**



### Inside today:

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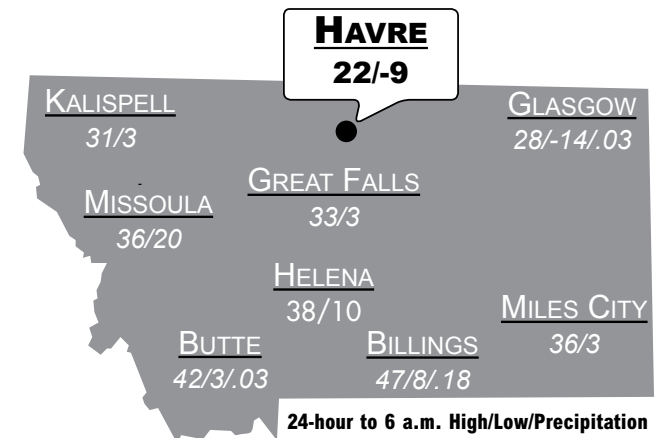


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**Montana Weather through 6 a.m. today**

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

**Weather Almanac for 12/5**



12/6 Mon	12/7 Tue	12/8 Wed	12/9 Thur	12/10 Fri	12/11 Sat	12/12 Sun
<b>15/3</b> Evening snow.	<b>26/20</b> Partly cloudy.	<b>46/21</b> Partly cloudy/ wind.	<b>31/13</b> Partly cloudy.	<b>29/19</b> Sunny.	<b>42/31</b> Partly cloudy/ wind.	<b>42/28</b> Partly cloudy.

**High/low:** 22°/-5°  
**Normal high/low:** 35°/14°  
**Record high:** 71° in 1939  
**Record low:** -28° in 2013  
**State high:** 49° in Livingston  
**State low:** -18° in Poplar  
**Precip in December:** .26"  
**Normal monthly precip:** .06"  
**Precip for year:** 7.19"  
**Normal yearly precip:** 11.48"  
**Sunset tonight:** 4:28 p.m.  
**Sunrise Tuesday:** 7:57 a.m.

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## COVID-19: Vaccines widely available as nationwide surge continues

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no active hospitalizations. Blaine County has had a total of 1,516 cases since the pandemic hit Montana in March 2020.

The report says community transmission level is high and masks are recommended for all people in public areas.

No new deaths have been reported in Chouteau, Hill or Liberty counties, the state tracking map update this morning said, with those counties at eight, 71 and two deaths, respectively.

With a surge hitting the country, following surges in Europe and other areas, and the new omicron variant starting to turn up in the United States, health officials are urg-

ing people to continue to take steps to slow transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19, steps like avoiding large groups, wearing a mask in public spaces, regularly washing hands, covering coughs with a cloth or elbow, and, most importantly, getting vaccinated or a booster shot.

People 18 and older who were vaccinated with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine two months or longer ago or completed their Moderna or Pfizer two-shot vaccination six months or longer ago are urged to get a booster, with any vaccine available. The booster does not have to be the vaccine used in the original vaccination.

The Blaine County Health

Department release said the department continues to offer first and second dose and booster dose walk-in COVID-19 vaccinations Thursdays from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at the health department at 420A Ohio Street in Chinook. Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccines are available and people with questions can call 406-357-2345, the report said.

In Blaine County, people can also contact Fort Belknap Health Center by calling the public health nurse at 406-353-3250 or the pharmacy at 406-353-3104 to ask about vaccinations and booster shots.

In Hill County, vaccinations are available through Bullhook

Community Health Center, 406-395-4305; the Hill County Health Department, 406-400-2415; Northern Montana Health Care's Specialty Medical Center at 406-265-7831 or its Family Medical Center at 406-265-5408; Western Drug Pharmacy, 406-265-9601; Gary & Leo's Pharmacy, which takes walk-ins; Walmart; and the Rocky Boy Health Center 406-395-4486.

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

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

## Winter: Long-term forecast unclear as drought continues

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the equatorial Pacific potentially bringing more cold temperatures and higher precipitation to the northwest, but forecast-

ers are unsure how much of that will come to Montana.

The moisture is greatly needed, with much of the state listed

as in exceptional drought — including Blaine, Chouteau, Hill and Liberty counties — to severe drought, with just the

northwest corner of the state listed as in moderate drought, the lightest drought condition listed in Montana.

## Brockie: Pandemic delayed work in Fort Belknap

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sity despite how difficult the field is right now, and that kind of mentorship is so much better than one that is strictly professional.

Brockie said it was great to hear such praise from Nelson and others during her acceptance of the award last Thursday.

### Brockie and Nelson's work amid the pandemic

Much of Brockie's recent work has centered around suicide prevention in Native American communities, and they've recently started making connections with Fort Belknap.

"Most of my work has been with the Fort Peck Tribes in Montana, developing interventions and we are now branching out to Fort Belknap," she said.

Brockie said they have two grants they are working on with Fort Belknap and Aaniiih Nakoda College, but much of that work had to be put on hold for the last two years as the area endures waves of COVID-19.

When it came to Fort Peck, she said, it didn't make sense to ask their local teams and tribal partners to work on interventions when there were more immediate concerns and so they all shifted their focus to COVID-19.

She said her team assisted the tribe with raising funds, providing masks, contact tracing and isolation support, as well as data reporting while hiring more people to aid in the fight against the pandemic.

Brockie said the local team did a tremendous amount of work during an extremely emotional time, and the pandemic along with the circumstances surrounding it had a clear mental health impact on them. She said the stresses already on Native American communities have only been exacerbated by the pandemic.

"Sometimes it already feels like we're constantly living in fear on the reservation, so it's just an addition to that," she said. Brockie said they implemented a weekly talking circle for the local team which included one of the community's spiritual leaders to help them deal with the stress of the pandemic.

She said it's still unknown how great the full mental health impact of the pandemic will be, but it's going to be around for a very long time, and she's not immune to it.

She said not having access to ceremony, family and home has been very difficult for her personally. "I like to think that I'm strong spiritually, but it's had

an impact on me as well," Brockie said.

Nelson's recent research has also been focused on the Fort Belknap area, attempting to improve end-of-life care and support caregivers for those with serious illness.

However, she is also a practicing nurse, and has seen firsthand how devastating the effects of COVID-19 have been and, between the news and firsthand experience, she said, it's hard to let it go when she goes home.

"It's not something you can turn off at the end of the day," she said. "It sticks with you wherever you go."

She said the virus is complex and no two cases are exactly the same, so even when directly treating people suffering from the virus it never quite feels like they have a handle on it, and that affects people in health care.

However, Nelson said, regardless of whether someone is in health care or not, the pandemic has created a sense of loss for practically everyone.

"I think everybody, no matter what sector they work in, has experienced some level of grief related to the pandemic," she said, "Whether it's the loss of a loved one, the loss of a friend, or even just the loss of normalcy, the way life was before."

She said it may seem obvious

but the pandemic has made clear how important self care is.

### What's next

Brockie said that, while her work has had to be delayed due to the pandemic, plans are still being made for how to use the funds they have access to.

This summer, she said, she and her team will be working to create a pathway to nursing, public health and STEM for Aaniiih Nakoda high school students.

Starting in March and running through September, she said, they will also begin data collection on suicide, looking for risk factors for suicide in the area and contributing factors for suicide clusters to develop interventions and provide help for those who have lost loved ones to suicide.

Nelson said she's hoping to get started soon surveying, conducting interviews and data gathering to create research that will be used by local providers to give culturally appropriate end-of-life care to people, and allow family caregivers to help those they care for stay where they want even when suffering from serious illness.

"Both of us are looking forward to getting back out to Fort Belknap," she said.

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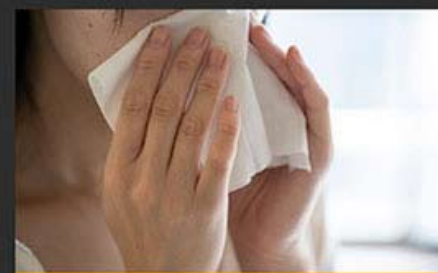
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## Community Calendar

### Today

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

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

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

### Tuesday, Dec. 7

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

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

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

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

### Wednesday, Dec. 8

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

**Storytime**, 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library, with a craft to follow. This program is free and open to the public.

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### Thursday, Dec. 9

**MSU-Northern Foundation Hayrides**, 5:15 - 7:15 p.m., Town Square. For tickets call 406-265-3711 or visit <http://www.msunfoundation.org>.

**Local Artisans Christmas Market**, featuring handcrafted items by local artists, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., 718 2nd St.

**Block Party**, 3:30 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library, with a time for building and playing board games. This is free and open to the public.

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### Friday, Dec. 10

**MSU-Northern Foundation Hayrides**, 5:15 - 7:15 p.m., Town Square.

**Local Artisans Christmas Market**, featuring handcrafted items by local artists, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., 718 2nd St.

### Saturday, Dec. 11

**Big Sandy Senior Center Arts and Crafts Fair**, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. 166 Johannes Ave.

**21st Annual Cowboy Christmas**, fundraiser for MSU-Northern rodeo teams, no-host cocktails at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m., Northern's Armory Gymnasium.

**Christmas Harp Concert**, featuring Mary Stevens and Barbara Zuck, 10:30 a.m., Havre-Hill County Library. The harpists will be playing Christmas music in addition to other classics. The concert is free and open to the public.

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**Artitudes Gallery Farewell Open House**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., top level of The Atrium

Mall. Everything will be 35% off for the closing of the gallery. Everyone is welcome to join the artists for refreshments and to say farewell.

**HHS Key Club Christmas Wrap gift-wrapping service fundraiser**, 5 - 8 p.m., Havre High School north foyer. Cost is a free-will donation to the club and the proceeds will help families in need.

### Monday, Dec. 13

**Auditions for "The Harvest,"** a Montana Actors' Theatre production, 7 p.m., MSU-Northern's Little Theatre, with roles for men and women mid-20s to late 60s. Show dates are Feb. 25-26 and March 3-5, 10-12.

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

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

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**MSU-Northern Community Orchestra "A Not-So-Silent-Night" concert**, 7 p.m., Fifth Avenue Christian Church, including selections such as "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," "Swingin' on the Housetop," "The Christmas Song," "A Bach Christmas," "All is Calm" and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," a medley. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

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### Wednesday, Dec. 15

**Community Christmas Dinner delivery reservations**, business hours, North Central Senior Citizens Center, 406-265-5464. Call from this day until Dec. 23 to make reservations.

**Recycle Hi-Line meeting**, 7 p.m., Hill County Electric/Triangle Communications Hospitality Room.

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## Havre High speech and debate competes in Bozeman

### Press release

A young Havre High School speech and debate team traveled to Bozeman over the weekend to compete in an enormous tournament held at Bozeman High School and the new Gallatin High School, and while no one placed in the top eight, that had some good results and great experience, Havre head coach Tim Leeds said.

"I was hoping to have some kids on stage receiving awards — we have the talent for that — but it wasn't in the cards," Leeds said. "We did get some wins, some good marks, and some great comments and suggestions, though. This was some great experience for the Pony speakers."

Leeds said five of the nine Havre competitors Friday and Saturday were first-year speakers, and three more were second-year competitors.

The Havre students competed against varsity squads from 15 AA schools as well as 11 junior varsity AA squads, as

well as eight other Class A schools and Class C Great Falls Central High School, who dethroned the 36-year Class B state champion team from Missoula's Loyola Sacred Heart High School in 2020 in Central's short switch to a Class B school.

In the team sweepstakes competition, Glacier High School from Kalispell won the Class AA trophy while Class A powerhouse Columbia Falls won the ABC sweeps.

"This was a really competitive tournament, and Class AA competition tends to have a different style from Class ABC schools, so it is tough," Leeds said. "We have some students with enough skill and talent that they certainly could have placed, but I am glad they competed got the experience they did."

Some Havre High debaters came close to making it into the single-elimination outbounds that determine first through eighth place.

Varsity public forum debaters Dartanion Kaftan and Riley Klein, both seniors, went 2-3 and just missed a chance to break into outbounds. The event had 40 debate teams competing.

Kaftan, a fourth-year Havre debater, and Klein, in his second year on the team, defeated teams from Stevensville and Butte but lost to two Billings West teams and one from Columbia Falls.

First-year debaters Caitlin "Corbyn" Ehry, a junior, and Carinna Kline, a sophomore, pulled a win in their first round in Public Forum, competing against a team from C.M. Russell High School in Great Falls, but then lost close rounds to teams from Billings Skyview, Butte, Frenchtown and Bozeman.

Third-year Havre Lincoln-Douglas debater Paige Bertelsen, a junior, also came close in her competition in a field of 32 debaters. Bertelsen went 2-3, defeating debaters from Hamilton and Whitefish,

but lost rounds against a Bozeman debater and two from Gallatin High School.

On the speech side, second-year Havre competitor Dever Everingham, a junior, came closest to breaking into outbounds for Havre competing in humorous interpretation of literature, which had 55 competitors, but could not quite break into the top 16 to compete for a chance to go into finals.

Havre's other competitors in the speech events, all first-year speakers, also received some good marks and comments, but also did not make it into outbounds. Sophia Dawson, a junior, and Izabelle "Izzy" Hagen competed in Havre in dramatic oral interpretation of literature, which had 44 competitors, while freshman Sienna Dennis faced off against 78 other competitors in impromptu speaking.

Havre's team has a weekend off this week before heading Dec. 18 to its last tournament before the holiday break.

## Native American language planning workshop set

### Workshop set for Dec. 10-11 in Billings

#### From Montana Office of Public Instruction

HELENA — State Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, Tribal Legislators, Tribal Nation Leaders, Educators, and Office of Public Instruction Director of Tribal Relations Don Wetzel will gather at the Montana State University Billings Student Union Building from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 10-11 for a Class 7 Professional Development Training and Language Revitalization Planning Workshop.

The 2021 Montana Legislature assigned the OPI as administrator of the Tribal Nation Culture

Co-Sponsored by Chippewa Cree Tribe Department of Indian Education, MSU-Billings Native American Student Achievement Center, MSU Center for Bilingual and Multicultural Education, and Fort Peck Tribes Language and Culture Department. The lead organizer of the event, Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy, D-Box Elder, will serve as the event moderator.

and Language Preservation Program. Matthew Bell is employed by the OPI to coordinate the Montana Indian Language and Culture Preservation grants and the Indian Language Immersion program. Bell works directly with Wetzel as the OPI team works with Montana's tribal nations in supporting language revitalization.

"I want to thank (Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy, D-Box Elder) and (MSU Billings Director of the Native American

Achievement Center Sunny Day) Real Bird for organizing this great learning opportunity. The language revitalization workshop will offer many resources for our Montana educators to utilize in the classroom to promote cultural and indigenous heritage," Arntzen said.

Participants will engage in programs on:

- Culturally Responsive Pedagogy, Tribal Perspectives
- Language Revitalization Planning

- Indian Language Immersion
- Tribal Language Goals, Strategies, and Metrics
- Review of the Cultural Integrity Act
- Tribal Language Curriculum & Language Standards

The Language Revitalization Planning workshop, which is open to the public, will be held in person and on Zoom. People who plan to attend should register at [https://msubillings.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_a3FY3YidAkm8paC](https://msubillings.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a3FY3YidAkm8paC).

For more information, people can contact Real Bird by phone at 406-657-2144 or by email at [sunnyday.realbird@msubillings.edu](mailto:sunnyday.realbird@msubillings.edu).

Attendees will be required to adhere to COVID-19 safety measures through social distancing, face masks and hand sanitizing.

## Crisis help and support numbers listed

During the COVID-19 pandemic and the isolation and stress caused by it, many people are looking for resources for themselves and others who need support.

Following is a list of some numbers people can call for help and support.

- Montana Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- RAINN National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673
- Tumbleweed Runaway and Family Crisis Program: 406-259-2558 and, toll free, 1-888-816-4702

• Friendship Line by Institute on Aging is both a crisis intervention hotline and a warm-line for non-emergency emotional support calls. It is a 24-hour toll-free line and the only accredited crisis line in the country for people aged 60 years and older and adults living with disabilities. Toll-free line: 800-971-0016

• Seniors getting frustrated with staying home and needing someone to talk to can call 1-877-688-3377 for Montana's Warm Line.

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## Interim ed committee tours facilities

I pray everyone had a Thanksgiving to remember as we move into the Christmas season.

This past month has been a busy one for me. My education committee has been charged with a study to determine if incarcerated individuals are receiving the education the State of Montana is required to offer. We first toured the education department of the Montana State Prison in Deer Lodge. The education offered at the facility starts with the HISET — High School Equivalency Test — formerly known as the GED. Everyone at the prison has the opportunity to participate in HISET preparation courses, depending on their behavior. From this program, inmates can move onto additional programs, such as college classes, or technical classes like welding, woodworking, autobody, truck driving school, and mechanics.

While on the tour, our committee visited these programs, and it was clear that not everyone could participate, due to space limitations. The inmates transitioning to release had first priority. The prison also operates the farm and ranch where the prison is located, some 38,000 acres. Inmates do work outside of the prison fence, working the cows, dairy and hay, and learning how to work. The inmates working these types of jobs are low security inmates who can be trusted with vehicles and heavy equipment. The bus driver for the tour was one of the low security inmates who will be in front of the parole board this coming year. He had been through the CDL — commercial driver license — program at the prison. It has been made very clear to the committee that not all state prisons are educating to the degree the Montana State Prison is.

### From the Legislature

Sen. Russ Tempel, R-Chester



Continuing the tour on from Deer Lodge, we stopped at a number of schools, starting with Drummond Public Schools and ending in Missoula. In Missoula, we toured four schools, from kindergarten to the Missoula County Public Schools Agriculture Education and Industrial Technology Center, a 100-acre plot of land farmed and ranched entirely by agriculture education program students. At the farm, a USDA slaughter-to-meat packing plant is being used to teach students the full process of feeding to freezer. Students start with the caving, raising, and eventual processing.

After these tours, our Education Interim Committee met at the University of Montana to discuss our tour stops and time in the field. We also addressed the subject of how to get more educators to the schools who are so desperate for help. There is some money for what is called “grow your own” to encourage students to return home to teach. That was followed by a joint meeting with the Board of Regents.

Judy and I spent the Thanksgiving holiday with three of our four kids and five of 11 grandkids in Wyoming. It is always good to be with family.

Have a safe and great Christmas Season!

Sen. Russ Tempel, R-Chester, can be emailed at [Russ.Tempel@mtleg.gov](mailto:Russ.Tempel@mtleg.gov)

## Four more children dead, and a nation shrugs

Families in Michigan will set an empty place at the table this holiday season in the wake of the mass shooting at Oxford High School that left four children dead and seven more injured.

The deaths at Oxford this week came a little more than two weeks before the ninth anniversary of the Dec. 14, 2012, mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. That shooting left 20 children dead, and officially marked the start of our national acceptance of sacrificing innocents on the false altar of gun rights.

After every one of these shootings, we ask ourselves: How could this happen again? When the actual question we should be asking ourselves is why doesn't this happen with more horrifying frequency than it already does? And it is our national shame that we have become as accepting of it as we have.

After a lull during the pandemic, school shootings are once again on the rise, the New York Times recently reported, citing numbers by Education Week. There have been 28 school shootings resulting in injury and death so far this year, with 20 reported since Aug. 1.

The teenage shooter in the Michigan case, his name won't be printed here, has been charged as an adult on multiple counts that include terrorism and first-degree murder. As of this writing, prosecutors were considering charges against the suspect's parents, according to the Washington Post. The accused shooter's father purchased the weapon allegedly used in the deadly rampage.

It may be some time before we know how the 15-year-old accused shooter obtained the 9mm Sig Sauer SP2022 semi-automatic his father purchased on Black Friday. It may take equally as long to learn why he allegedly went on a homicidal spree that saw him shoot people “at close range, oftentimes toward the head or

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chest,” Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said on CNN.

“It's just absolutely cold-hearted, murderous,” Bouchard said.

But as a trio of public health experts wrote earlier this week, gun sales have shot up during the pandemic, often landing in homes with teenage children. Combine that prevalence with lax storage practices, and it creates the perfect storm of circumstances under which these tragedies can unfold.

“One clear action that parents can take to help reduce the likelihood of future tragic school shootings and to keep their teens safe is to ensure any firearms present in the home are secured safely, locked up and unloaded, and out of reach of teens,” Patrick Carter and Marc A. Zimmerman, of the University of Michigan, and Rebecca Sokol, of Detroit-based Wayne State University, wrote in an analysis last week published by The Conversation.

Making sure that happens requires both legislative action and increased vigilance by gun owners.

According to the Giffords Law Center, more than half of all gun owners store at least one gun unsafely without any locks or other safe storage measures. And nearly a quarter of all gun owners have reported storing all their guns in an unlocked location in their homes.

That lax security is fueling both an epidemic of gun thefts and the tragic shattering of lives that comes from unintentional shootings, deaths by suicide, and school shootings. According to the Giffords Law Center, between 70 percent and 90 percent of all guns used in those tragic circum-

stances “are acquired from the home or the homes of relatives or friends.”

Despite legislative resistance to such common sense gun safety laws as requiring gun owners to report lost and stolen weapons, the imposition of universal background checks, or mandated safe storage practices, polling shows public support for them.

53 percent of Americans said they favor stricter gun laws, according to the Pew Research Center, with broad partisan agreement on such policies as preventing those with mental illness from purchasing a gun.

Majorities in both parties also oppose allowing people to carry concealed firearms without a permit, according to Pew.

In Michigan last week, the young people impacted by these shootings said they'd grown tired of the “thoughts and prayers” inevitably offered in the wake of the tragedies, and expected real action from policymakers.

“We don't have a moment to wait for action,” Megan Dombrowski, a Wayne State University political science student who founded a campus chapter of the anti-gun violence group Students Demand Action, told the Michigan Advance.

These moments for action have come and gone after every mass shooting, from Parkland and Sandy Hook to Pulse and Virginia Tech, America has grown appallingly numb to the needless and avoidable deaths of its young people.

Lawmakers who refuse to act should be required to personally explain their inaction to the families of the dead. It is hard to see any other way for that cold-hearted resistance to crumble.

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## What, exactly, will get you fired from CNN?

I've never been fired from a job, which I'm sure will now trigger calls from a portion of the readership for my immediate ouster.

Anyway, I've quit several jobs but was never fired. I attribute this largely to my ability to make myself useful. Early in my TV news reporting career, I'd volunteer for any job, whether I knew how to do it or not. Call it misguided confidence.

“We need someone to do weather tonight,” declared my first news director.

“I'll do it!”

“Great. You've got an hour to get ready.”

Of course, I had no idea what I was doing but I was confident — clueless but confident — that I would figure it out, which I eventually did. However, I am thankful that no one has ever unearthed tapes of my earliest weather segments, which I hope have been burned, the ashes scattered to the four winds.

Another reason why I've avoided the security escort to the parking lot is that I've never done anything to warrant getting fired, which, as we all know, isn't necessarily a guarantee of employment but it helps. All of this leads me to query the folks who run CNN. What are grounds for dismissal at the Cable News Network?

I'm not calling for anyone to be fired. I'm just asking.

I asked myself this question as CNN's Anderson Cooper transitioned from a discussion with Jeffrey Toobin, the network's top legal analyst, to a story about the suspension of CNN's Chris Cuomo.

Perhaps the better question is what won't get you fired at CNN? We already have a few answers.

There was Toobin, back on the air as if nothing had ever happened. Perhaps CNN execs figured if they kept him out of sight long enough — which they did for about nine months after “the incident” — they could slide him back in there and he could pick up where he left off, with the legal analysis I mean, not the...well... just google it. The best I can do here in terms of providing context is borrow the Seinfeld euphemism. You might remember that Toobin revealed, in a Zoom session of all things, that he was not “master of his domain.”

If this doesn't get you canned at CNN, the suspension of Chris Cuomo makes perfect sense. Cuomo committed journalistic malpractice by using his influence and sources to help his embattled brother, former New York governor Andrew Cuomo, who is facing sexual harassment allegations. It's one of the more spectacular conflicts of interest in recent journalistic

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history. Yet, Cuomo was given what amounts to a long vacation. His bosses are relying on the public and media's short attention span and figure that, eventually, most everyone will be distracted by another shiny thing, forget, lose interest, or all of the above. Then, Cuomo will reappear. I don't know that they're wrong.

Still, given this background, I would like to go to work for CNN, at least for a while, just to see what I can get away with. It would be a sort of social experiment. Not that CNN would ever hire me of course but just in case, I have a few ideas.

For starters, I will microwave salmon and cabbage every day for lunch.

I will install a chain-link fence around my cubicle.

I will nap every day at 3 p.m.

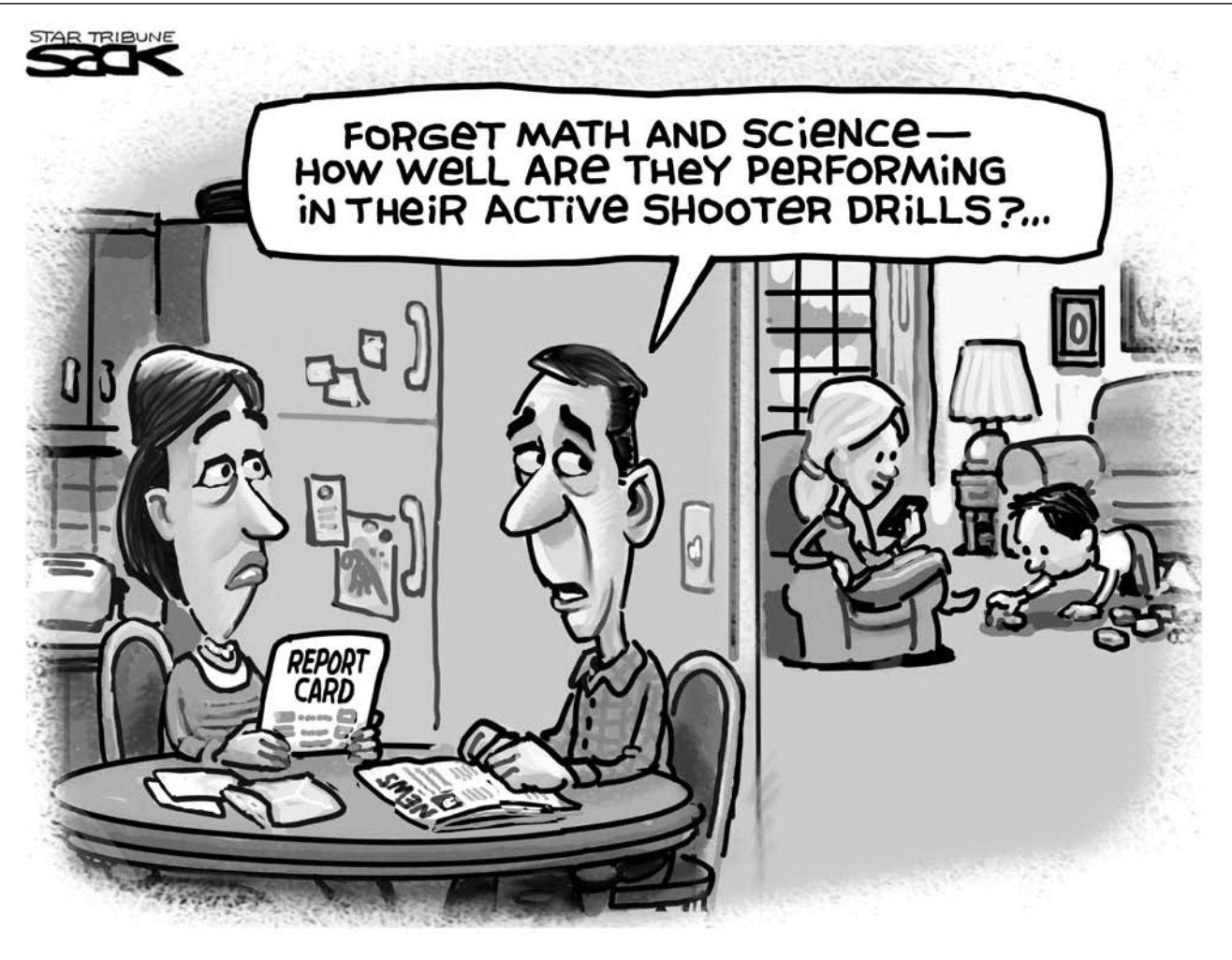
I will spend at least 30 minutes of each day staring off into the distance.

I could go on but one might argue that if we're doing the equivalency thing here, no matter how exhaustive my list of atrocities, it wouldn't come close to rivaling the behavior of Toobin or Cuomo. Sure, I would be the most annoying employee ever, but I wouldn't have compromised my or the network's credibility and I certainly wouldn't have ... well ... you know...show such a horrific lack of self-control during a Zoom session. Chris Cuomo himself has been accused by a TV producer of sexual harassment. He also lied to viewers about his involvement in his brother's scandals. Not since George Constanza smeared strawberries on Babe Ruth's jersey has a man done more to get fired and still kept his job.

I'm a believer in forgiveness. We all need it. But there are practical consequences of bad behavior, or at least there should be. That's called justice. Once we've cracked the eggs, we can't put them back together. Unless, of course, you work for CNN and you can just make an omelet.

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Editors Note: CNN fired Coumo over the weekend after new information came to light.



## A guy never forgets his first car

The other day, Otis, the used car dealer, pulled out a wad of bills and handed my son two crisp C-notes. That's all Danny's '98 Pontiac Grand-Am was worth anymore, but the rite of passage it had provided was invaluable.

Danny purchased his car from Otis years earlier with \$3,000 saved from two summers of maintenance work at the local golf course. The Grand-Am served him well, but it didn't really shape his development or fuel memories the way a first car did in my day. That was the 1960s, when kids with cars reached a zenith. Movies such as “American Graffiti” and TV shows like “Happy Days” celebrated a time when teens lucky enough to have wheels drove just for the sake of driving — often up and down the same block for hours at a time.

My first car was a two-seat '57 Thunderbird convertible. Never mind that by the time I got it the rag top was missing, the seats were ripped and rust had eaten through the fenders. It was a classic, and it was mine.

For three months before my 16th birthday I spent afternoons polishing the T-Bird and most evenings cruis-

### To Be Candid...

Peter Funt



ing in our driveway — a distance of about 150 feet. I listened to WABC on the radio and fantasized about driving with my girlfriend, Diane, on Grand Street in our small town of Croton, N.Y., about 40 miles north of Manhattan.

Statistics show that since the '60s the percentage of American teens owning cars has declined steadily. Today's kids tend to ride bikes, scooters and even roller blades, while those with cars are mostly interested in getting from Point A to B and back. They're not like George Lucas, who made “American Graffiti” after what he said were, “four years of my life cruising the streets of my hometown, Modesto, California.”

In my neighborhood, cops were always looking for me and the T-Bird. That's because soon after I got my junior license, which prohib-

ited after-sunset driving, I was caught coming out of Robbins Pharmacy after the deadline. I beat the case in court, with Mrs. Robbins testifying that although it was after sunset when I left her store, I never actually drove; I was immediately ticketed and my parents came to take me home. For the next two years local police were determined to catch me doing something wrong — which served to make me a remarkably careful teenage motorist.

Then there was the time I drove the T-Bird off the road and deep into the woods near Silver Lake, where Diane and I made love for the first time. The windows steamed over, the car became stuck in mud, and a woman walking her dog tapped on the door to ask two naked teens whether we “need help.”

I don't imagine Danny had any such experiences with the Grand-Am. Then again, if he did he probably wouldn't have told his parents. That's how it goes with young men and their first cars.

Peter Funt's new memoir, “Self-Amused,” is now available at [CandidCamera.com](http://CandidCamera.com).

## Texas toughens ban on medication-by-mail abortions with jail time and hefty fine

by Ashley Lopez KUT

Texas already had the most restrictive abortion laws in the U.S. — and they just got tougher. Wednesday, a new law took effect that adds penalties of jail time and a fine of up to \$10,000 for anyone who prescribes pills for medication abortions through telehealth or the mail.

Texas bans all abortions after cardiac activity can be detected in the embryo, which typically occurs about six weeks into pregnancy — often before people realize they're pregnant. Medication abortions via telehealth or mail were already illegal in Texas, and the new criminal penalties took effect on the day the Supreme Court heard arguments in a Mississippi case that ultimately could overturn Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 ruling that established a constitutional right to abortion.

In contrast to a surgical abortion, which usually takes place in a clinic, a medication abortion involves two pills, taken 48 hours apart, that manipulate the hormones to end a pregnancy. Many people prefer this process early in a pregnancy because the pills can be taken at home. The Food and Drug Administration approved the drugs in 2000, and the procedure is effective up to 10 weeks into a pregnancy.

Texas is not the only state that restricts medication abor-

tion and telehealth. This year alone, five other states have passed laws against sending abortion pills through the mail, said Elizabeth Nash, a state policy analyst with the Guttmacher Institute.

"It's a squeeze play on abortion," she said.

Nash said this crackdown is partially a response to the pandemic, which propelled interest in medication abortions.

"We saw the increase and, really, sort of the coming out of telehealth as part of medical practice," she said.

Texas' new law, known as SB 4, also narrows the legal window for medication abortion to the first seven weeks of pregnancy. State legislators passed this new law on Sept. 17 during a special session — more than two weeks after the other abortion law, often called the "six-week ban," took effect on Sept. 1. Attempts to halt that law as groups challenge it in court have failed.

"We already have the most extreme abortion ban in the U.S. and yet our legislature made it a priority to add this additional abortion restriction," said Sarah Wheat, chief external affairs officer with Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas.

Because of the six-week ban, the new limits on medication abortions won't have an immediate impact.

"Most people at this stage of a pregnancy are already banned from accessing abor-

tion in Texas," Wheat said.

But the new law could significantly affect future access to abortion.

By criminalizing the use of telehealth and mail-order prescriptions to acquire abortion pills, the state seeks to forestall a possible workaround to the shrinking number of reproductive health clinics in Texas.

Already, many Texans live hundreds of miles from the nearest clinic offering abortion services. Advocates have promoted the use of telehealth for medication abortions in places where clinics are few and far between, and some states experimented with greater telehealth flexibility — including for abortion pills — during the pandemic shutdowns.

The new law "is creating additional fear and additional stigma for people who may be seeking access to medication abortion," Wheat said.

Anti-abortion groups in Texas hailed SB 4 as a victory — an important second step, after the six-week ban, in their efforts to curtail all access to the procedure in the state.

John Seago, legislative director for Texas Right to Life, said his group wanted to ensure that law enforcement officials could prosecute people who skirt the state's strict limits by administering medication abortions.

"This piece is really important for this period but also moving into the future, when

we see even after [Roe v. Wade] we have organizations and individuals advertising that they will mail abortion-inducing drugs," he said.

Nash of the Guttmacher Institute said that in some states it has become easier for people to obtain medication abortions through telehealth services.

Seago said he wants to make sure that doesn't happen in Texas.

"This is going to be a future public policy issue around abortion, no matter what happens to Roe v. Wade," he said.

So far, no lawsuit has challenged Texas' law restricting access to abortion pills. Mounting a legal challenge to halt the law is complicated because Texans already are effectively prohibited from all abortions after six weeks. Finding legal standing to sue would likely be difficult for any Texas plaintiff.

Ultimately, Wheat said, Texas' latest law is a sign of what could happen elsewhere. She said it shows there is no end to efforts aimed at making abortions harder to get.

"Take note of Texas, because what you see is that our politicians, they do not quit, and they can find endless ways to add fear, intimidation and restrictions," Wheat said.

*This story is part of a partnership that includes KUT, NPR and KHN.*

## = Obituaries =

### Naomi Alice Daychild

Naomi Alice Daychild, "Northern Hummingbird," 18, passed away at her residence Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

Wake services began at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 2, 2021, continued until her funeral service at 9:00 a.m. Friday, December 3, 2021, all at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Burial followed in the New Morsette Family Cemetery.

## = Lottery Roundup =

The winning numbers for the Friday, Dec. 3, Mega Millions, and the Saturday, Dec. 4, drawings are:

**Montana Cash:**

12 13 20 21 23

**Powerball:**

10 40 45 56 67 2

Power Play X2

**Mega Millions:**

22 45 48 58 61 13

Megaplier X5

**Lotto America:**

8 23 26 34 50 7

All Star Bonus: X5

**Lucky for Life:**

7 14 18 19 41 7

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**Powerball:** \$280 million.

**Mega Millions:** \$122 million.

**Lotto America:** \$4.88 million.

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## = For the Record =

### Havre Police Department

Officers were asked Friday at 2:50 p.m. to provide assistance on Washington Avenue.

Someone stopped at the police station Friday at 4:04 p.m. to speak with officers about a bank scam.

Rogerina Emma Sutherland of Billings, 39, was arrested on a disorderly conduct charge after a caller at the hospital reported Saturday at 12:51 a.m. that a woman had locked herself in the bathroom.

Megan Renae Britt of Havre, 20, was issued a summons on an assault charge, and Emilee Hope Cariveau of Havre, 21, was issued a summons on charges of assault and trespass to property after a caller on 16th Street reported hearing girls screaming Saturday at 1:45 a.m. Cariveau was later arrested on a partner or family member assault charge after a Sixth Street caller asked for assistance at 3:16 a.m.

Joshua Steven Kirkaldie of Havre, 33, was arrested on a criminal contempt charge related to a possible 24/7 Sobriety Program violation reported at 7:28 a.m. Saturday.

Officers investigated a two-vehicle crash at 10:44 a.m. Saturday at First Street and Fifth Avenue.

Two separate non-injury, two-vehicle crashes were reported at First Street West and 19th Avenue West Saturday at 11:35 a.m. and 12:24 p.m.

Brandy Michell Stidham of Havre, 24, was issued a summons on a charge of "other" after someone stopped at the police station Saturday at 12:39 p.m. to speak with an officer.

A two-vehicle, non-injury crash was reported at 15th Avenue and Fourth Street Saturday at 12:40 p.m.

A two vehicle, non-injury crash was reported at 1:37 p.m. Saturday at Sixth Avenue and Third Street.

Officers assisted with the SubZero SuperHero Polar Plunge Special Olympics fundraiser at 2:52 p.m. Saturday.

Darnell Kay Champagne of Havre, 42, and Matthew Michael Converse were each issued a summons on a shoplifting charge after a theft was reported at a First Street business Saturday at 4:09 p.m.

A caller reported a car struck a tree on First Street West Saturday at 4:19 p.m.

A vehicle was reported stolen on First Street West

Saturday at 4:40 p.m.

Adam James Swan of Havre, 36, was issued a summons on charges of partner or family member assault and trespass to property related to a Sunday 9:37 a.m. request for a welfare check on someone on First Street Northeast.

Jason Randall Keller of Havre, 34, was issued a summons on charges of driving without vehicle insurance and brake light violation during a vehicle stop on First Street Sunday at 10:18 p.m.

A stolen mailbox was reported at 11:11 a.m. Sunday on 11th Street West.

Derek Bell of Chinook, 23, was issued a summons on a theft charge after a caller at a First Street business asked Sunday at 12:32 p.m. asked to speak with an officer about a question.

A hit and run vehicle crash was reported Sunday at 1:16 p.m. at a U.S. Highway 2 East business.

A possible break-in was reported on Lincoln Avenue at 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

Officers investigated a Sunday 3:54 p.m. report of a stolen vehicle.

### Hill County Sheriff's Office

A theft, forgery or fraud was reported at a Second Street West business Saturday at 1:47 p.m.

Angela Healy of Chinook, 45, and Morningstar Shaye Thomas of Havre, 22, were each issued a summons on a charge of trespass to property after a caller asked Saturday at 2:22 p.m. for assistance getting out of a gate in the county.

### Montana Highway Patrol

Among several vehicle crash calls in the area over the weekend, troopers responded to two with known injuries Friday.

At 5:46 p.m. a call to the sheriff's office about a rollover crash on River Road with possible injuries was referred to troopers who were dispatched at 5:52 p.m. Havre ambulance and firefighters also responded to the scene for any medical, fire and extraction needs. The driver, who was the only occupant of the vehicle, received one citation and was released to her mother, MHP dispatch reports said.

A 6:11 p.m. report of a vehicle crash at the junction of Kremlin High Grade Road and State Highway 448 was referred to troopers, who were dispatched at 6:27 p.m. Havre ambulance responded at 6:19 p.m. MHP dispatch reports said

that the driver, who was the sole occupant of the vehicle received four citations. No information was available on whether the driver received medical care or was transported to the hospital.

### Havre Fire Department

Emergency medical personnel responded to six calls Friday, six calls Saturday and no calls Sunday. Firefighters responded along with the ambulance crew to vehicle crashes Friday at 5:48 p.m. on River Road and at 4:22 p.m. Saturday

on First Street West in case of fire or need of extraction.

### Havre Animal Shelter

The shelter this morning held two cats of unknown gender, four female cats, four male cats, one male 17-week-old kitten and one male and one female 7-month-old kittens.

The shelter also held a male shepherd, a male 10-month-old mixed-breed puppy, two male pit bull terriers, two female mixed-breed dogs and a female 16-week-old mixed-breed puppy.

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# ASK THE DOCTORS

by Eve Glazier, M.D., and Elizabeth Ko, M.D. • Send questions to: askthedoctors@mednet.ucla.edu

## IMMUNE SYSTEM CAUSES DIFFERENCE IN UTI SYMPTOMS

**Dear Doctors:** A friend who is 74 years old had an episode recently where she suddenly sounded as though she had dementia. Her physician diagnosed it as an effect of a UTI. Can you talk about how UTIs in older people can mimic dementia? Also, why do they affect more women than men?

**Dear Reader:** A urinary tract infection, or UTI, may happen when any part of the urinary system comes into contact with bacteria. This includes the bladder and the kidneys, as well as the ducts that carry urine.

In younger people, a UTI typically makes itself known with symptoms that include a burning sensation while urinating, a frequent urge to go that produces very little output, pressure or pain in the abdomen, and urine that appears dark or cloudy and may smell odd.

In older adults, however, these physical symptoms don't always appear. Instead, one of the signs that an older adult has developed a UTI can be the altered mental state and cognitive lapses that you observed in your friend. This presents a danger because a urinary tract infection that goes untreated can lead to serious problems, such as kidney damage or even sepsis. These so-called "silent" UTIs can present a grave threat to the health of older adults.

UTIs tend to be more common in women than in men. This is due in part because the urethra, which carries urine from the bladder and out of the body, is shorter in women than in men. It's also located closer to the rectum, a potential

source of bacteria. When it comes to the difference in symptoms between younger and older adults, the immune system is believed to play a role. As we age, our immune systems become less responsive. That means an infection can reach a more advanced state before the immune system responds and the symptoms of a UTI appear.

For some older adults with a UTI, the first symptom they notice is pain or an ache in the lower back. Unfortunately, that's a sign the infection has reached the kidneys. However, a UTI isn't the first thing that most people think of when they begin to experience pain or discomfort in the lower back.

The reasons are not yet completely clear as to why UTIs can lead to an altered mental status in older adults. One school of thought is that the surge in inflammation that accompanies an infection may adversely affect the behavior of certain neurotransmitters, thus interfering with brain function. When an older adult suddenly exhibits altered mental status, a urinalysis can check for the presence of certain compounds in the urine that suggest a UTI. A urine culture will pinpoint the specific bacterial culprit.

The good news is that antibiotics are an effective cure. Once patients with an infection complete their course of antibiotics, it's a good idea to get a follow-up urine culture a few days later. It will let them know whether or not the UTI has completely cleared up.

# ASTROGRAPH

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** – Be brave and face head-on any problems you encounter. How you respond to others will determine the outcome of a situation that is holding you back. Be up-front regarding your plans.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** – Embrace what life has to offer and do whatever you can to make the world a better place. Take responsibility and set a high standard. Keep life simple and be a kind and loyal friend.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** – Consider the consequences of your actions, then assess how to proceed. Nothing is too great a challenge if you think matters through and draw on expert advice.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** – Lend a helping hand to a loved one. Stick to the truth, and it will help clear up uncertainty and confusion. A change in the way you handle money matters will help resolve a debt.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** – Think for yourself. Don't let others intervene. Look at what you can do and put your energy where it counts. Stick to your budget and call on those you know you can depend on.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** – You will thrive on change, but you must do your homework before you jump into something that looks exciting. An opportunity is good only if you are willing to put in the time and effort required.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** – Make yourself clear. Leave nothing to chance or in the hands of someone incompetent. Take responsibility and see matters through to the end. Don't give in to temptation. Do your own thing.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** – Set high standards. Use your imagination, and you'll develop innovative ideas that will help you reach your goal. Refuse to let anyone talk you into spending

more than necessary. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** – Don't let anger take charge. Set your plans in motion, and don't stop until you are satisfied with the results. A financial or contractual opportunity looks promising. Keep the peace.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** – Participate in events that will help you get ahead. Pursuing educational opportunities and attending networking functions will pay off. Be a good listener and an honest and loyal friend.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** – Change the way you handle your finances to ensure you maintain a comfortable lifestyle. A unique approach to work will help you gain respect and recognition. Share your thoughts.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** – Keep close tabs on your spending. Efficiency and moderation will ward off uncertainty. Personal improvement will encourage better relationships with loved ones. Romance is favored.

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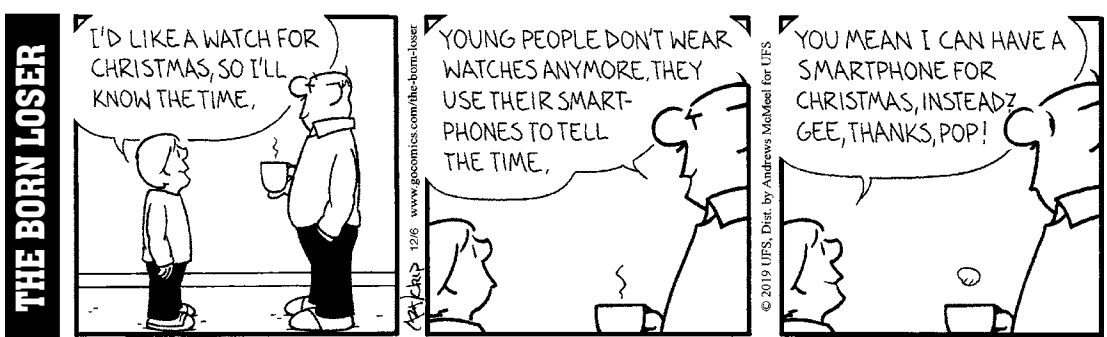
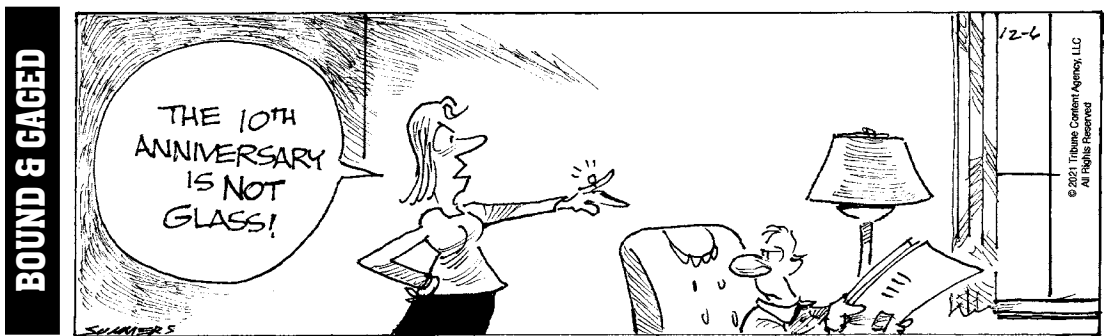
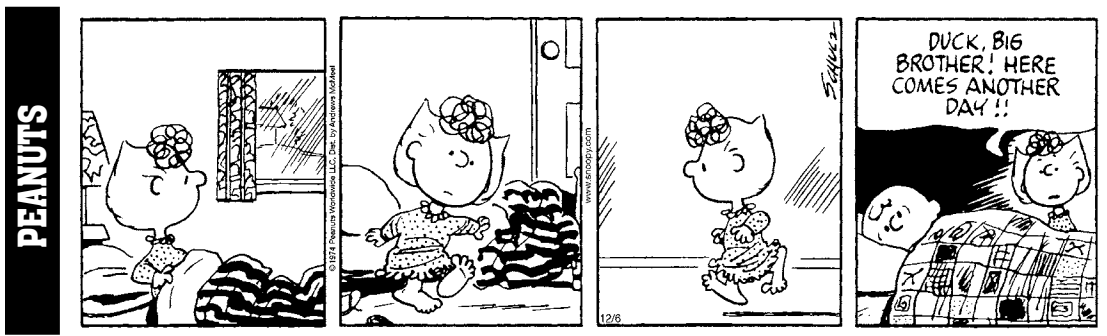
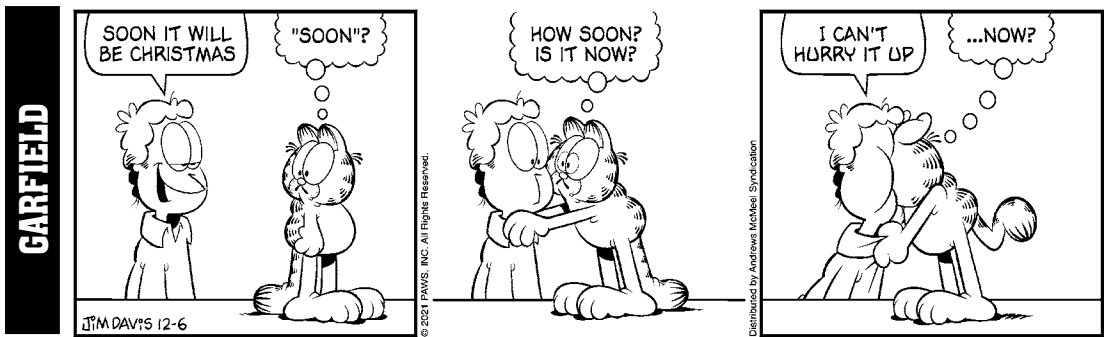
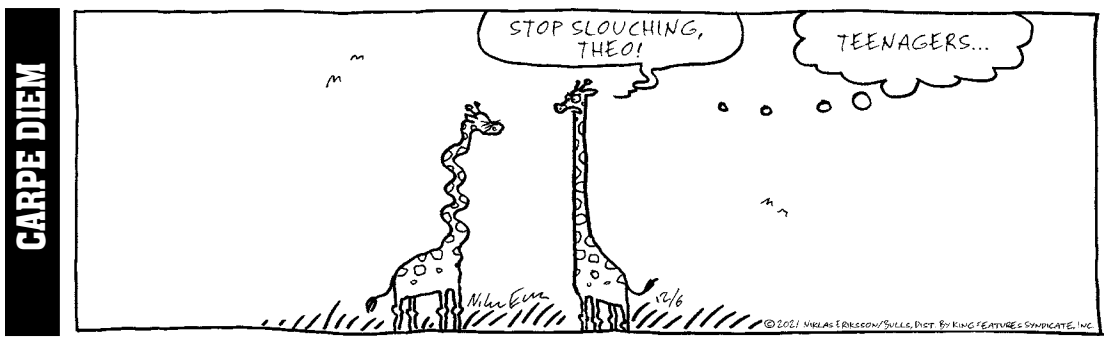
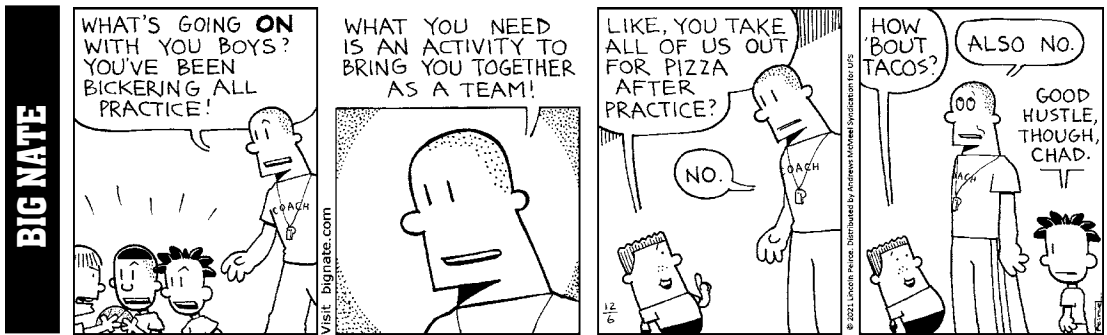
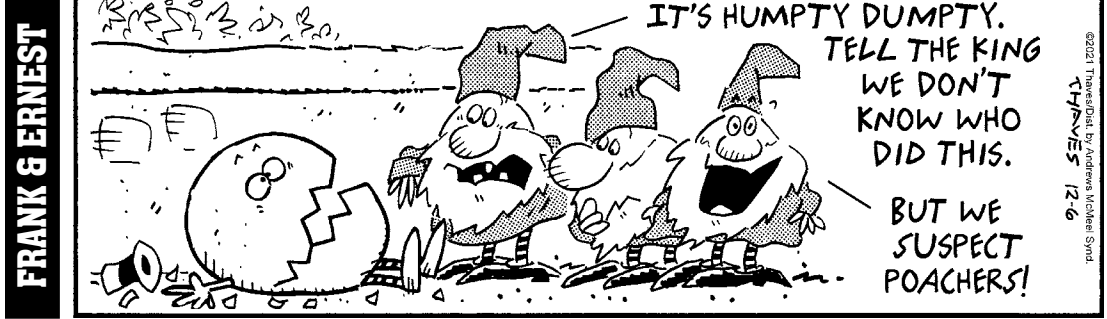
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- Door frame part
- Fat cat's friend
- Egg on
- Like a moonless night
- Toucan
- Gazette
- In the least (2 wds.)
- Web habits
- Greek goddess
- Helen, in Spanish
- Used to be
- Exotic fruit
- Board
- Percolate
- Coupling device
- Iceboat feature
- Knockout gas
- Bangor locale
- Hit on the noggin
- "La Traviata" highlight
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**Request for Proposal Conduct a Business complex Feasibility Study for The Chippewa Cree Tribe**  
December 2021

#### Overview

The Chippewa Cree Tribe (CCT) requests proposals for a Feasibility Study of a Business Complex on the Rocky Boy's Reservation; which is located in Hill and Choteau County Montana. The development of a Business Complex will assist in increasing the economic growth and opportunity for the Rocky Boy Reservation and provide a needed service. The Business Complex Feasibility Study will be utilized in presentations to potential funders and investors. This request for proposals reflects CCT's strong commitment to seeking out opportunities that encourage self-sufficiency while addressing economic and social needs.

#### Scope of work

The Feasibility Study will include the following considerations;

- Market Assessment will focus primarily on the industry, the current market, anticipated future market potential, competition, sales projections, and potential buyers. A Market Analysis Report will detail all of the results and conclusions of the Market Assessment.
- Technical Study will detail how we will deliver our service to potential small businesses that are interested in location in the facility, including issues of materials, labor, transportation, where our commercial property will be located and the technology needed.
- Financial Analysis will project how much start up capital will be needed and will examine potential sources of capital and returns on investment. Preliminary cost estimates will be based on an approved conceptual design and current construction costs in the local area, with input from Civil, Structural, Mechanical Engineers and Commercial Real Estate Planners.
- Organizational Structure will provide a synopsis of the possible legal and corporate structure of the business based on our unique Tribal sovereignty.
- Executive Summary will detail how we envision the business succeeding. The Executive Summary will provide the Tribe with a Summary Analysis of the aforementioned elements and an opinion as to whether the project is financially viable and feasible to pursue.

**Proposal Project Schedule**  
Proposals must be received by **4:30 p.m. MST, on December 31, 2021.** Awards will be announced by **January 6, 2022** for immediate implementation. Proposals will be reviewed Planning Department and final selection will be made by CCT Business Committee and for award selection.

The submission of the Request for Proposal shall be sealed and sent to:  
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For further information regarding the RFP, please contact **Trevor Standing Rock, Planning Director, at 406-395-5705 or trevor@chippewa-cree.org or Traci Caplette, Economic Development Specialist, at 406-395-5705 ext. 2044 or traci@chippewa-cree.org.**

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### REQUEST FOR BIDS INDIAN PREFERENCE

The Chippewa Cree Tribe (CCT), on behalf of the CCT Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, will be accepting proposals from all interested contractors/subcontractors for the following:  
Install all applicable paper-backed insulation for the entire garage. There are three walls that are 25 feet, 2 inches apiece. Each wall will need to be insulated. Additionally, there is two and a half feet on either side of the main door that will need to be insulated as well. The ceiling is 25'2" x 25'2" and will need to be insulated as well. Install all sheetrock for the entire garage. There are three walls that are 25 feet, 2 inches apiece. Each wall will need sheetrock. Additionally, there is two and a half feet on either side of the main door that will need sheetrock as well. The ceiling is 25'2" x 25'2" and will need to be insulated as well. All work will be up to code, the sheetrock will be up to fire code. It is strongly encouraged that each entity submitting a bid talk to John Mitchell or Cody Stump at the Commodities Warehouse and view the site before they submit their bids.

Full information available at the CCT FDIPIR (Commodity Warehouse) located at 36 BearClaw Street on Upper Box Elder Road, just east of Stone Child College. 406-395-4315  
Each proposal will be a lump sum proposal to include all labor, materials, and required tools or equipment. Proposal: Sealed proposals will be accepted at and by the Chippewa Cree Tribe Procurement Department, located at the Tribal Office; before 11:00 am, December 17, 2021. After which time they will be opened and accepted for consideration. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted. Preparation for Proposal: Each proposal must be sealed in a plain white envelope labeled "Proposal Documents" and bearing the following information on the outside:

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## My favorite Christmas activities

Dear friend,  
It's been quite a while since I've written. I thought I'd answer a question that folks ask me. The question I get asked the most often is, "How is retirement?"

Most often my response is, "Well, I'm pretty tired." I miss the residents at the care center and I miss making a difference in their lives and in the lives of those that I would meet through my work as the chaplain for the hospital, care center and hospice. Many members of our community have told me how much they appreciated what I did for our community as I served as the pastoral care and activity director. I will forever be grateful for their kind words.

Since I have retired, I've been kept busy with some traveling, some speaking events, quite a number of officiating at funerals and lots of time with my eight (plus four foster) grandchildren. During the summer of 2019, Rod and I traveled to Alaska for five weeks. In late 2019, I made a trip of a lifetime to Myanmar (Burma) and taught for three weeks at Faith Theological Seminary in Myitkynia. The trip to Myanmar truly changed my life. Besides being glued to every word I spoke to them, they taught me a new appreciation for my husband and family, my church, my community and my country.

But December is here, and, of course, Christmas! While the care center activity director, I experienced two of my favorite activities through all the years.

The first was our annual Christmas Pageant where the residents "starred" as the shepherds, the wisemen and the angels. The idea for a Christmas Pageant actually came as a result of an ongoing activity

### Wisdom & Grace

Ila McClenahan  
Columnist



called Armchair Traveler. In March we "traveled" to Ireland, in July we "traveled" to Washington, D.C., to celebrate our Independence, etc. So, in the fall I started thinking about where Armchair Traveler could go in December. I first thought of the North Pole. But then I thought, "We must go to where Christmas really began: Bethlehem!"

And with that realization, a floodgate of memories came to mind. I remembered when I was 10 years old and my Sunday School teacher at Havre Christian Church, Rusty Jones, informed our class, "Ila will memorize Luke 2:1-20 and we'll use that as the narrative." Thanks to Rusty's faith in me and a whole lot of help from my mother, I did memorize Luke 2:1-20 and recited it for our Christmas program. Another year I was a shepherd and still another time I was an angel but, to my deepest disappointment, I was never cast as Mary.

For eight years I directed Bible Adventure Hour at Glenrock Christian Church in Wyoming. The first year I decided we needed to have a Christmas pageant. To preface the practice for the nearly 50 kids that would be participating, I shared the full Christmas story starting with the angel's announcement to Mary, followed by Joseph's response and the trip to Bethlehem. I went on to tell them of shepherds and wise men.

To my amazement, the chil-

dren were absolutely spell-bound! Most of the kids were not regular church attenders. The only story they had ever heard was "Baby Jesus in a Manger." They had never heard about the angel coming to Mary. They really weren't sure how the shepherds and wise men fitted in. And for the next eight years we never missed sharing the Christmas pageant and the whole story.

Lori Henderson, the care center administrator, often starred as the angel Gabriel. Judy Solomon and the activity aides always helped out, but it was the residents who especially loved dressing up as angels, shepherds and wisemen. Helen Mueller was the narrator. Mary Stephens or Sharon Dolph accompanied us on the piano as we sang the beloved hymns of the most blessed event.

My other favorite memory was the Christmas Eve service. The first year I was there I tried to get one of the area ministers to come and do a service for us, but that did not work out as they were too busy at their own churches.

The next year I was determined to have a Christmas Eve service! The residents wanted it and they most certainly deserved it. A script directly from scripture with hymns to go along was developed. Many times, my husband and daughters did whatever was necessary.

With all this being said, I have come to some personal conclusions:

- With a degree in Christian education, my time spent as the Bible Adventure Hour director and as a chaplain and activity director, I am convicted of the essentiality of the Christmas pageant. It is necessary for teaching the true meaning of

Christmas for children and yes, for residents in a care center also.

- For all their lives, most residents attended a Christmas Eve service. It was a very special time for them.

Thanks for the memories. I continue to be the most blessed woman who ever walked on the face of this Earth.

"Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests.'" Luke 2:13, 14

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## Michael J. Fox gets serious

In the December-January issue of AARP the magazine, the actor and 2022 AARP purpose prize honoree continues to inspire with optimism and hope — even on the heels of personal challenges

liable speech forced him to retire from acting. Led by his growing sense of gratitude, the critically acclaimed actor has found his present purpose — pioneering research for his self-titled foundation which is dedicated to finding a cure and improved therapies for his disease.

The following are excerpts from ATM's December/January 2022 cover story featuring Michael J. Fox. The issue is available in homes starting in December and online now at aarp.org/magazine.

### On getting through the darkness:

"As I came through that darkness, I also had an insight about my father-in-law, who had passed away and always espoused gratitude and acceptance and confidence. And I started to notice things I was grateful for and the way other people would respond to difficulty with gratitude. I concluded that gratitude makes optimism sustainable."

### On finding optimism:

"If you don't think you have anything to be grateful for, keep looking. Because you don't just receive optimism. You can't wait for things to be great and then be grateful for that. You've got to behave in a way that promotes that."

### On keeping his career alive:

"When I couldn't act the way I used to act, I found new ways to act."

### On starting the Michael J. Fox Foundation:

"We created what has become this giant network of patients, scientists and institutions. We've put more than a billion dollars into it. And patients are the key. Now they guide our agenda and have been critical, for example, to our promising work in trying to find biomarkers for

Parkinson's, which would allow us to identify the disease in people before symptoms are evident, and to treat it pro-actively and get rid of it. And we've got a lot of treatments that have gone through the FDA, and we've developed a great relationship with pharma researchers on Parkinson's drug development. There are now better drugs and more effective treatments for a lot of the side effects and other aspects of the condition, and we helped make that happen."

### On his legacy:

"I hope people will enjoy my work as an actor and get something from it. At a deeper level, I hope people see sincerity in the things I've said and done. If I've positively helped anybody with Parkinson's, that's great, too. ... Beyond that, and this is kind of a vanity thing — a lot of really great guitarists have come up to me over the years and said they picked up the guitar because of the 'Johnny B. Goode' scene in 'Back to the Future.' If I did anything in this life, I got John Mayer to pick up the guitar."

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## Have wrestlers own the Blue Pony Corral

**Kason Clark**  
Have Daily News Sports

Last season, the Have High wrestling team had to compete in duals throughout the year. Now this winter, the Blue Ponies will once again get the chance to compete in tournaments, starting with the Have Invitational at Blue Pony Gymnasium this past weekend.

On Saturday, the Ponies competed against wrestlers from other schools such as Cut Bank, Lewistown, Chinook, Malta, Chester-Joplin-Inverness, Butte Central and Big Sandy. At the end of the day, Have finished first in the tournament with 243.5 points.

"I thought we did a pretty good job. I think there's a lot of places to improve," HHS head coach Beau LaSalle said about their performance to open the season. "I think we did pretty good. Pleased with the effort and the way they competed."

Not only was it nice to win their first tournament of the season, but it was nice to have one after only competing in duals last season.

"It's nice to have a tournament. It has a little more meaning," HHS senior Orion Thivierge said. "Kids get more excited about it. It's more fun to watch the competitiveness at a tournament."

Cut Bank finished second in the tournament with a score of 188.5 points and Lewistown took third with a score of 173.0 points. Friday night before the tournament, the tournament's wrestlers competed against one another in the Have Mixer to get warmed up.

That warmup helped five Ponies win their brackets Saturday. Thivierge competed in and took first in the 170-pound weight class. He started the tournament by winning by technical fall over Lewistown's Peyton Hartford after taking a 15-0 lead. In the semifinal, he again won by technical fall as he took a 16-0 lead over Spencer Gibbs from Malta.

In the championship match, Thivierge defeated his teammate Kale VanCampen by a score of 3-2. Thivierge is coming off a state title so he hopes to make another run in his senior season as a Pony. While there is a lot of work still left, a first-place finish is not a bad start to the year.

"I think I've been doing well. Obviously a lot to improve. Not where I want to be, but what else can you expect from the first weekend," Thivierge said.

Randy Tommerup took first in the 205-pound weight class for the Ponies, winning all three of his matches by pin. In the first round, he pinned CJI wrestler Sebastian Mansfield 1:01 into the match. He then pinned Lewistown's Quinn Boogman 40 seconds into the match and in the third round, Tommerup pinned

Cut Bank's Ron Grant 1:10 into the match to secure the first-place finish.

Riley Pleninger took first in the 152-pound weight class Saturday. He pinned his first three opponents, Byron Lopez of Lewistown, Colton Honey of Malta and Drake Berreth of Chinook, in the first period of each match on his way to the championship match. He then won by major decision over Matt Larson of Cut Bank by a score of 17-7.

Tristian Stygles took first for the Ponies as he wrestled at 145 pounds. He pinned his first two opponents, Malta's Shawn Gilkerson and Lewistown's Andrew Kuhlmann, to advance to the championship match. He then defeated Chinook's Lane Snider with a major decision of 12-2 to take first.

Matthew Lemer took first in the 120-pound weight class. He first pinned his teammates Colter Solomon and Brooklyn Nelson before winning by major decision over Cut Bank's Kellen Cassidy by a score of 11-2 to secure a first-place finish.

In the 170-pound bracket, VanCampen finished second after losing to his teammate Thivierge in the championship match. He first received a bye to start the bracket before winning by technical fall over his teammate Mason Wiltling by a score of 21-6 to reach the championship match.

Many Ponies took third in their respective brackets. Colter Solomon finished third wrestling at 120 pounds after he pinned Nelson 3:53 into the third round. In the 126/132 weight class, Carson Harris pinned his teammate Jack Gillen 1:46 into the third-place match. In the bracket, Harris pinned CJI's Averie Matteson 1:43 into the quarterfinal and he pinned CJI's Savannah Riggins 31 seconds into the consolation semifinal.

Kendall Pleninger won three matches to take third in the 160 weight class. In the first round, he received a bye before pinning Lewistown's Liam Gordon 30 seconds into the quarterfinal. After a loss, Pleninger pinned Jacob Hjartarson of Cut Bank before winning by major decision over Malta's Colton Mears by a score of 10-1 to take third.

Gillen took fourth for the Ponies as he wrestled in the 126/132-pound weight class. In his bracket, he defeated Matteson from CJI with a pin 50 seconds into the match. Brooklyn Nelson also took fourth for the Ponies as she wrestled at 120 pounds.

Jacob Kunz took fifth wrestling at 138 pounds. In the quarterfinal, he pinned CJI's Chester Sullivan 1:16 into the match. In the fifth-place match, he pinned CJI's Tyler Anderson 48 seconds into the match. In the 170-pound weight class, Wiltling took fifth for the Ponies. He pinned Caden McCord of Lewistown 16 seconds into the match in the quarter-

final and then took fifth after McCord forfeited the fifth-place match. Pierce Caplette took fifth wrestling at 182 pounds after pinning Cut Bank's Wyatt Michaels and Lewistown's Payson Jensen in his bracket.

In the 152-pound weight class, Tate Nelson took sixth after he pinned Lewistown's Byron Lopez and Malta's Taylin Johannesen. Danish foreign exchange student Lucas Fhal took sixth wrestling at 160 pounds as he defeated Lewistown's Zac Chinn by a score of 7-4 and he pinned Lewistown's Liam Gordon. This season will be Fhal's first time wrestling, so he is enjoying the new experience.

"It's really fun. I like it," Fhal said. "It feels really amazing especially when you're winning."

Not only did the tournament allow the Ponies to demonstrate what they have in front of their home fans for the lone time this season, but it also allowed them to gain experience in a tournament format that should prove beneficial over the course of the year.

"Anytime you can get on the mat and get matches and go through a little bit of the tournament grind, it's invaluable," LaSalle said. "The goal is February and all this stuff leading up is just kind of a stepping stone to get to the state tournament."

The Ponies will next wrestle at the Butte Central Mixer and the Mining City Duals in Butte this weekend.

### Have Invitational

#### Team Scores

Have 243.5, Cut Bank 188.5, Lewistown 173.0, Chinook 85.0, Malta 81.0, CJI 38.0, Butte Central 16.0, Big Sandy 15.0.

#### Order of finish

103/113: Richard Schmidt, CUT; Jake Simac, LEW; Grace Buck, CHI.

120: Matthew Lemer, HAV; Kellen Cassidy, CUT; Colter Solomon, HAV; Brooklyn Nelson, HAV.

126/132: Alex Wahl, CUT; James Holmes, BTC; Carson Harris, HAV; Jack Gillen, HAV; Savannah Riggins, CJI; Averie Matteson, CJI.

138: Kason Olson, LEW; Kanon Branch, CUT; Tannin Bauman, BIS; Ryder Cole, CJI; Jacob Kunz, HAV; Kyler Anderson, CJI.

145: Tristan Stygles, HAV; Lane Snider, CHI; Shawn Gilkerson, MAL; Caden Ferdinand, LEW; Caleb Simpson, CUT; Andrew Kuhlmann, LEW.

152: Riley Pleninger, HAV; Matt Larson, CUT; Carson Nelson, LEW; Drake Berreth, CHI; Conner Birdwell, LEW; Tate Nelson, HAV.

160: Wyatt Elam, LEW; Ty Curry, CUT; Kendall Pleninger, HAV; Colton Mears, MAL; Jacob Hjartarson, CUT; Lucas Fhal, HAV.

170: Orion Thivierge, HAV; Kale VanCampen, HAV; Spencer Gibbs, MAL; Peyton Hartford, LEW; Mason Wiltling, HAV; Caden McCord, LEW.

182: Austin Vanek, CUT; Camryn Mears, MAL; Tyler Schoen, CHI; Jett Boyce, LEW; Pierce Caplette, HAV; Payson Jensen, LEW.

205: Randy Tommerup, HAV; Sebastian Mans-



Have's Carson Harris wrestles at the Have Invitational at Blue Pony Gymnasium Saturday. The Blue Ponies went on to win their opening tournament of the season.

field, CJI; Quinn Boogman, LEW; Ron Grant, CUT.

285: Wyatt Dunbar, CHI; Jeremy Gallagher, CUT; Tye Jones, MAL; Christian Wolfe, LEW; Carson Lotan, LEW; Cameron Baker, LEW.

#### Individual Results

120 - Colter Solomon

Round 1 - Matthew Lemer, HAV, p. Colter Solomon, HAV, 3:46; Round 2 - Kellen Cassidy, CUT, won by major decision over Colter Solomon, HAV, 18-4; Round 3 - Colter Solomon, HAV, p. Brooklyn Nelson, HAV, 3:53.

120 - Matthew Lemer

Round 1 - Matthew Lemer, HAV, p. Colter Solomon, HAV, 3:46; Round 2 - Matthew Lemer, HAV, p. Brooklyn Nelson, HAV, 1:57; Round 3 - Matthew Lemer, HAV, won by major decision over Kellen Cassidy, CUT, 11-2.

120 - Brooklyn Nelson

Round 1 - Kellen Cassidy, CUT, p. Brooklyn Nelson, HAV, 3:35; Round 2 - Matthew Lemer, p. Brooklyn Nelson, HAV, 1:57; Round 3 - Colter Solomon, HAV, p. Brooklyn Nelson, HAV, 3:53.

126/132 - Carson Harris

Quarterfinal - Carson Harris, HAV, p. Averie Matteson, CJI, 1:43; Semifinal - James Holmes, BTC, dec. Carson Harris, 9-2; Cons. Semi - Carson Harris, HAV, p. Savannah Riggins, CJI, 0:31; 3rd Place Match - Carson Harris, HAV, p. Jack Gillen, HAV, 1:46.

126/132 - Jack Gillen

Quarterfinal - Jack Gillen, HAV, received a bye; Semifinal - Alex Wahl, CUT, p. Jack Gillen, HAV, 1:04; Cons. Semi - Jack Gillen, HAV, p. Averie Matteson, CJI, 0:50; 3rd Place Match - Carson Harris, HAV, p. Jack Gillen, HAV, 1:46.

138 - Jacob Kunz

Quarterfinal - Jacob Kunz, HAV, p. Jadon Sullivan, CJI, 1:16; Semifinal - Kanon Branch, CUT, p. Jacob Kunz, HAV, 0:46; Cons. Semi - Tannin Bauman, BIS, p. Jacob Kunz, HAV, 4:48; 5th Place

Match - Jacob Kunz, HAV, p. Kyler Anderson, CJI, 0:48.

145 - Tristian Stygles

Quarterfinal - Tristian Stygles, HAV, p. Shawn Gilkerson, MAL, 5:56; Semifinal - Tristian Stygles, HAV, p. Andrew Kuhlmann, LEW, 0:34; 1st Place Match - Tristian Stygles, HAV, won by major decision over Lane Snider, CHI, 12-2.

152 - Riley Pleninger

Champ. Round 1 - Riley Pleninger, HAV, p. Byron Lopez, LEW, 0:16; Quarterfinal - Riley Pleninger, HAV, p. Colton Honey, MAL, 0:37; Semifinal - Riley Pleninger, HAV, p. Drake Berreth, CHI, 1:01; 1st Place Match - Riley Pleninger, HAV, won by major decision over Matt Larson, CUT, 17-7.

152 - Tate Nelson

Champ. Round 1 - Tate Nelson received a bye; Quarterfinal - Matt Larson, CUT, p. Tate Nelson, HAV, 1:46; Cons. Round 2 - Tate Nelson, HAV, p. Byron Lopez, LEW, 0:24; Cons. Round 3 - Tate Nelson, HAV, p. Taylin Johannesen, MAL, 1:34; Cons. Semi - Drake Berreth, CHI, dec. Tate Nelson, HAV, 7-2; 5th Place Match - Conner Birdwell, dec. Tate Nelson, HAV, 7-3.

160 - Kendall Pleninger

Champ. Round 1 - Kendall Pleninger, HAV, received a bye; Quarterfinal - Kendall Pleninger, HAV, p. Liam Gordon, LEW, 0:30; Semifinal - Ty Curry, CUT, dec. Kendall Pleninger, HAV, 6-3; Cons. Semi - Kendall Pleninger, HAV, p. Jacob Hjartarson, CUT, 2:29; 3rd Place Match - Kendall Pleninger, HAV, won by major decision over Colton Mears, MAL, 10-1.

160 - Lucas Fhal

Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Elam, LEW, p. Lucas Fhal, HAV, 1:13; Cons. Round 1 - Lucas Fhal, HAV, received a bye; Cons. Round 2 - Lucas Fhal, HAV, dec. Zac Chinn, CHI, 7-4; Cons. Round 3 - Lucas Fhal, HAV, p. Liam Gordon, LEW, 1:37; Cons. Semi - Colton Mears, MAL, p. Lucas Fhal, HAV, 1:37; 5th Place Match - Jacob Hjartarson, CUT, p. Lucas Fhal, HAV, 2:24.

170 - Kale VanCampen

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Quarterfinal - Kale VanCampen, HAV, received a bye; Semifinal - Kale VanCampen, HAV, won by tech. fall over Mason Wiltling, HAV, 21-6; 1st Place Match - Orion Thivierge, HAV, dec. Kale VanCampen, HAV, 3-2.

170 - Orion Thivierge

Quarterfinal - Orion Thivierge, HAV, won by tech. fall over Peyton Hartford, LEW, 15-0; Semifinal - Orion Thivierge, won by tech. fall over Spencer Gibbs, MAL, 16-0; 1st Place Match - Orion Thivierge, HAV, p. Kale VanCampen, HAV, 3-2.

170 - Brisbin Reiter

Quarterfinal - Spencer Gibbs, MAL, p. Brisbin Reiter, HAV, 1:20; Cons. Round 1 - Peyton Hartford, LEW, p. Brisbin Reiter, HAV, 5:07.

170 - Mason Wiltling

Quarterfinal - Mason Wiltling, HAV, p. Caden McCord, LEW, 0:16; Semifinal - Kale VanCampen, HAV, won by tech. fall over Mason Wiltling, HAV, 21-6; Cons. Semi - Peyton Hartford, LEW, p. Mason Wiltling, HAV, 4:06; 5th Place Match - Mason Wiltling, HAV, won by forfeit over Caden McCord, LEW, FF.

182 - Clara Laird

Champ. Round 1 - Clara Laird received a bye; Quarterfinal - Jett Boyce, LEW, p. Clara Laird, HAV, 0:54; Cons. Round 2 - Payson Jensen, p. Clara Laird, HAV, 0:28.

182 - Pierce Caplette

Champ. Round 1 - Pierce Caplette, HAV, received a bye; Quarterfinal - Tyler Schoen, CHI, p. Pierce Caplette, HAV, 1:20; Cons. Round 2 - received a bye; Cons. Round 3 - Pierce Caplette, HAV, p. Wyatt Michaels, CUT, 0:41; Cons. Semi - Jett Boyce, LEW, won by major decision over Pierce Caplette, HAV, 11-3; 5th Place Match - Pierce Caplette, HAV, p. Payson Jensen, LEW, 0:24.

205 - Randy Tommerup

Round 1 - Randy Tommerup, HAV, p. Sebastian Mansfield, CJI, 1:01; Round 2 - Randy Tommerup, HAV, p. Quinn Boogman, LEW, 0:40; Round 3 - Randy Tommerup, HAV, p. Ron Grant, CUT, 1:10.

## Pony girls beat Laurel in season-opening thriller

**Kason Clark**  
Have Daily News Sports

In their first game since winning the state title back in March, the Have High Blue Ponies got everything they could handle from Laurel in their season opener Friday night at Armory Gymnasium.

The Locomotives took an early lead and they battled the Ponies throughout the night. However, Have was able to survive the slugfest and come out the other side with a 50-47 victory to start the season.

"We played well at times, we played poorly at times and we gutted it out at the end and I'm proud of our kids," HHS head coach Dustin Kraske said. "I knew it would be a dogfight. We're lucky that we got to play them and see where we're at."

The Locomotives came out strong to start the night. On their first possession, Alyse Aby nailed a 3-pointer to give Laurel the lead. An Emma Timm jumper then extended Laurel's lead to 5-0 less than a minute into the game. Avery Carlson got the Ponies on the scoreboard with a 4-2 personal run. But Aby scored three straight points to give Laurel a 10-4 lead.

Carlson and Yelena Miller made some free throws to cut their deficit to three but the Locomotives controlled the rest of the quarter to take a 14-7 lead into the break. Kraske believes Have's slow start happened because they were still figuring things out, but he felt like they eventually got things sorted.

"A couple kids are trying to figure out what we're doing. I

think the coaching wasn't very good early," Kraske said. "I think it was those two things. I think we're going to be fine. I think that we didn't quite have them ready to go the way we should."

Kyanna Jarvis made a jumper for the Ponies to start the second quarter but Laurel responded with a 7-2 run for a 21-11 lead with about five minutes left in the half. But the Ponies fought back into the game thanks to the play of Carlson and Miller. On their 10-0 run, Carlson scored four points and Miller scored six to tie the game for the Ponies.

"We're just really good teammates to each other and we build each other up," Carlson said about the team's ability to rebound from the slow start. "When we do that, we're able to come out of any slump."

However, Timm made a layup and a free throw to give the Locomotives a 24-21 lead heading into halftime. After the break, Have's Lacy Preeshl made a jumper to cut the deficit to one. The Locomotives responded with a 4-0 run to increase their lead to five halfway through the third quarter.

The Ponies responded with a 9-2 run to take their first lead of the game. Preeshl got the run started with an offensive rebound that she converted into a layup. After a Laurel score, a Sadie Filius 3-pointer and Carlson jumper tied the game, 30-30. Miller then continued her strong play in the post with an offensive board that she turned into a bucket for the lead with just over two minutes left in the third.

Over the final few minutes

of the third, the Ponies and Locomotives exchanged the lead. Timm hit from deep to retake the lead for Laurel and Aby connected on a free throw to increase the lead to two. Carlson then responded with a 3-pointer to give Have a 35-34 lead. But in the closing moments of the quarter, Kaitlyn Dantic made a shot from beyond the arc to give Laurel a 37-35 lead at the end of the quarter.

The teams continued to go back and forth through most of the fourth quarter. Have was finally able to retake the lead when Carlson converted an offensive rebound into a score and one free throw to make it 45-44 with just over three minutes left in the game. But after a free throw from Wendland, a layup from Aby tied the game again with just over two minutes left.

A few moments later, Carlson again came through for the Ponies as she made both of her free throw attempts to give Have a 48-46 lead late in the game. Carlson finished the night making 11 of her 13 free throw attempts.

"I just try to clear my head and just know it'll go in," Carlson said about her free-throw shooting in the close contest.

Timm made a free throw of her own to cut the deficit to one point with 59 seconds left but the Ponies were able to milk the clock. Wendland then made two free throws to give Have a three-point lead with 13 seconds left. The Locomotives tried to tie the game in the final moments but they were unable to get a shot off and the Ponies held on for the victory.

Carlson finished the night



Have High's Yelena Miller eyes the basket during Friday night's Eastern A game against the Laurel Locomotives in the Armory Gymnasium. Miller and the Blue Ponies got a battle from the Locomotives, but Have prevailed to begin the 2021-22 season undefeated. For more on the Ponies, see the Area Winter Sports Preview in today's HDN.

leading the Ponies with 22 points while Miller scored 13 points of her own. Timm led the Locomotives with 17 points in the close loss while Aby finished the game with 13 points. With their season opener now behind them, the Ponies now hope to build off the tough win as they move forward into the season.

"We handled some adversity

tonight. That was a positive we can take away," Kraske said. "In certain situations, we didn't handle adversity very well so we can grow from that."

The Ponies will next play on the road at Malta on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

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LAU - Emma Timm 17, Alyse Aby 13, Kaitlyn Dantic 7, Kaiya Graves 4, Bailey Graves 4, Sannah Windy Boy 2.

HAV - Avery Carlson 22, Yelena Miller 13, Jade Wendland 6, Lacy Preeshl 4, Sadie Filius 3, Kyanna Jarvis 2, Emilee Chambliss 0.

# Lights rebound with home win over Argonauts

**Kason Clark**  
Havre Daily News Sports

After a close loss to Carroll College to end their seven-game winning streak, the Montana State University-Northern Lights were looking to rebound against University of Providence Saturday night. The Argonauts came into Armory Gymnasium with a 7-2 record, so they were no push-over. Yet, the Lights were able to bounce back from their loss to control most of Saturday's game and hold on to defeat UP, 73-65.

"For the most part, I thought we played really well," MSU-N head coach Shawn Huse said. "Make no mistake about it, that's a Providence team that's been playing really well and they put up a lot of points on a lot of good teams this year. It's no easy task to handle all their different driving and wrinkles that they have."

Both teams came out ready to compete. On the Lights' opening possession, Jesse Keltner made a layup for the lead. But the Argonauts quickly responded with a 5-0 run to take the lead. The Lights and Argonauts would go on to exchange scores to a 7-7 draw five minutes into the game.

Starting with a 3-pointer from Dawson Fowler to take the lead, the Argonauts went on a 7-2 run to build a five-point lead. The Lights again responded with a 7-2 run to tie the game 16-16. During this run, Tanner McCliment-Call made a jumper and a 3-pointer for the Lights.

The next few minutes saw the teams exchange scores. After UP retook the lead halfway through the first half, Keltner

grabbed an offensive rebound that he converted into a score to tie the game. David Harris then made a 3-pointer to give the Lights a 21-18 lead. But the Argonauts responded with a 3-pointer from Marcus Stephens to again tie the game.

The Lights again took the lead with a 3-pointer from Mascio McCadney but this time, they did not look back. Over the last six and a half minutes of the half, the Lights excelled on both sides of the court as they went on a 17-6 run for a 38-27 lead at halftime. During this run, C.J. Nelson made a pair of 3-pointers while the Lights played strong team defense.

"It all started with our defense and getting some real impressive stops against a team that has a lot of weapons and can really put up points in a hurry," Huse said about the run.

The second half started out well for the Lights as they continued to build their lead. With just over 13 minutes left in the game, a 3-pointer from Micaiah Hauser gave MSU-N a 51-36 lead. However, the Argonauts did not go away quietly. Over the next three minutes, UP went on a 9-0 run to cut their deficit to four points. Both Elijah Oliver and Rashee Stocks made a pair of baskets to lead the Argonauts during this stretch.

"They just did a good job of not quitting and staying with what they do and hoping that it would eventually wear us down and start to work," Huse said. "I don't think it was anything in particular that they were doing or that we weren't doing. I just think it was a team that's really good at certain things and they

stuck with that and they whittled away."

The Lights finally answered back with a layup from Harris and a corner three from McCadney that jump started a 17-7 run for the Lights. During the run, the Lights made all seven of their free-throw attempts. Over the final three minutes of the game, the Argonauts tried to crawl their way back, but the Lights held them off for a 73-65 victory.

McCadney finished the game with 20 points and he shot 6-for-13 from the field, 2-for-5 from deep and 6-for-6 from the free-throw line. Harris and Keltner each scored 14 points and Keltner led the team with 13 rebounds in the game for a double-double.

As a team, the Lights shot 44.8 percent from the field and 38.1 percent from deep. One statistical category that the Lights had a massive edge in was assists as they recorded 16 compared to the Argonauts' 3. In their loss to Carroll, Huse did not believe the Lights moved the ball well so it was nice to see the Lights return to form.

"That's who we are. That's who we've been for a lot of years," Huse said. "I don't think we did a great job of that the other night against Carroll College, and I think our guys looked in the mirror and fixed a lot of that."

The win improved the Lights to 8-2 and 1-1 in the Frontier Conference. The Lights are now 7-1 in their last eight games and their two losses this season saw them outscored by just a combined six points. Just over a month into this young season, Huse feels good about where his team is and looks forward



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**Northern's Jesse Keltner tries to score against University of Providence on Saturday night at Armory Gymnasium. The Lights defeated UP, 73-65, to improve to 8-2 on the season.**

to continuing to improve as the season marches on.

"There's things for us to clean up. That's the positive, that we can be better and we can get better and improve on some things," Huse said. "We know that we have a lot of work to do but I feel like we're a contender. I'm really proud of this team. I like where we're at right now."

The Lights will next play on the road at Dickinson State University Dec. 12.

**MSU-N 73, University of Providence 65**

UP - Rashee Stocks 5-16 5-7 17, Marcus Stephens 4-13 5-6 14, Dawson Fowler 6-8 1-2 14, Emmett Linton III 2-5 2-2 6, Elijah Oliver 3-7 0-0 6, Caleb Currence 2-4 1-2 5, Jake Olsen 0-0 2-2 2, Fisher Richardson 0-0 1-2 1, Tanner Goligoski 0-1 0-0 0, Rasheed Butler 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 22-55 17-23.

**MSU-N** - Mascio McCadney 6-13 6-6 20, David Harris 5-13 2-2 14, Jesse Keltner 5-7 4-8 14, Tanner McCliment-Call 4-12 0-0 9, CJ Nelson 3-6 0-0 8, Immanuel Anderson 2-3 1-1 5, Micaiah Hauser 1-3 0-0 3, Anthony Braggs Jr. 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26-58 13-17.

Halftime: MSU-N 38-27. 3-pointers: UP 4-16 (Rashee Stocks 2, Marcus Stephens 1, Dawson Fowler 1), MSU-N 8-21 (Mascio McCadney 2, David Harris 2, CJ Nelson 2). Rebounds: UP 24, (Dawson Fowler 9), MSU-N 36, (Jesse Keltner 13). Fouls: UP 18, MSU-N 17. Fouled Out: None.

# Skylights fall to Providence for third straight loss

**Kason Clark**  
Havre Daily News Sports

On Saturday afternoon at Armory Gymnasium, the Montana State University-Northern Skylights were looking to improve their play and snap a two-game losing streak when they hosted the University of Providence. The Skylights were able to come out strong defensively to start the game, but the Argonauts could not be held back as UP eventually pulled away for a 74-48 victory.

"Once they gapped us a little bit, I think our heads might have gone down and their heads went up," MSU-N head coach Chris Mouat said. "We knew it wasn't going to be easy but I don't believe it should be that score at home. I think we need to look ourselves in the mirror and understand that everybody can do better, I can coach better, we can play better and we need to start doing that now."

Both teams came out slow to start the game with several turnovers. Neither team scored until Peyton Kehr made a reverse layup two and a half minutes into the game to give the Skylights the lead. But the next three minutes would belong to the Argonauts as they went on a 7-0 run led by Parker Esary with a couple of buckets.

The Skylights responded with a 5-0 run to tie the game thanks to a 3-pointer from Ryley Kehr and a bucket from L'Tia Law-

rence. But they could not turn that run into momentum as the Argonauts ended the quarter on an 8-3 run to take a 15-10 lead into the break.

The Argonauts started the second quarter strong to extend their lead to 22-10 with six and a half minutes left in the half. The Skylights were able to cut their deficit to single digits but they could not get on a run as the Argonauts maintained momentum en route to a 33-20 lead at halftime.

In the second half, the Skylights could not fight their way back as the Argonauts maintained control through the rest of the day. The Argonauts opened the second half on a 14-7 run to build a 47-27 lead with four minutes left in the quarter. The Skylights were unable to make a run the rest of the game to make a dent in the lead as the Argonauts went on to win 74-48.

Peyton Kehr finished the game leading the Skylights with 17 points as she went 6-for-8 from the field and 3-for-5 from the 3-point line. Lawrence finished the game with 12 points on 5-for-12 shooting from the field. Emilee Maldonado led the Argonauts with 19 points on 8-for-14 shooting from the field. Kerstyn Pimperton scored 15 points for the Argonauts as she went 3-for-6 from deep.

The Skylights shot well from beyond the arc as they made 38.9 percent of their shots from deep. However, the Argonauts outshot

them from the field as they made 51.9 percent of their shots compared to the Skylights' 36.7 shooting percentage from the field.

"They got out and they were physical with us and we didn't handle that very well," Mouat said about the UP defense. "We got to do a better job with ball protection and a better job with execution but when we do get a good shot, we got to start making it."

The Argonauts were also the more aggressive team down low as they outscored the Skylights 32-18 in the paint. The Argonauts also reached the free throw line 13 times compared to the Skylights' seven attempts at the charity stripe.

"They were aggressive in the dribble drive when we went man. They really did attack the rim," Mouat said about the Argonauts in the paint. "We need to be more aggressive when we commit to a drive."

The loss was the third in a row for the Skylights and it dropped them to 3-6 on the season and 0-2 in the Frontier Conference. The Skylights will have about a week before their next game. In that time, the Skylights will need to start getting things in order if they want to compete in the Frontier Conference this season.

"We have a lot of work to do and we have to do it now," Mouat said. "We've got to grow and we got to do it quickly. That's the challenge and that's what we're going to do. That's our job as



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**Northern's Sydney Prather dribbles the ball against University of Providence at Armory Gymnasium Saturday. The Skylights lost to the Argonauts, 74-48, for their third straight loss.**

coaches and their jobs as players."

The Skylights will next play at Dickinson State University Dec. 12.

**University of Providence 74, MSU-N 48**

**University of Providence 13 20 27 14 - 74**  
**MSU-Northern 10 10 14 14 - 48**

UP - Emilee Maldonado 8-14 1-1 19, Kerstyn Pimperton 4-7 4-4 15, Reed Hazard 6-7 1-2 14, Parker Esary 6-12 1-2 13, Brooklyn Harr 2-5 2-2 7, Alicia Oatis 1-2 2-2 4, Maddy Dixon 1-6 0-0 2, Grace Weber 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 28-54 11-13.

**MSU-N** - Peyton Kehr 6-8 2-2 17, L'Tia Lawrence 5-12 0-0 12, Shyan Krass 3-4 0-0 6, Ryley Kehr 2-8 0-0 5, Morgan Mason 1-1 0-2 3,

Sydney Hovde 1-3 1-1 3, Savannah Toms 0-1 2-2 2, Danielle Tyler 0-4 0-0 0, Sydney Prather 0-4 0-0 0, Dulci SkunkCap 0-3 0-0 0, ShaAnn Danelson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals: 18-49 5-7.

Halftime: UP 33-20. 3-pointers: UP 7-19 (Kerstyn Pimperton 3, Emilee Maldonado 2), MSU-N 7-18 (Peyton Kehr 3, L'Tia Lawrence 2). Rebounds: UP 31, (Maddy Dixon 9), MSU-N 19, (Sydney Hovde 6). Fouls: UP 11, MSU-N 13. Fouled Out: None

# Havre High swim teams dive into season at Polson Invite

**Kason Clark**  
Havre Daily News Sports

Just like every other winter sport, the Havre High swim teams began their season this past weekend, and for the swim teams, that meant the Polson High School Class A Invite. At Polson, the Ponies swam against schools such as Whitefish, Polson, Columbia Falls and Bigfork. Despite the competition, the HHS girls team took first and the HHS boys team took third.

The HHS girls team won the event with a score of 363 points. Whitefish took second with 298 points, and Polson took third with a score of 221 points. The HHS boys team scored 179 points to take third behind Columbia Falls with 324 points and Whitefish with 236 points. The HHS teams had a combined score of 542 points for an overall first-place finish to start the season.

On the girls team, Aliviah Pratt had a strong day for the Ponies. She was the lone Pony to win an event as she took first in the girls 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:25.39. She also took third in the girls 200-yard intermediate with a time of 3:05.26. But she was not the only swimmer on the HHS girls team to have a strong start to the season.

In the girls 100-yard butterfly, Mackenzie Dean took

second for the Ponies as she finished with a time of 1:47.20. Willow Riggan had a strong day with a third-place finish in the girls 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:38.84 and a fifth-place finish in the girls 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:57.43. Emme Lines also did well as she took fifth in the girls 200-yard breaststroke with a finish of 1:39.50 and she took sixth in the girls 200-yard freestyle with a time of 3:10.14.

Ada Pratt took fourth in the girls 50-yard freestyle with a time of 34.54 seconds. Hailey Gingery took sixth in the girls 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:37.84. Nevaeh Phillips also did well in the girls 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:39.38 to take fourth. Grace Crantz took fourth for the Ponies in the girls 500-yard freestyle with a time of 8:15.09.

The Havre girls relay teams also did well on Saturday. In the girls 200-yard medley relay, the HHS team made up of Aliviah Pratt, Crantz, Lines and Phillips took third with a time of 2:37.90. In the girls 400-yard freestyle relay, two HHS teams took third and fourth. The third-place team of Pratt, Riggan, Crantz and Lines finished with a time of 5:24.99 and the fourth-place team of Ada Pratt, Brenna Hanson, Lindsey Leinwald and Gingery finished with a time of 6:00.70.

Havre also saw two teams place in the girls 200-yard freestyle relay. A relay team of Tyley Hemmer, Phillips, Hanson and Gingery took fourth with a finish of 2:36.18 and another relay team of Chloe Shennum, Courtney Burchard, Claudia Ucin and Jayla Meldrum took sixth with a time of 2:54.91.

Several swimmers on the HHS boys team also had strong starts to the season. Hiram Cammon took third in the boys 200-yard intermediate with a time of 2:39.95, and he took fourth in the boys 100-yard breaststroke with a finish of 1:17.43. Conner McKay swam well as he took third in the boys 50-yard freestyle with a time of 26.80 seconds and third in the boys 500-yard freestyle with a time of 7:22.75.

Several other HHS boys swimmers had solid days. Koby Preputin took third in the boys 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:34.00. Chase Mariani took sixth in the boys 100-yard freestyle with a time of 1:16.42 and Nate Gregoire took sixth in the boys 50-yard freestyle with a time of 36.54 seconds.

The HHS boys relay teams also had some strong finishes. The boys 400-yard freestyle relay team of McKay, Mariani, Preputin and Cammon took second with a time of 4:54.89. In the boys 200-yard freestyle relay, the team made up of Mc-

Kay, Gregoire, Cammon and Mariani took third with a time of 2:02.64.

The Ponies will look to continue their strong start to the season when they next swim at the Great Falls Pre Relay Dec. 17.

**Polson HS Class A Invite**  
**Dec. 4, 2021**

Girls Team Scores: Havre 363, Whitefish 298, Polson 221, Columbia Falls 209, Bigfork 170.

Boys Team Scores: Columbia Falls 324, Whitefish 324, Havre 179, Polson 160.

Girls 200 Yard Medley Relay: 1. Whitefish High School 'A' 2:18.75. 2. Columbia Falls High School 'A' 2:21.63. 3. Havre High School 'A' 2:37.90. 4. Polson High School 'A' 2:45.72.

Boys 200 Yard Medley Relay: 1. Columbia Falls High School 'A' 1:53.65. 2. Whitefish High School 'A' 1:57.40. 3. Polson High School 'A' 2:32.89.

Girls 200 Yard Freestyle: 1. Nia Hanson, Whitefish, 2:19.03. 2. Sydney Macintyre, Whitefish, 2:20.23. 3. Eloise McKeon, Columbia Falls, 2:20.67. 4. Aspen McKee, Polson, 2:36.12. 5. Willow Riggan, Havre, 2:57.43. 6. Emme Lines, Havre, 3:10.14.

Boys 200 Yard Freestyle: 1. Adam Schrader, Columbia Falls, 2:08.12. 2. Lincoln Schroeder, Whitefish, 2:12.96. 3. Trey Wyman, Polson, 2:21.02. 4. Johnathan Blankenship, Columbia Falls, 2:40.02.

Girls 200 Yard IM: 1. Norah Bagley, Columbia Falls, 2:50.45. 2. Aspen McKee, Polson, 3:00.00. 3. Aliviah Pratt, Havre, 3:05.26. 4. Georgia Morrell, Whitefish, 4:07.51.

Falls, 2:16.72. 2. Noah Schroeder, Whitefish, 2:34.79. 3. Hiram Cammon, Havre, 2:39.95. 4. Thane Borgen, Polson, 2:40.99.

Girls 50 Yard Freestyle: 1. Eloise McKeon, Columbia Falls, 28.06. 2. Gretel Vine, Whitefish, 30.87. 3. Soraya Brevik, Bigfork, 32.79. 4. Ada Pratt, Havre, 34.54. 5. Lillian Peterson, Bigfork, 34.76. 6. Tritica Fauske, Columbia Falls, 35.56.

Boys 50 Yard Freestyle: 1. Logan Botner, Whitefish, 23.85. 2. Logan Niles, Whitefish, 25.71. 3. Conner McKay, Havre, 26.80. 4. Quinn Clark, Columbia Falls, 29.71. 5. Zachary Pierce, Columbia Falls, 31.94. 6. Nate Gregoire, Havre, 36.54.

Girls 100 Yard Butterfly: 1. Hope Morrison, Polson, 1:23.67. 2. Mackenzie Dean, Havre, 1:47.20.

Boys 100 Yard Butterfly: 1. Jack McDaniel, Whitefish, 59.51. 2. Lincoln Schroeder, Whitefish, 1:09.19. 3. Lachlan Sloan, Polson, 1:11.52.

Girls 100 Yard Freestyle: 1. Sydney Slawter, Bigfork, 1:03.45. 2. Norah Bagley, Columbia Falls, 1:09.12. 3. Emi Qunell, Whitefish, 1:10.64. 4. Maddie Moultray, Columbia Falls, 1:11.14. 5. Linnea McCrady, Whitefish, 1:13.48. 6. Soraya Brevik, Bigfork, 1:14.85.

Boys 100 Yard Freestyle: 1. Logan Botner, Whitefish, 53.09. 2. Adam Schrader, Columbia Falls, 54.49. 3. Logan Niles, Whitefish, 59.07. 4. Conner Keith, Columbia Falls, 1:00.41. 5. Trey Wyman, Polson, 1:02.84. 6. Chase Mariani, Havre, 1:16.42.

Girls 500 Yard Freestyle: 1. Nia Hanson, Whitefish, 6:10.40. 2. Hope Morrison, Polson, 7:17.02. 3. Dixie Montgomery, Polson, 7:45.24. 4. Grace Crantz, Havre, 8:15.09. 5. Kaija Adams, Polson, 8:16.37. 6. Madison Ypma, Columbia Falls, 8:33.53.

Boys 500 Yard Freestyle: 1. Lachlan Sloan, Polson, 6:18.53. 2. Johnathan Blankenship, Columbia Falls, 7:05.95. 3. Conner McKay,

Sydney Hovde 1-3 1-1 3, Savannah Toms 0-1 2-2 2, Danielle Tyler 0-4 0-0 0, Sydney Prather 0-4 0-0 0, Dulci SkunkCap 0-3 0-0 0, ShaAnn Danelson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals: 18-49 5-7.

Girls 200 Yard Freestyle Relay: 1. Whitefish High School 'B' 2:11.21. 2. Bigfork High School 'A' 2:15.47. 3. Columbia Falls High School 'A' 2:23.60. 4. Havre High School 'B': 2:36.18. 5. Polson High School 'A' 2:45.16. 6. Havre High School 'C' 2:54.91.

Boys 200 Yard Freestyle Relay: 1. Whitefish High School 'A' 1:40.06. 2. Columbia Falls High School 'A' 1:53.08. 3. Havre High School 'A' 2:02.64. 4. Polson High School 'A' 2:25.37.

Girls 100 Yard Backstroke: 1. Sydney Slawter, Bigfork, 1:11.87. 2. Emi Qunell, Whitefish, 1:20.23. 3. Gretel Vine, Whitefish, 1:23.94. 4. Linnea McCrady, Whitefish, 1:27.53. 5. Hailey Hanson, Polson, 1:33.84. 6. Hailey Gingery, Havre, 1:37.84.

Boys 100 Yard Backstroke: 1. Thane Borgen, Columbia Falls, 1:09.59. 2. Noah Schroeder, Whitefish, 1:15.32. 3. Koby Preputin, Havre, 1:24.00. 4. Zachary Pierce, Columbia Falls, 1:35.31. 5. Josh Reed, Polson, 2:03.68.

Girls 100 Yard Breaststroke: 1. Aliviah Pratt, Havre, 1:25.39. 2. Sydney Macintyre, Whitefish, 1:28.32. 3. Willow Riggan, Havre, 1:38.84. 4. Nevaeh Phillips, Havre, 1:39.38. 5. Emme Lines, Havre, 1:39.50. 6. Maddie Moultray, Columbia Falls, 1:40.95.

Boys 100 Yard Breaststroke: 1. Connor Cheff, Columbia Falls, 1:07.77. 2. Jack McDaniel, Whitefish, 1:12.68. 3. Keith Conner, Columbia Falls, 1:15.90. 4. Hiram Cammon, Havre, 1:17.43. 5. Hayden Clairmont, Polson, 1:46.89.

Girls 400 Yard Freestyle Relay: 1. Whitefish High School 'A' 4:55.58. 2. Polson High School 'A' 4:59.94. 3. Havre High School 'A' 5:24.99. 4. Havre High School 'C' 6:00.70.

Boys 400 Yard Freestyle Relay: 1. Columbia Falls High School 'A' 4:19.29. 2. Havre High School 'A' 4:54.89.

# Young Blue Ponies pull out road win over Laurel

**Kason Clark**

Havre Daily News Sports

Heading into their season opener on the road at Laurel Friday night, the Havre High boys basketball team had a lot to overcome. Not only do the Blue Ponies have five new starters in their lineup, but this young team had to go on the road to start the year. However, HHS head coach Wallynn Burgess believes his young team showed well as they defeated Laurel, 52-42, to open the season.

"Just being able to go down south and get a W, it was good," Burgess said. "It was a good time for the boys to grow up and get ready for the season to go."

While Havre defeated Laurel by 10 points, the Ponies and Locomotives went back and forth through most of the night. A couple minutes into the game, Josh Currie stole the ball and converted it into a layup to give Havre an early lead. A layup from Carter Spangler and a jumper from Caden Jenkins pushed the Havre lead to 6-0 with just over three minutes left in the opening quarter.

But the Locomotives were able to gather themselves as

they scored five straight points to cut their deficit to one point. Jenkins responded for the Ponies as he nailed a 3-pointer and a jumper to extend the Havre lead but Laurel finished the quarter strong to trail 11-9 at the end of the quarter.

The second quarter saw the Ponies and Locomotives go back and forth. Laurel would often score to tie the game before Havre retook the lead. The game was tied, 17-17, heading into the final minute of the half but a layup from freshman Jevin Jenkins gave Havre the lead heading into halftime.

With such a young team early in the season, it would have been easy for them to buckle under the pressure of such a tight game. However, Burgess believes that these youngsters believe in each other and have already bought in.

"Being together is a big thing and these guys have bought into it," Burgess said. "We're really excited about what's going to happen throughout the year. We know we're going to keep improving until we get to March."

The Ponies started the third quarter strong with a pair of scores from Caden Jenkins and Xavier Butler to push their lead to six points. But Laurel re-

sponded with a 8-2 run to tie the game, 25-25, halfway through the quarter.

After a Havre free throw to take a one-point lead, the Locomotives scored a pair of free throws to take a 27-26 lead. But Crawford Terry responded for the Ponies as he made a layup and one free throw to retake the lead. Another bucket from Spangler gave Havre a 31-27 lead to end the third.

The Ponies were finally able to put some distance between them and the Locomotives in the fourth quarter. However, Laurel refused to go away as Havre only held a 45-39 lead with just under two minutes left in the game. However, Spangler outscored Laurel, 7-3, by himself the rest of the way, including three free throws to put the game away for the Ponies. After playing tight for most of the game, Burgess believes the Ponies finally wore down Laurel to put them away.

"It was just one of those (games). Just grinded through the whole game and kind of wore them down by the end," Burgess said. "They just kept fighting through the whole time, and we ended up just pulling it out in the end."

While the Ponies are a young

team, they were led by their seniors Friday night. Spangler's strong play in the post and his ability to get to the free-throw line allowed him to lead the Ponies with 17 points in the game. Caden Jenkins finished the night with 11 points and Currie recorded five points of his own.

With a tough win on the road to start the year, Burgess feels good about where his team is. Not only did the young team learn how to win, but they learned that they need to work together if they are going to continue winning.

"It's a good start for us, just knowing that we have to do it together no matter what," Burgess said. "If it's on offense or defense, it's going to have to be all of us together. It was an exciting start, we're excited about it but we know that there is more to come."

The Ponies will next play on the road at Malta Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Havre 52, Laurel 42

HAV - 11 8 12 21 - 52

LAU - 9 8 10 15 - 42

HAV - Caleb Spangler 17, Caden Jenkins 11, Xavier Butler 7, Jevin Jenkins 6, Josh Currie 5, Crawford Terry 4, Shane Patascil 2.



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**Havre's Caden Jenkins shoots the ball against Rocky Boy at Blue Pony Gymnasium last season. Jenkins scored 11 points in the 52-42 win on the road at Laurel Friday night to open the season.**

# Griz ground Eagles, Cats roll in FCS home playoff games

MISSOULA — Washington-Grizzly Stadium, and those who call it home, were built for nights like Friday. A playoff game under the lights on a chilly, Montana December evening. A conference opponent in town. An opponent that — no less — had already defeated the Grizzlies on the season.

In a matchup featuring one of the best offenses and one of the best defenses in the entire country, one could usually assume that a high-scoring shootout would favor the visiting No. 4 Eastern Washington Eagles. No. 6 Montana will forgive you for that assumption.

The last time the two teams met, Montana had victory on their fingertips. But a last second hail Mary was broken up at the last second, and Eastern Washington escaped Cheney with a win. This time, the Grizzlies left no doubt. The defense withstood an outstanding performance from Eric Barriere, one of the all-time greats in the Big Sky Conference, the offense rushed for over 200 yards for just the second time all season and the special teams delivered its signature big plays for a complete 57-41 win.

"We have such a great team. They play with and for each other, they love each other, they love Montana," head coach Bobby Hauck said. "There is no better place to be a college football player than on our sideline tonight in this stadium. It's as good as it gets anywhere."

Montana improves to 10-2 and advances to the FCS quarterfinal round with the win, the second time in as many full seasons. They play at No. 3 seed James Madison this weekend.

Montana's defense, the second best in the country in terms of points allowed per game, was put to the ultimate test. Barriere threw the ball an astounding 80 times, compiling over 530 yards and five touchdowns. But Montana got theirs as well. Despite allowing some big numbers, the Grizzlies returned an interception for a touchdown and a fumble inside the 10 to set up another score.

The special teams unit also came through with a massive play for Montana, blocking a punt to set the Grizzly offense up for another short score. Two weeks after his heroics against Montana State, Junior Bergen again flipped the field position all night long with four punt returns for 67 yards.

"They were huge," Hauck said of the special teams unit. "Those kids work so hard at it and they play so hard and they know what the heck they are doing. They are smart football players, and the kicking game was dominant again today for I'd say the 11th time in 12 games. It was great."

It's not unusual for this Montana team to score on defense or in the special teams. They've made a habit of it all season long. On Friday night, they put it all together. The offense had timely plays, scoring six touchdowns on its way to the highest point total of the season for the Grizzlies.

Cam Humphrey's stat line will be overshadowed by his opponent, but the senior quarterback did everything right in leading Montana to the victory. A three-touchdown, 160-yard performance included a couple of massive throws to Samuel Akem.

Akem's efforts were record setting. The senior receiver had



104 yards on just five catches, his first game going over the century mark all year. Most importantly, he hauled in his 28th and 29th career touchdowns, tying him with Marc Mariani for the most in program history.

The Grizzlies succeeded on the ground, as Xavier Harris and Junior Bergen split the carries and each had big games. Harris had a team-high 16 carries for 79 yards and a score. Bergen also found the end zone, running for 45 yards on nine carries.

That doesn't even include wide receiver Malik Flowers, who had three carries on end-around plays. He had the longest run of the season for the Grizzlies, going 75 yards for a touchdown on the first drive.

Montana's defense spent a lot of time on the field, as Eastern Washington held the ball for over 35 minutes and ran 109 plays. The Griz, on the other hand, had just 59 plays. It was a combined effort from a number of Grizzlies, as the defense swarmed all over the field.

Robby Hauck led the team with 11 tackles, while Jace Lewis pitched in nine total tackles and one for a loss. The tackle was tested, as Corbin Walker made eight tackles and broke up a pass. The elusive Barriere avoided Montana most of the night, but Marcus Welnel got home for two big sacks.

And despite the big passing numbers, Montana allowed just 78 yards on the ground, 57 of which came on one play.

Big plays looked like they would doom the Griz early on as Eastern Washington had three plays of 50-plus yards in the first quarter. But Montana wouldn't allow a gain over 35 yards for the remainder of the game, as the 14-point first quarter was the most points in any frame by the Eagles.

While Eastern Washington ran 50 more plays than Montana, the Grizzlies averaged nearly a yard more per play. They stopped the Eagles on fourth down twice and held them to just 44 percent on third down conversions. One of the most telling stats of the game was the average starting field position. Montana, behind great returns and turnovers, started their average drive on their own 44-yard line. Eastern Washington, limited by the big punts of Brian Buschini and fair catches on every kickoff, had an average start from their own 26. The nearly 20yard head start on every drive proved invaluable for Montana.

Malik Flowers provided the first big play of the game, delivering the opening score on Montana's third offense play. In motion from the edge, Flowers took a handoff, found the edge and raced past the Eagle defense for a 75-yard touchdown run. The run was the longest of the year by a Grizzly player.

Eastern Washington didn't



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**Malik Flowers runs for a first-quarter touchdown during Friday night's FCS playoff game between the Montana Grizzlies and Eastern Washington Eagles in Missoula.**

wait long to answer, putting together a 66 second touchdown drive to tie the game at 7-all with more than 10 minutes remaining in the first quarter. The Eagles would take the lead a couple drives later on another long pass. Barriere connected with Jakobie James for a 54-yard touchdown to put the visitors ahead 14-7.

Facing a deficit for the first time on the night, Montana responded with a sustained drive that led to points. Kevin Macias knocked home a 37-yard field goal after an eight-play Grizzly drive, pushed forward by a big rush from Junior Bergen, to cut the lead to 14-10. The big play Eagles offense didn't let up. Dennis Merritt busted a 57-yard touchdown run to put Eastern Washington ahead 21-10.

Montana, again on the back of a big run play, responded with three more points. It was Harris this time, running for gains of 24 and 6 yards, putting the Grizzlies into scoring range. Macias hit from 44 yards out to extend his streak to 16 consecutive makes and get Montana back within a score, 21-13.

The Grizzly defense delivered back-to-back crushing hits, both of which were reviewed for targeting, and both of which resulted in no penalty. The hits, and ensuing reviews, fired up the Montana crowd, resulting Electricity was in there air already, but there was no containing the crowd after the following play.

Ryan Tirrell broke through the line and blocked the Eastern punt, with Levi Janacaro recovering the ball on the Eastern Washington 17-yard line. Signature special teams plays have helped Montana to wins all year, and Tirrell's block set up the Grizzly offense with a short field.

They didn't disappoint. Four plays later, Bergen handled a pitch from Humphrey on an option to the outside and broke a tackle at the goal line for Montana's second touchdown of the game. The Griz elected for the extra point, cutting the Eagle lead to just one point. And those big special teams plays? They didn't stop with the blocked punt. The Griz defense forced a three-and-out on the next drive, and Junior Bergen went back deep to return the punt. The freshman narrowly eluded the first tackle,

then danced his way up the sideline for a 21-yard return. It didn't lead to Grizzly points, but it did help Montana switch the field and pin Eastern Washington deep in their own territory.

The Grizzlies couldn't hold them there, as the Eagles drove into Grizzly territory. They faced a fourth down inside the 30 and elected to keep the offense on the field. O'Connell nearly got home on Barriere, forcing a quick throw and an incompleton to give the ball back to the Grizzlies.

Montana again effectively iced away the half and were down by just a point at 21-20 after the first 30 minutes. The Griz received the kick coming out of the break, and Garrett Graves returned the kick to near midfield to set Montana up with good field position.

Harris scampered for 22 yards on the first offensive play, setting Montana up in field goal range once again. Macias remained steady, splitting the uprights from 46 yards out to give Montana its first lead since 7-0.

The Grizzly defense then finally got home to Barriere, with Welnel sacking him at the Eagles 10-yard line. On the ensuing punt, Bergen ignited the Grizzly crowd with yet another memorable return. He caught the ball with forward momentum already in Eastern Washington territory and found space down the right sideline, returning it 37 yards and very narrowly escaping the final tackle for a score. Montana didn't waste the opportunity. Harris bounced outside on the first offensive play, scoring his first of the day to give Montana a 30-21 lead.

Eastern Washington, with the help of a big fourth down conversion, would drive and score later in the third quarter to cut the lead back down to 30-28.

Graves once again had a big kick return, then the Griz gave it to Flowers around the end to put Montana into Eagle territory. Humphrey then found Akem on a crossing route over the middle. Just the eighth completion of the game for Humphrey was undoubtedly the most important. Akem turned on the jets and sped past the EWU secondary, finding the end zone to put Montana back up 37-28.

The Grizzly defense rode that

momentum. They got home to Barriere, who attempted to pitch it to his running back. The ball sailed over his head, bouncing free for Lewis to recover. No. 37 scooped up the ball and returned it all the way to the five yard line. Three plays later, the Grizzlies went play action, throwing back across the grain to Cole Grossman for a five yard touchdown.

Montana forced a fumble on third down of the ensuing drive but the Eagles recovered near first down yardage. The Eagles went for it on fourth-and-inches, but a false start penalty would push them back five yards. They then sent the punt unit onto the field and kicked it back to Montana.

Early in the fourth quarter Eastern again made it into Griz territory, but again Montana stepped up at the most important time. They forced the Eagles into fourth and short, where Eastern Washington took a deep shot down field. It went over the head of the receiver, giving the ball back to Montana near midfield.

Humphrey found Akem on a long third down conversion to move Montana to the Eagle 31-yard line. The two then connected yet again, with Humphrey floating a perfect ball over the shoulder and into the end zone. Akem hauled it in, giving Montana a 50-28 lead. The catch pulled him even with Mariani in the record books.

The Eagles wouldn't go quietly, as Barriere found Limu-Jones for a 35-yard score to bring it back to 50-35 with under five minutes to play. A failed inside kick attempt gave Montana the ball in Eagle territory, where they would run three straight times to burn the clock before punting. The Eagles had a chance. There were over three minutes remaining, and with the quick strike offense a score and an inside kick weren't out of the question. Ford made sure that wouldn't happen.

The cornerback intercepted his ninth pass of the season on a desperation heave, jumping the route and returning it all the way to the house for an emphatic — and very characteristic for this Montana team — exclamation point.

The Eagles would add a final touchdown, a fitting end to an incredible career for Barriere as he tossed a touchdown on his final pass.

But Montana would enter victory formation and ice the playoff victory, advancing to the quarterfinals to face the JMU-SLU winner.

"I'm excited about the fact that we are moving on. I think that Southeast Louisiana can score on anybody and score a lot so that's not a foregone conclusion," Hauck said. "We're hoping for home games but it doesn't matter where we play, we're going to go try to win and we're going to have a good chance of doing that."

Cats 26, UT-Martin 7

BOZEMAN — On a day when people focused on what was going on in the air — gusts up to 30 miles an hour swirled through Bobcat Stadium, tossing footballs and officials' hats everywhere — and the headlines — the Cats used a first-time starter at quarterback Saturday — most of the action was on the ground.

No. 8 Montana State rushed for 387 yards, ran the ball on 60 of its 80 offensive plays, and controlled the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball in a 26-7 win over the University of Tennessee at Martin in a second round FCS Playoff game. The win propels the Cats into the quarterfinals for the second straight season and gives the program a win its third consecutive playoff appearance for the first time in school history. The reward for the win is a date with No. 1 Sam Houston State in Huntsville next week.

The reward Saturday, though, came through a persistent, battering ground game. Isaiah Ifanse pounded the Skyhawks defense for 176 yards on 28 carries, scoring once. And Tommy Mellott gained 180 yards, and provided the biggest blow of the game when he scampered 73 yards for a touchdown on MSU's first play of the fourth quarter.

"The moment wasn't too big for him," said Bobcat coach Brent Vigen of his first-time starter at quarterback. Mellott overcame miserably windy conditions throughout the day, and a scoop-and-score fumble just before halftime that trimmed MSU's lead to 10-7 and gave the Skyhawks life.

"It was 10-7 at halftime," Vigen said, "but it didn't really have the feel of a 10-7 game." That's because the Bobcats had out-gained UTM 212 yards to 81 at that point.

The Bobcats righted the ship with a 13-play, 61-yard drive that resulted in a 30-yard field goal to open the second half. After the teams traded punts, UT Martin took control at its own 20 with seconds remaining in the third quarter. A fumbled snap, followed by a Bobcat sack (Daniel Hardy and Amandre Williams), a short gain, and a punt, gave the Cats a first-and-10 from the 27.

Then, in the windiest conditions anyone could remember in Bobcat Stadium, lightning struck. Mellott found a crease in UT Martin's impressive (despite the numbers) defense, made his way to the sideline, and was gone. It gave the Bobcats a 19-7 lead, which felt insurmountable with the way the defense was playing. It was the longest run by a Bobcat in the post-season, the eighth-longest run in stadium history, and Mellott's 180 yards is the most ever by a Bobcat quarterback in the post-season.

Ifanse's number didn't quite match Mellott's Saturday, but he continued to amaze in the playoffs. He now has rushing games of 196, 176, and 139 yards among his six career playoff contests, and his 654 career yards in the post-season is a Bobcat record. The efforts of Ifanse and Mellott produced 387 rushing yards, the most by an MSU team in the post-season.

Now, MSU's attention turns to No. 1 Sam Houston. The nation's top-ranked team lies in wait for the Bobcats next weekend. But after missing 2020 entirely, enduring a coaching transition, and a brilliant regular season that culminated in a rivalry game loss, the Bobcats clearly pointed toward this moment, a December afternoon spent imposing their will on a worthy, talented opponent.

"I'm just so happy for these guys," Vigen said after his first post-season win as a head coach. "More than anything to do with me, I'm happy for them."

# Madison River flow returns after midnight dam repair

USGS data shows the Madison below Hebgen Dam rose from 248 cubic feet per second Wednesday evening to 664 cfs at midnight that night, closer to seasonal levels

by Amanda Eggert Montana Free Press

Near-seasonal flows to the Madison River, one of Montana's most popular fisheries, have been restored following a late-night repair to Hebgen Dam's outflow gate Wednesday.

NorthWestern Energy posted on Twitter at 12:33 a.m. Thursday morning that crews repaired Hebgen Dam's outflow gate just before midnight Wednesday and "the water in the river is rising."

Early Tuesday morning, flows to the Madison were cut in half when the dam's outflow gate malfunctioned, killing trout

that were stranded in shallow parts of the swiftly dropping river. Hebgen Dam operator NorthWestern Energy opened the spillway to provide a small boost to the river while it waited for Anaconda Foundry Fabrication Company to build a replacement part, but the boost in volume was minimal because drought conditions have suppressed water levels statewide, including in Hebgen Reservoir.

The rapid dewatering of the river — it dropped from about 650 cubic feet per second to less than 200 cfs in the early morning hours of Dec. 30 — inspired concerned citizens to turn out en masse Wednesday to help Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks move stranded fish into deeper sections of the river.

"Today, six crews (composed) of FWP staff and many volunteers walked portions of the upper Madison River from Eagle's Nest upstream to Hebgen Dam," FWP wrote in a Wednesday afternoon Facebook post. "They used electrofishing equipment and nets to capture fish that were stranded in shallow, isolated pools and move them to the main river channel."

"They observed many surviving fish, including sculpin and a few trout of various sizes. Relatively few dead trout were observed, and most fish were salvaged between Quake Lake and Hebgen Dam," the post continued. FWP also said that "lasting impacts to the fishery are still unknown" and advised the public to avoid walking in

the riverbed to protect trout redds — spawning nests — that are still viable.

NorthWestern Energy thanked partner agencies and volunteers for their response in a Thursday morning press release.

"This successful repair [of the outflow gate] was the culmination of outstanding effort by many NorthWestern Energy employees and partner contractors," Jeremy Clotfelter, NorthWestern Energy's director of hydro operations, said. "From the time this issue was identified, work was underway without stoppage until the river flows were restored."

"Our focus now turns to analysis of the failure and impacts to the river fishery. While we know what failed on the gate, we need to identify 'how' and 'why' it failed to best establish corrective actions that would prevent a similar failure in the future," Clotfelter said.

It's unclear if NorthWestern will be subject to regulatory actions by state or federal agencies as a result of the gate malfunction. Clotfelter said federal regulators and the company's dam safety engineers inspected the dam and its outflow gates earlier this year and no issues were identified. He also said flows never dropped below the minimum 150 cfs threshold required by the license NorthWestern Energy holds from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for its dams on the Missouri and Madison rivers.

# Is it time to change definition of 'fully vaccinated?'

by Victoria Knight Kaiser Health News

As more indoor venues require proof of vaccination for entrance and with winter — as well as omicron, a new COVID variant — looming, scientists and public health officials are debating when it will be time to change the definition of "fully vaccinated" to include a booster shot.

It's been more than six months since many Americans finished their vaccination course against COVID; statistically, their immunity is waning.

At the same time, cases of infections with the omicron variant have been reported in at least five states, as of Friday. Omicron is distinguished by at least 50 mutations, some of which appear to be associated with increased transmissibility. The World Health Organization dubbed it a variant of concern on Nov. 26.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended that everyone 18 and older get a COVID booster shot, revising its narrower guidance that only people 50 and up "should" get a shot while younger adults could choose whether or not to do so. Scientists assume the additional shots will offer significant protection from the new variant, though they do not know for certain how much.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, chief medical adviser to President Joe Biden, during a White House press briefing Wednesday was unequivocal in advising the public. "Get boosted now," Fauci said, adding urgency to the current federal guidance. About a quarter of U.S. adults have received additional vaccine doses.

"The definition of 'fully vaccinated' has not changed. That's, you know, after your second dose of a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, after your single dose of a Johnson & Johnson vaccine," said the CDC's director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, during Tuesday's White House briefing on COVID. "We are absolutely encouraging those who are eligible for a boost six months after those mRNA doses to get your boost. But we are not changing the definition of 'fully vaccinated' right now." A booster is recommended two months after receiving the J&J shot.

But that, she noted, could change: "As that science evolves, we will look at whether we need to update our definition of 'fully vaccinated.'"

Still, the Democratic governors of Connecticut and New Mexico are sending a different signal in their states, as are some countries — such as Israel, which arguably has been the most aggressive nation in its approach. Some scientists point out that many vaccines involve three doses over six months for robust long-term protection, such as the shot against hepatitis. So "fully vaccinated" may need to include shot No. 3 to be considered a full course.

"In my view, if you were vaccinated more than six months ago, you're not fully vaccinated," Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont said Nov. 18 during a press briefing. He was encouraging everyone to get boosted at that time, even before the federal government authorized extra shots for everyone.

New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham had a similar response in mid-November, saying she defined "fully vaccinated" as receiving three shots of the mRNA type. She also opened up booster eligibility to all of her state residents before the CDC and Food and Drug Administration did.

What do the varying views on the evolving science mean for vaccine requirements imposed on travelers, or by schools or workplaces? And what about businesses that have required patrons to provide proof of vaccination?

Dr. Paul Offit, director of the Vaccine Education Center at the Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania, said the CDC's stronger recommendation for everyone to get boosted signals to him that a booster is now part of the vaccine regimen. Yet Offit, who is also a member of the FDA's vaccine advisory committee, wrote a joint op-ed this week in which he and two other scientists argued that boosters were not yet needed for everyone and that healthy young people should wait to see whether an omicron-specific booster might be needed.

"I think when the CDC said they are recommending a third dose, they just made the statement that this is a three-dose vaccine series," Offit told KHN. "And, frankly, I think it's going to throw a wrench into mandates."

Yet to be determined is whether restaurants or other places of business will look more closely at vaccine cards for the booster.

Dr. Georges Benjamin, execu-

utive director of the American Public Health Association, said it's too early to say.

"For now, businesses should stay focused on current guidelines," he said.

Dr. Marc Siegel, an associate professor of medicine at the George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences, said the question of whether you are fully vaccinated with just two doses or need a booster is a question of semantics. COVID immunity level is the more important issue.

Siegel said he thinks more suitable terminology would be to call someone "appropriately" or "adequately" vaccinated against COVID rather than "fully" vaccinated, since it's possible that more boosters could be needed in the future — making "full vaccination" a moving target.

But, as with so many aspects of the pandemic, ambiguity prevails — both in federal guidance on the definition of "fully vaccinated" and in entrance policies, which vary by state, school and business.

Right now, businesses don't appear to be checking for boosters, but that could change. So, it may be wise to first check the requirements — lest patrons present a two-shot vaccine passport, only to be turned away as inadequately protected.

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