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Bear Paw lists successes, hears from Commerce director

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Bear Paw Development Corp. had its annual meeting Thursday and talked about the work the economic development agency did in the past year and featured a keynote speaker, Montana Department of Commerce Director Tara Rice.

Bear Paw Executive Director Paul Tuss said last year was a big year for Bear Paw Development.

Some of the highlights Bear Paw Development had in the last year were coordinating \$16,731,056 in funds through grant writing, revolving loan fund investments, bank financing and other sources for business start-ups and expansions and community enhancements, including government infrastructure.

"That figure represents more than the total of the previous three years combined," he said. "To say that we had an impact last year is perhaps an understatement, nevertheless, we were proud of our work, and I believe that we've really lived an informal challenge to get stuff done."

He said they "got stuff done" in 2019, and as of Thursday they have 16.7 million reasons to celebrate, adding that



See more online at www.havredailynews.com *Havre Daily News/Jack Lambert*
Keynote Speaker and Montana Department of Commerce Director Tara Rice speaks on the importance of connections between the government and communities Thursday during Bear Paw Development's annual meeting at the Havre Inn and Suites.

Bear Paw Development was also able to leverage \$159 from outside sources for every \$1 local government investment

and helped the private sector to create and retain 159 jobs.

Since Bear Paw Development start-

ed in 1969, it has approved 386 loans to entrepreneurs to finance business start-ups and expansion.

Some of the projects it worked on included helping new owners purchase and operate 12th and Front Airbnb, Malta Opportunities Inc. of Malta, The I.G. Baker House of Fort Benton, Top Crop Farms LLC of Harlem, The Sugar Shack of Rudyard and the Highwood Wastewater Lagoon.

The meeting also provided information for attendees, reminding them that the U.S. Census 2020 is coming up.

"Simply in the Bear Paw District, there is \$70 million distributed every year, federal dollars in our five-county region, based on formulas the federal government based on population. That's \$700 million over the course of the decade that this particular census is good for," Tuss said. "So in March, next month we are all going to be getting something in the mail that encourages us to take the census. This year it is going to be electronic. We are going to be encouraging people to be going to the internet and filling out the census."

Rice complimented Bear Paw during her keynote address.

"Bear Paw Development is admired around the state for being the best at this work, really leading the way for the

rest of us in the state to learn from and to look to see how it's done and how it's done really well," she said.

Gov. Steve Bullock appointed Rice, who was raised on a ranch north of Choteau, director of the state Department of Commerce in March 2019.

She was active in Teton County 4-H and Choteau FFA as a youth, graduating from Choteau High School before earning degrees from Seattle University and Yale Law School.

She had experience in both private and public economic development before her appointment to the Department of Commerce. She served in USDA's Rural Development, working with rural infrastructure, housing and business development. She went on to lead the work of the White House Rural Council, driving efforts for rural investment across federal agencies and with state and local partners.

Rice said Montanans have some advantages, with one thing people have going for them in Montana is that people really love where they're from.

She said all good economic strategies are local, and if they are all local, "I think, it's also true the only way to

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Smiling at the 9C



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Left: A Fort Benton fan is all smiles during a District 9C girls game Thursday afternoon in Havre. The 9C tournament continues today and Saturday. For full coverage, see Pages B1-B4.

Positive Indian Parenting workshop offered Tuesday

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Hill County Early Childhood Investment Team is hosting an Introduction to Positive Indian Parenting for Professionals Tuesday, in the Vineyard Room in the Duck Inn.

Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and will be provided. Space is limited. People can register to attend by contacting Hill County Early Childhood Investment Team Family Engagement and Coalition Coordinator Tina Thomas at tinathomas@hillcountycit.com or 390-4772.

"This introduction will give participants some introductory knowledge and cultural awareness of traditional practices that were once passed down through generations," Thomas said.

She said the training will provide a look into a Positive Indian Parenting model which was developed by National Indian Child Welfare Association.

The National Indian Child Welfare Association's website said the association works to eliminate child abuse and neglect by strengthening families, tribes and the laws that protect them.

"The strengths-based methods used in Positive Indian Parenting are beneficial practices for families," Thomas said. "In our community, it's even more important for professionals to be knowl-

edgeable about and respectful of traditional and culturally specific parenting practices and values of our neighboring Rocky Boy and Fort Belknap communities."

Ryan Sutherland, Dana Kjersem and Chamene Plum will present the introduction to the Positive Indian Parenting model.

"(The model) draws on the strengths of historic Native American child-rearing practices and blends traditional values with contemporary skills," Thomas said.

People will explore traditional child-rearing practices including storytelling, the use of cradle boards, lessons of nature, harmony, behavior management and the use of praise and how to apply these practices to present-day values and the challenges of modern parenting at the training, she said.

The presenters said in a statement emailed to the Havre Daily News that they attended a Positive Indian Parenting training in Portland, Oregon, in November, and were able to do so through the sponsorship of the Early Childhood Investment Team.

"The purpose of the training was to become trainers of Positive Indian Parenting to provide the information to the community and surrounding areas," they said.

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Williams stumps in Havre for U.S. House seat

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Former state Rep. Kathleen Williams, D-Bozeman, candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, was in Havre Thursday for a meet and greet event and spoke about her campaign.

The seat is held by U.S. Rep. Greg Gianforte, R-Mont., who announced last year he would not be running for re-election in the House but will be running for governor of Montana.

Since he announced his campaign for governor, a number of Republicans and Democrats across the state have announced their candidacy for the seat.

In addition to Williams, on the Democratic side of the ticket, state Rep. Tom Winter, D-Missoula, has also filed as a candidate for the office.

Williams said in an interview that her campaign this year has been going really well with a large amount of support from the communities she has visited. She said that when she ran for the office in 2018, losing a challenge to Gianforte's retaining the seat, she got a lot of good feedback on her campaign and heard a lot of stories from Montanans across the state which

motivated her to run for office again.

She added that she was the closest any Montana Democratic candidate has been in 20 years to beating an incumbent in the House, and, because of that, she has good name recognition. She said she has heard from a number of people across the state that she ran out of time last election and if she'd had two more weeks she could have won the election.

"The first time I ran it was really, and it continues to be, about fixing a broken Congress and really getting Congress to work again for Montana and for the nation," she said. "I have a unique ability to break through hyper-partisanship and I think I could be an asset out there."

Williams said she has been working on policy throughout her career and is ready to work on the complex issues facing the state. She added that she wanted to run for office again because she wants to return civility, integrity and statesmanship to Congress and rebuild the broken system.

Another reason why she wanted to run for office was because of the stories she heard from Montanans during her last campaign, she said.

"We need someone out there who

isn't just a politician but can get to work and bring back solutions," she said.

She added Congress is not working on the issues, but, if elected, she will focus on getting things done.

Williams said some of the biggest concerns she is hearing from people while on the campaign trail revolve around health care, not just the cost of health care but, the accessibility and the complexity of health care. She said she also wants to work on rebuilding the American Dream and wants to see the government invest in public education and create an economy that works for everyone.

The nation's economy is doing pretty well, she said, but some people are working multiple jobs to pay rent, put food on the table or pay health care costs. She added that she was elected into the state Legislature shortly after the Great Recession and, during her time in the Legislature, she focused on diversifying and expanding the economy, something she hopes to do on a national level if voted to the House.

Williams said that can be accomplished by fostering small businesses and working to find opportunities in manufacturing and processing as well



Havre Daily News/Jack Lambert
Montana Congressional Candidate Kathleen Williams, right, speaks with City Council member Terry Lillevedt Thursday during a meet and greet in Havre.

as supporting agriculture and investing in economic development programs. She added that is something

that needs to be done not just in urban areas, but also rural areas.

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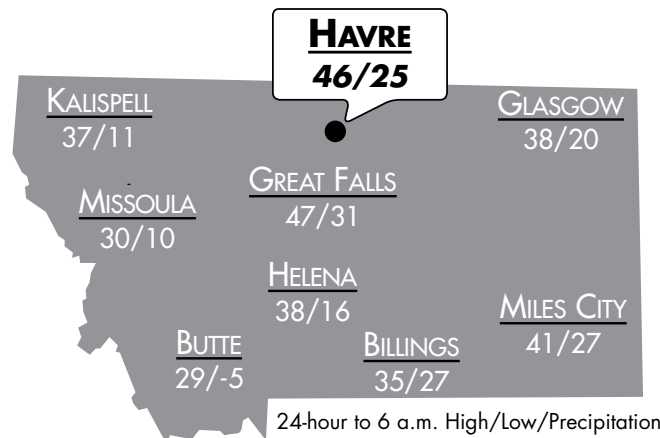


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47/30 Mostly sunny.	48/22 Mostly sunny.	41/26 Cloudy.	31/12 Snow.	31/13 Partly cloudy.	37/23 Partly cloudy.	42/24 Partly cloudy.

High/low: 46°/-2°
Normal high/low: 35°/12°
Record high: 67° in 1995
Record low: -39° in 1918
State high: 55° in Choteau
State low: -26° in West Yellowstone
Precip in February: .29"
Normal monthly precip: .19"
Precip for year: .65"
Normal yearly precip: .52"
Sunset tonight: 5:50 p.m.
Sunrise Saturday: 7:15 a.m.

Bear Paw: Rice: 'All of this work requires strong working partnerships'

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be effective at those local strategies is partnerships."

People have a good partner in the government and in the Department of Commerce, Rice added.

"(In the Department of Commerce) we are first and foremost an infrastructure agency," she said. "When you turn the tap on in a small Montana town more often than not that clean tap water is available because of a grant from the Department of Commerce."

She said a number of bridges that she passed on her way here were by the Department of Commerce.

"At our core, we are an infrastructure agency," she said, adding, "Department of Commerce is also a housing agency."

Last week, it announced it made an investment in a Hi-Line housing unit, the Eagles Manor here in Havre, for the preservation and rehabilitation of 32 affordable units, she said, adding that in terms of dollar amounts, housing is the department's biggest area of work.

She said the department also administers federal rental assis-

tance programs to make sure that veterans and families can access a home as well as support low-income veterans and first-time home buyers through affordable mortgages, down payments and other tools to help other families secure a home.

"Like the infrastructure, that housing work is at the, I say the dirt, ground level, the bedrock level to ensure economic stability and opportunity in our communities around the state," she said. "In addition to that core infrastructure and housing we also work to support business development. All of this work requires strong working partnerships with private business, local and tribal government."

But these business development programs, in particular, are all about projects and partnerships, she said.

"The business programs we run are targeted to help businesses take a step they otherwise wouldn't be able to take, whether it's right at the startup stage or taking a step to export a broad, the idea is to help a business to turn a corner that otherwise they might not be able

to do," Rice said. "And thereby support them in creating jobs and opportunities around the state."

She said the idea of public-private partnerships is not just a theoretical concept for the department in which it describes everything they do in the business development world.

The department invests in promoting Montana as a tourism destination, by providing grants to develop amenities here in the state, she said.

She added that this is not about getting the most people to Montana; it's about maximizing the economic impact of visitation to the state.

"In 2018, the number of visitors to the state went down by about 1 percent, but the visitors expense went up by 11 percent, which we took to be a good thing," Rice said. "The preliminary numbers for 2019 show that we've kind of moved by a couple percentage points on both, basically held visitation steady while we kept that higher level of visitors expend, which is exactly what we want for maximizing the economic impact."

She said the goal is to spread visitation around all parts of the state to increase economic impact and to spread it around all four seasons.

She added that the department has different campaigns in different seasons, such as a warm-season campaign and a winter campaign, so people don't just come out in the summer, but that visitation is smooth all four seasons of the year.

"There is kind of a debate in economic development, what comes first? Do you try to create jobs to draw people to your community and increase economic activity? Or is there a strategy around drawing people to kind of build more activity and economic activity in your community?" she said. "There is actually pretty good arguments that fairly often it's the latter and the investments that we are able to make to develop amenities in our towns around the state to draw visitors are some of the same things that draw families, entrepreneurs and businesses."

Tourism can be one important element of a healthy economic mix, Rice added.

Workshop: Help work with parents, families from a native perspective

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Through the National Indian Child Welfare Association, they added, the Positive Indian Parenting is an eight-lesson curriculum with goals including:

- Explore values and attitudes expressed in traditional Indian child-rearing practices and apply those values to parenting practices.

- Help parents develop positive and satisfying attitudes, values and skills toward their parenting.

- Promote the growth, development and well-being of the child through positive parenting.

"The importance of this training is to identify that every generation faces new challenges when raising children, but each

generation shares the same responsibilities," they said. "Those responsibilities include nurturing and protecting our children, while helping them learn societal beliefs and values."

"We hope our community attends to learn more about historic Native American child-rearing practices and ways that traditional values can be blended with contemporary skills in families to produce a strengths-based approach to raising children," Thomas said. "It will help our community to work with parents and families from a Native perspective."

People who are interested in learning more about Positive

Indian Parenting for Professionals can contact Kjersem and Sutherland at 265-1233 or Plum at 265-6743. The training is open and free to the community.

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Monday 10 a.m. — St Mary Rehabilitation Working Group meeting, Bear Paw Development Corp.	Manual claims Employment review Resolutions Tax adjustments County permit approval Subdivision/survey approval Contracts Time for comments from the public
Tuesday 9 a.m. — BOR Fresno Project meeting 10:30 a.m. — County Road Department meeting 11:30 a.m. — Meeting with Koefoid Insurance Agency	Noon — Safety- "How to talk to your children" Brown Bag Lunch and Learn at Bullhook Community Health Center.
Wednesday 10 a.m. — Milk River Levee Project meeting	Friday Payroll and claims
Thursday 10 a.m. — Weekly business meeting	

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Serving in the House means more than just holding a political office, Williams said.

"It means being grounded in what the hopes, struggles and dreams of Montanans are and working every minute to fulfill and advance those dreams and work to solve those struggles," she said. "So, to me, that's a true representative ... and a true public servant."

She said hyper-partisanship is detrimental to the country and to the people. The American people need to elect people who will work to work across the aisle and work together to find solutions.

"The hyper-partisanship in Congress has got to end and you can't wave a magic wand and make it end, but you have to elect people that are skilled in the art of finding common interests in unique places," she said.

Last week, President Donald Trump released his budget proposal, "A Budget for a Better America," and Williams said it is Congress' job to review the proposal and create their own budget.

"It's Congress' job to pass a budget that reflects the values that they are there representing," she said. "So the president has provided some ideas, but it's going to need some

work."

She added that a lot of people are concerned about some of the budget cuts proposed in the president's budget, such as cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security and the student loan forgiveness program. She said those programs are critically important to many Americans, especially people who live in rural communities. She said that, for example, the student loan forgiveness program is an important tool rural communities use to attract people such as nurses and teachers to their communities.

Congress has had issues in the past balancing and creating a budget that works for the country, Williams said, adding that in her time in the state Legislature she learned the importance and the impact of a government passing a budget. The state Legislature is required to balance a budget every session and she wants to see something like that on the federal level, she said.

The key to making improvements to Congress and having a Congress that truly works for the people, she said, is voting on people who know how to work across the political aisle and work with people to find common ground solutions what can work for everybody.

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Artist Reception for "New Beginnings," artwork by Linda Pollington, 6 - 8 p.m., Artitudes Gallery, upper level Atrium Mall, 220 3rd Ave. The public is welcome to come for refreshments and a chance to speak to the artist about her work, including her exploration of the Egyptian culture.

Super Nacho Sale, noon, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 499 Taylor Rd. Cost is \$10 with dessert and a drink, and pre-orders can be called in to 301-3590 until 11 a.m. This is a medical fundraiser for Natalie Flores.

Public ice skating, 5:45 - 7:15 p.m., Havre Ice Dome, 2585 5th Ave. Skate rental and concessions available.

Sunday, Feb. 23

Auditions for "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," a Montana Actors' Theatre production, 6 p.m., Little Theatre, MSU-Northern Cowan Hall. Roles available for 3 men and 2-3 women, 2-4 high school youth and 6-10 middle school youth.

Chili Cook-off, 4 - 7 p.m., Eagles Club. Entry is \$10 and cash prizes will be awarded for the best chili. Cost to eat and vote is \$5. For info, call Heather at 399-4352.

Public ice skating, 5 - 6:30 p.m., Havre Ice Dome, 2585 5th Ave. Skate rental and concessions available.

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

Monday, Feb. 24

Auditions for "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," a Montana Actors' Theatre production, 6 p.m., Little Theatre, MSU-Northern Cowan Hall. Roles available for 3 men and 2-3 women, 2-4 high school youth and 6-10 middle school youth.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

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 go toward the Havre Beneath the Streets restoration project, along with some of proceeds from 6:30 p.m. bingo.

AARP tax aid for taxpayers of all ages, by appointment, North Central Senior Citizens Center. Taxpayers with low to moderate income can get help preparing taxes from trained volunteers. Bring Social Security card, last year's tax return form and all tax forms. Call 265-5464.

Bullhook Blossoms Garden Club meeting, 2 p.m., Timmons Room of Hill County Courthouse. Featured speaker is Kyla McNamara. Guests are welcome. For info, call 265-2133.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

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

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

Public ice skating, 5:45 - 7 p.m., Havre Ice Dome, 2585 5th Ave. Skate rental and concessions available.

Thursday, Feb. 27

Brown Bag Lunch & Learn, noon - 1 p.m., Bullhook Community Health Center, 521 4th St., with a presentation on Safety: How to Talk to Your Children.

Interviewing with Confidence, 9 a.m. - noon, Havre Job Service. For info and to reserve a spot in this free workshop, call 265-5847.

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

To be included in the Community Calendar people can call 265-6795, Monday - Friday, or email community@havredailynews.com.



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Friday, Feb. 28

Lenten Fish Fry, 5 - 7 p.m., St. Jude Parish Center.

Public ice skating, 5:45 - 7:15 p.m., Havre Ice Dome, 2585 5th Ave. Skate rental and concessions available.

Sunday, March 1

Public ice skating, 5 - 6:30 p.m., Havre Ice Dome, 2585 5th Ave. Skate rental and concessions available.

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Monday, March 2

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Tuesday, March 3

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 go toward the Havre Beneath the Streets restoration project, along with some of proceeds from 6:30 p.m. bingo.

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Wednesday, March 4

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

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

Public ice skating, 5:45 - 7 p.m., Havre Ice Dome, 2585 5th Ave. Skate rental and concessions available.

Thursday, March 5

"The Encyclopedia of Early Earth," Winter Reading Series, 7 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library. Books can be checked out ahead time. Discussion will be led by Rachel Rawns. This event is free and open to the public.

Fort Assiniboine Genealogy Society meeting, 7 p.m., Parkview Apartments meeting room, 820 4th St. All interested people are welcome.

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

Friday, March 6

Public ice skating, 5:45 - 7:15 p.m., Havre Ice Dome, 2585 5th Ave. Skate rental and concessions available.

Sunday, March 8

Public ice skating, 5 - 6:30 p.m., Havre Ice Dome, 2585 5th Ave. Skate rental and concessions available.

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

Monday, March 9

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

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Celebrating History: Blind pig cases and lots of festivities

By Emily Mayer

The Hill County Democrat reported in its February 19, 1920 edition that newly appointed district judge Frank Carleton had called his court calendar and among the cases were several "blind pigging" charges, involving the illegal sale and consumption of alcohol. By the released docket, Judge Carleton was going to be a very busy man.

Also released was the list of men who would be serving on juries. There were no women called to serve on a jury.

One hundred years ago, the "fairer sex" was expected to stay home, be good wives, raise children, run a household, host parties and go to church, not participate in "manly" activities such as serving on juries. But they could certainly be charged with a crime, as evidenced in some of those blind pigging cases. One of the defendants was Emma "Dutch Em" McDevitt, who was not only known in bootlegging circles, but in other unsavory business practices that men were perfectly willing to pay for.

Speaking of those socially acceptable womanly duties, the women of Havre were showing off their skills as hostesses and this issue was full of all kinds of social gatherings. St. Valentine's Day parties dominated the theme of those parties.

One of the most charming social events of the season was the Valentine costume party given on Saturday afternoon at the Mason's hall, by Mrs. H. Archibald, Mrs. J. C. Christenson, Mrs. Philip D. Clack and Mrs. H. Withycombe.

The hall presented a picturesque scene, carrying out the Valentine decoration of hearts, cupids and baskets of roses, while little Cornelia Clack and Helen Archibald were winsome cupids.

The afternoon was spent with bridge and Kensington, after which a delicious two-course luncheon, carrying out the Valentine scheme, was served.

At the close of the afternoon, everyone joined in the grand march and much fun was derived from a few of the comic costumes.

Two hundred fifty invitations were issued for this affair and many different kinds of Valentines, cupids and queens of hearts were in evidence.

Those assisting the hostesses in serving were Lelia Campbell, Charlotte Broadwater, Gladys Spooner, Laura Hulfish, Marcia Patterson, Lois Ward, Dorothy Langston, Virginia Olson, Lillian Bossout, Louise Clack, Josephine Clack and Lucretia Archibald.

Class offered on how to make home-made kombucha

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Havre Public School Continued Education and Montana State University Extension are partnering to host a kombucha basic class.

The class is Tuesday starting at 6 p.m. at Havre Middle School's home economic room, Room 162.

It costs \$19 to register and the deadline to register is Monday. MSU Extension Agent Jasmine Carbajal will teach the class and cover topics such as, what is kombucha, how to prepare it and what it tastes like?

The class was offered last fall and became popular so it was decided to teach it again this spring, she said.

"Kombucha is a fermented tea," she said. "It is a really newer concept, a lot of people are now into kombucha more than we were before, especially in this area."

The most important thing to know about kombucha is that there is not enough science to prove its health benefits, but people have shown benefits from drinking it, she added.

"If you go to some of our local stores here in Havre they offer kombucha on tap. The nice thing about making kombucha at home is you get to control the flavor," Carbajal said. "Then you get to control the carbonation, you get to control the sweetness or the bitterness."

"Kombucha is usually really bitter if you buy it from the store because that depends on how long that company is fermenting it, but if you are fermenting at home you can always do your double fermentation sooner, and then the kombucha is going to be sweeter," she added.

She said she likes to put berries and different types of fruit in her kombucha at home.

People interested can register by calling Adult Community Education Program Director Jaden Matosich at 395-8550, ext. 6716, or email communityed@bluepony12.com.

"It's a really cool class if you

Birthdays falling near St. Valentine's Day also carried the theme, as described in this charming gathering:

On Friday afternoon, little Coolie and Jean Carruth and Janet Mohan entertained at Miss O'Shaugnessy's room at the Havre hotel, in honor of her birthday. Hearts and cupids decked the room and a pleasant time was enjoyed with music and singing. Early in the afternoon, little Jean Carruth appeared dressed as a cupid and presented Miss O'Shaugnessy with a basket of gifts after which ice cream and cake were served. Present were Miss Elmer, Miss Phifer, Miss Myer, Miss Deering, Miss Thurson, Mrs. Mable Mohan, Mrs. Lillian Kennedy and Coolie and Jean Carruth and Janet Mohan.

Coolie and Jean Carruth were the daughters of Edwin Cooley and Ethel M. Dewar Carruth. After the Great Fire of 1904, E. C. got together a group of businessmen to form a corporation that would rebuild the Havre Hotel. Completed in 1905, the Havre Hotel was once one of the Hi-Line's grandest hotels. Eventually, Carruth would be the sole owner of the Havre Hotel, selling out in 1930 after 25 years of ownership.

Other St. Valentine's Day parties included:

Mrs. Thomas Gray was hostess to her bridge club on Monday night. Beautiful Valentine decorations were used thruout the rooms and a pleasant evening was spend at cards. At a late hour the ladies' husbands came and enjoyed refreshments with them. Present were Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Funk, Mrs. And Mrs. J. F. Jones, Mrs. And Mrs. D. D. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Koepke, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Carruth, Mrs. E.B. Lynam and Mrs. And Mrs. T. M. Russel and Mrs. And Mrs. V. R. Griggs, who were guests of the club on this occasion.

One of the series of the dances given by the Social Sixty club was held last night at the Lyceum hall. The elaborate decorations carried out the Valentine scheme, and large American flags were also used very effectively. Favors of snappers and hearts were distributed and dancing enjoyed until a late hour. Punch was served thruout the evening.

No doubt those flags were used in honor of President Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12, and the upcoming birthday of our first President George Washington, Feb. 22.

Mrs. R. D. More of the Yeon apartments, entertained at a theatre party on Friday night. Her apartment was very pretty with Valentine decorations, and after the show the ladies enjoyed a dainty lunch there. The guests were Mrs. N. Dawson, Mrs. George Dodge, Mrs. J. T. Moody, Mrs. Robert Ingersoll and Miss Mary Martin.

Mrs. William Kendig of Third avenue was hostess to a number of her friends on Friday night. Beautiful Valentine decorations were used thruout the house and four tables of bridge were in play. At the close of the evening a delicious luncheon was served.

The Devlins were still being feted by their many friends.

Miss Edith Holland entertained Friday night at her home on 11th St., complimentary to Mrs. L. K. Devlin. Bridge furnished the entertainment for the evening, and tempting refreshments were served.

Another gathering combined the departure of both Mrs. Devlin and Mrs. Rhoades.

Mrs. Joseph Berthelote

delightfully entertained on Monday afternoon complimentary to Mrs. L. K. Devlin and Mrs. W. B. Rhoades. Spring flowers were used effectively in decoration and three tables of bridge were in play. About 5 o'clock a delicious two-course luncheon was served.

Those present were Mrs. L. K. Devlin, Mrs. W. B. Rhoades, Mrs. H. Archibald, Mrs. Frank Jestrab, Mrs. J. H. Devine, Mrs. James Holland, Mrs. N. C. Abbott, Mrs. Frank Bossout, Mrs. William Kendig, Mrs. Geo. Bonine, Mrs. G. R. Hagland and Mrs. A. W. Schroeder, who assisted the hostess in serving.



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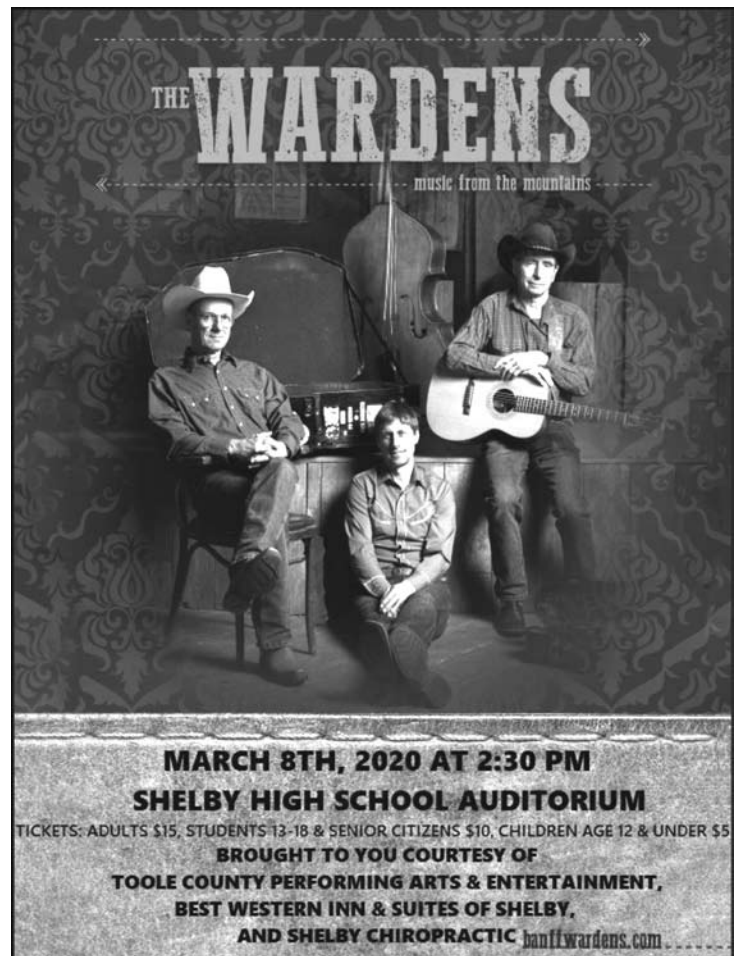
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Should we have missed anyone, please accept our most humble apologies. Thank you to all who attended and enjoyed a very delicious dinner and pleasant fellowship. Until next year, Gobble-Gobble!

Letters to the Editor

Kudos to Thompson for job well done

I want to give a shoutout to the Havre Daily News photographer, Colin Thompson.

He is the one walking the sidelines for two hours during our football games up and down the Hi-Line. He is the one who is crouched under the basketball hoop to catch those shots of your young people's efforts every week. You see him in the background packing his large bag and one, two and usually three cameras. He must live out of his car to be at all the games, school functions and community events to cover our stories.

I can't wait to visit the HDN website and Facebook page to see his galleries. There are generally one or two photos chosen for the story, but his gallery of photos for any given event or game are so amazing. I love looking at our kids, and our community through his eyes. The pictures are a work of art.

I have been on those sidelines and in the gym taking photos of a game and it is not an easy. To get that perfect shot that he does game after game is a talent few people have. I get so excited to see one of his pictures with Quinn or Payton

in them. (Havre Daily News Publisher Stacy Mantle) is so good about getting them on a disc for me to include in my scrapbook pages.

You don't have to know anything about wrestling or ever visited the state all class tourney at the Metra in Billings to appreciate it through Colin's pictures. A handful of pictures were in the paper, but he took hundreds of photos. I encourage everyone to visit HDN website and Facebook to see his gallery.

Colin captured the heart, soul, anguish and triumphs that is a wrestler's journey. The love and support of the wrestler's coach and family are there in so many photos.

Thank you, Colin, for sharing your talent with us. Thank you for the hours you spend on the sidelines and eating in your car. The countless hours editing every week.

Visit his galleries. If you see him, give him a pat on the back and a thank you for his work.

Sincerely and with highest regards,
Kim Springer
Havre

Time to look at changing beaver management in Beaver Creek Park

As you may have read in the paper, as a park board member, I have brought up to the Hill County Park Board that maybe we can look at other options besides trapping for beaver control in the park.

What brought this on is that we had lost our trapper — we have been using trappers for approximately 70 years — so we needed to do something. Of course, the first thought of the board was to “find another trapper.” I suggested that maybe this would be a good time to look at other alternatives, which it appears there are quite a few. There are things like flow devices, beaver deceivers, tree wraps, just to name a few, that could help solve some of our “problems.” These devices/options have been used all around the country with great success. They are not only more humane, but many times they solve the problems better and for longer. And even more good news is that the individual I have been working with on this has some very viable options/possibilities for grant money to accomplish this. If you want to see what a beaver deceiver is for example, this is just one pretty informative YouTube video you can watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXp4PvRhXA4>.

Just killing beaver will often make them breed more, and you just end up with more beavers. It can be a vicious cycle. I strongly feel this is the time to

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explore our options. I feel working “with” the beavers would be a better way to go than working against them. I do not agree with making trapping our first and only choice. Please feel free to share your thoughts with the park board members if you are so inclined or come join our meeting, the first Monday of each month at the Hill County Courthouse in the Timmons Room at 5:30 p.m.

What I have also learned is that other resource management effects, such as watershed protection, water quality, weed control, ecosystem balance, etc., should be looked at as well. They are all connected. There are lots of ways to make our park as healthy as possible and preserve it for many years to come.

I also think it is important to open our minds to change and try something new. I know that is hard sometimes, but I feel very necessary if we want to grow. I think working with nature is much better than working against her. As Harrison Ford said, “Mother Nature doesn't need humans, humans need Mother Nature.”

Renelle Braaten of Havre is a member of the Hill County Park Board

My life has come to this, folks

I don't want to make anyone uncomfortable by bragging about what went on in my bedroom earlier this week, or jealous of my under-the-covers escapades, but I feel the strong need to overshare: Tuesday night, I slept for six whole hours.

That's right, count 'em, six (6!) — six continuous, glorious, uninterrupted, peaceful, solid, sound hours of sleep. No getting up for the 3 a.m. potty break or just to move around, no waking up to roll over, no feline in my face requesting petting, no canine asking for door opening services to the outdoor loo, no horses whinnying, no husband snoring, no feet too hot or too cold, no weird dreams, no too many thoughts in my head, no early alarm, no wind. Nothing but slumber. It felt like heaven.

It also made me feel old.

I remember when six hours of sleep was a big deal only because I was sleeping in, and not waking in the middle of the night was standard operating procedure. I would open my eyes in the morning refreshed, and no comment was necessary because it happened virtually every night.

You know who commented about such things? The old people in my life. My parents, my grandparents. Sure, I knew I would age, but I always swore I wouldn't do old-people-speak, talking about aches and pains and fading eyesight and “back in my day.” I am them now.

View from the North 40

Pam Burke



I'm like, “I'm so old I remember when dirt was brand new. Some folks out in the country invented it. No scientists, no researchers, it was a real grassroots movement — if you'll pardon my pun, heheheh. That dirt got shared around and we worked to make our own. We didn't go buy it in a bag at the store. Y'know kids these days don't know what it was like tryna grow stuff in rock and gravel. That's all we had. These youngins complain because their soil has too much clay or it has saline or ‘that tiny pebble of a rock bent my header.’ Wahwahwah. I remember when we grew our vegetables for the whole year by planting our seeds in the surface cracks on a five-ton boulder because that's all we had before dirt come to us. And we were thankful.”

That's me.

I remember my dad telling me about his knee replacement surgery. I don't know exactly what I thought replacement surgery entailed, but I was shocked to learn that the surgeon uses basically a

tree saw to actually hack off and remove the ends of your leg bones and the joint and replaces them with manufactured items.

I kept saying, “They cut your leg off?” until he got annoyed by my need to clarify the details. I wasn't daft about it, I emphasized a different word each time, and sometimes it was a question and sometimes a statement, so I was working from every angle that my brain could fathom to understand this procedure and his decision. He did, after all, authorize someone to cut his leg OFF.

He finally said that given enough pain and debilitation you'll agree to almost anything.

I think about that sometimes, and I guess if my strong, outdoorsy, athletic, demi-god of a father can succumb to the relentless erosion of time and age, who am I to fight this sign of aging.

If you find me sitting on a sidewalk bench one of these days, catching my breath along my doddering journey down the block, sit for a spell and I'll tell you about the olden days when I could wake up in the morning and lay in bed yawning and stretching — without pulling a muscle or putting my back out.

Truly, though, that beautiful morning I felt like I should say, “Yessirree, I still got it,” then go smoke a candy cigarette at <http://www.facebook.com/viewfromthenorth40>.



What does the SECURE Act really secure?

WASHINGTON — “Like grave robbers opening King Tut's tomb, Congress can't wait to get its hands on America's retirement account assets,” the Wall Street Journal warned taxpayers last year.

The warning was contained in an article written by Philip DeMuth, author of “The Overtaxed Investor: Slash Your Tax Bill and Be a Tax Alpha Dog.”

He was writing about the House-passed Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act, known by its less-than-honest acronym, SECURE. If you have laid aside investment funds for your kids to inherit to help them out after you've passed away, there will be precious little left for them once the IRS gets its hands on your hard-earned money.

That's because the SECURE Act President Trump signed into law earlier this month “changes the way beneficiaries will receive money from inherited retirement accounts.”

This is because the new rules, according to MarketWatch, “say beneficiaries of qualified retirement accounts, such as individual retirement accounts, IRAs, and 401(k) plans, need to withdraw all of the money out of those accounts within 10 years, instead of over their life expectancy as was previously allowed.

“There are no required minimum distributions within that time frame, but the account balance must be zero after the 10th year,” the financial website tells us.

“Stretching the withdrawal over the beneficiary's life expectancy — the so-called stretch IRA provision — meant paying less in taxes, whereas the new rule threatens to result in higher tax bills, especially if the inheritor is in [his or her] peak earning years,” MarketWatch says.

Parents set aside earnings over their working years to help them through their retirement — for example, with health care costs and or dealing with their elderly needs — while their investments can grow to the point where they're able to leave an inheritance for their kids.

“A parent could die with the knowledge that, whatever vicissitudes their children might experience in life, they won't have to worry about retirement,” the opinion piece points out. Or if one or more of their children suffer from some illness or disability, they will have enough income to care for their needs.

But “Congress wants to kill this,” DeMuth's piece points out. “The

Columnist

Donald Lambro

SECURE Act gives nonspouse beneficiaries 10 years to pull out all the money in an IRA. The effect would be to make more of an IRA subject to higher taxes sooner, as [tax] distributions are made in supesize chunks.

“As much as one-third more of an inherited IRA would get gobbled up by taxes than under current rules. When the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act expires in 2025, taxes will rise across the board,” DeMuth writes.

Now that the president has signed the new tax system into law, the stage will be set for a brutal tax system in the next decade.

The SECURE Act “would be an estate-planning catastrophe for people with significant IRAs,” DeMuth continues. “It would take sensible planning done up until now and stand it on its head. In the past, an IRA owner might have established a trust if his intended beneficiaries were young. Under the SECURE Act, IRAs will no longer be subject to annual required minimum distributions, so an IRA of \$1 million placed in a trust for the benefit of an 8-year-old could conceivably receive nothing for nine years.”

“Then at year 10, by law, the IRA would have to pay out everything. Now the young beneficiary turns 18, and suddenly he gets a windfall. With a decade of additional compound growth, the original IRA could have grown to \$2 million or more. All is delivered in one year, so most of it is taxed in the highest brackets.”

The dismal result, DeMuth writes, is that this would “shoehorn the distributions into higher brackets, accelerate the collection of tax revenue, and eliminate the ‘problem’ of the inherited IRA. Best of all, politicians would get to accomplish all this without voting to raise taxes.”

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Honey, we molested the kids

I wonder if any liberals are re-thinking their insistence that the Boy Scouts allow gay men to take 13-year-old boys on overnight camping trips.

HEADLINE: Boy Scouts Files Chapter 11 Bankruptcy in the Face of Thousands of Child Abuse Allegations

The Boy Scouts of America, BSA, have long been on the left's hate list. Any organization that has the temerity to train young men in the virtues of integrity, patriotism and self-reliance is putting itself on the fighting side of liberals!

At the 2000 Democratic National Convention, a little group of Boy Scouts took the stage as part of the opening ceremony — and were promptly booed by the delegates.

For decades, the BSA has fended off lawsuits demanding that they embrace the holy trinity of G's: Girls, gays and goddess atheists. (If only it had occurred to the plaintiffs to start their own organizations! They could have given them names like “The Girl Scouts.”)

Why would any liberal want to join an organization that was, according to them, sexist, Bible-thumping and bigoted? They didn't. The lawsuits were kill shots.

For the left, what's not to hate about the Boy Scouts? Their oath is: “On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.”

Nearly 200 NASA astronauts were Boy Scouts. The great outdoorsman, Teddy Roosevelt, was such a BSA booster that he was made the one and only “Chief Scout Citizen,” a scout for life.

A Louis Harris & Associates study in 1996, found that men who had been scouts placed a higher value on honesty than those who had not.

But now the lawsuits have killed them. Congratulations, Democrats, The New York Times and corporate America. (I hope all their future employees steal from them, after being raised on “Grand Theft Auto” instead of the Boy Scout oath.)

From the beginning, BSA has had to deal with child molesters eagerly signing up to go camping with 13-year-old boys in isolated areas away from all observation.

Within a decade of its 1910 founding, the BSA began keeping internal files on “ineligible” scouting volunteers, known as “the perversion files.”

Scout leaders were not to be alone with boys and, starting in 1988, all adult

Columnist

Ann Coulter



applicants were subjected to aggressive background screening. The organization promptly removed any scout leaders based on mere suspicion and alerted law enforcement in about a third of the cases.

Nonetheless, between 1970 and 1991, up to .04 percent of Boy Scouts may have been molested. That's about 2,000 out of several million boys.

Given all of this, what sort of escaped mental patient would demand that the Boy Scouts admit openly gay scout leaders?

Yes, we know most gays aren't child molesters. How could we not? It's part of our secular catechism, along with the one about most Muslims not being terrorists and most immigrants not being criminals.

But men who molest boys are a small slice — infinitesimal really! — within a larger category known as “gay.” It's not two totally different things, like an architect and a dentist. Some men like blondes. Some like brunettes. But they're all within the category of “heterosexual.”

No parent is going to send their young sons camping alone in the woods with an openly gay man for the same reason they wouldn't send their adolescent daughters to be alone in the woods with an openly heterosexual man.

And now the BSA has been whiplashed into bankruptcy by liberals demanding, on one hand, that the scouts allow gays to be troop leaders and, on the other hand, filing lawsuits accusing the scouts of not taking strong enough measures to prevent gay troop leaders from molesting boys.

Couldn't liberals get together and decide for themselves whether the Boy Scouts should have been more aggressive in preventing child molestation — or less?

For their defense witnesses, the Boy Scouts should call New York Times editors, Democratic politicians and corporate CEOs.

Back in 1980, when a gay guy lost his lawsuit against BSA for dropping him as a scout leader, Wells Fargo, the United

Way of San Francisco, Levi Strauss and the Bank of America cut off funding to the organization. San Francisco and Oakland schools prohibited the scouts from using their facilities on weekdays.

After the Supreme Court's disturbingly narrow 5-4 decision in 2000 holding that the Boy Scouts could not be forced to admit gay scout leaders, the Times denounced the decision in an editorial, calling the court's ruling “one of its lowest moments of the term.”

The following month, the Times' “ethicist,” Randy Cohen, advised a reader to pull her son out of the Cub Scouts, saying it was “the ethical thing to do.” The “ethicist” explained: “Just as one is honor bound to quit an organization that excludes African-Americans, so you should withdraw from scouting as long as it rejects homosexuals.”

Also in response to the Supreme Court's decision, Chase Manhattan Bank, Textron Inc. and dozens more United Way chapters withdrew millions of dollars in contributions. More cities dropped their support of the Boy Scouts.

In his pre-Super Bowl TV interview in 2013, President Barack Obama was still harping on the Boy Scouts' refusal to allow gay scoutmasters: “Gays and lesbians should have access and opportunity the same way everybody else does.”

On CNN, host Carol Costello haughtily informed a guest opposed to gay scoutmasters, “Well, I'll just say that the American Psychological Association has studied the issue that you just mentioned. Homosexuals aren't any more likely to molest kids than straight men.”

The defense rests.

Throughout the left's 30-year assault on the Boy Scouts for discriminating against gays, the Catholic Church was embroiled in its own molestation crisis. More than 80 percent of the molester priests were accused of victimizing teenage boys.

Instead of saying, “Oh — I see what the Boy Scouts are doing,” liberals responded to the gay sex-abuse crisis in the priesthood by blaming ... celibacy!

Isn't it a thought crime to question whether sexual preference is determined at birth? But liberals not only believed gayness was the result of an adult lifestyle choice — celibacy — but they knew how to “cure” it: Allow priests to marry!

Since the one thing we know is that men molesting boys has nothing to do with being gay, I guess this time it's camping that causes sodomy.

RECORD

Refuge conveyance sparks concern about public land transfers, and a disclaimer = Obituaries

By Alex Sakariassen
Montana Free Press

A proposal by U.S. Sen. Steve Daines, R-Mont., to convey the National Bison Range to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes has generated a mixture of excitement, concern and outright opposition in Montana.

The provision, included in a broader bill settling the historic water rights claims of the CSKT, would restore the 18,800-acre range to federal trust ownership on behalf of the CSKT and transfer management of the range from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to the tribes. According to CSKT tribal attorney Brian Upton, the return of the bison range to the tribes was first pitched by FWS several years ago following a number of unsuccessful attempts to re-establish a co-management agreement — a history Upton described as “difficult and a bit of a roller coaster.”

“That’s certainly not anything we had asked for before the service raised it,” Upton said of the conveyance. “But it’s clearly an elegant solution to everything, and all it does is restore the bison range to its status before the federal government took it from the tribes.”

FWS had abandoned the idea in April 2017 at the behest of then-Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, who cited his commitment to not transfer or sell federal land. But nearly two dozen tribal and conservation organizations have since rallied behind a push for bison range restoration legislation, arguing that such a move would correct a century-old injustice and enhance the cultural and ecological significance of the roughly 300 bison that roam the range. John Todd, deputy director of the Montana Wilderness Association, told Montana Free Press that his organization’s support for Daines’ proposal is grounded in awareness that contemporary public access to public lands is a direct result of the forced removal of tribal peoples throughout the West.

“It corrects an injustice of the range being taken away from them a long time ago,” Todd said, “and it really gives the tribes the opportunity to incorporate the bison range into a really rich fabric of conservation that they have there on the reservation.”

The bison conservation movement has deep roots on the Flathead Indian Reservation, dating to the tribes’ establishment of a free-ranging herd in the 1870s. The National Bison Range itself was born in 1908 when the federal government appropriated reservation land for the creation of one of the nation’s first National Wildlife Refuges — an appropriation that Daines’ bill acknowledges was effected without the tribes’ consent. The tribes negotiated two co-management agreements with FWS in the mid and late 2000s; the first was canceled by FWS, and the second was rescinded by a federal court in 2010, kicking off a decade of contention and uncertainty over the tribes’ future role on the range. The CSKT formed the non-profit Bison Range Working Group in 2016, pushing for legislation that would restore the range to federal trust ownership.

While the heated back-and-forth over Daines’ Montana Water Rights Protection Act has largely focused on the water rights settlement with the CSKT, the bison range conveyance attracted its own set of opponents and skeptics. In a Jan. 15 op-ed in the Billings Gazette, Polson property owners Philip Barney and Wayne Schile characterized the transfer as a “federal land giveaway” and claimed it would set “a terrible and inappropriate precedent.” Barney and Schile co-founded a limited liability company called Protect Public Land in 2016, the same year Barney penned a letter in the Flathead Beacon opposing the tribes’ request for bison range restoration legislation. Their focus on precedent echoes the position taken by the non-profit Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility during a 2016 lawsuit to block transfer of the bison range to the tribes.

“There has never been a refuge taken out of the system before,” PEER senior counsel Paula Dinerstein told Montana Public Radio at the time. “We’re concerned about it for this refuge. We’re concerned about its precedent-setting nature and it should be subject to a full environmental review as required by the National Environmental Policy Act before such a proposal is made to Congress.”

National Park Service

employees voiced similar concerns about precedent-setting in the late 1990s when the U.S. Department of the Interior transferred management of Minnesota’s Grand Portage National Monument to the Grand Portage Band of Chippewa Indians. As with Daines’ proposal to transfer the National Wildlife Refuge out of federal management, the Grand Portage transfer of national monument management was the first of its kind in the U.S. According to a legal review compiled by Upton in 2014, the Grand Portage arrangement was later deemed a significant success, with then-park superintendent Tim Cochrane proclaiming it a “merger of fortunes and perspectives.”

The Montana Water Rights Protection Act, co-sponsored by Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., addresses the precedent concern head-on, stating that the bison range conveyance is “not intended, and shall not be interpreted, to establish a precedent for any other situation regarding Federal land, property, or facilities.” Upton told MTFP the tribes specifically lobbied for the inclusion of the language, cognizant not only of past arguments against conveyance, but of broader fears in the West regarding the federal lands transfer movement, which has fought in Congress and state Legislatures to transfer federal land to state or local ownership.

“We wanted to demonstrate to folks that we share their concerns, and we felt like the best and most direct way we could do that was putting into the law itself that this shall not be a precedent for any other situation involving federal lands,” Upton said.

Upton further believes that concern about the bison range conveyance setting precedent for the transfer of other federal lands falls apart when considered in light of the land’s legal history. Robin Saha, an environmental studies professor at the University of Montana, agrees. Saha has been taking students to the bison range for more than a decade, and co-wrote a

40-page academic study of tribal co-management there in 2015. Saha waded into the current debate with an op-ed in the Missoulian last month, defending the benefits tribal management would bring to the range and accusing opponents of misrepresenting the range’s history.

“What some opponents fail to acknowledge or recognize, maybe purposefully, is the tribes are not a private entity,” Saha told MTFP. “They’re a government, they’re a tribal government within the United States, and they have a responsibility as a government to manage the resource for the good of their tribe, but also, under this legislation, for the good of the American people. That means continuing to provide access, that means continuing to manage it for bison.”

Even with the no-precedent language included in the bill, Montana journalist, hunter and angler Hal Herring remains skeptical. Herring has spent more than two decades covering the lands transfer movement, and his expertise on the issue serves as the backbone of the new David Garrett Byars documentary Public Trust, which premiered at the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival in Missoula this month.

Speaking with MTFP, Herring was emphatic that he has no qualms with tribal management of the National Bison Range, and believes the tribes would “do a great job” running it. His skepticism, he said, is based on the bill’s primary sponsor, Daines, whose political party’s platform explicitly calls for the divestiture of federal public lands.

Daines’ office did not respond to messages from MTFP requesting comment on the National Bison Range conveyance.

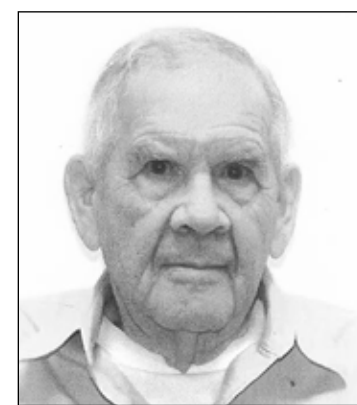
“I just think that more people who are public land owners need to be watching this to see exactly what this is going to mean, what the implications of this are,” Herring said. “It may be a great deal and it may be a really good thing to do. But I would like to see that somehow verified by an impartial party.”

Howard Philip Black

Howard Philip Black, 89, passed away of natural causes on February 17, 2020.



Black



Black

ably discharged in 1954. He went on to serve in the Montana Army National Guard and then the Montana Air National Guard. Howard was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal and retired from military service as a senior master sergeant, E-8, with 28 years of service. He was a proud union man and proud veteran.

Howard enjoyed gardening, fishing, horseshoes, dancing, and card games. He was fascinated by natural science and scoured the badlands and gravel pits for fossils. He also relished visiting places like Bryce Canyon, the La Brea Tar Pits and the Galapagos Islands.

He instilled in his sons the virtue of hard work and value of working smart. He expected them to be good students and informed citizens. He taught perseverance.

Howard is survived by his wife, Shu Mea of Great Falls; sons, Joe (Marcia) of Eagle River, Alaska, Wade (Cynthia) of Eugene, Oregon, Mark of Havre, Mike of Helena, Rob (Gayle) of Idaho Falls, Idaho; many grandchildren; siblings Leonard of Woodburn, Oregon, Gordon of Elgin, Illinois, Elaine Hergesheimer of Vancouver, Washington, Lloyd (Mary) of West Valley City, Utah, Elsie Tuttle of Temple, Texas, and Lawrence (Sheila) of Havre.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Marjorie Fehlberg, and brother Jim.

Condolences for the family may be shared online at <http://www.SchniderFuneralHome.com>.

= For the Record =

Havre Police Department

Ezekiel James Trujillo of Havre, 50, was arrested on a shoplifting charge after a caller at a First Street business reported a shoplifter Thursday at 12:47 p.m.

A caller on the college campus reported a fender bender at 1:02 p.m. Thursday.

A vehicle crash between a Nissan and an Impala was reported on Fourth Avenue Thursday at 3:59 p.m.

Leona Marie Chiefstick of Box Elder, 53, was arrested on a charge of trespass to property after a caller at a First Street establishment reported Thursday at 8:05 p.m. that a woman was trespassing.

Roy Arther Weikum of Havre, 19, was arrested on charges of speeding, driving under the influence while under 21 with a blood alcohol content of .02 or greater, minor in possession and open container in the city, and Caleb James Johnson of Havre, 18, was arrested on charges of

MIP and open container in the city, during a vehicle stop on U.S. Highway 2 Northwest at 9:23 p.m. Thursday.

Hill County Sheriff's Office

The sheriff’s office dispatch listed no arrests or investigations in the 24-hour reporting period.

Havre Fire Department

Emergency medical personnel responded to one call Thursday and one call this morning.

Havre Animal Shelter

The Havre shelter this morning held three cats of unknown gender, a female 10-month-old kitten, three male cats, seven female cats and a male 8-month-old kitten.

The shelter also held this morning a male 9-month-old mix breed puppy, a female boxer dog, two female mix-breed 21-week-old puppies, a male mix-breed dog, a male Chihuahua dog, a male mix-breed 11-month-old puppy and a female mix-breed 7-month-old puppy.

= Corrections =

Havre Chiropractic Clinic

A Page A8 story in Thursday’s edition of the Havre Daily News about new owners taking over at Havre

Chiropractic Clinic listed the wrong telephone number for the clinic. The number is 406-400-2970.

Olszewski looks to bring new attitude, focus to governor’s office

A front-page story in Thursday’s edition of The Havre Daily News about the gubernatorial candidacy of state Sen. Al

Olszewski, R-Kalispell, misreported the kind of surgeon he is. Olszewski is an orthopedic surgeon.

= Lottery Roundup =

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Reserve officers protect and serve in Havre

Havre police, Northern working on starting local reserve officer training

A long-standing program at the Havre Police Department is the reserve officer program, a program in which volunteers in the community don the badge of a police officer and work to assist officers in their duties and keeping the community safe.

"We can never have too much help," Havre Police Department Senior Patrolman and School Resource Officer Jordan Chroniger said. "We are a smaller community, we are a smaller department and the demographics of the area can prove challenging at times."

Chroniger is also working to help reorganize the officer reserve program and make the program more effective for the community.

The Havre Police Department is also working with Montana State University-Northern to start a local reserve police academy to train volunteers as reserve officers.

Chroniger added that a reserve officer is technically a certified police officer, just not to the same level as a full-time police officer. Reserve officers are unpaid volunteers and go through a separate, shorter academy than full-time officers. He added that another big difference between reserve officers and full-time officers is that reserve officers cannot function independently and have to be supervised by a full-time officer.

The reserves act as kind of a backup for police officers, he said. He added that they cannot drive a patrol vehicle and tend to ride with a full-time officer, which is critical with a small department.

When an officer is responding to a call or is making a traffic stop, rather than the other patrolman on duty having to act as backup for the officer, a reserve is able to act as their additional eyes and ears and provide an extra set of hands if needed, Chroniger said. He added that this allows for more officers to patrol the area.

Reserve officers are allowed under state code to make arrests and are issued a badge and a gun similar to full-time officers, he said. He added that each department

sets its own standards for what the requirements are for the reserve program, but according to code they all have to meet a specific set of criteria to be able to enlist in the reserve program.

People are required to pass the reserve academy, which is similar to the police academy although it is a shortened version, he said. Reserve officers also are required to have 88 hours of training and go through a background check. He added that the background check is very extensive and applicants cannot be felons.

Police Chief Gabe Matosich said the reserve program is critical to the department and is a valuable thing for the community. He added that it is a unique experience and allows people to see law enforcement from a different perspective.

"You get to see how law enforcement works, the criminal justice system works and, more importantly, you're contributing to the community," he said. "You know you're helping your community and helping protect the community."

He said the people who are involved with the reserve program see law enforcement from in a different light than full-time officers and also see it in a different light than other community members. Most of the people in the reserve program work a full-time job outside of the department and sacrifice their time and energy to volunteer. He added that in order to be a reserve officer, the department requires people to volunteer at least 10 hours a month, but when someone is working a full-time job and has a life outside of the department, it can be challenging.

Havre Police Department is willing to work with people and their schedules to allow them to volunteer, but when it comes down to it, volunteering is not a requirement.

"If you want to get involved and help your community and help with the police department and help with the public relations and be part of the community in that way, I guess that's what it's about," Matosich said.

Long-standing Reserve Officer Paul Schuschke also works part-time as a dispatcher for the Havre Police Department and as a registered nurse at Northern Montana Hospital.

He said he first became interested in volunteering for the reserve program after he started working as a dispatcher in 1996. He said that being around law enforcement he had the opportunity to see what they do and was fascinated by the work of a police



officer.

But volunteering has always been something that was important to him, he said.

Schuschke said he grew up in Havre, graduating from Havre High School and Montana State University-Northern with an associate degree in nursing. He moved to North Dakota for a period of time and after he moved back he wanted, because of his medical background and his certification as an emergency medical technician, to volunteer for the Hill County Search and Rescue.

He said one of his friends from the Search and Rescue told him about a part-time position at the county dispatch and Schuschke applied and was hired on as a dispatcher. "It was just fascinating to me," he said.

As a dispatcher he grew to have a strong respect for law enforcement and saw how they worked to help and protect the community, he said. He added that he also saw the police department was short on staff and wanted to be able to help.

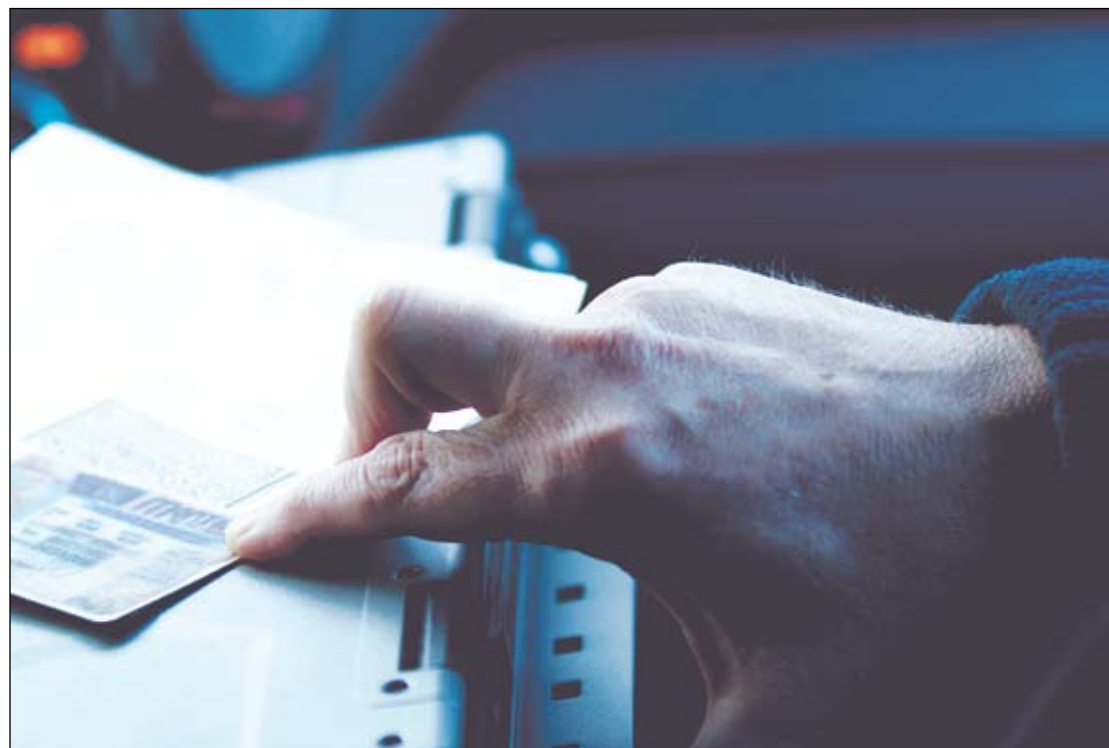
He later enrolled in the reserve academy in Glendive, he said. He learned a lot of information at the reserve academy, with his favorite course learning about the legal side of law enforcement.

Police officers put their lives on the line every day, but that is just part of the life, he said. At times it can be worrisome, depending on the situation, but it's important to remember that it is all for the betterment of the community. "You just feel good when you go home at night after you've done a shift that you've helped out in some way," Schuschke said. "... I guess that's part enough."

He said that being in law enforcement also takes its toll.

"There are a lot of good people, and there is a lot of bad in Havre, too," he said. "The drug problem is huge."

He added that there is a large number of repeat offenders and a lot of crossover between law enforcement and the emergency room at the hospital. But the important thing is that if people do volunteer, they do not lose sight of the goal of why they are there — to help the communi-



ty. The same goes for the time commitment to the department, he said.

"You have to have the want to do it, and if it's something that you truly want to do, you make time to do it," he said.

He added that law enforcement is very much like a second family. Everyone is very closely knit together and becomes very close to one another. He said he is happy with his career as a nurse, but added that if he was 20 years old again and was part of the reserves he would be interested in becoming a full-time police officer.

Schuschke said, with the many hours he has put in helping the police department and the community, he cannot pick any one thing about his time as a reserve or pick anything in particular about the life of being a reserve which he could confidently say was his favorite. "I've just enjoyed it all," he said.

Chroniger said that the reserve officers are phenomenal and he would like to see the program grow and be strengthened in the future.

"It can help the community actually see law enforcement from somebody else's eyes that's not a full-time police officer," he said. "... We are trying to do good things for the community. It's not about arrests, it's trying to do good things, trying to keep the community safer."

Reserve Academy at Montana State University-Northern

Chroniger said the city and Montana State University-Northern are also working together to try to establish a reserve academy in Havre on Northern's campus. He added that they are still working on the logistics for the program, but having it would be a great benefit to the entire region.

He said Matosich and the criminal justice instructor at Northern have been working together to put together a reserve program at the college. The program could be used for any departments, in the local area and across the state, to train reserve officers, he added.

Establishing a reserve program at Northern would be a good way to also get students



who are interested in a career in law enforcement involved with the Havre Police Department and be a way to grow the program, Chroniger said. He added that he and a fellow officer are working to rebuild the reserve program within the department and having more reserve officers would allow them to meet many of their goals they have established.

Matosich said that Northern's criminal justice instructor has been great to work with and has in the past worked with the department with internships and other programs to get students involved in law enforcement.

He added that the state has two reserve academies, one in Glendive and one in Helena, and by Northern establishing a reserve program, it would attract new students to the university, and new reserves to the area.

"It's just been a pleasure

working with Northern, making this happen," Matosich said.

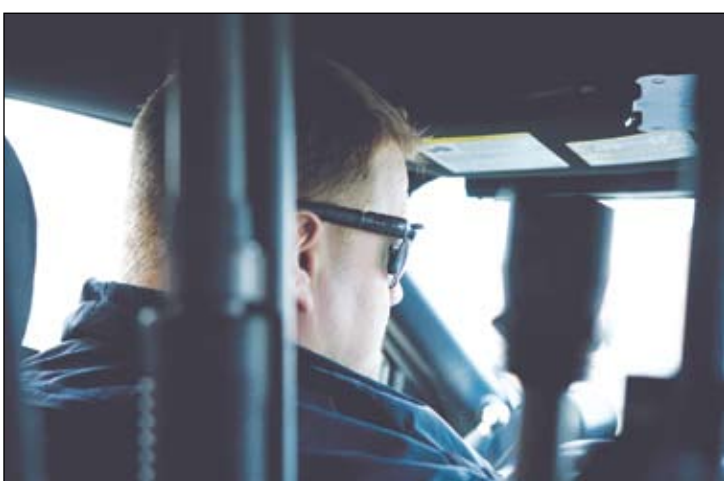
He added that he is excited to see how much interest there is locally and across the state in the program.

"It's a great way to do the training," he said.

For the Havre Police Department, he said, he would like to see six to eight reserve officers. He added that at the moment the department has two and the more reserve officers the department has the better it is for everyone, with many hands making light work.

He said that he hopes having a reserve program locally will help generate more interest in the reserve program and help the police department reach its goal.

He added that the program should be ready by the end of this school year, but no specific date has been set for the launch of the program.



T-Birds' turn to soar

Hays-Lodge Pole girls beat Box Elder to reach a historic new 9C high

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Nothing lasts forever. That's the truth in life and sports, and in the first round of the District 9C girls basketball tournament, a dominant run came to an end at the hands of an exciting up-and-comer.

Thursday afternoon in the Havre High gymnasium, the Hays-Lodge Pole girls not only catapulted themselves to within one win of a Northern C berth, but they also ended Box Elder's run of 9C championship games with a 64-61 win in a 9C girls thriller.

"It feels really good," HLP's Mulleah Stiffarm said. "We played together, we worked as a team to achieve this today and we achieved it."

The Thunderbirds, who have had a renaissance season did score a big win and will now get a shot at top-ranked Fort Benton in today's semifinals. But the Bears, the two-time defending Class C champions, didn't make it easy. And in the end, HLP head coach Cory Morgan said it was his team's defense that made the difference.

"Our plan was to pressure them, to hurry their offense," Morgan said. "They are an explosive offense, and if we let them sit back and get going, we're in trouble. So I think our pressure defense was a big difference in the end."

Indeed, HLP forced Box Elder into 33 turnovers in what was a wild, back-and-forth affair.

Stiffarm capped a 12-0 run early with a 3-pointer, and the T-Birds jumped out to a 16-4 lead. But before the first quarter had even come to a close, Sarah Parisian got hot for the Bears, who rattled off an 11-0 run and trailed just 18-5 after one.

In the second stanza, Stiffarm scored back-to-back layups in transition, but Parisian went on a 7-0 run, sparked by a triple, as she single-handedly brought the Bears back to a 30-30 tie at intermission.

"Sarah Parisian is a really good player," Morgan said.



Above: Hays-Lodge Pole's Mulleah Stiffarm, right, shoots during Thursday's District 9C girls game between the Thunderbirds and Box Elder Bears in the Havre High gymnasium. HLP advanced to the semifinals with a thrilling win. For more on Hays-Lodge Pole, see Page B4. Right: Box Elder's Sarah Parisian pushes the ball up the floor during Thursday's game against HLP. The Bears fell in a close game. For more photos from the game, go to www.havredailynews.com.

"When she gets going, she can really shoot it."

Parisian hit another big shot early in the third quarter, and when she buried another triple, Box Elder was on an 11-2 run and led by eight points late in the third. Yet, HLP came right back with a 9-0 run, capped by an Ella Messerly layup off a steal, and the T-Birds were back in front 47-46.

And the wild fun was just getting going. The two teams battled back and forth for the entire fourth quarter, but back-to-back buckets by Jaedyn Chandler and

four clutch points from Stiffarm gave the T-Birds a 62-59 cushion with :49 left, and from there, the HLP defense closed it out.

"Our experience was another big factor," Morgan said. "We focused on keeping our composure more this season; we focused on being a family and sticking together through the ups and downs. And I thought that really showed today. It was an intense game, but the girls kept their composure, and that was big."

Stiffarm, the leading scorer in the 9C, was big, too. She scored 21 points, grabbed seven

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rebounds and made three treys, while Judemia Gray added 13 points and Messerly came up with 12.

Meanwhile, Box Elder was left heartbroken. After finishing fifth in the 9C regular season, the Bears still have hopes of getting to divisionals, but they'll have to do it the hard way now. They did get a game-high 26 points from Parisian, who is the only returning starter from last year's title team, while Annalise Johnson added 10, as Box Elder dropped into this morning's loser-out game against Big Sandy.



Storm Warning: Tornadoes back in the 9C semis

Turner fights off a strong effort from CJI, faces North Star tonight

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No longer underdogs at the District 9C girls tournament, the Turner Tornadoes instead had to fend off an underdog in the opening round of the 2020 9C tournament.

That underdog was a very good Chester-Joplin-Inverness squad, which gave the third-seeded Tornadoes all they could handle Thursday afternoon inside the Havre High gymnasium.

And yet, at the end of the day,

Turner had the experience and tenacity to overcome a strong effort from the Hawks, in a 45-39 win — a win that pushed the Tornadoes (13-6) into the 9C semifinals again, as well as one step closer to a third straight trip to Great Falls, and the Northern C.

Still the win didn't come easy, and CJI head coach Kristi Pulst was thrilled with the fight her young Hawks put up.

"I'm very proud of the girls," Pulst said. "We played them (Tornadoes) very tough again."

The Hawks did, though Laci Maloney got Turner off to a great start with a pair of first-quarter 3-pointers. Sarah Billmayer would add a late bucket as well, but, the Hawks trailed just 14-9.

Shyan Krass then went to work for Turner in the second quarter, and the Tornadoes stretched their lead to 31-20 at intermission, and the Torna-

does led by 12 after three. From there, though, CJI nearly fought all the way back, as Tatum Hull and Haddie Woods led a furious comeback that saw the Hawks trail by just two scores several times in the final minutes.

And while it wasn't meant to be, it was a good showing by the Hawks, who have had plenty of ups and downs this season. The showing included 17 points from Hull and 12 by Woods.

"This team has come a long way this season," Pulst said. "They're a good group of girls, they work hard, they play together. I think the future is really bright for this group."

While CJI tried to stave off elimination this morning, it's on to the semifinals once again for the Tornadoes, who will meet rival North Star tonight at 5:30. The winner goes to divisionals, while the loser will have to take the long road to Great Falls. It's a spot Turner, which got 17 points and 19 rebounds from Krass on Thursday, has been two straight years, and tonight, they hope to change the script by advancing to a coveted 9C championship game.

The winner of tonight's semifinal will meet either Fort Benton or Hays-Lodge Pole in Saturday night's 9C girls championship game.

Turner 45, Chester-Joplin-Inverness 39

Turner 14 17 10 4 - 45
CJI 9 11 9 10 - 39

Turner - Dakota Krass 2, Emma Billmayer 2, Sarah Billmayer 9, Laci Maloney 11, Brooke Reed 4, Shyan Krass 17.

CJI - Tatum Hull 17, Averie Mattson 4, Molly Nelson 4, Haddie Woods 12, Lily Wickum 2.

3-pointers: (Maloney 2, Krass 1, Hull 2). Fouls: Turner 14, CJI 11. Fouled out: None.



Turner's Laci Maloney, right, drives the ball during a District 9C girls game against Chester-Joplin-Inverness Thursday in the Havre High gymnasium. The Tornadoes advanced to the semifinals for the second straight year. For more photos from the game, go to www.havredailynews.com.

This weekend at the 9C Today

Boys
CJI vs North Star, L/O, 11 a.m.
Box Elder vs Big Sandy, L/O, 12:30 p.m.
Consolation, 7 p.m.
Championship: Fort Benton vs Chinook, 8:30 p.m.

Girls
Fort Benton vs HLP, SF, 4 p.m.
North Star vs Turner, SF, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday

Girls
L/O 3 9:30 a.m.
L/O 4, 11 a.m.
Consolation, 4 p.m.
Championship, 5:30 p.m.

More 9C on Pages B2-B4

There's no heartache in HLP, however. The T-Birds are flying high, and they will take their shot at unbeaten Fort Benton tonight, with a spot in the Northern C and the championship game both on the line.

"Divisionals is the goal," Morgan said. "And it's attainable. Fort Benton is very good. They are tough. But we feel good about where we're at going into that game and moving forward."

The Thunderbirds and Longhorns will meet today at 4 p.m. in the first of two girls semifinals in the HHS gymnasium.

HLP 64, Box Elder 61

HLP - Ella Messerly 12, Judemia Gray 13, Kassi Perez 8, Tahtinna Whitecow Mulleah Stiffarm 21.

Box Elder - Annalise Johnson 10, Sarah Parisian 26, Makaela Kelly 6, Tayleigh Sunchild 4, Brielle Sunchild 4, Alysia LaMere 2, Brenna Bacon 8.

3-pointers: (Stiffarm 3, Johnson 2, Parisian 3, Sunchild 1). Fouls: HLP 20, Box Elder 19. Fouled out: Johnson, Bacon.



Chester-Joplin-Inverness' Haddie Woods, left, looks to shoot during Thursday's 9C first-round game against Turner in Havre. The Hawks put up a good fight but fell in the end.

SPORTS

BACK IN BLACK

Defending champion Sugarbeeters crush Big Sandy to advance to another 9C title game

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All season long, the Chinook Sugarbeeters have had plans to three-peat as District 9C champions, and the Big Sandy Pioneers were standing in their way.

However, Chinook rounded up the Pioneers, 74-34 in the 9C boys semifinals Thursday night, to move forward into tonight's championship game, where the Beeters get a 2019 rematch with Fort Benton.

Before that, though, Chinook dominated Big Sandy from start to finish. And Beeters' head coach Mike Seymour was proud to see his team fight to make it to the big game once again.

"I'm super proud of my kids tonight," Seymour said. "They played hard and smart. We knew that Big Sandy was going to come in with a triangle or two, some type of a great defense and we made some adjustments here and there along the way. Again, I'm just super proud of my kids."

On the other side, Big Sandy head coach Thomas Dilworth was looking for a lot more from his team.

"We got our butts kicked all over the court," Dilworth said. "Chinook did what we wanted to do and out-rebounded us. We did not rebound worth anything tonight, and they made big shots. We contained Bell like we wanted to a little bit, but then Reese



Above: Chinook's Oskar Pula, left, drives during Thursday night's District 9C boys semifinal against Big Sandy in the Havre High gymnasium. The Sugarbeeters blew out the Pioneers, giving themselves a chance at a 9C three-peat tonight. Left: Big Sandy's Kade Strutz drives the baseline during Thursday night's 9C semifinal game in Havre. After falling to Chinook, the Pioneers need two wins today to stay alive. For more photos from the game, go to www.havredailynews.com.

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Elliot is just an animal. They're a good team."

The first quarter of the game started off close.

Big Sandy and Chinook went back-and-forth, with the Beeters breaking out on a quick 6-0 run, but the Pioneers pushed back in the late part of the quarter, when seniors Ryan Roth and Kade Strutz sunk some key shots early. At the end, Chinook had a 19-13 lead going into the second stanza.

Strutz continued to put up baskets, while Ethan Bell and Reese Elliot answered in kind. Roth would sink a 3-pointer to bring it within three points but the Beeters went on a big 15-0 run, with Oskar Pula closing out the half, and Chinook having a commanding 39-20 lead.

Chinook followed up the second quarter push with another great performance in the third period.

Hunter Neibauer and Bell

consistently put up tough shots, while the Pioneers tried to stay in the game with points from Jeremiah Genereux and Roth, but the Beeters went on two separate runs in the quarter to keep ahead 58-28.

As the fourth stanza transpired, Roth dropped more baskets for Big Sandy, but Elliot and Bell did not let up and continued to score. In the end, two field goals from Braxton Inman in the final minutes ended a stel-

lar night for Chinook.

Bell led the Beeters (15-4) with 22 points, followed by Elliot with 18 points and 19 rebounds. The Pioneers were led by Roth's 15-point game, while Strutz added 10 for Big Sandy.

With the championship game right around the corner, Bell is ready to get another shot at a 9C title.

"It feels great," Bell said. "It's a dream come true. To get three, I wouldn't want to be anywhere else but Havre High tonight. We just got to come out, play with a tremendous amount of intensity and just play."

Seymour is looking forward to the big game versus the No. 1 Fort Benton Longhorns tonight, as well.

"Fort Benton is a good squad," Seymour said. "They're deep, play well together, obviously 20-0, but we're going to have to come out tonight and have a better effort than we had Thursday night to knock them off."

Meanwhile, Dilworth said he was hoping his Pioneers would rebound and win two times to get to the Northern C.

"We got two games tomorrow," Dilworth said. "First, we're going to beat Box Elder and then I imagine probably North Star. Box Elder is a tough team. They're straight deep and go on runs. We got to hope they don't get on fire from the 3-point line. If we control the tempo and rebound better than we did Thursday night we can beat them."

Chinook (16-4) faces off against the Longhorns (20-0) in the 9C championship tonight at 8:30. The boys consolation game is set for 7.

Chinook 74, Big Sandy 34, SF

Chinook 19 20 19 16 - 74
Big Sandy 13 7 8 6 - 34

Chinook - Ethan Bell 22, Hunter Neibauer 9, Toby Niederegger 12, Reese Elliot 18, Ethan MacLeod 3, Oskar Pula 6, Braxton Inman 4.

Big Sandy - Ryan Roth 15, Kody Strutz 4, Clint Darlington 2, Cooper Taylor 1, Jeremiah Genereux 2, Kade Strutz 10.

3-pointers: Ethan Bell 3, Hunter Neibauer 1, Toby Niederegger 2, Reese Elliot 2, Ryan Roth 3. Fouls: Chinook 13, Big Sandy 111
Fouled out: none.

Fort Benton stampedes its way to another 9C title shot

Unbeaten Longhorns hold off North Star, setting up tonight's rematch with Chinook

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The District 9C boys semifinals began Thursday night with two teams on a similar mission. Both wanted a chance to play for the championship, of course.

In the case of top-seeded Fort Benton, they were hungry for a chance to play Chinook again for the 9C championship, while the North Star Knights were hungry to punch a ticket to the Northern C.

However, in the end, the Longhorns beat the Knights 71-52 in

the Havre High gymnasium, to advance to tonight's championship where they will meet No. 2 Chinook. The Horns also punched their ticket back to divisionals in the process.

Longhorns head coach Tyler Pasha was glad to see his team put forward a great effort to make it to the championship.

"North Star is a great team," Pasha said. "They worked their butts off the entire game and they switched up their defenses a bunch on us. We had to go with the flow and the boys responded really well."

Meanwhile, Knights head coach Cody Donovan was glad to see his team put up a big fight against Fort Benton and looks forward to the rest of the tournament.

"I'm proud of my boys," Donovan said. "We battled. I think Fort Benton is the best team in the division and they proved it tonight. I'm proud of how we battled and I wouldn't trade my boys for anything."

The first quarter opened with

Max Lane and Jace Thompson at the helm for the Longhorns. Then, North Star dropped some baskets, led by senior Caden Rettig and Hayden Massar, to cut the lead early. But the Longhorns broke out, courtesy of Hayden and Garrett Diekhans, to lead 18-8 after one.

In the second stanza, the two teams exchanged some points, but Fort Benton pushed forward with Garret Diekhans and Logan Giles dropping dimes. Then, Garrett Spicher had a solo 7-0 run to push North Star closer. Still, the Longhorns pulled away in the final minute of the half to lead 32-21.

After the break, the Longhorns went on another run to start it, while North Star continued to push back, this time with a 6-0 solo run by Gavin Spicher. The rest of the third period became a back-and-forth showdown, but Garrett Diekhans gave his team a boost to lead big 53-38 after three.

The fourth quarter brought about multiple quick runs by the Knights, who cut Fort Benton's lead to just nine. But The Longhorns took advantage of some fouls to extend their lead once again, with Giles and Devin Bird closing off the game on a 6-0 run.

Thompson was excited about the semifinal win over North Star.

"We had a pretty good game," Thompson said. "They were pretty close to us most of the time, but we were able to fight it out and made a lot of shots, so we had a good game."

Fort Benton was led by Thompson's 18-point game, with Garrett Diekhans right behind him with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Garret Spicher led North Star with 16 points, followed by Rettig and Massar with 11 points each.

The win gave Fort Benton another shot to claim the 9C title, something they didn't do this time a year ago, and Pasha is looking forward to playing the Chinook Sugarbeeters in the big game.

"It's just nice to be back here,"



Fort Benton's Garrett Diekhans, right, goes over the North Star defense during Thursday night's District 9C semifinals in the Havre High gymnasium. Fort Benton won to reach the championship game against Chinook for the second year in a row. For more photos from the game, go to www.havredailynews.com.

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Pasha said. "We were there last year against Chinook. They've tested us throughout all of the 9C."

Meanwhile, Donovan is ready for his team to play hard against Chester-Joplin-Inverness today.

"They're going to come ready to play," Donovan said. "We've beat them both times, but if we don't come ready to play tomorrow we're going to be in a dog fight. We're putting this one be-

hind us and looking forward to today against CJL."

Fort Benton (20-0) will meet the Chinook Sugarbeeters (16-4) in the 9C championship tonight at 8:30. The boys consolation game is set for 7 at the HHS gymnasium. The top three teams from the 9C advance to next week's Northern C.

Fort Benton 71, North Star 52, SF

Fort Benton 18 14 21 18 - 71

North Star 8 13 17 14 - 52

Fort Benton - Devin Bird 12, Jace Thompson 18, Hayden Diekhans 10, Max Lane 4, Logan Giles 10, Garrett Diekhans 17.

North Star - Austin Hansen 6, Caden Rettig 11, Garret Spicher 16, Hayden Massar 11, Gavin Spicher 8.

3-pointers: Garret Spicher 2, Hayden Massar 1, Jace Thompson 2, Logan Giles 1. Fouls: North Star 14, Fort Benton 15. Fouled out: none.



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North Star senior Caden Rettig, left, runs the offense during Thursday night's 9C boys semifinal in Havre. The Knights fell to Fort Benton and must win twice today to advance to the Northern C next week.

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Longhorns feel right at home in the Blue Pony Corral

Fort Benton girls begin 9C title defense by throttling Big Sandy

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The outcome was never in doubt. But, Fort Benton head coach Cassie Pimperton wanted to make sure her top-seeded Longhorns stayed focused in the opening round of the 2020 District 9C girls tournament.

And the undefeated Longhorns did that and then some Thursday morning in a 61-9 throttling of the Big Sandy Pioneers. The win pushed the defending 9C champions to 19-0 on the season, and into tonight's semifinals against upstart Hays-Lodge Pole.

And, while the Longhorns

knew they'd be too much for the overmatched Pioneers, Pimperton said her team hasn't had any trouble focusing on the task at hand.

"You really do have to take it one game at a time," Pimperton said. "That's how we've approached this whole season. Today, I wanted to see us focus on defense. You can control that. You can't always control if the shots are falling, but you can control how hard you play on defense, and our girls came out and played very hard. So I was happy."

Fort Benton's defensive effort showed.

The Horns held the Pioneers to just one Amanda Cline basket in the first stanza, while McKenzie Clark and McKenna Hanford closed the quarter with back-to-back buckets.

The Longhorns then picked up the offensive pace even more in the second period, with Hanford and Aspen Giese closing the first half out with back-to-back 3-pointers, as Fort Benton led 36-5.

Mia Dilworth would score for Big Sandy early in the third, but, the Longhorns were just too tough, and too deep. They out-scored Big Sandy 25-2 the rest of the way en route to another 9C tourney victory.

Offensively, Clark scored 13 points, Giese had 12 and Hanford finished with 11 for the Longhorns, who also shot 44 percent from the field and made seven trey's. The Horns also scored 24 unanswered points during one stretch. Defensively, the Longhorns forced 34 Big Sandy turnovers and out-rebounded the Pioneers 22-21. Cline paced Big Sandy (2-17), who had to play Box Elder in a loser-out game this morning, with five points.

Meanwhile, the Longhorns are one win away from another 9C chipper. It's been a season of dominance by Fort Benton, and that was on full display Thursday morning. But, Pimperton said, her team doesn't look too far ahead, and they don't lose focus — which is the sign of a veteran team, and Fort Benton certainly is that.

"We just set little goals, we have things we want to achieve every game," Pimperton said. "We're just going to take it one game at a time, and do what we do."

"Whoever we play going forward, we know they'll be good," she added. "This tournament is tough. It gets tougher the farther you go, and we understand that."

Fort Benton meets HLP for a spot in Saturday's championship game today at 4 in the HHS gymnasium.

Fort Benton 61, Big Sandy 9

Fort Benton 16 20 15 10 - 61
Big Sandy 2 3 2 2 - 9

Fort Benton - Cassie Nack 4, McKenzie Clark 13, Ashlee Wang 5, Aspen Giese 12, Maci Molinaro 5, Megan Clark 4, Cloe Kalanick 5, Emerson Giese 2, McKenna Hanford 11.

Big Sandy - Mia Dilworth 2, Kylee Sternberg 2, Amanda Cline 5.

3-pointers: (Wang 1, Aspen Giese 2, Molinaro 1, Kalanick 1, Hanford 2). Fouls: Fort Benton 12, Big Sandy 7; Fouled out: None.



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Fort Benton's McKenzie Clark, right, goes over the Big Sandy defense for a layup during Thursday's District 9C girls first-round game in the Havre High gymnasium. The Longhorns cruised into tonight's semifinals. For more photos from the game, go to www.havredailynews.com.



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Big Sandy's Amanda Cline, right, dribbles up the floor during the first game of the 2020 District 9C girls tournament Thursday morning in Havre. The Pioneers lost to the undefeated Longhorns, and played Box Elder in a loser-out game this morning. Fort Benton plays the first of two semifinals later today. For more photos from the game, go to www.havredailynews.com.

GOOD KNIGHT

North Star dismisses Chinook to reach 9C girls semifinals

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The North Star girls basketball team was on the path for a ticket to the Northern C Divisional next week and that quest took its first step Thursday evening in the Havre High Gymnasium in the 2020 District 9C girls tournament.

The No. 2 Knights took down the No. 7 Chinook Sugarbeaters Thursday night 61-26 to advance to the semifinals, where they will face off against the No. 3 Turner Tornadoes today at 5:30 p.m.

North Star girls head coach Jennifer Wendland was happy to see her team open the tournament with a win.

"I thought we played great the first half," Wendland said. "The second half, we were a little flat. Although we were ahead, we needed to play with the same energy and up to our game. We can't play down."

On the other side, Chinook's Mike Jones credited his young team for playing hard throughout the game.

"We're young, really, really young," Jones said. "We just showed our youth and we're going to come back tomorrow to focus on Chester-Joplin-Inverness. We're ready to go."

The first period opened with North Star going on an 8-0 run led by Kenidee Wolery and Kaytlyn Domire for an early lead, followed by some more baskets from Jade Wendland, Shayla Borlaug and Laynie Sattoriva to another 8-0 run. To end of the first quarter, Domire dropped some more points to help give the Knights a 28-5 lead.

The second stanza saw Chinook fight back, but the North Star defense continued to contain the Beeters, at the same time adding more baskets to the already huge lead the Knights



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Above: North Star's Kenidee Wolery, left, drives past the Chinook defense during Thursday night's District 9C girls semifinal game in the Havre High gymnasium. The Knights won easily and will play Turner in the semifinals tonight. Right: Chinook's Jade Ceclre goes to the basket during Thursday night's District 9C girls game in Havre. The Beeters fell into loser-out action this morning. For more photos from the game, go to www.havredailynews.com.

had. Jade Ceclre kept working to put up more points for Chinook, but North Star kept a staggering lead of 41-14 going into the break.

The third quarter was more dormant for both teams, with each putting up some points to either stay ahead or cut the lead. Jayden Miller added baskets for Chinook, while the Knights pushed to continue to stay ahead.

The final eight minutes kicked off with North Star going on a 9-0 run to maintain

the big lead, while Lily Surber added some for the Beeters. In the end, the Knights stayed the course and grabbed the win to move on to the semifinals.

North Star was led by Domire with 18 points, followed by Sattoriva with 13. Miller led the Beeters with seven points and Allison Powell put up five. Sattoriva had 11 rebounds for the Knights, with Domire following right behind with 10.

Domire was proud of her performance along with her

team Thursday, especially since she is a freshman making big plays for the Knights.

"I feel pretty good," Domire said. "It's just a good game to go with and start playing hard, so I think we're looking good for the rest of this tournament."

Wendland now has the team focused on the next game against Turner in the semifinals.

"That's going to be a tough game," Wendland said. "Up in Turner, we only won by two and

played them at home, didn't win by much, so it's gonna come down to a battle in the fourth quarter. They're a great team and they never give up."

North Star will play the Turner Tornadoes today at 5:30 p.m. in the semifinals, while the Beeters faced off against the Chester-Joplin-Inverness Hawks this morning to try and stay alive. The District 9C girls tournament runs through Saturday's consolation game at 4 p.m. and the championship game, which is slated for 5:30 p.m. Saturday night in the HHS gymnasium.

North Star 61, Chinook 26

North Star 28 13 7 13 - 61
Chinook 5 9 8 4 - 26

North Star - Laynie Sattoriva 13, Jade Wendland 4, Kenidee Wolery 10, Mackenzie Sargent 2, Shayla Borlaug 10, Kaytlyn Domire 18, Raine Watson 4.

Chinook - Jade Ceclre 4, Torin Ceclre 4, Jayden Miller 7, Lily Surber 4, Morgan Friede 2, Allison Powell 5.

3-pointer: Laynie Sattoriva 1. Fouls: North Star 17, Chinook 10. Fouled out: Raine Watson.



SPORTS

9C Extra

Sisterhood, dedication lifting HLP up

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Cory Morgan did his time. He did everything he could and gave everything he had to help the Hays-Lodge Pole girls basketball team once before. But no matter the effort, success in girls hoops at HLP just never came, and especially not in the ways the boys program has seen over the years.

So, when he was asked to come back and take back the girls program in Hays a few years ago, he decided to have a meeting. He needed to know the players he'd be coaching were going to give as much as he does.

Thursday afternoon at the 9C girls tournament, in front of a roaring crowd inside the Havre High gymnasium, it was obvious that the results of that meeting three years ago had come to fruition.

"When they asked me to come back and coach three years ago, I met with all the girls right away," Morgan said after HLP's thrilling win over Box Elder in the 9C opener. "Before that school year was even over, I told them they had to decide to be dedicated. They had to put in the work and make an effort to be all in. I guess, we decided right then, we weren't interested in being just a mediocre basketball team anymore."

Of course, from where they started to where they are now, it took time. The last two years, HLP was considered a very young team, and even now, they boast just one senior. But that senior says her Thunderbirds are thriving now because of what they're doing behind the scenes, and because of how much they believe.

"We've put in the effort," Muleah Stiffarm said Thursday. "We've worked hard, we've spent time in the summers, and we've become a family. We took the time to get to know each other, and come together. We wanted to come together to achieve these goals and that's what we're doing now."

The hard work didn't pay off right away. But it was visible. By last season, the T-Birds were no longer a 9C doormat and had finally gotten the burden of not winning a game at the 9C tourney off their back.

One year later, though, and HLP is much more than just a



team on the rise. With Stiffarm, and juniors like Ella Messerly, Kassi Perez, Sierra Chandler, sophomores Judemia Gray and Jaedyn Chandler, as well as standout Tahtianna Morgan, the T-Birds are tough, talented and, for the first time in a long time, deep.

"I think we finally have the experience we haven't had in the past," Morgan said. "We also have kids who believe. They know they've worked hard for this, and they believe that hard work will pay off."

It is. HLP is in the midst of its first winning season in decades. The T-Birds are also just one win away from something that hasn't happened in 32 years — making it to the Northern C, which Morgan said, has been a goal this season

all along. "1987 was the last time a girls team from Hays-Lodge Pole went to divisionals," Morgan said. "That hangs over our heads for sure. And it's a goal for us. And we believe it's an attainable goal."

The T-Birds certainly have put themselves in position to play next week in Great Falls, and even if it doesn't work out against unbeaten Fort Benton tonight, they'll still have that shot.

Yes, no matter what happens, HLP is already a success story. When you haven't won much for as long as HLP has went without feeling that type of success, just having the season the T-Birds have had is a huge step. And it's a step that was first

Above: The Hays-Lodge Pole girls huddle together during Thursday's game against Box Elder at the District 9C tournament. HLP is one win away from its first trip to the Northern C since 1987. Below: HLP head coach Cory Morgan watches Thursday's game in the Havre High gymnasium.

taken with a meeting three years ago, and one that came to fruition through hard work, and the bonds of teammates who have grown to believe, and grown to care for each other.

"We're a family now," Stiffarm said. "We love each other. We are together on and off the court. We're all sisters."

With how good the T-Birds are playing right now, don't be surprised if the HLP sisters are playing in Great Falls this time next week. But, win or lose, the T-Birds aren't rising anymore, they've risen.



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Chester-Joplin-Inverness' Kealy Haaland, left, drives toward Hays-Lodge Pole's Wyman Bringgood during a 9C boys loser-out game Thursday morning in the Havre High gymnasium.

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Bears, Hawks fight back

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Early morning games at the District 9C are never easy. But they're also big games, and they were Thursday morning for the Box Elder Bears and Chester-Joplin-Inverness Hawks.

Box Elder stayed alive with a 82-64 win over the Turner Tornadoes in the Havre High gymnasium to advance on in the tournament. The Bears, who lost a heartbreaker to North Star Wednesday afternoon, jumped out to a 19-9 lead over the Tornadoes, and while Turner rallied in the second quarter, Box Elder still led 49-29 at halftime en route to the win.

Gabe Saddler scored 21 points for Box Elder (9-11), Chris Burns had 16, while Kadyan Duran, Tyrus LaMere and Malique Rosette each added 11. Turner, which was eliminated with the

loss, got a tournament-high 35 points from Shane Kimmel, and Austin Welsh added 19.

The Bears looked to stay alive against Big Sandy in loser-out action this morning.

CJI (9-11) had a tougher time moving Thursday morning, but the Hawks edged Hays-Lodge Pole 51-43. The win kept the Hawks in the tournament, while HLP, which went all the way to the Class C state tourney a year ago, was eliminated.

Kealy Haaland scored 16 points and Caden Woods hauled in 15 rebounds for the Hawks, who broke open a 22-22 halftime tie in the third quarter. The T-Birds were led by Tyshawn Shambo's 15-point, 15-rebound double-double.

The Hawks hoped to keep their season going with a win over North Star this morning.

Box Elder 82, Turner 64, LO

Turner 9 20 18 17 - 64

Box Elder 19 30 13 20 - 82

Turner - Austin Welsh 19, Jack Harmon 3, Shane Kimmel 35, Charlie Calvert 3, Ryan Doyle 2, Trever Kimmel 2.

Box Elder - Jayden Jilot 4, Gabe Saddler 21, Zander Parisian 5, Kadyan Duran 11, Tyrus LaMere 11, Malique Rosette 11, Tayce St. Pierre 1, Christopher Burns 16, Cameron Eagleman 2.

3-pointers: (Kimmel 2, Saddler 1, Duran 1, LaMere 1, Burn 1), Fouls: Turner 19, Box Elder 27; Fouled out: Welsh.

CJI 51, HLP 43, LO

Chester-Joplin-Inverness 14 8 14 15 - 51
Hays-Lodge Pole 12 10 9 12 - 43

CJI - Andrew Woods 3, Kyle Harmon 12, Spencer Richter 11, Bryce Kammerzell 3, Kealy Haaland 16, Caden Woods 6.

HLP - Tyshawn Shambo 15, Estevan Granados 1, Siris Grandchamp 7, Lance Kirkaldie 6, Deshawn Shambo 5, Wyman Bringgood 9.

3-pointers: (Woods 1, Richter 1, Tyshawn Shambo 2, Bringgood 3), Fouls: CJI 15, HLP 14. Fouled out: None.

Blue Ponies headed to Lewistown for regular season finales

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All that stands between the Havre High basketball teams and the postseason is one last road trip.

And the last game of the season is tonight, as the Blue Ponies head down to Lewistown to face off against the Golden Eagles to close out the regular season, and Northeast A games. The boys and girls teams have different motives this weekend, as well.

The Pony boys sit at 11-6 overall and 5-2 in conference, and Lewistown is right behind them in the Northeast A, meaning the Ponies have a bit at stake. With a win, the boys clinch the No. 2 seed in the conference, but with a loss, they fall to the No. 3 seed due to a head-to-head.

Even so, HHS head coach Wallyn Burgess is looking forward to the matchup against the Golden Eagles on the road.

The Havre boys have a lot of talent on the squad to help com-

bat tough teams like Lewistown. Seniors like Mason Rismon, Jake Huston and Tyrel Kjersem have been potent this year when it comes to putting up points, while juniors Kellen Detrick and Josh Warp have been racking up baskets themselves throughout the season.

Meanwhile, other players like Nolan Lotton, Clint Owens, Caden Jenkins, John South and Quinn Springer have helped fill in a lot of the depth that helps make the boys a well-rounded group on the hardwood. Defensively, the Ponies have made great strides, too, halting offensive attacks and keeping teams at bay in some heated games.

But the Eagles carry some strong talent, too. Grayden Sanders, a 6-4 post, has a great height advantage and a knack for sinking field goals for Lewistown. Alongside him, Bryce Graham and Gage Clinton make up a tough pair of wins to play against. The offensive push that the Eagles can put up has caused some trouble for quite a

few teams this season.

In the end, the Havre boys will have to defend well and put up a sound game to sweep Lewistown for the season and claim the No. 2 seed in the Northeast A.

Meanwhile, the Havre girls will look to keep up the stellar season and finish off the year undefeated in the Northeast A with a win over the Golden Eagles. The Blue Ponies routed Lewistown in the last matchup and have cruised throughout the season, but every team can bring a different challenge.

Even so, HHS head coach Dustin Kraske and the Havre girls have already clinched the Northeast A and will have the No. 1 seed going into the Eastern A Divisional Tournament next week, so a loss tonight does not have much effect on seeding.

But a win is on the Ponies' minds and achieving it on the road against the Eagles will continue to boost their reputation as a team to watch out for on the court once again.

With talent like seniors Kyn-

dall Keller, Kadia Miller, Sam Oliver, Jessa Chvilicek and Katie Wirtzberger making up a lot of the leadership on the girls squad, there is lot of ways that Havre can put up some baskets. At the same time, defensive standouts like Sadie Filius and Loy Waid have helped allow HHS to keep teams at bay all season.

But, the Eagles have some players who can put up a good game. Senior Macy Mangold has been a key contributor to helping Lewistown put up some points throughout the season, while others like Libbey Jenness and Steph Olson have made a good impact on the hardwood, as well.

At the end of the day, both the Havre boys and girls teams will look to impress in the last game of the season. The boys (11-6 5-2) and the girls (16-1 7-0) have a tough final obstacle in their paths this season. They will face off against the Lewistown Golden Eagles tonight in Lewistown, followed by the Eastern A Divisional Tournament next week in Billings.



Jessa Chvilicek and the Havre High girls look to finish off a perfect record in the Northeast A when the Blue Ponies play at Lewistown tonight. Both the Havre girls and boys teams are in Lewistown for the final games of the 2020 regular season.

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Out Our Way: Put on your chaps — 2 Cor. 12:1-10

Out our way, trees are scarce on the plains, but some types of thorn trees seem to thrive in the arroyos on the Tiger Ridge. It seems that when we are hunting strays, some obnoxious critters like to hide in the thickets. Charlie urged me to get some good leather chaps for such times and they paid off, for working cattle is not always made up of riding easily across green pastures.

Neither is life.

I will be wearing Charlie's hat this week in honor of his induction into the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame, and will also be thinking about my worn and torn leather chaps hanging in my closet, for we rode amongst the thorns many a time chasing wayward units. But more than reminding me of the thorn bushes on the Tiger,

they remind me how Charlie rose amongst the "thorns" that came from his "wreck" on Freckles that put him in the hospital, in a wheelchair, and was a factor that contributed to the complications which led to his death.

From what I observed, the "chaps" Charlie wore in the midst of those "thorns in the flesh" were his faith in God and the love of his family. Somehow, even in the wheelchair the day he gave me his old hat and out-back coat, he was still the same Charlie who had faced down some troublesome bulls and galloped after break aways over tough country as we headed the herd to fresh pasture. He felt the thorns, but like the Apostle Paul, found God's grace was sufficient. Indeed, in that wheelchair Charlie stood taller

than he ever did on the Tiger Ridge. At least in my eyes.

So the cowboy preached to the preacher, and, as before, urged me to "put on my chaps" to face the "thorns in the flesh" in my life. Re-reading the Book of Job this past month and Paul's second letter to the Church in Corinth, I was reminded that even in the most luxurious green pastures, there are going to be arroyos hidden in the shadows filled with thickets of thorns. As Charlie reminded me of the old cowboy adage: "If you are going to ride horses you are going to get thrown. It's not a question of if but of when." Same is true in life. Despite the "snake-oil" preachers who claim that real Christians never suffer, the truth is that if you are going to follow Christ you are going to

run into thorns from time to time. Christ wore a crown of thorns — and no Apostle escaped the thorns in the flesh Paul wrote about either. Neither did the martyrs for the first 300 years as they were scorned, persecuted, tortured, and murdered for the faith, and in various places it is still going on today. The gulags in Russia were filled with Christians as are the ones in modern day China. Elsewhere we see open persecution, torture and murder of believers in Africa and the Middle East. Even in the USA, powerful enemies of the Church in Congress, the media, and courts have arisen and are applauded by an increasingly hostile culture. And how many good and decent folks suffer physically from disease, hard times, and personal disasters?

No, the thorns are everywhere and always have been.

No one knows what thorns Paul was speaking of his Epistle. Imprisonment by the pagan Romans? Persecution by his fellow Jews? Many speculate it was his failing eyesight and deteriorating health. Perhaps it was all of the above, but whatever, Paul had plenty of thorns in the flesh. And God told him to endure them because through them God was doing something Paul could not yet understand. All he could do was trust.

That faith — or in my case, attempt at faith — were the "chaps" Charlie wore in his last years, and the ones he urged me to wear as well. You can't ride the Ridge and escape the thorns. The snake-oil preachers may tell you "real Christians"

can ride in shorts and sandals, but reality, as well as the scriptures and history, tell a different story. Like Charlie and Paul and so many others, I don't like the thorns and can't understand why I have to ride through them. But they are there and so I seek to wear the chaps of trust and faith, and pray God guide me out of the arroyo of thorn and back up to the open prairie of the good pastures He promises lie ahead.

Be blessed and be a blessing.
 Brother John

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I once knew a guy who had a bumper sticker on his car that read "Keep Church Weird."

Now, I lived in Berkeley, California, at the time so maybe the only thing about this that caught my attention was "Church" needing to be singled out.

When everything is weird, is nothing weird?

For some reason, that particular simple message of all the pithy slogans we are inundated with everyday pops into my mind so often.

Maybe never more so than when Ash Wednesday and Lent roll around.

Because when we enter this penitential and preparatory season, we jump right into the hard stuff.

Check the calendar for next week and what's on the agenda right there smack in the middle?

Oh, yeah, there's a reminder there.

"You are dust and to dust you shall return."

It's a poetic way of saying "You're gonna die."

That's weird.

That's not usually something people want to stop and dwell on for a day, an hour or even a fleeting moment if it can be helped.

But this is where church is still weird.

Which is great.

Enter an Ash Wednesday service or receive the increasingly common "ashes on the go" and you will wear the reminder of your inevitable death for the rest of the day. Every time you look in the mirror. Every time you scratch that itch in the middle of your forehead. Every time someone asks you about the smudge on your face.

It's a day to look death in the face and say, "I'm not afraid."

Or, conversely, to admit, vulnerably, "Yes, I am very much afraid."

In either case, it's counter-cultural to engage with existence as it is.

Temporary. Limited. Beyond our control.

We die whether we choose to face it or not.

When we do confront this reality within the context of the

church this Wednesday, we paradoxically hear in 1 Corinthians 6:2: "See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!"

Though the day is solemn and the 40 days which follow on the journey to Easter are marked primarily by fasting and repentance, we never lose sight that we are reconciled to God through Christ.

The journey to Easter goes through the cross and we witness that we are saved by the weirdest thing.

The one man who did not have to die choosing to do so because he would do whatever it takes to fulfill all love and sacrifice.

It is about a whole lot more than giving up a favorite indulgence for about six weeks.

It is a time that is weird and is meant to be weird.

We keep church weird by participating in this unlikely story for as many trips around the sun as God will allow. Until the whole world recognizes what is going on and embraces the same story — even though it can be unpleasant and pain-

ful, humbling and yet calling out to us to rejoice and be glad. To be healed and restored.

Because then, when every-

one is weird, maybe there will no longer be anything weird about it anymore.

Roping Religion: Put what you learn into practice

Many of the ideas and scriptures for this article are from the devotional "God Wants You to Win!" by world-champion calf roper Jeff Copenhaver.

When I was growing up in Big Sandy, Montana, I had a sign made up in my room that said, "Anything is yours if you are willing to pay the price." I don't know if that is 100 percent true, but it made me think about paying the price and now it makes me think about counting the cost.

I used to really enjoy the Garth Brooks song "Rodeo." One of the lines in the song talked about selling off everything he owned just to play the game. If you and I are going to follow Jesus, there is going to be a significant cost in many areas of our lives.

I am not just talking about bringing tithes and offerings to the Lord or the financial aspect of stewardship. There is also a cost of time as we recognize that we are not our own and that our time belongs to the Lord. There is also a cost in relationships as the Lord brings people into our lives and takes others out of our lives. There is also a cost of dreams as He directs our paths and guides us in the way we should go. Jesus instructs us to count the cost.

We should not be those who get all worked up in a church

meeting and then fall flat come Monday when we have to deal with the reality and the responsibility of our lives.

God is interested in meeting our needs according to His riches. We need to be those who deny ourselves and take up our crosses daily while following Jesus and conforming to His example. We can't do that unless we have the Holy Spirit living inside of us.

There is a real God in Havre, Montana, and His name is Jesus. He wants to see God's Kingdom come and God's will be done. The question is, "Do we?"

We need to press on in our walk with God and preach the gospel. We may even use words sometimes, but I would suggest that more is caught than taught because people are watching how we live more closely than they are listening to what we have to say.

We need to make good decisions and enjoy the journey. We don't know when we will be called home or when Jesus will return. We need to be ready by keeping clean hands and clean hearts. Because we believe in Jesus we ought not to sin or give up and quit. We should be those who persevere to win the prize.

You and I need to have a holy, reverential awe of God

but we should not fear man. We need to continue to do the next right thing and expect God's best in our lives. There is nothing too difficult for the Lord but sometimes we have not because we ask not.

It is important that we rightly handle the Bible and that we put into practice the truths that we learn. As athletes practice before competitions we must put into practice the Biblical teachings and truths that we have learned as soon as possible. There will be trials of our faith. There will be troubles and persecutions. We need to confidently walk in the power and authority God has given us as His children and co-heirs with Jesus.

Satan goes about as a roaring lion but Jesus is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Satan is a liar and the father of lies but Jesus is the Truth. Satan is a thief but God is a giver. He gave us His Son Jesus that all of us who believe in Jesus will have eternal life. Satan's plan is to destroy us but God's plan is for us to have life abundantly. May we embrace God's plan for our lives and work to finish well.

May God Bless You Big.

—
This is the second in a series of columns by Kevin Barsotti, pastor of Ark Church in Havre.

winter's spells.

This day and age, so much is new; notions and products, too. We pause a bit, reflect on old — that's something we should do. Your Word, oh Lord, has word-pictures, sow seeds in ground to grow. We have wide roads and narrow ones; pick one on which to go. Which fork we take is up to us; oh, Lord, please hold our hand! The widespread choice might blur our minds, guide us to where You've planned.

We're glad You see us in new light since we have put on Christ[1]! Forget our past, our selfish rags; for You have paid the price. We thank You, Lord, that when You look; we're all God's kids to You. Our wrongs are gone, greediness, too, You love us through and through. Our life can be a winter theme, sometimes our life's a mess; with self-interest, we need Your light, help us in our distress.

Thank You, Lord, for the gift of joy that comes from knowing You. We cannot work our way to You, no matter what we do. Happy we are to know You, Lord, each moment of our day. Heaven's our home and to get there, You are the only way.

Love, Mara.

[1] Gal 3:26-27. "For you are all children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."



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Tuesday:
 Choir Practice 6:15 p.m.*
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 (Child Care provided)
THURSDAY:
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Words

You know, dear Lord, the snow falls fast, Winter is on our mind. Icicles guard, the wind does moan, warm place the birds can't find. Sparkle of frost on windowsill recaps our childhood view; we'd scratch frost off to take a peek — we saw a calf, brand new!

Sometimes the sky is low and mean, snowflakes might cause a yawn; across the barn or through a rut, debates if it goes on. We've all been there, we've heard the noise, we know how winter smells. We're seen the look and felt the cold, it's one of

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Sunnyside lists students of the month



Courtesy photo
Sunnyside Intermediate School Fourth Grade January Students of the Month Grady Morse, from left, Ilah Durbin, Kenzi Harwood, David Knutsen and Emma Williams pose for a photograph with their certificates.



Courtesy photo
Sunnyside Intermediate School Fifth Grade January Students of the Month Lotus Taly, from left, Maddie Dean, Daceen Verploegen, Issac Harkins and Kaylei Jensen pose for a photograph with their certificates.

Rocky Boy names January students for the month



Gibson



Areyano

Sophomore Sean Gibson has been named January student of the month at Rocky Boy High School.

Sean has great attendance and has made the honor roll in both quarters during the first semester of this school year. He was a key component to the Stars' football team in the fall and is a starter on the varsity basketball team in the winter.

When faced with adversity, Sean always perseveres and never makes excuses for himself no matter what life throws at him. He always wants what's best for himself and others. Sean has a wonderful heart and is always willing to lend a helpful hand.

Faculty and staff said it was their pleasure to award Sean Gibson the January student of

the month award.

Marisol Areyano, an eighth grader at Rocky Boy Junior High, has been named January student of the month.

Marisol is one of the top math students with her STAR math assessment score. She is always willing to attempt challenging math problems to improve her level of understanding. Marisol picks up on new concepts quickly.

Marisol is described by her teachers as energetic and optimistic as well as respectful and a diligent worker. Her intelligence and good work habits were evident at the recent awards banquet, where she was the recipient of many awards for academics.

She is a very caring individual and shows concern for everyone

around her. This, along with her loyalty and awesome sense of humor make her a good friend to have. Marisol is quick to share a friendly greeting and her beautiful smile with both adults and her peers making her a favorite of both staff and students.

"Awesome job Marisol, way to be a STAR student," the faculty and staff presenting the award said.

Senior Center News

North Central Senior Citizens Center, Feb. 24-28

- Monday** — Transportation from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Tuesday** — Transportation from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; bingo at 1:15 p.m.
- Wednesday** — Transportation from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; TOPS at 8 a.m., Mall shopping 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Thursday** — Transportation from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Great Falls trip 8 a.m.
- Friday** — Medical transportation will be available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. but people must make a request at least 24 hours in advance.

**Menu by Earlene DeWinter
(Subject to Change)**

- Monday** — Salisbury steak, hashbrowns with gravy, peas, pudding
- Tuesday** — Salad, oven-baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, winter-mix veggies, cake
- Wednesday** — Ham with cabbage, beans, corn bread, fruit
- Thursday** — Hamburger Stroganoff, buttered noodles, carrots, bread pudding
- Friday** — Soup, salad bar, chef's choice, desert, milk

Medicare Open Enrollment has come to an end. However, if you are having problems with prescriptions you can call Marci and see if she can help you. For those on Medicaid and Big Sky she can still make changes. For an appointment

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Safety Tips For Physical Activity: Staying active is key for good health. No matter your age or fitness level, getting more physical activity will help support your body and mind. Experts recommend 150 minutes of moderate physical activity per week. Staying safe while being active is equally important. You want to avoid getting hurt. Getting hurt will throw you and your fitness goals off-track. Has it been a long time since you've exercised? Or are you starting a new activity? Begin slowly with low-intensity exercise. Don't overdo it. Remember to warm up before exercising and cool down afterward. If you are starting a new strength training exercise, look for expert tips on proper form. Use smooth, steady movements to lift weights into position. Start out with light weights and avoid locking your arms or legs. And don't exercise the same muscle group two days in a row. Proper shoes and clothing are important for safety too. Look for shoes with non-skid soles and cushioned arch support. Clothes should be comfortable and right for the setting. You are on the right road, we should all keep active.

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Meet Renee Rutherford, MD
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Renee Rutherford, MD joined the Family Medicine Team at the Northern Montana Family Medical Center last year. A Texas native, she graduated from the University of Texas in Houston, and then went on to do residencies in Oregon, Missouri, and South Carolina. Dr. Rutherford enjoys being able to treat patients of all ages in clinic, as well as acting as a Hospitalist at Northern Montana Hospital. She is actively involved in our community, teaching dance at a local studio, and strength conditioning at a local workout facility. She enjoys staying fit and encourages her patients to do the same.

Meet Douglas Dightman, MD
Family Medicine

Douglas Dightman, MD is a member of our Family Medicine Team at the Northern Montana Family Medical Center. Dr. Dightman joined us from his practice in Washington State. He and his family are enjoying "Big Sky" country and the recreation opportunities here in Montana. Dr. Dightman enjoys the variety of patients and cases he sees in Family Medicine. From children to adults, Dr. Dightman treats the whole family.

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REAL ESTATE

Survey: Many homeowners are not prepared for an emergency

(BPT) - If emergency officials in your community issued a mandatory evacuation order to get out of the path of a wildfire, hurricane or other natural disaster, would you know what to take with you, the evacuation route you would take and where you would go until it was safe to return home?

Do you have a personal evacuation plan in place? If you answered "yes," you're like 49% of the 1,795 respondents Mercury Insurance recently surveyed for its emergency preparedness quiz. However, if the question was rephrased to inquire about "having an evacuation plan and practicing it at least once a year," the results show only 23% meet this criteria.

"Safety should be your first priority in any situation involving a possible disaster or emergency event, and you should respond to mandatory evacuation orders immediately," said Christopher O'Rourke, vice president of property claims at Mercury Insurance. "Your first instinct might be to panic, so having an evacuation plan in place and practicing it regularly will help ensure you and your family are ready to go at a moment's notice. And it will also help alleviate some of the stress and anxiety that will undoubtedly be a part of such a nerve-wracking situation."

The survey also revealed that 39% of homeowners were unsure if they have enough coverage to rebuild if their home is damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster, and 34% don't have a home inventory they could provide to their insurance company to help get these items replaced. "Homeowners and renters should make a point of touching base with their insurance agents at least once a year to reassess coverage needs," said O'Rourke. "It's a good idea to make sure you have enough coverage as you accumulate more belongings, make changes to your home or your family expands - these details may affect your policy limits, as well as create a need for endorsements you might want to consider adding to your policy."

There is some good news, however, as 88% of respondents said they have an in-home emergency kit stocked with essential items they will need if disaster strikes. If you don't have a kit, here is a list of the items you may want to include in your kit:

- A three-day supply of water (one gallon per person), non-perishable food items and pet food, if applicable;
- A battery-powered or hand-crank radio (and extra batteries);
- A flashlight;
- A first aid kit;
- A whistle to signal for help;
- A can opener;
- Blankets;
- Tools to turn off utilities;
- \$200 in cash in small bills, as power may be out, making ATMs, debit and credit cards unusable;
- Fully charged battery packs so you can recharge your cell phone; and
- Prescriptions for you and your pets.

The bottom line is that extreme weather events



are anticipated to increase, and you can never be too cautious or over-prepared to protect against Mother Nature. "It's a bit alarming to discover that, although natural disasters are in the news on a seemingly regular basis, many Americans still aren't properly preparing themselves if one happens in their neighborhood or city," said O'Rourke. "These events can have serious repercussions and adopting a wait-and-see attitude is not an option."

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GUILLAIN-BARRE SYNDROME IS A RARE, PAINFUL AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE

DEAR DOCTOR: My brother-in-law thought he had the flu, but it turned out to be Guillain-Barre syndrome. He's now in his fifth month of an intense recovery. What can you tell me about the disease?

Dear Reader: Guillain-Barre syndrome is a rare disorder that affects about 1 in 100,000 people each year. It's an autoimmune disease, which means the immune system goes a bit haywire. It mistakes cells within your body as threatening invaders and sets out to destroy them. In Guillain-Barre, the immune system attacks the peripheral nervous system, which encompasses all of the nerves in the body other than the brain and spinal cord. Infection with certain viruses and bacteria is a known trigger of Guillain-Barre, and is responsible for up to two-thirds of all cases.

Damage to the nerves results in weakness and exhaustion, often accompanied by tingling or pinprick sensations in the extremities. In the early stages of Guillain-Barre, people experience a loss of coordination that can impair balance, movement, speech, swallowing, vision and bladder control. These initial symptoms, along with possible abnormal blood pressure, both high and low, evolve over the course of the first few weeks. Progressive muscle weakness affects both sides of the body and occurs rapidly, often within hours or days. Severe cases of Guillain-Barre syndrome affect the patient's ability to breathe and result in near-complete paralysis.

Diagnosis relies largely on a person's symptoms. However, blood tests to measure red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets and hemoglobin, and metabolic panels to determine levels of electrolytes, blood sugar, total proteins and metabolic waste products, may be used to rule out other conditions. Guillain-Barre can cause certain changes to spinal fluid, so a lumbar puncture, also known as a spinal tap, may be ordered. Tests to measure nerve function can also be useful.

There is no known cure, so treatment consists of addressing existing symptoms, which is known as supportive care. This includes blood therapies such as plasma exchange, or plasmapheresis, which "cleans" the blood, or immunoglobulin therapy, which uses antibodies to try to calm the immune system. Patients often experience significant pain, which can be eased with medication. Since prolonged inactivity can lead to blood clots, compression garments and blood thinners are prescribed often. In serious cases, when swallowing or breathing are compromised, a feeding tube or a ventilator may be needed.

Most patients recover completely. However, as in the case of your brother-in-law, it's often a gradual process. A lucky few are up and about in just a few months, but the majority of patients take about a year to fully recuperate. It's also possible for recovery to take several years, and for patients to experience ongoing neurological issues.

Rehabilitative care includes physical, speech and occupational therapy. It can be a tough road back to good health, and many patients and their caregivers find a support group to be helpful. You can find more information at the Guillain-Barre Syndrome Foundation's web site at gbs-cidp.org.

ASTROGRAPH

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Take the initiative, look at your options and make adjustments that will help you get ahead. Assisting others is admirable, but you have to help yourself first.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Greater involvement in a humanitarian cause will affect the way you set your priorities. A change of heart and plans is heading your way. Romance is encouraged.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - You'll discover something that will encourage you to adjust your goal or professional plan. You'll have greater insight into what you want to do and how you can make a difference.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Go about your business and leave nothing to chance or unfinished. Observe what others are doing, but don't get involved in gossip or risky investments. A personal gain should be your focus.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Address money, legal and health matters before they become difficult to handle. Try to come up with a plan that will help you alleviate stress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Relationships take work, understanding and compromise. Do your best to see all sides of whatever situation you are facing. Fair assessments, less judgment and more peace and love will improve your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Contracts, joint money matters and health issues will take time, effort and patience. Do your best to be sensitive to the needs of others. Positive change is worth your time and effort.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Spend time with someone who brings out the best in you. Share your concerns and look for common ground. Walk away from situations that are one-sided or detrimental to your emotional well-being.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Charm will get you much further than emotional manipulation. Use your imagination to come up with a plan that will help you get what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Spend time with someone who makes you smile. Recognize what's right for you and what isn't, and eliminate the negative influences in your life. Romance will improve your experience.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Money will come from an unexpected or unusual source. Someone from your past will help change your life. Look for a better way to use your skills.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Do what's best for you, and don't let anyone pressure you into something that won't benefit you directly. Personal gain and growth should be your priorities.

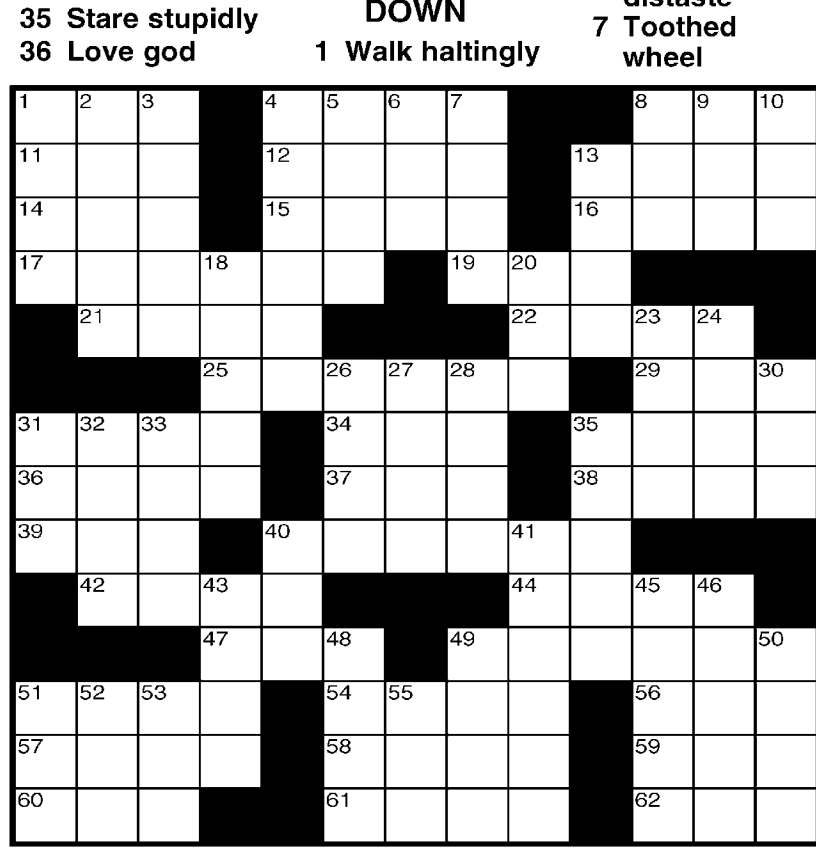
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- ACROSS
1 Cozy place to sit
4 Drain stopper
8 Gullet
11 Percent ending
12 Of great size
13 Fashion
14 Ostrich look-alike
15 Ottoman title
16 Mimicked
17 Put into words
19 Scoundrel
21 Ship's position
22 Wife of Osiris
25 Adorned
29 Windy and cold
31 Mongolian desert
34 Call — cab
35 Stare stupidly
36 Love god
37 TV spots
38 Quaint lodgings
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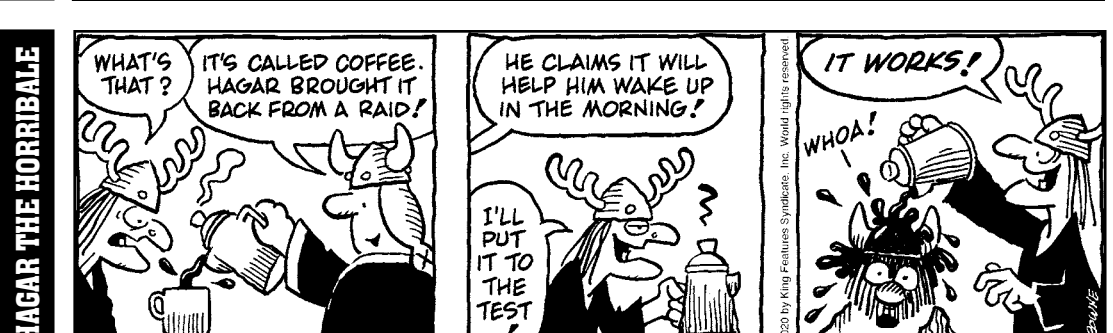
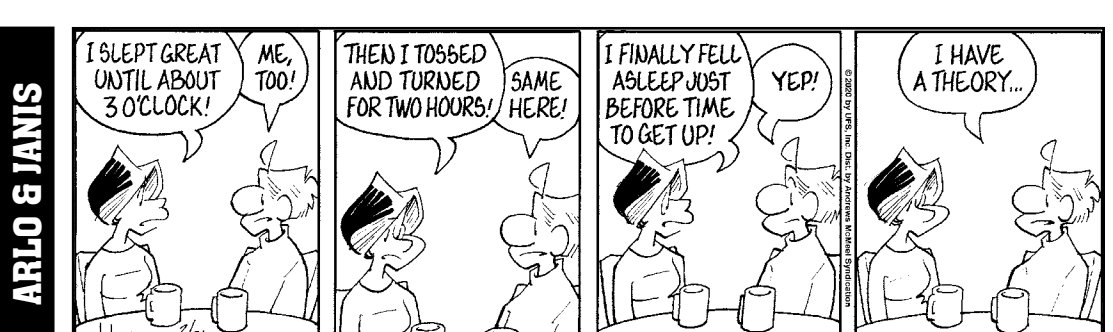
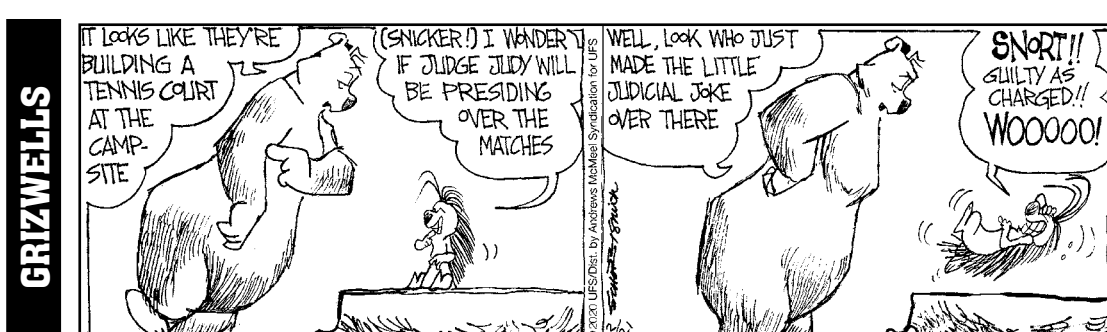
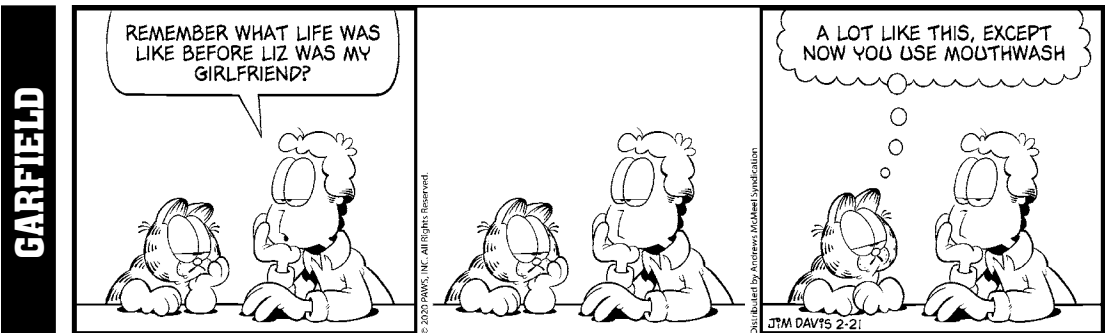
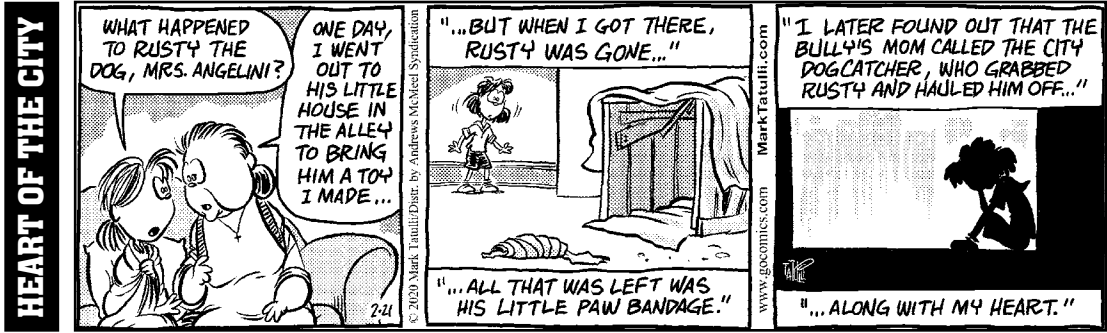
Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 2 Kahuna's hello
3 Lustrous gem
4 Sci-fi weapon
5 Kind of sled
6 Cry of distaste
7 Toothed wheel
8 Cleaning tool
9 Lemon cooler
10 Meld
13 Gym pads
18 Patronage
20 Bail out
23 Big oil supplier
24 Cut, as logs
26 Rani's servant
27 Give up land
28 Moderate
30 Mo. fractions
31 Congeal
32 Vaccine type
33 — Raton
35 Main points
40 Co. honcho
41 German ruler
43 Dutch barrier
45 Overact
46 One academy
48 Grab a cookie
49 Pastrami purveyor
50 Rangy
51 Utmost degree
52 Debt letters
53 "Early Start" ailer
55 Mauna —



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