

Primary Election Results:

1. Fort Benton • 2. Fort Benton • 3. Geraldine • 4. Carter
• 5. Rocky Boy • 6. Highwood • 7. Loma • 8. Big Sandy • 9. Big Sandy

Pracinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Totals
Registered	583	558	382	303	462	326	133	325	408	3490
Voted	392	391	270	228	61	225	89	237	321	2223
DEMOCRATIC PARTY										
PRESIDENT OF THE US										
JOSEPH R. BIDEN	83	85	47	41	44	33	16	21	26	396
BERNIE SANDERS	13	17	6	3	7	8	3	7	1	56
ELIZABETH WARREN	8	8	6	2	2	4	3	6	3	43
NO PREFERENCE	4	6	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	14
WRITE INS	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	4
US SENATOR										
STEVE BULLOCK	108	113	61	47	50	43	20	38	32	603
MIKE KNOLES	0	1	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	8
JOHN MURS	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	7
WRITE INS	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
US REPRESENTATIVE										
KATHLEEN WILLIAMS	89	89	60	43	53	39	18	29	28	468
TOM WINTER	8	14	1	0	0	8	4	0	2	37
WRITE INS	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3
GOVERNOR/AT. GOVERNOR										
MIKE COONEY/SCHREINER	77	84	41	28	29	23	18	16	28	343
WHITNEY WILLIAMS/MATTELLIN	28	32	19	18	24	25	2	12	4	164
WRITE INS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SECRETARY OF STATE										
BRUCE BENNETT	19	102	52	37	51	38	17	27	27	370
WRITE INS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ATTORNEY GENERAL										
KIMBERLY P. DUDK	32	45	11	16	22	12	7	12	6	163
RAPH GRAYBILL	67	59	47	25	31	35	12	13	23	313
WRITE INS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STATE AUDITOR										
SHANE A. MORRIS/EAU	37	47	25	11	39	23	8	12	19	221
MIKE WINSOR	48	48	28	18	13	21	7	11	7	206
WRITE INS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
STATE SUPT OF PUBLIC INSTR.										
MELISSA ROMANO	66	101	53	37	53	45	17	27	27	456
WRITE INS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
STATE SENATOR DIST 16										
JESTIN DUPREE					22					22
KRISTOFER FOURSTAR					16					16
MIKE FOX					8					8
BRIDGET SMITH					5					5
WRITE INS					0					0
STATE REPRESENTATIVE Dist 27										
WRITE INS	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	20
STATE SENATOR DIST 32										
JONATHAN WINDY BOY					49					49
WRITE INS					0					0
CLERK OF COURT/SUPT SCHOOL										
WRITE INS	9	7	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	22
COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST 1										
WRITE INS	10	8	0	0	0	2	1	4	4	29
PUBLIC ADMIN										
JODIE BUTLER	82	88	54	37	50	40	18	24	27	440
WRITE INS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUBLIC ADMIN										
WRITE INS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
REPUBLICAN PARTY										
PRESIDENT OF THE US										
DONALD J. TRUMP	221	201	169	180	3	157	78	195	245	1387
NO PREFERENCE	28	33	0	0	0	12	2	19	20	112
WRITE INS	4	8	0	0	0	2	1	3	3	21
US SENATOR										
STEVE DAINES	224	224	155	188	2	150	65	187	243	1408
JOHN BRIAN DRISCOLL	11	21	12	8	1	10	8	21	13	106
DANIEL R. LARSON	20	10	11	2	0	13	3	8	14	82
WRITE INS	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	6
US REPRESENTATIVE										
JOE DOOLING	16	18	16	26	0	17	10	22	48	173
JOHN EVANOVICH	6	7	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	21
DEBRA LAMM	15	20	11	8	1	8	4	15	14	94
MARK J. MCGINLEY	6	5	3	1	0	3	1	2	5	26
MATT ROSENDALE	121	116	75	73	1	70	36	66	108	682
CORRY STARLETON	86	89	78	63	1	69	24	86	83	584
WRITE INS	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3
GOVERNOR/AT. GOVERNOR										
TM FOX/KNERY	84	66	43	40	1	40	14	50	55	398
GREG GIANFORTE/JURAS	139	133	107	109	2	87	31	85	150	834
AL "DOC" OLSEWIK/BOGNER	38	61	41	39	0	49	37	61	66	395
WRITE INS	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4
SECRETARY OF STATE										
BOWEN GREENWOOD	9	9	8	23	1	6	7	19	10	92
CHRISTI JACOBSEN	68	77	52	35	1	45	18	46	65	487
BRAID JOHNSON	65	69	48	49	0	42	17	53	69	492
KURT JOHNSON	8	12	8	1	0	7	5	6	19	68
FORREST J. MANDEVILLE	24	14	10	14	1	12	7	10	21	113
SCOTT SALES	41	43	32	22	0	31	12	26	51	279
WRITE INS	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
ATTORNEY GENERAL										
JON BENNION	94	87	54	42	0	40	16	48	75	463
AUSTIN MULDEN	108	118	104	88	0	95	40	116	159	843
WRITE INS	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	7
STATE AUDITOR										
TROY DOWNING	118	118	110	86	2	81	28	75	97	873
NELLY NICOL	54	66	24	47	1	27	22	47	79	367
SCOTT "TUX" TUXBURY	43	37	31	32	0	55	11	41	55	305
WRITE INS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
STATE SUPT OF PUBLIC INSTR.										
ELSIE ARNTZEN	191	185	169	139	3	138	49	147	199	1220
WRITE INS	6	7	0	0	0	1	1	5	6	26
STATE SENATOR DIST 16										
WRITE INS					0					0
STATE REPRESENTATIVE Dist 27										
JOSH J. KASSMER	238	236	186	181		154	74	170	252	1471
WRITE INS	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	13
STATE SENATOR DIST 32										
G. BRUCE MEYERS					3					3
WRITE INS					0					0
CLERK OF COURT/SUPT SCHOOL										
RICK COOK	249	251	180	168	3	155	87	168	247	1476
WRITE INS	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST 1										
RICK DARLINGTON	121	135	104	80	0	78	59	131	194	890
REECE E. OPIUS	20	16	31	12	2	23	1	3	18	128
BEAU PEGAR	17	35	17	12	0	20	7	27	44	174
DAREN J. SCHUSTER	91	79	40	60	1	49	11	48	38	415
WRITE INS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
PUBLIC ADMIN										
WRITE INS	8	7	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	26
NON-PARTISAN										
Supreme Court Justice #5										
MIKE BLACK	91	83	61	54	10	44	21	53	79	462
LAURIE MCORNON	180	187	123	100	39	113	34	109	106	868
MARS SCOTT	53	73	31	20	7	22	14	22	47	289
WRITE INS	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	6
Supreme Court Justice #6										
JIM SHEA	278	295	218	196	65	170	65	178	232	1855
WRITE INS	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	7
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DIST 12										
KAYDEE N. SNIPES RUIZ	246	259	189	150	53	145	56	153	203	1454
WRITE INS	1	6	0	0	0	2	1	2	2	14



TEACHER PARADE – Fort Benton Elementary first grade teacher Tracy DeBruycker throws candy out the window of her vehicle during the teacher's parade on May 29. The parade, organized by elementary principal Rosy Benjamin, wound its way through Carter and Fort Benton starting at 9 a.m. on Friday. See story on Page 2. Claire Shinner photo

Rick Darlington wins county commissioner race

By Connie Gray

After all votes were tallied Tuesday evening for the June 2 primary elections, the results showed that Chouteau County Commissioner District 1 candidate Rick Darlington received the most votes with 891, a dominating lead over incumbent Darren Schuster, who fell second with 415 votes. The remaining commissioner candidates Beau Pagar received 174 votes and Reece Ophus got 128 votes.

Only Republican candidates ran for the commissioner seat, so there will be no competition in the General Election in the fall, and Darlington will become the new

county commissioner for District 1 at the beginning of 2021. District 1 covers the Big Sandy and Loma areas.

Schuster is completing his second six-year term as county commissioner.

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STUDENT AWARDS – Fort Benton Schools athletic director Nathan Dunham organized the annual Booster Club Activities Social awards ceremony which was held May 26. This year Dunham made the event a virtual celebration which was broadcast live online so that all could tune in and celebrate student achievements for the 2019-2020 school year. See story on Page 6.

Ava Nelson photo



SEEING STUDENTS FROM AFAR – Fort Benton Elementary art teacher Peggy Gannon, left, and volunteer Margie Nelson waved out the window of the Longhorn school bus during the teacher parade on May 29. "We just wanted to have a chance for the kids to have one last look at the teachers and close out the year by saying goodbye that way," Gannon said.

Claire Shinner photo

Teachers end school year with a parade

By Claire Shinner

An unusual school year in Fort Benton ended with something unique – a parade of teachers. The Fort Benton Elementary teachers organized a car parade to end the school year on Friday, May 29. The parade started in Carter and wove through Fort Benton, with teachers driving decorated cars and trucks and throwing candy for local Longhorns. The parade began at 9 a.m. and finished around 11:30 a.m. Elementary art teacher Peggy Gannon said Principal Rosy Benjamin organized the parade to provide a chance for the students to see their teachers one more time before they were out of school for the summer.

"We just wanted to have a chance for the kids to have one last look at the teachers and close out the year by saying goodbye that way," she said.

Benjamin emailed all the teachers with the parade route. With the parade the teachers ended the school year together on a high note.

Talking about how things have gone since the Fort Benton students began studying from home on March 16, Gannon said her art class moved smoothly online, in comparison to the regular classroom teachers, who had to adjust quite a bit more. Gannon organized projects for her students to do at home and did online classes and streamed video through Google Classroom.

One of the projects the kids worked on was an outdoor installation on the fence around the playground.

"I was trying to think of a

project that everyone could do from home," Gannon said. "So we took big branches and decorated them and tied them to the fence, representing each kid on the playground."

Gannon said not all the students participated, but she hopes they will be able to continue over the summer. This year will be memorable for Gannon, as one of her children, Stephen Gannon, graduated with the class of 2020. He lost his track season and prom, among other things, as a senior. However, she said she will remember the year fondly as well.

"It was a good memory that our teachers just stepped right up and made it work, and they did an excellent job," she said.



CUSTOM DESIGN – Some of the many projects Hybrid Steel Design has worked on in recent years are OSHA updates on several CHS Big Sky facilities. Hybrid Steel has provided custom fabricated ladders, stairs and railings.

Hybrid Steel Design photo

Primary election results ... from Page 1

In Chouteau County Matt Rosendale led with 662 votes, edging out Corey Stapleton, who had 584 votes. Statewide, Rosendale had 103,408 votes to Stapleton's 71,046. On the Democratic ticket, Kathleen Williams received 468 votes in Chouteau County, and 130,080 votes statewide.

In the race for governor of Montana, on the Republican side Greg Gianforte led with 834 votes. In Chouteau County, Republican candidates Tim Fox and Al "Doc" Olszewski tied with 395 votes each. Statewide, Gianforte led with 117,942 votes.

There were two candidates for governor on the Democratic ballot. In Chouteau County, Mike Cooney led with 342 votes to Whitney Williams' 164 votes. Statewide, this was a closer race, with Cooney receiving 79,893 votes and Williams receiving 64,767 votes.

The race for secretary of state was another crowded field for the Republicans, with six candidates. Christi Jacobsen and Brad Johnson led the field in Chouteau County in a very tight race. Jacobsen generated 407 votes and Johnson got 403 votes. Jacobsen also took the lead statewide, with 57,204 votes to Scott Sailer's 49,295 and Brad Johnson's 45,023.

Bryce Bennet was the only Democrat running for Secretary of State and received 370 votes in Chouteau County. Statewide, he received 126,709 votes.

In the race for attorney general, on the Republican ballot Chouteau County voters favored Austin Knudsen, who earned 843 votes, well over Jon Bennion's 463. Statewide, Knudsen also led, with 115,156 votes to Bennion's 77,535. Democratic attorney general candidate Raph Graybill received 312 votes in Chouteau County,

almost double Kimberly Dudik's 163. Statewide, Graybill garnered 78,477 votes to Dudik's 58,041.

In the race for state auditor, Troy Downing led the field of three Republican candidates with 672 votes in Chouteau County and 96,295 votes statewide. There were two Democratic candidates, and Shane Morigueau led with 221 votes in Chouteau County and 76,141 votes statewide.

In the race for state superintendent of public instruction, there was only one candidate on the Republican ballot and one candidate on the Democratic ballot. Republican Elsie Arntzen received 1,220 votes in Chouteau County and 176,203 votes statewide. Democrat Melissa Romano received 456 votes in Chouteau County and 129,359 votes statewide.

In the nonpartisan race for supreme court justice #5, Laurie McKinnon led with 968 votes in Chouteau County and 166,661 votes statewide. Jim Shea was unopposed in the race for supreme court justice #6 and received 1,655 votes in Chouteau County and 297,992 votes statewide. Kaydee Snipes Ruiz ran unopposed for district court judge for District 12 and received 1,454 votes in Chouteau County and 5,594 votes in the district.

There were several Green Party candidates. Green Party U.S. senator candidates Dennis Daneke and Wendie Fredrickson each got one vote in Chouteau County. Green Party candidate for U.S. representative John Gibney received three votes in Chouteau County. Roy Davis, the Green Party candidate for attorney general, received two votes.

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WHOO-UP ANNIVERSARY – To commemorate the 150th anniversary of Fort Whoop-Up this summer, people at the Overholser Historical Research Center in Fort Benton have put together a "Whoop-Up Country" historical photo display. This summer the display will greet visitors entering the Museum of the Northern Great Plains. In the top photo above, Ross Rettig, left, and Dan Nelson stand by the display. Ken Robison/Claire Shinner photos

Whoop-Up Country: Commemorating 150 Years

By Ken Robison
Historian, Overholser Historical Research Center

Like spokes on a wagon wheel, trails and rivers radiate in every direction from Fort Benton.

Leading from the west over the great falls to Fort Benton, flows our great natural highway, the Missouri River, making this far distant frontier town, the world's innermost port and the commercial center for Montana Territory in the 1860s and '70s.

Radiating out from Fort Benton were many trails – the Mullan Military Wagon Road, Northern Overland Trail, Cow Island Trail, Camp Cooke Trail, Graham Wagon Road, and others. No trail was more important or notorious in its day than the Whoop-Up Trail, and yet today this first international highway in the northwest is largely forgotten.

This year is the 150th anniversary of Fort Whoop-Up and the famed trail that led northwest from Fort Benton across the prairie lands through which the trail passed, known as Whoop-Up Country.

The Whoop-Up Trail extends from Fort Benton, northwest across the Medicine Line, the then unmarked and ill-defined international border, into western British America, today's Canadian provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. Fort Benton is the birthplace of Whoop-Up Country – and western Canada.

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of Whoop-Up this summer, our Overholser Historical Research Center has prepared a photo display, "WHOO-UP COUNTRY – 150 YEARS." Throughout this summer this display will greet visitors entering the Museum of the Northern Great Plains, the Montana State Agricultural Museum.

A series of photos and stories will tell the tale of formation of Fort Hamilton, the Indian trading post near today's Lethbridge, that became infamous as Fort Whoop-Up. Fort Benton free traders Johnny Healy and A.B. Hamilton left their trading post at Sun River Crossing just days after Christmas in 1869, traveled along the Ripplinger Trail

through Blackfoot Country, crossed the Medicine Line, and in mid-January 1870 began construction of Fort Hamilton on the Belly River.

This broke the monopoly of the Hudson Bay Company and opened a new era in the prairie provinces of the North West Territory of the newly formed Dominion of Canada. For the next 15 years, trade goods, supplies, immigrants and adventurers came up the mighty Missouri River to Fort Benton by steamboat for transfer to overland freight wagons to follow a trail that assumed legendary fame and notoriety.

For five of those years, Fort Benton free traders would reign supreme in the lawless environment north of the border, operating several dozen "whisky posts," forcing the Canadian government to create the North West Mounted Police. This was colorful Whoop-Up Country in its heyday.

So, come this summer to visit the Ag Museum and share in commemorating Whoop-Up Country – 150 Years.

To further commemorate Whoop-Up's anniversary, this September The History Press will publish "Historic Tales of Whoop-Up Country: On the Trail from Montana's Fort Benton to Canada's Fort Macleod" by Ken Robison. The book will bring Fort Whoop-Up, the Whoop-Up Trail and the legendary Fort Benton free traders back to life.



John G. Lepley and Bob Doerk of the River & Plains Society inspecting an original 1832 cannon taken by Johnny Healy from Fort Benton to Fort Whoop-Up in 1869. Ken Robison photo

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FAITH BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
906 Chouteau. An independent Bible Church. Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Fort Benton Home Bible Study – Wednesdays, 9 a.m.; Loma/Big Sandy Home Bible Study – Mondays, 7:15 p.m. Call 453-9225 (Dave) or 622-5383 (Jeff) for more information.

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1223 16th St. Father Mohan Raj Arockia, Pastor, 622-3726, www.iccb.org. Mass Schedule: Sundays, 9 a.m., with the exception of the first Sunday of each month, which will be held at 11 a.m. Weekday Masses: 9 a.m. Wed., Thur., Fri., Sat.; Mass at Hospital, 1st & 3rd Thurs., 10 a.m.; Mass at Sunrise Bluffs, 2nd & 4th Thurs., 10 a.m.

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"The Church with the Chimes," 1201 Chouteau, Fort Benton; Rev. Marcia Muir, Church Office 406-622-3763; Sunday Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Bell Choir Practice, Wednesdays, 5:15 p.m.; United Methodist Women, third Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. *Third sermon each week, Sunday at 10 a.m. - Contact Pastor Marcia or any of your Methodist friends if you'd like to join us!

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Heather Hartman correctly identified last week's trivia photo, winning \$10 off her subscription to the River Press. She and five others correctly answered that the cow pictured is on the sign of Joyce Fuel and Feeds.

Rebuild the Ranch

A Benefit Farm Auction is being held on
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Contact:

Ben Cartwright - Auction Items
Jodi Duvall - Silent Auction Items

We are also accepting donations.

This event is being sponsored by the Geraldine Historical Committee and Painter Bros. American Legion Post #102 and Auxiliary.

General information, call Jeff Schile @ 737-4315 or Monica Rice @ 737-4368.

Scottie Peters and Beau Pegar will be the auctioneers.

Chouteau County and The Great Pandemic - PART III: To The End of Deadly October 1918

By Ken Robison
Historian, Overholser Historical Research Center

As the deadliest wave of the Pandemic struck in October 1918, the River Press of October 23, offered insight into the Spanish Flu from the U.S. Public Health Service:

INSIGHT INTO THE PANDEMIC
Epidemic Probably Not Spanish In Origin—Germ Still Unknown—People Should Guard Against "Droplet Infection"—Surgeon General Blake Makes Authoritative Statement.

Washington, D. C.—(Special).—Although King Alfonso of Spain was one of the victims of the influenza epidemic in 1893 and again this summer, Spanish authorities repudiate any claim to influenza as a "Spanish" disease. If the people of this country do not take care the epidemic will become widespread throughout the United States that soon we shall hear the disease called "American" influenza.

In response to a request for definite information concerning Spanish influenza, Surgeon General Rupert Blue of the U. S. Public Health Service has authorized the following official interview:

What is Spanish influenza? Is it something new? Does it come from Spain?

"The disease now occurring in this country and called 'Spanish Influenza' resembles a very contagious kind of 'cold' accompanied by fever, pale in the head, eyes, ears, back or other parts of the body and a feeling of severe sickness. In most of the cases the symptoms disappear after three or four days, the patient then rapidly recovering. Some of the patients, however, develop pneumonia, or inflammation of the ears, or meningitis, and many of these complicated cases die. Whether this so-called 'Spanish' influenza is identical with the epidemics of influenza of earlier years is not yet known.

"Epidemics of influenza have visited this country since 1647. It is interesting to know that this first epidemic was brought here from Valencia, Spain. Since that time there have been numerous epidemics of the disease. In 1889 and 1890 an epidemic of influenza, starting somewhere in the Orient, spread first to Russia and thence over practically the entire civilized world. Three years later there was another flare-up of the disease. Both times the epidemic spread widely over the United States.

"Although the present epidemic is called 'Spanish influenza,' there is no reason to believe that it originated in Spain. Some writers who have studied the question believe that the epidemic came from the Orient and they call attention to the fact that the Germans mention the disease as occurring along the eastern front in the summer and fall of 1917."

How can 'Spanish influenza' be recognized?

"There is as yet no certain way in which a single case of 'Spanish influenza' can be recognized. On the other hand, recognition is easy where there is a group of cases. In contrast to the outbreaks of ordinary colds and colds, which usually occur in the cold months, epidemics of influenza may occur at any season of the year. Thus, the present epidemic raged most intensely in Europe in May, June and July. Moreover, in the case of ordinary colds, the general symptoms (fever, pain, depression) are by no means as severe or as sudden in their onset as they are in influenza. Finally, ordinary colds do not spread through the community so rapidly or so extensively as does influenza.

"In most cases a person taken sick with influenza feels rather suddenly. He feels weak, has pains in the eyes, ears, head or back, and may be sore all over. Many patients feel dizzy, some vomit. Most of the patients complain of feeling chilly, and with this comes a fever in which the temperature rises to 100 to 104. In most cases the pulse remains relatively slow.

"In appearance one is struck by the fact that the patient looks sick. His eyes and the outer side of his eyelids may be slightly 'bloodshot,' or 'congested,' as the doctors say. There may be running from the nose, or there may be some cough. These signs of a cold may not be marked; nevertheless, the patient looks and feels very sick.

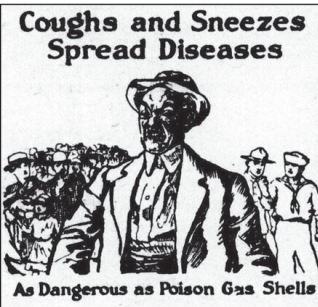
"In addition to the appearance and the symptoms as already described, examination of the patient's blood may aid the physician in recognizing 'Spanish Influenza,' for it has been found that in this disease the number of white corpuscles shows little or no increase above the normal. . . . What is the cause of the disease? Do people die of it?"

"Ordinarily the fever lasts from three to four days and the patient recovers. But while the proportion of deaths in the present epidemic has generally been low, in some places the outbreak has been severe and deaths have been numerous. When death occurs, it is usually the result of a complication."

What causes the disease and how is it spread?

"Bacteriologists who have studied influenza epidemics in the past have found in many of the cases a very small rod-shaped germ called, after its discoverer, Pfeiffer's bacillus. In other cases of apparently the same kind of disease there were found pneumococci, the germs of lobar pneumonia. Still others have been caused by streptococci, and by others germs with long names.

"No matter what particular kind of germ causes the epidemic, it is now believed that influenza is always spread from person to person, the germs being carried with the air along with the very small droplets of mucus, expelled by coughing or sneezing, forceful talking, and the like by one who



This graphic accompanied the "Insight into the Pandemic" story in the October 23, 1918 issue of the River Press. File photo

already has the germs of the disease. They may also be carried about in the air in the form of dust coming from dried mucus, from coughing and sneezing, or from careless people who spit on the floor and on the sidewalk. As in most other catching diseases, a person who has only a mild attack of the disease himself may give a very severe attack to others."

What should be done by those who catch the disease? "It is very important that every person who becomes sick with influenza should go home at once and go to bed. This will help keep away dangerous complications and will, at the same time, keep the patient from scattering the disease far and wide. It is highly desirable that no one be allowed to sleep in the same room with the patient. In fact, no one but the nurse should be allowed in the room.

"If there is cough and sputum or running of the eyes and nose, care should be taken that all such discharges are collected on bits of gauze or rag or paper napkins and burned. If the patient complains of fever and headache, he should be given water to drink, a cold compress the forehead and a light sponge. Only such medicine should be given as is prescribed by the doctor. It is foolish to ask the druggist to prescribe and may be dangerous to take the so-called 'safe, sure and harmless' remedies advertised by patent medicine manufacturers.

"If the patient is so situated that he can be attended only by someone who must also look after others in the family, it is advisable that such attendant wear a wrapper, apron or gown over the ordinary house clothes while in the sick room and slip this off when leaving to look after the others.

"Nurses and attendants will do well to guard against breathing in dangerous disease germs by wearing a simple fold of gauze or mask while near the patient."

Will a person who has had influenza before catch the disease again?

"It is well known that an attack of measles or scarlet fever or smallpox usually protects a person against another attack of the same disease. This appears not to be true of 'Spanish influenza.' According to newspaper reports the King of Spain suffered an attack of influenza during the epidemic thirty years ago, and was again stricken during the recent outbreak in Spain."

How can one guard against influenza?

"In guarding against disease of all kinds, it is important that the body be kept strong and able to fight off disease germs. This can be done by having a proper proportion of work, play and rest, by keeping the body well clothed, and by eating sufficient wholesome and properly selected food in connection with diet, it is well to remember that milk is one of the best all-around foods obtainable for adults as well as children. So far as a disease like influenza is concerned, health authorities everywhere recognize the very close relation between its spread and overcrowded homes.

While it is not always possible, especially in times like the present, to avoid such overcrowding, people should consider the health danger and take every effort to reduce the home overcrowding to a minimum. The value of fresh air through open windows cannot be over emphasized.

"When crowding is unavoidable, as in street cars, care should be taken to keep the face so turned as not to inhale directly the air breathed out by another person.

"It is especially important to beware of the person who coughs or sneezes without covering his mouth and nose. It also follows that one should keep out of crowds and stuffy places as much as possible, keep homes, offices and workshops well aired, spend some time out of doors each day, walk to work if at all practicable—in short, make every possible effort to breathe as much pure air as possible."

IMPACT ON MONTANA MILITARY DURING OCTOBER

During October, 1918, 245 Montana servicemen died of influenza and/or pneumonia: 107 of them overseas, primarily among the American Expeditionary Forces in France, and 138 at military posts and training camps in the U.S. Eleven soldiers from Chouteau County died, five overseas and six in the U.S. during October.

Among the tragic victims of the Spanish Flu was Dr. Homer C. Parrish, who had practiced medicine in Fort Benton for several years. Dr. Parrish had recently been called up, commissioned 1st Lieutenant and assigned to U.S. General Hospital #14 at

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. In just a matter of weeks Dr. Parrish contracted influenza and died on October 9. Three young men from Chouteau County, Harold M. Fisk of Fort Benton, Gerard W. Cornelissen of Highwood, and Zacharias Larson of Loma, all succumbed to the Influenza Pandemic while enrolled in the Student Army Training Corps—Cornelissen at the University of Montana while Fisk and Larson died at the University of Colorado.

Among the Chouteau County soldiers in France, four were assigned to the 84th "Raisplitters" Division, largely Illinois-based. Private Andrew O. Heimdal and Private Thomas F. Gingrich, both of Ashmoor, and Carl Florence of Russell served with the 335th Infantry Regiment in the 84th while Grover C. Watts of Fort Benton served in the 336th Infantry. The 84th had arrived in France just weeks earlier and the men were still in training camps. Private Peter A. Aas serving with the 28th Infantry in the Big Red One 1st Division died of pneumonia the last day of October. Private Heimdal and Private Aas are buried at Suresnes American Cemetery near Paris.

The Chouteau County men lost to the Pandemic in October 1918 include the following. Fisk, Harold M. Private. Fort Benton, Chouteau Co. Army. Died of Influenza and Pneumonia at Boulder, Colorado on October 5. He was in the Student Army Training Corps at the University of Colorado. Not Overseas. Born Alden, NY. [Great Falls Tribune, October 10, 1918, p. 5]

Watts, Grover C. Fort Benton, Chouteau Co. Army. Died Bronchial Pneumonia October 6, 1918. EC. Company L 336th Infantry. Private. Overseas September 9, 1918. Born Mountain City, TN. March 17, 1889. Heimdal, Andrew O. Private. Ashmoor, Chouteau Co. Died of Disease [Assumed Pneumonia] in France on October 7. He served with Company F, 335th Infantry, 84th Division. Overseas September 9, 1918. Born Telemarken, Norway November 27, 1889. Buried A 1329. Suresnes American Cemetery.

Florence, Carl. Russell, Private. Chouteau Co. Died of Bronchial Pneumonia in France on October 9.

Served in Machine Gun Company 335th Infantry. Overseas September 9, 1918.

Parrish, Homer Coulson. 1st Lieut. Medical Doctor Fort Benton, Chouteau County. Army. Died of Pneumonia at U.S. General Hospital 14 Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia on October 9. Served in the Medical Corps. Not Overseas. Born Sullivan, Ashland Co., Ohio on December 12, 1871.

Gingrich, Thomas F. Private. Ashmoor, Died of Pneumonia in France on October 12. Served in Company F, 335th Infantry. Overseas September 9, 1918. Born Russel Springs, Kansas on January 30, 1894.

Thomas, Leslie R. Warrick, Chouteau Co. Private. Died of Russell served with the 335th Infantry Regiment in the 84th while Grover C. Watts of Fort Benton served in the 336th Infantry. Depot Brigade. Not Overseas. Born Oregon March 9, 1891.

Cornelissen, Gerard William. Highwood, Chouteau Co. Army. Died Disease Influenza and Pneumonia October 16, 1918. EC. Students Army Training School Section B, University of Montana. Private. Not Overseas.

Larson, Zacharias. Loma, Chouteau Co. Army. Died of pneumonia at Boulder, CO, October 17, 1918. NO EC. Lately with Student Army Training Corps at University of Colorado. Not Overseas.

Wallace, Martin J. Chouteau. Army. Died Lobar Pneumonia October 20, 1918. EC.

MTG Replacement Unit 312 Fort Sam Houston, TX. Private. Not Overseas. Born Helena. Age 21 8/12 years.

Aas, Peter A. Conrad/Chouteau Co. Army. Died of Bronchial Pneumonia October 30, 1918. Company F 28th Infantry. Private. Overseas September 3, 1918. Born Cannon Falls, MN. Age August 3, 1892. Buried Suresnes American Cemetery B 15 8.

To Be Continued . . .

Sources: River Press, October 23, October 30, 1918; Montana Enlistment Cards; Robison, Ken. Montanans and the Great War: Open Warfare Over There. Charleston: The History Press, 2019.



84th Infantry Division Raisplitters Insignia.

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Suresnes American Cemetery - Originally a World War I cemetery, the Suresnes American Cemetery and Memorial just outside Paris shelters the remains of U.S. dead of both World Wars. The 7.5-acre cemetery contains the remains of 1,541 Americans who died in World War I and 24 unknown dead of World War II. Bronze tablets on the walls of the chapel record the names of 974 World War I missing. Rosettes mark the names of those since recovered and identified.

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By Trish Eklund, Chouteau County Cancer Support Group

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For more information on the hunting regulations for the area, consult Montana FWP 2020 Hunting Regulations.

Raffle tickets are \$20 each or 5 for \$100. Contact a Chouteau County Cancer Support Group member to purchase tickets: Connie Jenkins 750-2918, Denise Naesseth 868-8385, Jodie Butler 899-7377, Karyn Giles 868-2456 or Trish Eklund 737-4529.

You can purchase tickets at our picnic on June 7 at 4 p.m. at the canoe campground near the Chouteau County Fairgrounds.

League baseball tentatively canceled due to low turnout

By Claire Shinner

Triangle League baseball and t-ball in Fort Benton has been tentatively canceled for this summer after a low turnout of local children. Instead of normal league play, coaches and parents are volunteering to teach kids and hold pickup games every Wednesday night from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Little League coach JC Lindeman said two kids each showed up to play baseball and t-ball last week. He said as the weeks pass, he hopes they can get out the pitching machine and work with the kids and teach them, even though the regular season isn't happening.

The teams usually play for six weeks before the tournament, held the week before Summer Celebration. Last year, they had one full team each for baseball and t-ball.

"This year with the [COVID-19] stuff we didn't want to take the kids around to other towns," Lindeman said.

However, Jake Stevenson, league commissioner, said if Fort Benton rallies enough kids, they could participate in the condensed season for this year.

Practices for this season didn't begin until they could find a safe way to get all of the kids together in phase 1 of the COVID-19 guidelines, so the league is willing to find a way for Fort Benton to still get involved.



EXTRA PRECAUTIONS – Fort Benton P.E. teacher Connor McKillop takes freshman Cade Ball's temperature with a non-contact thermometer before weight training. All students must have their temperature recorded and are required to leave if their temperature is 100 degrees or above. The precautions are being taken due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and will allow for students to safely continue their training when they are able to return to sports.

Ava Nelson photo

Living Once Well

Dry canning

Contact – Janell Barber, Chouteau County Extension Office, janell@montana.edu, 406-622-3036

Have you been seeing the posts or heard people talking about putting dried foods such as flour, legumes, grains, etc. into canning jars and heating in the oven to preserve them as shelf stable items? Please be aware this is NOT a safe way to store these foods.

True canning involves the heating/processing of moist foods in

closed containers, killing spoilage and pathogenic microorganisms which survive at room temperature and vacuum-sealing for safe room temperature storage. Here is some explanation as to why dry canning is not actual canning.

1. Dry canning does not remove all the oxygen from the jars. Just because the jar lid is sealed, does not mean all the oxygen has been removed. If oxygen is present, harmful pathogens can grow.

2. A key point to keeping dry foods shelf stable is keeping the moisture out of these types of food. Dry canning may actually trap moisture in the jar. Trapped moisture may cause spoilage, decline in food quality and/or may cause rancidity from the fat in the dried food or increase enzyme activity.

3. The time and temperature combination needed to kill bacterial spores and mold spores is not present under the conditions used in dry canning. It is unknown if the food has been sterilized.

4. The U.S. canning jar and lid manufacturer does not recommend putting their jars or lids in the oven. The jars are not designed to withstand the intense dry heat and may shatter in the oven or when removing them from the oven.

5. Heating in dry canning may make the quality of these food items worse, specifically foods which contain lipid fats, causing them to go rancid.

Other forms of "canning" which are not safe include solar, open kettle, microwave, micro-dome, electric pressure cooker

and dishwasher processing. These methods are not research-based, approved methods of canning. If you need help or have any questions regarding safe canning methods, please contact Janell using the contact information below.

Keep in mind, you cannot smell, taste or see harmful microorganisms. This is why it is important to use and follow safe canning processes.

Here are recommended ways to preserve dry foods:

1. A vacuum sealing machine using sealing bags or an adapter for jars.
2. Oxygen absorbers inside containers.
3. Air-tight food-grade containers.
4. Freezer. Certain items will vary in length of time spent in freezer to maintain food quality.

This information was compiled from New Mexico State University Extension, University of Missouri Extension, Utah State University Extension, National Center for Home Food Preservation – University of Georgia and Penn State Extension.

To learn more, contact Janell at the Chouteau County Extension Office at 622-3036, janell@montana.edu or in the green building next to the Chouteau County Courthouse at 1308 Franklin St. in Fort Benton.

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June 6 Spring Cleanup – Free use of dumpster – 1520 20th St.
June 7 Picnic hosted by Cancer Support Group, Canoe Campground, 4 pm
June 8 Chouteau County Commissioners, Courthouse, 10 am – 5 pm
June 10 Summer Reading, K-6, Pick up Quest, outside Library, 9 am – 5 pm
June 10 Pick Up Baseball, Sunset Park, 5:30 – 7 pm
June 10 Singleness of Purpose AA meeting, Community Bible Center, 7 pm
June 11 Summer Reading, 6-5, Pick up craft kit, outside Library, 9 am – 5 pm
June 11 County Airport Board regulations hearing, Fort Benton City Hall, 6 pm
June 12 Fort Benton Cemetery Board, Courthouse, 8 am
June 13 Fort Benton Pool opens
June 15-16 Chouteau County Commissioners, Courthouse, 10 am – 5 pm
June 15 City Council, City Hall, 6:30 pm
June 17 Summer Reading, K-6, Pick up Quest, outside Library, 9 am – 5 pm
June 17 Pick Up Baseball, Sunset Park, 5:30 – 7 pm
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June 26-28 Summer Celebration – CANCELED
June 27 Rebuild the Ranch Benefit Auction, Geraldine Vets Hall, 8 am – 4 pm
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Booster Club holds virtual Activities Social

By Ava Nelson
The annual Booster Club Activities Social on Tuesday, May 26 was broadcast online for students, parents and guests, as a large gathering was not possible this year. By holding the event online the Fort Benton High School coaches ensured their students and athletes were recognized for their hard work. Many memories were shared throughout the annual activities celebration.

The event took off with the "Ask Not" scholarship. The motto of this scholarship adds a twist to John F. Kennedy's inaugural address: "Ask not what your high school can do for you - ask what you can do for your high school." The \$4,000 scholarship was given to each student who participated in an event every season throughout their four years of high school. This year, seven of 21 seniors received this award, including Stetson LeFurgey, Stephen Gannon, Max Lane, Garrett Diekhans, Cassie Nack, McKenna Hanford and McKenzie Clark.

Nicole Axtman and Cassie Nack received the Morger Scholarship, which is traditionally awarded to one FBHS senior. This year, there was a tie, so each received the \$1,000 academic scholarship.

The Morger family set up the scholarship to give back to the community by creating educational opportunities for graduates of FBHS. By choosing a graduating senior who exemplifies the ideals of Wallace and Victoria Morger and daughters Lisa and Audra, they hope to create a lasting legacy of civic responsibility, community service and school involvement.

McKenna Hanford and Jaden Good received the Schmidt Scholarship. Applicants for this scholarship must be a graduating senior of FBHS who has participated in and completed a season of at least one FBHS varsity sport. The recipient is selected on the basis of academic and athletic achievement, school activity and community involvement.

The Triple Threat Award was given to 38 students who played three sports over the course of the year.

The Booster of the Year Award was presented to Marvin and Sue Brodack for their extensive support of the Longhorns. Also, Stella Scott received a plaque for her continuous dedication to the Longhorn football team throughout the year.

Each coach and extracurricular activity advisor presented awards, sharing memorable moments with their students.

BAND AND CHOIR

Andrew Kilpatrick, band and choir director, awarded the Dale Anderson "Be the Ball" Award to Eli Brugman, the John Philip Sousa Outstanding Band Award to Megan Clark, and the Bill Vinion Outstanding Choral Award to Pierce Marin.

Kilpatrick stated, "Megan has always been a leader in her section and crushes it. Eli has a vision for what band is and wants to see it through." Kilpatrick then shared a humorous story, saying "the first time I met Pierce, he sang to me in the grocery store."

VOLLEYBALL

The Longhorn volleyball team earned the divisional championship in 2019 and competed at state for the first time in nine years.

Head coach Shanna Diekhans awarded the Hustler Award to Cassie Nack, saying "anything I asked her to do, she did it with a smile on her face." Jasmine Wilson received the Most Improved Award, and Diekhans shared, "she was a digging machine and it was fun to watch her grow throughout the season."

McKenzie Clark was awarded the Most Valuable Player Award by her teammates, as she led the team in kills, and was a beast in the back row and in the front row. "How she played was how the team felt," said Diekhans.

FOOTBALL

The football awards were presented by head coach Jory Thompson. The season ended strong for the Longhorns boys with 10 wins and 1 loss, taking the Northern Division championship title. Thompson described the athletes as disciplined, hardworking, coachable, caring and kind.

Garrett Diekhans received the Dick Hudson Leadership Award. Stetson LeFurgey received the Gene McKeever Outstanding Lineman Award, and both Jace Thompson and Garrett Diekhans received the Golden Helmet Award.

SPEECH AND DRAMA

Speech and drama awards were presented by athletic director Nathan Dunham. Amy Hanson was the speech and drama coach this year. The Most Improved Speech Award was presented to Winter Wilson, and the Most Valuable Award was presented to Trinity Deck. In drama, Most Valuable was awarded to Angela

Haugen.

The team placed third at State and first at divisionals.

CHEERLEADING

Cheerleading coach Tabitha Ringer gave the Spirit Leadership Award to Johanna Arganbright and the Outstanding Award to Elizabeth Chylik. Ringer thanked all the cheerleaders, both old and new, saying how impressed both coaches were with all the cheerleaders have accomplished over the school year.

WRESTLING

Head coach Kevin LeFurgey presented four awards, and Hayden Axtman received two, including Most Improved and Mr. Longhorn, highlighting his character throughout the season. The Coaches Award went to Stetson LeFurgey for being a good teammate and coachable. Trevor O'Hara was selected by his teammates to receive the Most Valuable Award.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Longhorn boys basketball team had a 27-game winning streak, winning the district and divisional championships. They were the first Longhorn boys basketball team to go to State in 28 years. Unfortunately, their chance for a third-place trophy at State was blocked when the State tournament was shut down before their final game due to the coronavirus pandemic. Head coach Tyler Pasha shared the emotional experiences which came with the sudden news.

"The character you showed is the character we had talked about in every game and practice," Pasha said to the team. "Play as if it is your last day ... It can be taken away at any given moment. An injury might happen. A pandemic might happen. Give it your all."

The Bill Allen Sportsmanship Award went to Logan Giles and Garrett Diekhans, the Rebounding Award to Garrett Diekhans, the Free-Throw Award to Hayden Diekhans, and the Aaron Schultz Inspirational Award to Max Lane. Most Improved went to Nick Marais, and Most Charges was awarded to Jace Thompson.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Head coach Cassie Fimperton spoke about the great season they had with a 24 win and 1 loss record. The team won the District 9C championship.

Fimperton had coached most of these athletes since they were in middle school, and she shared how grateful she was to work with them and watch them grow.

She awarded McKenzie Clark the Longhorn Leadership Award, the Rebounding Award went to Aspen Giese, the Free-Throw Award to McKenzie Clark, and Team Player/ Most Improved Award to Megan Clark.

SPRING SPORTS

Spring sports were canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic, so unfortunately there were no awards for girls and boys track, boys and girls golf, and girls tennis.

Join us for a picnic

By Trish Eklund, Chouteau County Cancer Support Group

Chouteau County Cancer Support Group is celebrating Cancer Survivor Day on Sunday, June 7 at 4 p.m. at the canoe campground near the fairgrounds in Fort Benton.

Anyone who has been touched by cancer or knows anyone who has had cancer is invited to attend.

Individually wrapped hotdogs for roasting, buns and condiments will be provided, along with single serve fruit cups, raw vegetables and cake. Bring your own beverage, any personal side dish you would like, and a chair. You might want sunscreen in case you don't sit in the shade.

After weeks of social distancing and spending a great deal of time in our homes, it is time to get out and celebrate. Join us for conversation, campfire and food. We can all celebrate Cancer Survivor Day.

Raffle tickets will be available for an exclusive drop camp and big game hunting experience for this fall. If you know anyone who likes to hunt, this might be a great gift for the hunter in your family.



SIGNED AND READY TO GO – FBHS 2020 graduate Nicole Axtman and her family gathered for a photo during the Booster Club Activities Social May 26. From left are Corey and Shirley Embleton, Nicole Axtman, and Dede and Roger Axtman. Nicole thanked her coaches, teammates and community for their support over the years. Axtman will be attending MSU-Billings this fall and will be on the track and field team, competing in high jump and triple jump. "Winning is great, but losing means you get better," Axtman said during the virtual celebration.

Ava Nelson photo



CONTINUING DOWN A SPORTY PATH – McKenzie Clark, pictured with her parents Wayne and Debra Clark, recently graduated from Fort Benton High School and plans to attend the University of Providence this fall, where she will be on the basketball and track and field teams. During the Booster Club Activities Social on May 26, Clark thanked several people, including coach Kevin Shaw, saying "I'm a better person for being coached and taught by you."

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Other ideas are 1 gallon glass jars or heavy plastic gas/water containers



Highwood News

By Kirsten Brady
NEW ARRIVAL

Brandon and Michal (Hartman) Gondeiro (class of 2004 and class of 2005) welcomed a precious baby girl into their family this week. EmmaLee Kay Grace Gondeiro (EmmaLee Kay is the first name) was born on Tuesday, May 26 at 8:32 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs, 13 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. EmmaLee Kay will be protected by her three older brothers, Sam, Aiden, and Braddon, all throughout her life. They are all quite smitten with her.

Congratulations, Gondeiro family!

VBS Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be July 6th through the 10th this year. All children ages 4 thru completed grade 5 are encouraged to come this year for a fun week of games, lessons, singing, and snacks while learning about Jesus. VBS will be at the Highwood Community Hall from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and the theme this year will be Concrete and Cranes; a sure hit for any young kids.

Over the River in Geraldine

By Robyn Scribner
McCULLOUGH RANCH
REBUILDING BENEFIT

The benefit for the McCullough family after the loss of many of their belongings - buildings, machinery, corrals, etc. - due to that devastating fire on Feb. 1, will be held on Saturday, June 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Vets Hall. More info will be posted next week.

TRAP SHOOT

A Devin Leistiko Memorial Trap Shoot will be held on Sunday, June 28, in Square Butte. Sign up will start at 10 a.m. Square Butte Country Club will be providing a BBQ and beverages.

A Damascus knife, a 16x20 canvas print and a basket have been donated for raffle items. It is a turkey shoot with 30 turkeys on hand. There will also be a kids' shoot for milkshakes from the Milk & Honey.

GERALDINE LIBRARY
SUMMER STORYTIME

This summer's reading theme at the Geraldine Library is Imagine Your Story. They will be hosting activities and crafts to challenge children's imaginations. The plan is to do things a little differently this year due to the continuing need for social distancing.

They will have outdoor "sidewalk" activities along with handing out craft/activity packets and reading logs in front of the library on Wednesday from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. for youths 6-12 and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for our toddlers and preschoolers.

Golden Age Center

Meals at the Golden Age Center are served Sunday through Friday. Sunday meals are served at 1 p.m. and weekday meals are served at noon.

The Golden Age Center is only offering take-out with a delivery option until further notice. Orders should be called in to the center by 10 a.m.

Menus for June 7 through 12 are:
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Fort Benton Weather

Day:	High:	Low:	Precip.:
May 26	75	51	0.04
May 27	78	43	
May 28	70	41	
May 29	75	52	
May 30	79	55	
May 31	84	59	
June 1	83	47	



COLLEGE FOOTBALL READY - 2020 FBHS graduate Garrett Diekhans, pictured with his family, will be attending Montana Tech in Butte this fall, joining the Orediggers football team. During the Booster Club Activities Social on May 26, Diekhans thanked his parents, coaches and teammates, saying "without them, it's not a team." From left are Kellan, Chris, Garrett (seated), Hayden, Shana and Brooks Diekhans. Ava Nelson photo



RING BEARER - Fritz decided to wear his tux to his parents Dane Andreasen and Connie Gray's wedding last weekend on May 30. Fritz was the ring bearer and put on his best behavior, making sure the rings made it to the altar.

Connie Gray photo

Extension Corner

It is time to put out
western yellowjacket traps in Montana

Tyler Lane, Chouteau County Extension Office
Laurie Kerzicnik (MSU entomologist) wrote the article below to help Montanans prepare for the upcoming wasp and hornet season.

Except for the western yellowjacket, social wasps are typically not aggressive unless their nest is disturbed. Most are beneficial and feed on a lot of garden pests. The most common wasps are bald-faced hornets, aerial yellowjackets, western yellowjackets, and paper wasps. They live in colonies, which include workers, queens and drones. They all feed on insects.

The western yellowjacket is a scavenger, feeding on garbage, sugary materials, and dead insects. It is the biggest nuisance pest around backyards and porches in late summer. Although other stings come from the western yellowjacket.

Social wasps make paper-like nests annually in the spring from wood materials. Wasp nests are abandoned in late summer, and only the fertilized females will overwinter; all the workers and drones die.

Locating wasp nests in the spring can be challenging. Western yellowjacket nests are often subterranean or sometimes in wall voids. Wasps can fly up to 1000 yards, so sometimes the nest can be quite a distance away.

Management traps are available for western yellowjackets at hardware and garden stores. They don't trap other common Montana wasps or bees. These traps are most effective when placed out in the spring when the queens emerge and before the western yellowjacket colonies become large.

Remove and limit exposure to all food sources, including garbage cans, pet foods, droppings from the

grill, or any food or sugary-type sources in the backyard.

Controlling some of the larger nests can be difficult later in the summer. There can be hundreds of thousands of wasps in the colony, and the nest can be the size of a basketball or larger. After a couple of serious frosts and cold weather, the wasps will be dead and paper nests can be knocked down.

Chemical control: Active nests can be controlled chemically with a series of wasp sprays. Active ingredients include permethrin, deltamethrin, tralometrin, bifenthrin, tetramethrin, and althrin. If using any of these products, apply them late in the evening, early morning, or on cool, rainy days when the nest is not very active.

Controlling a western yellowjacket nest might require several applications. Never plug what you think might be a western yellowjacket hole on the outside of the house; this might force them to move further into the house and not have a way to exit.

Disclaimer: Recommendations are provided only as a guide. It is always the pesticide applicator's responsibility, by law, to read and follow all current label directions for the specific pesticide being used. The authors and Montana State University assume no liability resulting from the use of these recommendations.

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RANCHER ON 3 LOTS: (12,800 sq. ft. 4-bd (1 non-conforming), 2-bath, updated kitchen, 2-car garage, sliders from dining room to back deck. ALL appliances including W/D. New furnace 2019. Roof 2013. All old garage, heated. LARGE fenced yard, sprinkler system with hand-pump. Near rear deck, near schools, city park & pool. 2007 Washington. \$199,500. Call Paige Peterson, 406-699-9378.

YOU SAY ADORABLE - I SAY ADORABLE! Lots of truly timeless features packed into a 3-bd, 2-bath home on a 1/2 acre lot. Home 2 upstairs bed & bath, 2nd floor laundry room, full basement w/ 2 bedrooms, original wood flooring (also some brand-new flooring). In addition - a "gourmet" storage outbuilding with a workshop. Truly a MUST SEE! 1215 Franklin. Just listed @ \$139,900 - call Valerie Morger @ (406) 750-2866 for an appointment.

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- Small plateaus
- Bamboo eaters
- Big commo-
- Old Roman tax
- Strengthen by heating and cooling
- Move a painting, maybe
- Medicinal amount
- Computer brand
- Chaps
- Nickelodeon's explorer
- Marilyn or Dylan
- Underwear with underwire
- Madams' mates
- Moth variety
- The House That Ruth Built
- Advantage
- Out of play
- Last ending
- Consume
- Williams or Warhol
- de-sac
- On person: Abze

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- Slender fore-runner
- Billions of years
- Haute
- Miss. neighbor
- Not freebase
- Skirt opening
- Bitter
- To the —
- Scotch-based liquor
- Top-rated
- Autograph
- Possum
- Parents' training access-
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- Antiquated
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- "Awesome!"
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- Toss in
- Figure of speech
- Mountain air?
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ON TO THE NEXT ADVENTURE — During the Booster Club Activities Social which was broadcast online on May 26, FBHS 2020 graduate McKenzie Clark talked about her experiences participating in Fort Benton sports. Clark has signed with the University of Providence in Great Falls, where she will play basketball and be on the track and field team.

Ava Nelson photo

Hearing will focus on airport regulations

By Ava Nelson

The Chouteau County Joint Airport Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 11 at 6 p.m. at Fort Benton City Hall to consider recommending adoption of Airport Affected Area Regulations for the Fort Benton and Big Sandy airports to the county commissioners.

As Montana moves into phase two of reopening beginning on June 1, guidelines remain in effect, especially during social events. There will be no capacity limit on how many can attend the June 11 meeting, but maintaining a distance of six feet from other people when possible is encouraged. Masks are not required, but are welcome, and hand sanitizer will also be available.

According to Chouteau County Planner Jerry Grebenc, under Montana statute, airport affected regulations are designed to address public health and safety by ensuring there are no hazards for aircraft travel. This includes the regulation of height for cellular towers and trees, while addressing the overall airspace needed for aircraft traffic.

"The regulations are meant to improve and maintain the safe operation of each airport by regulating structure heights and some land uses within the affected area. These regulations would only apply to specific areas surrounding

each airport and would only be effective within the jurisdiction of the county," Grebenc said.

Grebenc emphasizes the regulations are meant to provide safety around the airport and strongly suggests these recommendations are adopted. The federal agency cannot make government agencies adopt these regulations, but Grebenc believes they are necessary from a safety standpoint, and could affect whether or not these airports continue to receive funding, which helps make it possible to continue improvements to the local airports.

For the last few years, the airport board has discussed these recommendations on and off, and now it will be addressed at Fort Benton City Hall. Extensive time and planning has been spent putting models together in consultation with airport engineers.

A decision on a recommendation will be made after feedback, questions, and community discussion takes place at the public hearing. Next, the issue will be taken to the county commissioner for a final decision.

If you have any questions, please contact the Chouteau County Planner, Jerry Grebenc, at 406-495-6153 or via email at jgrebenc@greatwesteng.com.

Obituaries

Donald Foreman



in the Fort Benton community through his involvement in the Fort Benton Visitor's Center and Fort Benton's recycling program and by participating in many community fundraisers and events.

Don had a passion for the arts. He loved all sorts of music from Polka to Tchaikovsky and Broadway. He had a dry sense of humor he often employed during cribbage games and an unexpected love for pro wrestling. He enjoyed watching baseball, followed USC football and was a dedicated Montana Grizzlies fan. He also appreciated the serenity and beauty of nature and enjoyed outdoor activities including golf, fishing and boating. This contributed to his love for Montana and Fort Benton.

Of all his accomplishments, his greatest pride was his family: Wife Connie Foreman of Fort Benton, Montana; Daughter Lynda (Duane) Aitken of Chester, Montana; Son Scott (Laurie) Foreman of Bellevue, Washington; Daughter Shirley (Ray) Morkid of Chester, Montana; Brother Richard (Karen) Foreman of Carbondale, Colorado and Brother Gary (Heidi) Foreman of Sugarland, Texas. Grandchildren: April (Reynier) Malan; Adam (Kali) Stubbs; Abbey Aitken, Riley Foreman, Delaney Foreman, Sophie Foreman, Summer Morkid, Paige Morkid; Great-Grandchildren: Aidan, Addison, Liam, Sloan, Beau and Isla. Don also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews.

Don has been cremated and his ashes will be interred during a private graveside service at the Riverside Cemetery in Fort Benton, Montana on June 13th. Friends of Don and Connie are invited to attend a celebration of Don's life on June 13th, 2020 from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at 1112 River Street, Fort Benton Montana.

Contributions in Don's honor may be made to the local chapter of the Chouteau County Cancer Support Group, Fort Benton Lions Club or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.



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Monty Meeks

bentonfh.com to leave a message of condolence for his family. Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Benton Funeral Home.

Monty was born July 5, 1953 in Fort Benton, Montana to Howard and Norma (Montgomery) Meeks. He was raised and educated in Fort Benton. His mother passed when he was 8 years old. His father later married Virginia Tacke, who became Monty's second mother. Monty graduated from Fort Benton High School in 1973 being voted prettiest hair. He attended automotive school in Billings, Montana. Monty was a hard worker, dividing his time between the farm and his automotive career. He had two beautiful daughters, Stacie and Kyle, from his marriage to Lynn Singer. He loved to take his girls, who he adored, camping and fishing.

While working at Rocky Mountain Automotive/Pierce SuperStores in Great Falls, he met Jayn Kendall. They were married on November 27, 1998 in Fort Benton. He always enjoyed driving Jayn (Miss Daisy) on short or on longer trips showing her around different parts of Montana.

Monty got a kick out of Jayn's quick wit and she loved his one-liners and calling things as he saw it. They married after she saw him throughout their 23 years together.

Monty was an avid bowler and golfer, a member of Thursday night bowling league, and Signal Point Golf Club. He followed the NASCAR and football. He was a forever Colts fan. When he was younger, he was a Weekend Warrior, tractor-pulling throughout Montana and Canada. He was also an honorary member of the "Goon Squad."

He was preceded in death by his birth mother Norma Meeks in 1963; his second mother, Virginia Meeks in 2009; and his father Howard Meeks in 2015.

Monty is survived by his wife of 21 years, Jayn Meeks of Fort Benton; two daughters, Stacie (Scott) Schissler and Kyle (Justin) Hager, all of Great Falls; three grandchildren, Dane and Dylan Hager and Connor Schissler; two sisters, Karen Sansoucie and Carla (Kim) Singer, all of Fort Benton; stepdaughter Kathleen Kurfess (Tacke) and stepbrother Tom Tacke; and three stepchildren, Virginia Hansen, Chris Hansen and Scott Hansen, all of Washington State.

Thank You

A big thank you to Reverend Harr and Pastor Kit Miller and to the congregations of First Lutheran Church, First Christian Church and the Catholic and Methodist churches in Fort Benton. Thank you also to the doctors, pilot and nurses for their wonderful care during the mercy flight to Seattle, and while in the hospital, thanks to family and friends who prayed for my recovery.

In Christian love, Ronald Van Horn

Public Notice

SECTION 00100

INVITATION TO BID

Separate sealed bids for construction of the Town of Geraldine Wastewater Improvements will be received by the Town of Geraldine at 173 Collins Ave. E. Geraldine, MT 59446 until 5:00 pm local time on July 10, 2020 and then publicly opened and read aloud. Due to the concerns related to the COVID-19 situation, the bid opening will follow social distancing guidelines.

The project consists of the replacement of up to 7,630 feet of 8-inch and 10-inch sewer collection main piping using open methods and up to 1,180 feet of CIPP rehabilitation methods with associated manholes, service reconstructions, 65-ft. of new jack and bore pipe installation under the highway, miscellaneous lagoon manholes, lagoon lining subgrade repairs and liner reinstallation, and the installation of a new CV system and building. The project also includes the disconnection and reconnection of storm drains from the sewer system and new storm drain piping. The project will allow a construction start date in 2020 with winter shut-down for completion in 2021 or a 2021 start date.

Digital copies of the Bidding Documents are available at www.greatwesteng.com or www.quest-cdn.com for a fee of \$20.00. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Current Projects Bidding" tab. The contract documents, consisting of half size Drawings and Project Manual, may be examined or obtained at the office of Great West Engineering, located at 2501 Belt View Drive, Helena MT, 59601, phone 406-449-8627 in accordance with Article 2.1 of Instructions to Bidders. Required fee of \$100 per set, which is not refundable.

In addition, the Drawings and Project Manual may also be examined at the following locations: Billings Builders Exchange, Great Falls Builders Exchange, Bozeman Plan Exchange, Helena Copy Center, Butte Builders Exchange, Missoula Plans Exchange. There will be a Pre-Bid Conference at Geraldine Town Hall located at 173 Collins Ave. E. at 1:00 pm on June 10, 2020. The Pre-Bid meeting will be facilitated and hosted outside only due to the COVID-19 situation. Interested Contractors are encouraged to attend and practice the recommended social distancing.

Contractor and any of the Contractor's Subcontractors bidding or doing work on this project will be required to be registered with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, P.O. Box 8011, 1805 Prospect, Helena MT 59604-8011. Information on registration can be obtained by calling (406) 444-7344. All laborers and mechanics employed by Contractor or Subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as required by Davis Bacon Wage Act and for the Montana Prevailing Wage rates, whichever is higher.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF

PUBLIC HEARING-

COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD

The County Airport Board will hold a hearing on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the Fort Benton City Hall to consider recommending adoption of Airport Affected Area Regulations for the Fort Benton and Big Sandy Airports to the County Commissioners. The regulations are meant to improve and maintain the safe operation of each airport and by regulating structure heights and some land uses within the affected area. These regulations would only apply to specific areas surrounding each airport and would only be effective within jurisdiction of the County.

You can pick up a hardcopy version of the proposed regulations at the County Clerk and Recorder's Office in Fort Benton or you can download them from <http://www.greatwesteng.com>. For more information on the Airport Affected Area Regulations or to provide written/verbal comments on the proposed regulations, please contact the County Planner, Jerry Grebene, at 406-495-6153 or via email at jgrebene@greatwesteng.com.

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The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond payable to Town of Geraldine, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. Successful Bidders shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Insurance, as required, shall be provided by the successful Bidders and a certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided.

This project is funded in part or in whole with grant/loan funding from Treasury State Endowment Project (TSEP) Grant, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Department of Agriculture Rural Development (RD), Department of Natural Resources Conservations Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program (RGLP).

Award of the project will be contingent upon receiving funding and award concurrence from the funding agencies. Bids may only be withdrawn as provided in Section 16.02 of the Instructions to Bidders after the scheduled time for the public opening of bids.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid that is in the best interest of the Owner.

Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All listed iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials.

The Town of Geraldine is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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NOTICE OF SALE

FOR STATE

SCHOOL TRUST LAND

The Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) will offer the following parcels of state land located in Chouteau County for sale at public auction on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Chouteau County Courthouse at 1308 Franklin Street in Fort Benton, MT under terms and conditions provided herein.

Sale No. 1012
Acres: 6,000 ±
Legal Description: Tract 2, COS 208B, Sec. 36, T22N-R11E
Minimum Bid for Land: \$27,000
Value of Improvements on Property: \$128,000

BID PARTICIPATION
A bid packet containing an Offer to Purchase and Bid Deposit Receipt Form and Invitation to Purchase State Land at Public Auction and General Terms & Conditions for Sale is available on DNRC's website, <http://dnrc.mt.gov/cabinetsales>. All persons wishing to participate in the auction must submit a bid deposit postmarked by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, June 10, 2020. The bid deposit must be in the form of a certified check made payable to DNRC equal to five percent (5%) of the minimum bid indicated for that parcel and submitted with a completed Offer to Purchase and Bid Deposit Receipt Form. Failure to submit the bid deposit or Offer to Purchase and Bid Deposit Receipt Form as provided herein will prohibit participation in the auction. All Offer to Purchase and Bid Deposit Receipt Forms and payments must be sent to: DNRC, Attn: Cabin/Home Site Sales, P.O. Box 201601, 1539 Eleventh Avenue, Helena, MT 59620-1601, (406) 444-4289 or renee.kelley@mt.gov.

TERMS OF SALE FOR SALE No. 1012:
1. The improvements and any other personal property on the cabin/home sites are owned by the lessor or other 3rd party. The successful bidder shall be required to pay the appraised value of the improvements in addition to the purchase price of the cabin/home site determined by the highest bid at the auction in accordance with MCA 57-2-318.

2. The minimum acceptable bids for the land are the values indicated above.
3. The parcel will be sold to the high bidder of that parcel. However, the current lessee of the parcel shall retain the option to exercise their preference right for purchase by matching the high bid for that parcel. If that right is exercised, the lessee will be deemed the purchaser of the parcel. If the preference right is not exercised, the high bidder shall be deemed to be the purchaser. The high bidder will be responsible to pay the lesser of the value of improvements located on the property.

4. In addition to the purchase price for each parcel and the purchase of the improvements, the purchaser shall also be responsible for the following costs (if applicable to that particular sale) including, but not limited to: Advertising, Appraisal, Filing Fees, Water Right Transfers, Cost of Closing.

DNRC will follow all state recommendations to conduct public auctions safely for staff, participants, and public attendees. Registered bidders will be notified of any updates to the auction location and measures available to accommodate social distancing. For information on how to attend as a member of the public or for additional questions, call (406) 444-4289 or email renee.kelley@mt.gov. All inquiries, bid deposits, or requests for forms must be sent to: DNRC, Attn: Cabin/Home Site Sales, P.O. Box 201601, 1539 Eleventh Avenue, Helena, MT 59620-1601, (406) 444-4289 or renee.kelley@mt.gov.

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STORAGE UNITS FOR RENT. Call Russ at Steamboat Enterprises LLC, 406-262-3838 in Fort Benton, MT.

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3. When and how many times to run the ad
4. Your name and billing information

Public Notice

NOTICE OF

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AND OPTION FOR

LATE REGISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that regular registration for the Chouteau County Hospital District Special Election to be held on July 21, 2020, will close at 5:00 pm on Monday, June 22, 2020.

"NOTE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register for the election by showing up at the county election office up to and including on Election Day. Between noon and the close of business on the day before Election Day you can complete and submit a voter registration card, but you will need to return to the local election office on Election Day to pick up and vote a ballot."

All active and inactive "electors of the Chouteau County Hospital District are entitled to vote at said election."

"Ballots will be automatically mailed to Active Electors only. If you are a registered voter and do not receive a ballot, contact the county election office to update your information as necessary and receive a ballot."

Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by requesting a form for registration by mail or by appearing at the county election office. If you have moved, please call the Elections Office at 406-622-5151.

Lana K. Claassen
Chouteau County Election Administrator

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TOWN OF GERALDINE -

SECTION 3 NOTICE OF

CDBG AWARD

The Town of Geraldine has received notice from the Montana Department of Commerce of an award of Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$450,000 for upgrades to the Town's wastewater system, including upgrades to the lagoon system, installation of a new ultraviolet disinfection treatment system and replacement or rehabilitation of the old clay collection system.

CDBG regulations governing the grant require that to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for training and employment arising in connection with this CDBG-assisted project will be extended to local lower-income residents. Further, to the greatest extent feasible, business concerns located in or substantially owned by residents of the project area will be utilized.

CDBG regulations governing the grant also require that opportunities for contracting will be extended to minority, women-owned, and disadvantaged "DBE/MBE/WBE" businesses. DBE/MBE/WBE firms are encouraged to apply.

For more information, please contact Mayor Perry Joyce at P.O. Box 211, Geraldine, MT 59446 or call (406) 737-4361.

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Services

WILL HAUL JUNK vehicles away, 622-5600.

TRENCHING: Complete stock water systems. Call Butch for details, 737-4244.

Help Wanted

A DETENTION OFFICER'S POSITION has come open at the Chouteau County Sheriff's Office. Applications are available online for download at www.chouteaumont.com or at the Law Enforcement Facility located at 1215 Washington, Fort Benton, MT 59442. For additional information, contact Undersheriff Larry Ophus at (406) 622-5451.

HELP WANTED IN FORT BENTON - 2 part-time workers needed for jewelry assembly. Will train. Flexible hours. Must be detail oriented and fast with your hands. Interviews, June 2-3, 406-594-5545

THE CITY OF FORT BENTON is currently accepting applications for the position of STREET / PARK / POOL SUPERINTENDENT. Application and Job description is available at City Hall, 1204 Front Street, P.O. Box 8, Fort Benton, MT 59442. Applications are due by June 8, 2020. Salary DOE.

HIGHWOOD SCHOOL IS SEEKING A FULL-TIME PARAPROFESSIONAL, A FULL-TIME ASSISTANT COOK, AND A PART-TIME DISHWASHER for the 2020-2021 school year. For an application and additional information regarding the positions, please contact Superintendent Jane Suberg at jsuberg@highwood.k12.mt.us or 406-733-2081.

MRCM SEEKS FULL/PART TIME DIETARY COOK/AIDE to assist in preparing and cooking meals according to resident menus and diets. Prepares meals using standardized recipes; following safety and sanitation procedures. Washes dishes. Serves meals. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. Lifting capacity of 50 lbs. Background check is required. Please call Carolyn @ 622-6153. Applications can be downloaded from <http://www.mrmcfb.org/employment.html>, or picked up at Missouri River Medical Center, 1501 Saint Charles, at the Front Office. AA/ADA/EOE.

HELP WANTED: THE GOLDEN AGE CENTER is looking to fill a position for a cook. Starting wage is \$10/hour. Must be available to work 35 to 40 hours per week. Apply via the Golden Age Center or call 622-3601.

NEEDED: 2 - MS FOOTBALL COACHES at Fort Benton Schools, please contact Nathan Dunham, 304-671-8183.

BENTON EYE CLINIC IS LOOKING FOR QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR PART-TIME WORK (one or two days per week). Experience as a medical and insurance code, scheduler and optician are desired, but we will also train the right person. If you feel you are adept at learning new skills and have the characteristics of dependability and working well with people and are interested in a long term part time position, please bring us your resume for our consideration. 406-622-5449.

HELP WANTED at Rusty's Bar and Grill, 737-4549

Meetings

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Singleness of Purpose Group meets every Wednesday, 7-8 p.m. Community Bible Center, Fort Benton. Info: 836-0134 or 799-4352.

FORT BENTON CEMETERY BOARD will meet Friday, June 12th at 8 a.m. at the Courthouse.

Farm & Ranch

FOR LEASE - Hay to be swathed and baled starting mid-June. 520 acres mix of alfalfa and grass plots between Fort Benton and Geraldine. Located directly on Highway 80 with winter truck haul access for hay storage for possible winter pasture utilizing your hay left on site. Cash lease or hay share. Water well and electric service on property. Great opportunity to add hay pasture option to your cattle operation. 200 acres near mile post 19 possibly for sale. Steven or Maurice Gardner, 501-730-3896.

For Rent

STUDIOS, One bedroom and Two bedroom units available. HUD subsidy available. No income limits. Equal Housing Opportunity. State of Montana "711" relay number for the hearing impaired. Call Sunrise Bluffs at 622-5443.

Two bed/one bath, full kitchen, storage, yard, free laundry, 805 Main St. \$600 rent, \$600 deposit. Taking applications now, but apartment won't be ready until the end of May. 406-467-2931 or 406-668-5780.

For Sale

GRAIN BINS, new and used. We also sell Wheatland Hopper Bins and move bins. Call Butch for details, 737-4244.

SET IN STONE - only known history of the Square Butte Quarry now available along with an 8-page addendum. First printed in 2000 and out of print for a number of years. Copies available at the River Press and the Montana Agricultural Museum bookstore. Call 737-4204.

Wanted

WANT to purchase minerals and other oil/gas interests. Send details to P. O. Box 13557, Denver, CO 80201.

RENTAL HOME NEEDED - Elderly couple looking for a long-term house rental ideally 2 bedroom with few or no stairs in Fort Benton. 406-231-4420.

WANTED: Leg Irons, ball and chain. McGraw Antiques, 788-0876.

King Crossword

Answers: 5/27

Solution time: 27 mins.

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By Muncie Morger
RATTLERS

A friend of mine who does Facebook told me that a warning about rattlesnakes was posted on the trail or sitting on benches between the Grand Union and the old firehouse.

Snakes do come out of the Missouri and have been seen on the sandstones where it is warm.

Do not attempt to handle the situation but call 911 immediately if you spot a snake. Better to be safe than sorry.

SAVE THE TREES

For those of you who do not know, I love trees. Early on when I moved here, I was on the tree board. We did an inventory of every tree in Fort Benton.

At one time not long ago, Fort Benton lost seven cottonwood trees on the levee between the Grand Union and the old firehouse. I replaced four of those trees by buying trees in honor of my Uncle Charlie, my brother-in-law/nephew, and two for my Marine husband Wally.

What I am trying to do here is to encourage those of you who are interested to purchase a tree for a loved one who has passed, a birthday present, an anniversary, or another occasion.

The reason for this plea is because with the two snowstorms we had last September we lost five trees.

The tree board does receive some money from grants but usually runs out before maintenance is complete.

So, consider purchasing a tree in honor of someone you love. Just contact City Hall and it will be taken care of for you.

At this writing, the tree my children had planted for my birthday last year is dead. It is on the right side of the Shep statue. There is also another tree that has died in the area. The other dead trees are in Old Fort Park.

CANCER SUPPORT FUNDRAISER

Did you know that Fort Benton has a Chouteau County Cancer Support Group? When you donate to this group, you know where your money is going. There are no administrative costs. It is a nonprofit organization.

When a cancer victim is reported, they are helped financially and also receive a lap quilt provided by the local quilt guild.

You also have the support of men and women who have had cancer and survived. Several of the support group have moved away but continue to volunteer here in Fort Benton.

The Cancer Support Group is having a fundraiser. They are selling raffle tickets for a big game hunting experience at the Hop Creek Ranch. It is a three-day and three-night camp and hunting experience.

The raffle tickets are \$20.00 each, or six for \$100.00. Only 200 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held on July 1, 2020. Check the posters around town to see all the details of this trip. You can also find more information about the ranch at www.hopcreekranchcompany.com.

com.

For tickets please contact Deb @ 788-6009 or Jodie @ 899-7377.

THE FREEZE

You know that spring is here when the Freeze opens. It did just this last Friday. They - the owners Laurie and Murray - plan to be open Saturday and Sunday also, and closed on Monday and Tuesday.

Murray said that it was nice to be in Arizona for the winter, but when they got to Dillon on the freeway, they were home. Well, we are happy that you are home, too.

SQUARE BUTTE COUNTRY CLUB

I was shocked to hear that Amy had posted on Facebook that she was closing for good. I probably was the last to know, as usual, because I do not participate in Facebook. Much news is posted there that I should be aware of. However, I just cannot talk myself into taking the time to learn about it.

To get back to Amy, I wanted her to know how she will be missed. I tell a story now how I was the first to meet Amy and her younger son. It was an early Sunday morning about 9 a.m. and I was out for my daily walk. As I rounded the corner by the Grand Union on the walking trail, there sat Amy and her son.

He turned and said good morning to me, so of course I stopped to chat. I asked if they were visitors and where did they come from. Amy answered that they came from Pennsylvania and yesterday she had bought the Square Butte Country Club. Wow! I was the first to know. We exchanged cell phone numbers and she said she was leaving the next day to return to Pennsylvania to pack up. She would be back in two weeks.

We kept in touch via cell phone and she was back in two weeks. She had owned a restaurant in Pennsylvania and so she dug right into the Square Butte business. She was a gourmet cook but tempered it to please rural customers.

The Visitor Center volunteers had planned a field trip to visit the Tanner Ranch and to see the quarry. I phoned Amy to prepare for about 15 or so people for lunch. She prepared hamburgers on the grill outside. Yummy! However, the very best was the dessert. She prepared blueberry bread pudding. (She told me later that she was very

nervous that everything would not be perfect.)

Those were the good old days, Amy, when we would drive out fairly often to visit you. One time I had a couple I went to high school with come to visit me from Michigan. I told them that we were going to the Square Butte Country Club for dinner. Arlene asked me, "Do we have to dress formally?" I'm sure that you understand how we laughed about that.

The other thing I remember in the beginning was that there was a sign on the front of the building that read "Sorry, we're open." She later put it away and I always asked her to put it out again, but it never happened to my knowledge.

The other big deal was the St. Patrick's Day foolishness at the Country Club. What fun! Especially great was the corned beef and cabbage that Amy prepared. (Double yummy!)

Why is it that all good things come to an end? I do not know what your plans are. Are you going to return to Pennsylvania? I can't imagine returning there after living in Montana. Whatever the outcome, know that you will be missed, and I and many others will remember you lovingly. I and many others want to thank you for the loving care you gave us over the years. Take good care of yourself and enjoy your retirement. You deserve the best.

CELEBRATIONS

Thursday the 4th is SAFE DAY. (This is a reminder to wear your masks and stay six feet away from your family and friends.)

Friday the 5th is DOUGHNUT DAY. (Get yourself a doughnut for breakfast.)

Saturday the 6th is D-DAY. (Another day to remember and thank our veterans.)

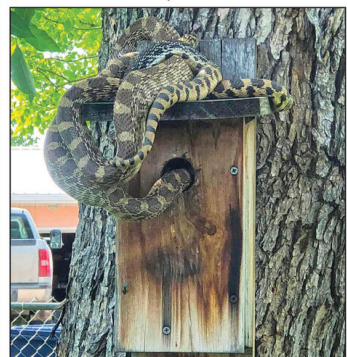
Sunday the 7th is CANCER SURVIVORS DAY. (Arrange for your raffle tickets today.)

Monday the 8th is BEST FRIENDS DAY. (Have lunch with your best friends today.)

Tuesday the 9th is STRAWBERRY RHUBARB PIE DAY. (Love, love it. Will somebody give me some rhubarb, please?)

Have a wonderful week and celebrate every day.

GOD BLESS EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING.



ON THE HUNT - Connie and Lanny Walker of Fort Benton discovered two bull snakes invading a birdhouse in their backyard last week, dining on the baby birds inside. Rod Sykes volunteered to remove the snakes and relocate them outside town. Rattlesnakes were also spotted in Fort Benton last weekend -- so be on the lookout.

Photo courtesy of Connie Walker

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