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Custer County Covid-19 cases spike to 19

By Alex Mitchell
Miles City Star

COVID-19 cases continue climbing in Custer County, with six new confirmed cases as of 8 a.m. today, bringing the county's total to 19. Rosebud County still just reports a single positive case.

One week ago, Custer County had zero positive cases.

Free Drive-through COVID-

19 testing will be implemented at the Agri-Sports Complex at the Eastern Montana Fairgrounds Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cars should follow the arrows at the main northwest-ern entrance.

Participants are required to wear a mask or face covering and stay in their car through the entire process with participants

under 18 accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The testing — which is a nasal swab — should take roughly five minutes per car depending on the amount of people in a car, according to oneHealth Director Chelsea Jerke, and is considered the most accurate with the least amount of false positives.

Tests results will be available in two to three days after a par-

ticipant is tested. Positive results will be met with follow-up testing and the standard public health protocols.

The surveillance testing event will help identify and prevent further community spread according to an oneHealth press release. As the state continues to reopen under Phase 2, Custer County residents and residents of the surrounding area are encouraged to participate, with

residents who work with vulnerable, older populations like long-term care especially encouraged to get tested.

Those who are showing symptoms of COVID-19, like a dry cough, loss of sense of smell and or taste and fever, are recommended to contact a health care facility for testing instead.

The ages of the six new cases range from 10 to 49 years old.

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SEARCH FOR A SILVER LINING



Photo courtesy of Megan Gondeiro

McCafferty Ranch in the Little Belt Mountains dates back to 1926. They are the single-source supplier of grass-fed and finished beef sold at Central Avenue Meats, a new custom meat shop in Great Falls that opened at the start of May. Shown here on McCafferty Ranch are (from left) Cindy and Joel McCafferty, Logan and June Gondeiro, Megan and James Gondeiro.

Carving out a nice niche

By MELODY MONTGOMERY
Yellowstone Newspapers

(Editor's note: This is the third in a three-part series on challenges facing the cattle industry in Montana.)

Starting a new business in a time of the novel coronavirus pandemic would undoubtedly be daunting. It has been said many times though, "timing is everything."

In the present time of uncertainty, including food and financial uncertainty, it may seem like perfect timing for Central Avenue Meats, a single-source, custom meat shop in Great Falls to open May 6. It did not happen overnight as it might appear at face value; the details were years in the making.

Central Avenue Meats is owned and operated by Drew and Louanne Hicks. All of their products come from the McCafferty Ranch in the Little Belts Mountains.

One month in, Central Ave. Meats is already off to a strong start and seeing much community support.

"It's been awesome. We sold through the steaks and roasts within the first week and 90 percent of the steaks have been pre-sold," said Drew Hicks. "We have seen an incredible response from the local community to support local agriculture."

Hicks grew up in Geraldine. He worked at a variety of jobs in the meat and food industries, including at meatpacking plants in Brooklyn New York and Colorado.

With the knowledge gained in these experiences, he forged a way to set himself apart as a retail business. He also wanted to provide his customers with the best meat he could.

Barnett Sporokin-Morison, Director of Food and Agricultural Development at the Great Falls Development Authority, was able to introduce Hicks to the McCafferty

Ranch. Sporokin-Morison, an agriculture economist, lectured in Stanford in February at the Golden Triangle Cropping Seminar. His lecture was on the international market and current world food supply and demand. Here, he reminded producers, "Remember who your customer is."

McCafferty Ranch

In order to keep a family ranch in the family, ranchers need to be creative and innovative, and more importantly, diverse, Megan (McCafferty) Gondeiro said. She is the fourth generation of McCaffertys to help run the McCafferty Ranch, which dates back to 1926. The McCafferty Ranch is owned by Cindy and Joel McCafferty. They are in the process of transitioning it to their daughter Megan and her husband Logan Gondeiro.

"It was critical for our ranch to diversify simply to survive and keep it running for the next generation"

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County trying to adjust to the new normal

(Editor's note: The following story was submitted by the Rosebud County Commissioners, Robert E. Lee, Douglas D. Martens and Ed Joiner.)

This spring has been very interesting. 2020 Will definitely be a year to remember!

The corona virus has struck its way in to all of our lives. Montana has not been the hot spot like some states, mainly because we are pretty isolated to begin with. But it has hit some states pretty hard. Although the virus seems to hit some people harder than others, the effects on some is very minimal. But we must still be aware and help out our vulnerable populations.

As a county we have had to adjust our ways and as some call this the "new normal." We are trying to get back to the old normal which does seem more normal to all of us. We did close the courthouse for a period of time. The doors were locked, our workers were tested, but we tried to go on with business. It was surprising to see that a lot of our business could be conducted by phone, mail and a few video conferences. Now the courthouse is almost back to normal with masks being required at the courts, and is optional for visitors in other departments.

We did have to close our libraries for some time and our senior centers were making their feeding programs work with to go meals. Although some of the seniors in Forsyth would get their meals and meet at the park tables

anyway. We are hoping to get some consideration to get open again as we could have a more controlled environment at the center. The libraries are now open with some restrictions.

What we have seen most now is there is a cloud over the whole situation and that we all need human interaction. People seem more energetic to come in and get their license plates and conduct business. Being on the lock down got many people frustrated and depressed and hopefully we get back on track soon.

On June 20, there is a Monster Truck show at the fairgrounds. With many events throughout the state being cancelled it has seemed odd to some people that the event is still going on. But with the size of the fairgrounds we can practice some social spacing. Most people will be local (Rosebud County basically has been corona virus free) and there will be two shows to help spread out the crowds. Rodeos and the fair are still on track with some minor adjustments.

As far as county business is going, we are still feeling the effects of the power plants in Colstrip being shut down. Not only the loss of tax money but the decline of coal being mined. Total shortfall as we projected it will be around \$900,000. We are trying to look at ways to get our budget balanced without raising taxes or cutting any services.

We have been meeting with Nextera who is now

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Monster truck shows coming to Fairgrounds Saturday

Staff Report

The No Limits Monster Truck Summer Nationals will stage two shows at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday at the Rosebud County Fairgrounds.

Ed Beckley of Checkered Flag Promotions, Bridgeport, Texas, which is putting on the shows, arrived in Forsyth Wednesday afternoon to begin preparations. He said the show will feature high-powered, high-flying trucks guaranteed to thrill.

Ticket sales will be limited

to 1,000 per show, said Beckley, in order to confirm with safety measures necessitated by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Beckley said his show is called "No Limits" because unlike others, there are no restrictions on the trucks.

"We don't care how big it is, how many tires it's got...we want them go fast and high," he said. "That's why our shows are better."

Beckley, who used to jump motorcycles under the name "Big Ed," said the show Saturday will be

the same one that is put on at larger venues throughout the nation and there will be "no holding back."

He said he's excited to be in Forsyth and that it was a pleasure to work with the fair, county commissioners and the county health department to pull the show together and make sure it is safe for all who attend.

In addition to what one would expect to see at a monster truck show, the No Limits show will also feature local "Tuff Trucks" and kids' power wheel races."

Tickets may be purchased in advance at nolimitsmonstertrucks.com for \$20 for adults and \$15 for children ages 3 to 12. Children 2 and under can get in free provided they sit on their parents' laps.

Tickets are also expected to be available at the gate the day of the shows, but will cost an additional \$5 and must be purchased with cash.

For more information, visit nolimitsmonstertrucks.com, or call 940-683-4742.



Obituaries

Dr. Jack Ward, 88

Dr. Jack Ward, D.V.M., 88 of Hamilton, who was born to Joseph Ward and Montana Clemens Ward and raised in Hysham passed away on May 21.

He graduated in Hysham in 1940. He married Della Hale of Forsyth in 1951.

A memorial service will be at a later date.

Sandra Kay Boese, 57

Sandra Kay Boese passed away in Glasgow, Montana of natural causes on June 2, 2020.

Sandy was born in Pierre, South Dakota on November 12, 1962 to Richard and Marilyn (Brown) Boese. She joined older sisters Terri, Debbie and Donna. A brother, Doug, joined the family three years later. The family moved from the family farm to Colstrip, Montana in 1965 where her father worked for many years as a contractor and electrician. Countless memories were made by generations of the family at their home in Colstrip.

Sandy attended school in Colstrip and graduated in the class of 1982. While in high school, she was involved in basketball and track as well as other clubs and activities. She enjoyed working with her dad in the shop and at home during those years. After high school, Sandy attended Miles Community College before moving to southern California to work as a nanny for several years. After spending some time in Great Falls, she moved to Glasgow, Montana in 1987.



Sandra Boese

She spent countless days with her nieces, nephews, and family before opening Ragamuffins Daycare in Glasgow. The years she spent caring for children were some of the best years of her life. The children at her daycare were well loved and all share endless memories of great times had with Sandy. She was happy to share her days with her daycare kids and many of her closest friends who worked with her.

In recent years, Sandy worked in food service at the Valley County Senior Citizens Center, Valley View Nursing Home, and Nemont Manor. Sandy was

very selfless and always willing to help with projects and activities. Some of her volunteer activities included: helping with the creation of the current Children's Museum of Northeast Montana, helping out with numerous 4H activities such as after-school programs, concessions, and painting at the fairgrounds, and making countless tie blankets to donate to the NICU at Great Falls Benefis Hospital in honor of her own preemie, Rachel.

Her daughter, Rachel, came into this world at a whopping three and a half pounds in June of 1998; she was the light of Sandy's life. The two shared a very close relationship. Sandy could always be seen cheering for Rachel's sporting events and volunteering at school functions. Her love for Rachel was evident to all those who knew her.

Sandy was preceded in death by her father Richard Boese, Uncle David Boese, paternal grandparents Richard Benjamin and Thelma Boese, maternal grandparents Charles and Ethel Brown.

Survivors include her beloved daughter, Rachel

Boese of Glasgow; mother Marilyn Boese of Billings; sisters, Terri (Don) Ryan of Great Falls, Debbie (Marc) Swanson of Glasgow, and Donna (Rick) Lewis of Hysham; brother, Doug Boese of Great Falls and her nieces and nephews: Bill (Tera) Ryan of Butte, Annie (John) Fitzgerald of Red Lodge, Sean (Sara) Ryan of Butte/Great Falls, Sarah Swanson of Glasgow, Kim (Matt) Ward of Denver, Whitney Swanson of Glasgow, Michael (Adriann) Lewis of Great Falls, Brandi Lewis of Laurel. Great nieces and nephews include Elena Ryan, Kate, Nolan and Shea Fitzgerald, Cale Swanson, Charlie Billing, Grace, Molly, Kipton and Sawyer Lewis, Brielle Lewis, Devin Shankle and Addie Lewis. Sandy is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Per Sandy's wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service for family and friends will be held on Friday, June 19, 2020 at Bell Mortuary in Glasgow, Montana at 4:00 PM. Memorials may be made to Bell Mortuary in Glasgow.

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Bill Grant, age 68 of Ashland, passed away on June 7, 2020.

Gordon "Gordy" Nelson, age 69 of Colstrip, passed away on June 10, 2020. Visitation will be at 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM Monday June 15, 2020, Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home Miles City, MT. Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday June 16, 2020, Eastern Montana Fairgrounds Miles City, MT.

Sandra Boese, age 57 of Glasgow, MT formerly of Colstrip passed away on June 2, 2020. A memorial service for family and friends will be held on Friday, June 19, 2020 at Bell Mortuary in Glasgow, Montana at 4:00 PM.

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406-346-2149

Gordon Nelson, 69

Gordon Neil Nelson, age 69, of Colstrip passed away suddenly on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at his home at Colstrip.

Gordy was born on May 23, 1951 in Jordan, Montana, the son of Neil and Helen (Greer) Nelson. He grew up attending grade schools in Jordan, Cohagen, Circle and was home-schooled for a time also. Gordy attended high school at Sacred Heart and graduated from Custer County High School in Miles City. He then attended Miles Community College and a year of auctioneer school. From 1964 – 1974 he worked in the Miles City area for the Nefsy, Coffee and Haughian Ranches, Fort Keogh and for Eddie Vaugh. He married Kath-



Gordon Nelson

ryn Hanley on December 28, 1974 in Baker, Montana. Gordy worked various jobs through the years including Smith Cattle, Agri Empire, Singleton Trucking, Doug & Kim McRae and Coal Dryer Western Energy.

Gordy was an active member of the FFA Alumni, Moose Lodge and the Local 400 International Operators Union. He enjoyed being the center of attention!

Gordon is survived by his wife Kathy Nelson of Colstrip, MT; two sons: Ryan Nelson of Dickinson, ND and Scott Nelson of Colstrip, MT; two grandchildren, Carson and Brooklyn; two brothers: Doug Nelson of Miles City, MT; Frank (Jane) Nelson of Miles City, MT; a sister, Meredith (Dennis) Hirsch of Miles City, MT; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, mother-in-law Kay Hanley, sister Margorie Milroy, a granddaughter Samantha Francine Nelson and his friend

Darius Stahl.

Visitation will be held on Monday, June 15, 2020 from 1:00-7:00 p.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Eastern Montana Fairgrounds in Miles City. This funeral is being held outdoors to follow along with the State and Local guidelines for social distancing. Those that attend please spread out as much as you can with your families in the grandstands. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting: www.stevensonandsons.com.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to Syd's Wish, care of Angie Hedges PO Box 2322 Colstrip, MT 59323.

Elena Nicole Nelson, 17

It is with overwhelming sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved daughter, Elena "Ella" Nicole Nelson, 17, from a tragic auto accident.

Ella was approaching her Senior year of high school, looking forward to utilizing her tremendous artistic talents in photography and painting after she graduated. Although she was both devoted to her studies as an excellent student and worked outside of school, Ella still made time for her brother, sister, boyfriend James, and those that needed her generous heart. As a strong force of life, she never lost her integrity or kindness. She loved spending time in nature with her dogs while looking for that perfect photo opportunity -



Elena Nicole Nelson

the colors of sunsets and sunrises were of special interest. Everything Ella tackled, big or small, was with well-deserved confidence, a twinkle in her eye and flip of her hair.

She will be missed by everyone whose lives she touched. When you think

of Ella, remember her beautiful spirit, amazing smile and tremendous fashion sense. Live life to its fullest because it is fragile and much too short.

Ella is survived by her parents Laurena and Jeff Keller; father Damon Nelson; older brother Marshall; younger sister Marissa; grandparents Rick and Calene Smith; grandmother Sheila Smith; and many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Services will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at Smith Funeral Chapel, 304 34th Street West, Billings, Montana. More details can be found on their website.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the local animal shelter of your choice would honor Ella's love of animals.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

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Pastor Andrew Kisman
1075 Main, Forsyth
Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Amazing Grace Youth Group
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
1-509-879-3723

Federated Church of Forsyth
Presbyterian Church (USA)
Pastor :
1180 Cedar Street, Forsyth
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
346-7767

Wesleyan Church -The Point
Pastor Mark Umfleet
148 West Cedar, Forsyth
website: get2thepoint.church
livestream:
facebook.com/get2thepointchurch
Worship:
Sunday 11 am

Flowing River Fellowship
(Assembly of God)
Pastor Dan Sand
280 11th Ave. Forsyth
Sunday worship Service
10:30 a.m.
406-289-0363
Churches website
flowingriverfellowship.com

Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church
Father A. Ananda Kumar
509 N. 12th Forsyth
Sunday Mass 10:00 am
Forsyth, Montana
406-346-9239

Church of the Ascension
Episcopal
380 North 15th Ave.
Forsyth, Montana
Holy Eucharist
12:00 Sunday

United Community Church
Pastor Jeremy Stradley
408 Water Ave. Colstrip
Adult Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Sunday
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Youth Sunday School during church
59323communitychurch@gmail.com
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St. Margaret Mary
Catholic Church
Father A. Ananda Kumar
320 Water Ave., Colstrip, MT
1st, 3rd, 5th Sun. Mass 8 a.m.
2nd, 4th Sun. Mass 6:15 p.m.
(406)748-2234
stmargaretmary1@gmail.com

First Baptist Church
Pastor Bill Sikes
1625 Cedar Street, Forsyth
Sunday
9:45 a.m. Bible classes
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Pastor Blake Marshall
Sunday Services
Mt. Calvary, 430 Olive
Colstrip, 8:30 am
Concordia, 310 N. 8th, Forsyth
10:30 am
Trinity, 302 Summit, Hysham
5:00 p.m.

Got a news tip?

Send it to Andy at the Independent Press,
at ipnews@rangeweb.net

'Be Bear Aware' campfire talk on June 29 at Spotted Eagle

Black bears are among us in southeastern Montana, even if we don't often see them. Bears are constantly foraging for food, and it's not unusual for them to wander into residential areas where they may come in contact with humans.

To raise awareness of black bears and their behaviors, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks will host an outdoor "Be Bear Aware" campfire-style talk on Monday, June 29 at Spotted Eagle Recreation Area from 6:30-8 p.m. The talk will be held at the teepee frame area along the west shore of the lake. Please bring your own lawn chairs or blankets so people can practice social distancing.

In case of inclement weather, the talk will be moved to the shop behind FWP headquarters, across from the livestock commission.

Learn how black bears differ from grizzlies, what motivates these amazing creatures, why you needn't fear their presence, and how you can help them to remain wild! Examine a bear hide and skull and see a full-size mount. Learn how to use bear spray



properly. FWP will bring its culvert bear trap, and a warden will discuss how FWP handles bear encounters. Wardens and biologists will talk about their work with black bears and be on hand for information and questions.

All ages are welcome at this talk, which will be family friendly. Bug spray is recommended, as the area is adjacent to the lake. There will not be an actual campfire for this event. FWP will provide water and

snacks.

The event will follow standard protocols for social distancing. Registration is not required, but attendees will be asked to distance and remain in family groups. Hand sanitizer will be provided, but people wishing to wear masks should bring their own.

For questions about the "Be Bear Aware" talk, please contact Marla Prell at FWP at 406-234-0900 or 406-234-0926, or email mprell@mt.gov.

Hysham Coaches Classic to feature four races on July 4

A 3k walk and runs of 3k, 5k and 10k will again be a part of Hysham's Fourth of July celebration.

The races will begin east of Hysham on the highway to Sanders and will end at the Yucca Theater/Evergreen Park intersection of the town's main street. The annual Hysham Coaches Classic is sponsored by the Hysham Chamber of Commerce.

Plans for the event include a T-shirt awarded to all who participate.

Medals and ribbons will also be awarded. Age divisions for both men and women will include ages 10-14, ages 15-19, ages 20-39, ages 40-59, ages 60-69 and ages 70 & over.

Entrants may pre-register at several Chamber businesses: Stockman Bank, Mid-Yellowstone Electric, and Torgersons, or by visiting hysham.org. If contestants do not have a chance to pre-register, they may register at the Community Center the

day of the event beginning at 7 a.m. The entry fee is \$10 for ages 14 and under; \$15 for those over age 14. Entrants should indicate t-shirt size on the registration form.

Those wishing to participate should meet at the Community Center at 7:30 a.m. for transportation to the starting line. Medals and ribbons will be awarded at the continental breakfast at Evergreen Park (weather permitting) following the race. T-shirts will be delivered at a later date.

MSU students named to spring semester honor rolls

BOZEMAN — Several Rosebud County students have been named to Montana State University's undergraduate honor rolls for spring semester 2020.

There are two MSU honor roll lists, the President's List and the Dean's List. To be eligible for the lists, students must have earned at least 12 college-level credits. This honor roll list was current as of June 11 and includes all registration corrections or grade changes processed to that date.

The 2,439 students with a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the semester were named to the President's List. An asterisk follows their names below.

The Dean's List includes the 4,067 students earning grade point averages of 3.5 or higher for the semester.

Forsyth students who

achieved the honor are Hannah Blackwell, Katie Friez, Laura Hein, Brett McRae; Colstrip, Mya Ator, Sydney Craig, Nolan Nansel, Lindsey Pippin and Tucker Yates; Lame Deer, Kobee Bigback.

Hysham grads Joseph Icopini, Todd Lackman also made the list.

ES Carpet Cleaning Solutions will be in Forsyth and surrounding areas. Call Erick Swanson at 356-2448 or 605-877-6342 for appointment.



Pages from the Past

June 22, 1972

The top stories in The Forsyth Independent this week in 1972:

Services held for county commissioner

Thomas H. Rolston, 55, of Forsyth died June 15, at Holy Rosary Hospital in Miles City. At the time of his death he was a County Commissioner for Rosebud County.

He was born March 5, 1917 at Forsyth, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rolston Sr. He graduated from Forsyth High School and from the University of Montana in Missoula in 1939. He taught school in Montana two years and married Nola Stortz on May 26, 1941, at Shelby. He served in the Armed Services from 1941 until 1946 and after his discharge returned to Montana. He operated a Texaco bulk plant in Forsyth and had ranched in the Forsyth area since 1960.

Pallbearers were Joe Donley, Owen Johnson, John Moreland, Howard Vassau, J.W. Sims and Bill Straw. Robert Stoeckig sang "He Leadeth Me" and "in the Garden."

Survivors include the widow, a son, Alan of Forsyth; a daughter, Barbara Jo Rolston of Salt Lake City; two brothers, William of Forsyth and Dirk of Miles City; the mother, Mrs. Regina Rolston of Forsyth, and a grandchild.

Services held today for Glen Viall, South Country rancher

Glen Merton Viall died June 19th in the Holy Rosary Hospital in Miles City where he had been a patient for a week. He had suffered from a heart ailment the past two years.

Mr. Viall was born March 8, 1912 at Glasgow, Montana, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Niall of Phone area north of Jordan. He was educated in the country schools of that

vicinity. His young manhood was spent working with his father and later he worked for A.J. Hangman, helping with the sales in the south country and on Ed Love's ranch.

In 1940 he moved to the Tongue River where he raised sheep. He eventually returned to the south country where he married and settled down on the Sam Hotchkiss ranch. The Vialls still own and operate that ranch. He also owned the Club Buffet Bar in Ashland, Montana.

Mr. Viall was secretary of the Tongue River Electric Co-op, a member of the National Cattlemen's Association and the Montana Stockgrowers. He was very interested in boys and contributed generously of his time and resources helping needy children and sponsoring programs for their help.

He is survived by his widow, Lillian, at the ranch; one son, Bob, of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and three grandchildren, Bobby Jr., Chad Michael and Rebecca, all living in Kentucky...

Pallbearers will be Ben Soule, Ross Billings, Ducke McRae, Lloyd Bouslaugh, Jack LaPorte and Joe Phillips.

Sport Center closing doors

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Riley, owners of the Forsyth Sport Center for the past eight years have announced that they are closing the bowling alley, effective immediately.

They have announced no further plans but intend to remain in Forsyth.

The Sport Center has been a fixture in this town for quite some time and its presence will be missed.

Small armada did sail from Forsyth Harbor last Sunday

On Sunday last, there did set forth from the

safety of Forsyth harbor in search of the mystical city in the east called Miles, a small armada.

The armada did depart at four bells from the dam which marks the harbor limits of Forsyth. The various craft were assisted in their embarkation by Don Herndon, who acted as harbor master for the day and who with his wife and first mate did also join the fleet on the day's journey.

The First Lord of the Admiralty of the group of stout ships which set for that day was Mr. Bill Bergerson of the City of Miles navy which is known as the Custer Boat Club.

During their quest the armada of twelve boas powered by gasoline engines, and one amphibious motor vehicle did stop on an isle in the Yellowstone Channel to feast from the ship's stores and for a brief shore leave...

...Those who survived the perils of the journey reported a fine time was had by all and that none of the fleet did fall victim to the perils of the deep nor did any of the ships sail off the edge of the earth.

Convention delegates

(Photo caption) It's off to Helena and the state convention of the Republican Party for the Rosebud County delegation. Edna Olson, Margaret Wallin, state committeewoman; Don Holland, county chairman, and Tom Asay, state committeeman, are expected to support the renomination of President Nixon at the nomination convention which will be held June 29 and 30.

New officers lead garden club

New President Sylvia Beals led 17 members and one guest in our Flag Salute and the Gardener's Prayer.

Viola Mole is our new secretary-treasurer,

replacing Mary Ann Sherman who so ably officiated in this capacity for the past five years — and very efficient and cooperative she was. Many thanks from all of us, Mary Ann.

During our regular business meeting, Viola announced the three Mugh Pines and one feather rock in the north border area at the Post Office, are in memory of one of our valiant workers, Dorothy Blakesley. We all miss Dorothy and think of her often. Later we hope to add two native boulders to the same area.

ROSEBUD SCHOOL MESSAGE

Parents and students,

Because of the limitations caused by the Covid-19 virus, Rosebud School could not have kindergarten roundup this year.

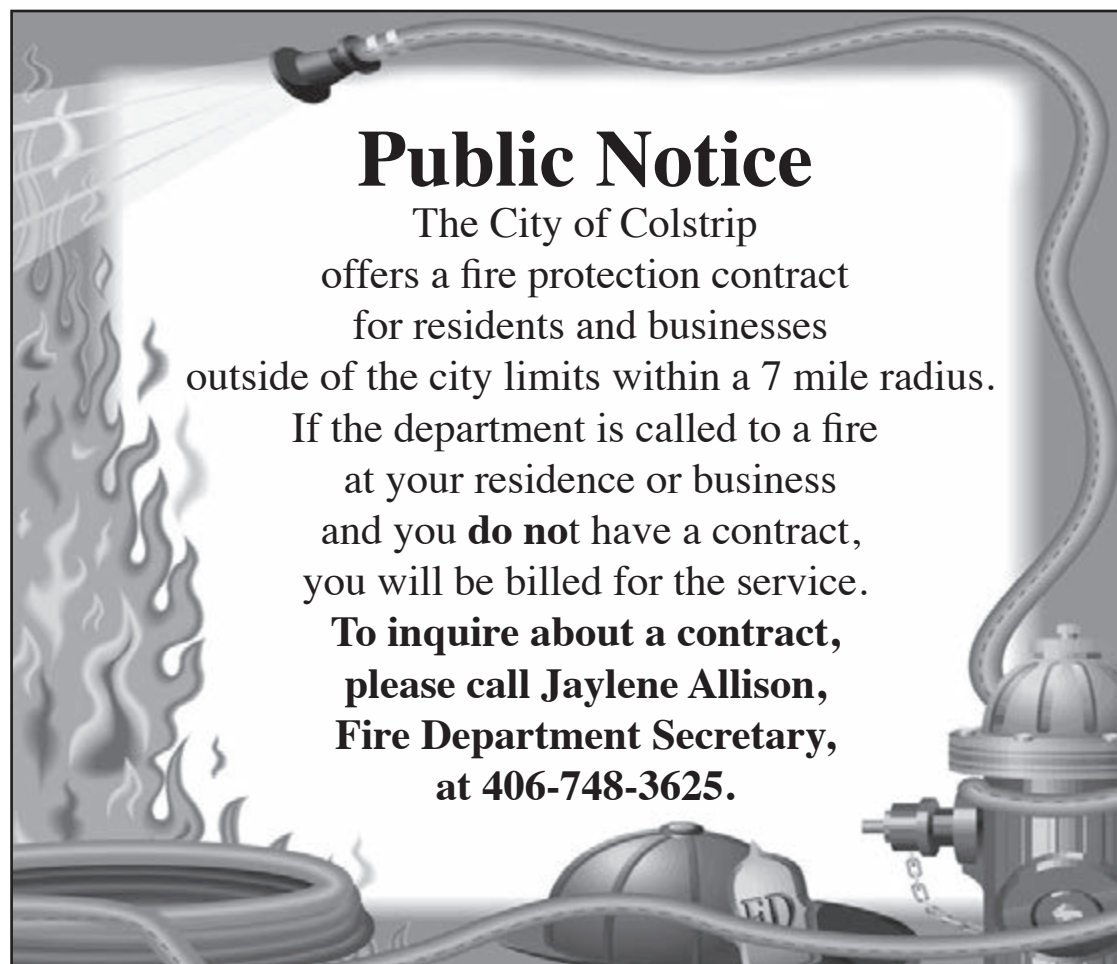
Therefore, all parents of kindergarten students and other students that plan on attending Rosebud School as New Students to the District, please contact Laura at 406-347-5353 and leave a message so an application can be sent to you.

Public Notice

The City of Colstrip offers a fire protection contract for residents and businesses outside of the city limits within a 7 mile radius.

If the department is called to a fire at your residence or business and you **do not** have a contract, you will be billed for the service.

To inquire about a contract, please call Jaylene Allison, Fire Department Secretary, at 406-748-3625.



Opinion

Democrats think they have winning slate

It's no exaggeration to say that this is the most consequential election facing Montana voters in my lifetime. On Nov. 3, Montanans will make a choice between building on hard fought progress made for Montana families, or electing a slate of candidates who have abandoned them.

Montana Democrats, led by Governor Bullock and Lt. Governor Mike Cooney, have driven every bipartisan success we've seen in the last years, fighting and winning big for Montana's working families — from expanding Medicaid and bringing health coverage to more than 90,000 working Montanans, to passing a comprehensive package to address the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Montana Democrats have also fought for rural broadband and hospitals, secured disaster relief for farmers and ranchers, and secured the first infrastructure package in a decade — and the jobs that come with it. All while balancing our state budget, year after year.

Montana Democrats fight for Montana's working families, and we have results to show for it. While our opponents have worked to demonize the progress we've made, Democrats have been eager to roll up our sleeves and get things done for our state. The choice facing Montanans this November is clear, all the way down the ballot.

The race for the U.S. Senate is about leadership. Governor Bullock is a strong leader with a proven track record of standing up to special interests to get things done for everyday Montanans and leave our state a better place for future generations. During the COVID-19 crisis, he has displayed leadership, listened to experts, and put politics aside for the good of our state. Steve Daines, on the other hand, has been dishonest with Montana voters. Even as the coronavirus pandemic was spreading, Daines joined his party leaders in voting against paid leave and expanded unemployment benefits for hard-working Montanans and opposed efforts to provide Montana hospitals with the resources they need. The best part? He had the nerve to claim credit for the very measures he

voted against!

In the race for U.S. House, Kathleen Williams has a long history serving the people of Montana. Her nearly four decade career in natural resources and public service traverses the public, private, and non-profit sectors. Throughout her career, she has worked with people of all political stripes

Robyn Driscoll

to find win-win solutions to Montana's most pressing problems including healthcare, job creation, and Montana's outdoor heritage. Meanwhile, her opponent,

Maryland Matt Rosendale, has fought to roll back protections for Montanans with pre-existing conditions, rubber-stamped rate hikes for insurance companies, and carried out political favors for his campaign donors while serving in his official capacity.

In the race for the Governor's seat, Montanans are choosing between a dedicated public servant, and a man who's failed to even show up for work. Mike Cooney is one of Montana's most trusted and effective leaders, having spent his entire career fighting for Montanans. Mike has been there for every major breakthrough for Montana working families, and as Governor, he'll continue to fight for access to health care, good jobs, and ensuring public lands remain in public hands. Meanwhile, Greg Gianforte has missed more votes than 93% of Congress, failing to do the bare minimum of what we sent him to Washington to do — but that hasn't stopped him from collecting taxpayer checks. Gianforte has proven that he's a no show Congressman — Montanans can't afford to elect him as our no show Governor.

Up and down the ticket, Montana Democrats have put forward a slate of candidates ready to fight tooth and nail for Montana's working families and build on the progress we've made. Time and again, Democrats have rolled up our sleeves and gotten things done for Montana — and we're ready to keep fighting for a brighter future for Big Sky Country this November and beyond.

(Robyn Driscoll is the Chair of the Montana Democratic Party.)

Blast from the past



This Forsyth High School graduation class of 1915 was the class Frank and Susan Tall Bull's "Grandma Levi" was a part of.

Sage Grouse ruling highlights need to improve public land management

By Larry Berrin and Frank Szollosi

In a recent U.S. District Court ruling by Judge Brian Morris, the American public heard loud and clear that the federal administration broke the law when it offered leases on public lands in critical sage grouse habitat. This court decision speaks volumes about how public lands should be managed, with certainty, and in a manner that considers true multiple use — including maintaining wildlife populations. The Department of Interior was found to have violated the law by issuing an instructional memorandum that abandoned the bi-partisan practice from Western governors that prioritizes leasing for oil and gas development outside of sage grouse habitat.

Our organizations were among those that came together and brought this

case to court. It was an action we did not take lightly and continue to stand behind it. It was the right thing to do for sage grouse and for holding the federal government accountable for its egregious actions. The federal administration has taken a new and aggressive approach to how our nation's public lands are managed — a singular focus on poorly-planned energy development above all other uses, while disregarding the public and established science. This goes against Montana's values.

Now that the court has ruled in favor of the American public, we urge our congressional delegation to focus on restoring sagebrush country in the face of unprecedented incursions of invasive species like cheatgrass, as well as hold the Bureau of Land Management accountable for its illegal activities. Populations of

sage grouse have declined roughly 44 percent over the last four years. This is our opportunity to do something good not only for sage grouse and our big game herds, but also our local communities and livestock producers today, and in the womb of time, to paraphrase Theodore Roosevelt. Investing in good management today means bountiful wildlife populations in the future, as well as healthy range conditions for livestock.

As we celebrate our delegation coming together to introduce and push through the Great American Outdoors Act, which combines full, dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) along with much-needed deferred maintenance funding for our National Park System, we also call upon them to work together to find a better path forward for the management of our sagebrush country. That

effort would benefit over 350 species of animals and plants that rely on big, open country.

In the past, Senator Daines has advocated riders on must-pass legislation that weaken the approach Western states have taken regarding sagebrush conservation. We ask that he stop undermining the hard work being done by stakeholders across the West, and work with us, rather than against us.

Let's get back to true multiple use of public lands that respects our wildlife and outdoor heritage, have lawful policies that provide certainty to developers, and keep Montana the last best place, all while ensuring good-paying jobs for those who need them.

(Larry Berrin is the Executive Director for Montana Audubon. Frank Szollosi is the Executive Director for Montana Wildlife Federation.)

TIME OUT WITH LOIS

By Lois Olmstead

There are many books on the market on how to deal with stress. On-line videos have more advice than you could load in a 100-car coal train. Some are free and some charge a fee to bail you out. My solution for my own stressful situations is free. Well for the most part it is free — unless I get myself in pickle during the process.

Before I let you in on my go-to stress relievers, I must give a disclaimer. This is not medical advice. This is not for serious stress situations where you need professional help to guide you. I have had those instances during my life. God used medical professionals and a psychologist, each at different times in my life to sort out a rough spot, my battle with a horrid case of shingles for one. (Did you get your shingles shot? I would have sold one of our kids to get relief from that ordeal. Doc had told me to get the shot — I just didn't get around to it!)

So my stress relievers are for in-over-your-head routine days — and for the most part you should be in no danger. Although I have had a



Lois Olmstead

few...well, I will go into that later.

Drum roll please. Lois' three "Work-for-meal-every-time" stress relievers are 3. Moving furniture and 2. Mowing the lawn. Yup. In a nutshell. It works for me. He-Who-Took-Long-Steps often told people it was a good thing he wasn't a drinking man. He'd say "I could have been killed many times in this marriage."

Just because I might have had a stressful day. He'd come home from work to find I had moved his chair or exchanged the living room with the dining room, a total makeover!

I did do that. It didn't last long. It was a great idea because our living

room faced the street and Castle Rock Lake was out the dining room side. The third time he bumped into the dining room chandelier (I hadn't come up with a solution for that problem in my remodel yet) my goose was cooked. It was not the first time my inspiration fell short...with the furniture going back where it had been. The glory was I got over my stress.

Today I feared my brain my implode. Technology was not my friend this week. Among other things, I was putting a cookbook together for our Tuesday Coffee Group. This is not my first rodeo in that department — I do write books! But recipes — what was I thinking? Accuracy is key, methinks. Ugh. My friend Raye sent me a family recipe in a text three different times. I lost it three times — it just disappeared. Now I have to call her again. That was the last straw.

I fired up the lawn mower. Always this has worked. At our Colstrip country place we could live happily ever after because we had two lawns, an upper one and a lower one. We each

mowed one. But once my stress reliever nearly got me down.

The steering wheel came off in my hands. I was headed straight for the pond. I got it back on just at the edge where the cattails grew. He-Who said "Why didn't you just stand up? The safety on the seat automatically shuts the tractor off."

After we had a little talk with me explaining that it is rather hard to stand up on a fast moving object with a steering wheel in one's hands, headed to a ten-foot deep pond (in a lady-like voice of course)...well, you get the picture. If I had not been on the last round of mowing that day, I would have turned around and mowed it again!

So there you have it — stress relievers with only a little danger involved.

Number one is God's Word for me (less risk too). Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble. But be of good cheer! I have overcome the world. I have told you these things, so that in Me, you may have peace. (John 16:33)

That does give me glorious peace!

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Bicentennial Book News

By Mary Kay Bullard

Summer Reading program activities are going to look different this year, than they have in the past, because of "social distancing" Reading Program activities will be available 5 days a week at our activity station. You are welcome to visit the library individually or in small groups to participate in the activity. Detailed instructions, and librarians will be available to help you. We ask that you keep your group small. So, if your group is larger than 10 people. Please ask us to bag up your activity, so that you can do it at home. Monday June 8th was our first logging week for the Summer Reading Program. Please report your minutes by Monday at 7:00pm to have a chance to win a weekly prize. You may report your minutes by phone, messenger or our

favorite method: Stop by the library and say Hi.

This week's craft will be: Rock Painting. Librarians are available to help small parties of 10 or less Monday-Friday with these crafts, if you would like our help. If your party is more than 10 people, please plan on taking your craft home or splitting up your party into a smaller group. You do not need to make an appointment to participate in the craft, however parents, please plan on staying with your children and creating a craft as well.

Next week's craft will be Bird Houses.

I have heard it said that the library is the living room of the community they serve. I think a living room is pretty important. At least at my house, this is where my family and friends gather to spend time together. Just like our library, this is where

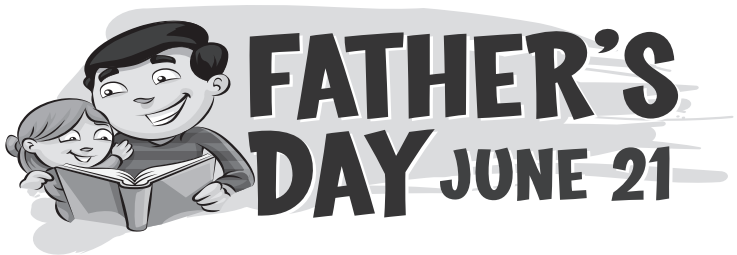
some pretty important events happen, as well as just some relaxing.

At Bicentennial Library, we are often at the front end of some fairly important personal work for many of our patrons. This is part of our job as librarians. Our community does not have many alternative places in town to fax, make copies, print important documents or learn necessary computer skills. We do have a library that offers these services, and librarians capable of showing our residents how to complete many computer related tasks. During times of uncertainty, it is reasonable and common to pull back on expenses, be a little more thrifty. Bicentennial Library is pretty useful in these instances as well. Because users share resources. As a Bicentennial Library

patron, you may read the new Hunger Games book, enjoy it or not, then return it to the library and not think about it again. Some people read and re-read books, but most people do not. If you are part of the not, and currently not using our library, I think you should definitely start using the library. It will definitely help out with your entertainment expenses.

Coming Monday June 22nd, our Partner sharing group will be available again for placing holds from other libraries. We will be happy to help you get whatever items you need .

New in our book collection and ready for you to read: Bombshell by Stuart Woods, On a Costal Breeze by Suzanne Fisher and Ballad of Songbirds and a Snake by Suzanne Collins. This is the new Hunger Games novel.



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Montana Dateline

By Ellis Roberts Parry

June 19, 1938

A flash flood on Custer Creek 30 miles east of Miles City weakens a trestle causing the Milwaukee Road's crack passenger train, "The Olympian" to derail and crash killing 49 of the 140 people on board. Injuries are sustained by another 65 passengers. Some of the bodies of the victims are eventually found 130 miles downstream at Sidney.

June 20, 1863

After a brief courtship, Sheriff Henry Plummer marries Electa Bryan of Sun River at Saint Peter's Mission near Sun River. The marriage lasts only a few months when it is assumed that Mrs. Plummer becomes aware of the true nature of her husband who is the leader of the road agents in Alder Gulch. She will leave Plummer in early September of this same year returning to her family in the Midwest. History does not record whether she divorces Henry. A divorce is probably not necessary since the Vigilantes hang Plummer the following January making her a widow.

June 20, 1998

Over 22,000 people attend an outdoor concert by the grunge rock band Pearl Jam at Washington-Griz-

zly Stadium in Missoula. This is the largest musical event in Montana's history. Pearl Jam's bassist, Jeff Ament, is a native of Big Sandy and a graduate of the university.

June 21, 1805

The portage of about eighteen miles around the Great Falls of the Missouri begins for the Lewis and Clark Expedition. In addition to the arduous work, the Corps of Discovery has to contend with mosquitoes, violent hailstorms, cactus, huge herds of buffalo, and an abundance of grizzly bears. It takes over three weeks to move the expedition's equipment around the falls.

June 22, 1864

President Abraham Lincoln names Sidney Edgerton to be first Territorial Governor of the new Montana Territory.

June 23, 1914

At the height of rioting by rival union factions, two men are shot and killed in Butte. Later this night, the Miner's Union Hall is dynamited by an unknown person or persons. All through the night, rival factions of armed men roam the streets. The situation will become so volatile that the Governor of

Montana, Sam Stewart will declare martial law in September.

June 25, 1876

On a hot Sunday afternoon, Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer and the Seventh Cavalry approach the huge Indian village located in the valley of the Little Big Horn River. The camp is comprised of thousands of Lakota and Cheyenne Indians who are in defiance of the government's directive to submit to the confines of the reservation system. It is the military's task to force the Indians onto the reservations.

Custer has orders to coordinate his attack on the village with Generals Terry and Gibbon who are coming up the Yellowstone River. Terry's command, however, is still a day away. Custer, fearing that his command has been spotted by Indian scouts, decides to attack the village before the Indians can disperse and get away to safety.

Prior to the attack, Custer divides his command into three columns. Major Marcus Reno is ordered to attack the village from the south while Captain Benteen's column scouts an area to the south. Benteen will also hold the pack train and additional troops in reserve.

WORLD WAR II

By Dakota Callen

I was transferred from Company A 10th Armored to the 34th Field Artillery. The commander of the Motor Pool . A Commander was sent back to the states on an emergency furlough as they had a death in the family. What an opportunity to take over a motor pool. Good thing he left a uniform as it fit me and I used it.

One of the top mechanics I called Heinie because he was German. He told me about his friend a famous artist that had painted pictures of all the leaders

in Europe including Adolph Hitler. Thinking that he could lead me to Adolph Hitler, Heinie and I took a trip to the big POW camp just outside of Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

In arrival at the camp we find the commander gone and a lieutenant in charge. We ask the Portsky be released for questioning. LT. said, "I have no authority to do that." "Where are your papers?" I said, "You'll get them tomorrow from Gen. Patton." Being a Captain, I said, "LT how would you like to lose

your rank?" and man there was immediate action.

Two German soldiers were brought into the office. I looked at Heinie and he nodded towards the first one. I ordered Heinie to return to the jeep so as to show that they knew each other.

I signed some papers using my last name backwards, NELLAC, when I ordered Portsky handcuffed he thought I was going to kill him. He even started to cry.

We left the compound in a big hurry and after we were out of sight we

stopped and removed his handcuffs. There was a joyous reunion with Heinie.

He was unable to contact Hitler but if he did he would let me know.

Being in command of the motor pool brought many problems. No. 1 parts for vehicles had to be ordered and shipped from the USA. Rather than go back to France where they had lots of vehicles in compounds. Good thing the French guarding them were poor shots.

(To be continued)

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Strengthen your arm muscles so



you can more easily perform daily tasks, take care of your home or yard, and perhaps lift your grand-

children! Start with no weight and gradually add more as you get stronger.

Exercise Instructions:

Biceps Curl: Sit in good posture with arms relaxed at the sides, palms facing up. Bring the right hand to the right shoulder, then slowly return arm to the side. Complete 8-12 biceps curls with the right, then the left arm. Repeat both sides again. To increase effort, add weights as long as it does not cause elbow pain.

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When Jesus died on the cross he died for all colors of mankind. All lives matter!

Wednesday evening there was a Mountain Lion spotted at Riverview Villa in Forsyth. I have heard since that it has been spotted in Forsyth; hope they catch it soon. I can't help but wonder with all the deer that were in Forsyth last winter if that is why the cat is here. I know I haven't seen many deer in town lately, have heard of a few maybe that is what the big kitty is feeding off of.

June 19 is the annual Splash Bash in Hysham. Games start at 6:30; and they do have a meal at 5 p.m.

Ilya Jankunas is an apprentice lineman, assistant journeyman who builds and maintains powerlines for Mid-Yellowstone. He has been with MYEC for one year.

Here is some history information from Frank

H. Vassau: The first variety store was the Raquet Store opened in March of 1900 by E.A. Grace. Grace was also the town's sign painter. He opened his store next to Marcy's. Then in November of 1909 it was called Rofidal's Racquet Store, grandparents of the late Clayton Miars, and was located opposite the Richardson Mercantile on 9th. This store carried a full line of novelties, toiletries and notions.

Dont' forget June 29, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. the St. Vincent Healthcaee Mobile Mammogram will be at RHCC.

I noticed on Thursday evening there is a bunch, and I mean a bunch of baby grasshoppers eating my back flowers.

"One night a father overheard his son pray: Dear God, Make me the kind of man my Daddy is. Later that night, the Father prayed, Dear God, Make me the kind of man my son wants me to be."

Want to see a grown man get choked up? Ask him to describe how he feels about his daughter. Want to see a grown woman frantically dig through her purse for tissues? Ask her to talk about her feelings toward her dad. Happy Father's Day!

Stay safe , will chit-chat with you next week!

Senior Menu's

Colstrip

Forsyth

Friday, June 19
BBQ Chicken, Baked Potatoes, Relish Tray, Fruity Jell-O

Monday, June 22
Mandarin Chicken Salad Rolls, Fresh Fruit

Tuesday, June 23
Salisbury Steaks , Mixed Veggies , Pears

Wednesday, June 24
Chicken Alfredo , Garlic Bread, Salad , Fresh Fruit

Thursday, June 25
Pepperoni Pizza , Salad , Pears

Friday, June 26
Cook's Choice

Call 748-3525 by 9:30 a.m.

Friday, June 19
Baked Ham , Potato Salad Carrot-Raisin Salad Pistachio Salad, Cake

Monday, June 22
Porcupine Meatballs Rice ,Stir Fry Veggies Pineapple Cake

Tuesday, June 23
Baked Beans , Polish Dogs , Tossed Salad , Fresh Fruit

Wednesday, June 24
Veggie Beef Soup Corn Bread, Apple Crisp

Thursday, June 25
Scalloped Chicken , Sweet Potato Salad , Fruit Salad , Peas

Friday, June 19
Spaghetti , Coleslaw Green Beans , Fruit

Call 346-2878 by 9:30 a.m.

Helpful Hints for Gardens

Prune spring-flowering shrubs, such as lilacs, and large-flower climbing roses immediately after the blooms fade. If you prune them in fall or winter, you remove next spring's flower buds.

Removing spent flowers also encourages plants to place energies into stronger leaves and roots instead of seed production.

Grow vegetables in a location that gets at least 8 hours of direct sunlight every day. Most vegetables need full sun to perform well.

The optimal temperature for ripening tomatoes is between 68-77 degrees F. And at 85 degrees F, it's too hot for the plants to produce lycopene and carotene, the pigments responsible for the fruit color.

Weed early and often so weeds don't go to seed.

Fertilizer is not the answer to growing the best plants; soil quality is



Friday, June 19, 2020
Zachary Regan
Kay Roeslein

Saturday, June 20, 2020
Bill Schwarzkoph, Jr.

Sunday, June 21, 2020
Happy Father's Day

Monday, June 22, 2020
Cody Weight
Anita Kurtz
Larkin Hess

Tuesday, June 23, 2020
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Chancey Ringer

Wed., June 24, 2020
Angie Fourtner
Deani Goyette
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Connie's Cooking Corner

Skillet Steaks

Two 1 1/4-pound, bone-in rib eye steaks
Kosher salt
Freshly ground pepper
2 tablespoons canola oil
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
4 thyme sprigs
3 garlic cloves
1 rosemary sprig

Season the rib eye steaks all over with salt and freshly ground pepper. Let the meat stand at room temperature for 30 minutes.

In a large cast-iron skillet, heat the canola oil until shimmering. Add the steaks and cook over high heat until crusty on the bottom, about 5 minutes. Turn the steaks and add the butter, thyme, garlic and rosemary to the skillet. Cook over high heat, basting the steaks with the melted butter, garlic and herbs, until the steaks are medium-rare, 5 to 7 minutes longer. Transfer the steaks to a cutting board and let rest for 10 minutes. Cut the steaks off the bone, then slice the meat across the grain and serve.

Perfect Grilled Steaks

4 1 1/4-to-1 1/2-inch-thick boneless rib-eye or New York strip steaks (about 12 ounces each) or filets mignons (8 to 10 ounces each), trimmed
2 tablespoons canola or extra-virgin olive oil
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper

About 20 minutes before grilling, remove the steaks from the refrigerator and let sit, covered, at room temperature.

Heat your grill to high. Brush the steaks on both sides with oil and season liberally with salt and pepper. Place the steaks on the grill and cook until golden brown and slightly charred, 4 to 5 minutes. Turn the steaks over and continue to grill 3 to 5 minutes for medium-rare (an internal temperature of 135 degrees F), 5 to 7 minutes for medium (140 degrees F) or 8 to 10 minutes for medium-well (150 degrees F).

Transfer the steaks to a cutting board or platter, tent loosely with foil and let rest 5 minutes before slicing.

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Father's Day Trivia

Did you know George Washington, the celebrated father of our country, had no children of his own?

Did you know Halsey Taylor invented the drinking fountain in 1912 as a tribute to his father, who succumbed to typhoid fever after drinking from a contaminated public water supply in 1896?

Did you know the only father-daughter team to hit the top Billboard pop music chart was in 1967? Frank & Nancy Sinatra sang their hit single "Something Stupid".

Did you know Roses are the official flower for Father's Day? A red rose is worn in the lapel if your father is living, a white rose if he is deceased.

Did you know Father's Day is a big day for the 66.3 million fathers in America?

Father's Day finally became a national U.S. holiday in 1972 when President Richard Nixon signed it into law.

The state with the highest proportion for stay-at-home dads is South Dakota, while Utah is the lowest.

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Montana farmers, ranchers and private landowners use conservation to protect pollinator habitat, boost crop production

The next time you snack on almonds, add blueberries to your smoothie or eat pumpkin pie, thank a pollinator and thank farmers, ranchers and private forestland owners who work hard to create and maintain their habitat.

Pollinators, such as honeybees, bumblebees, butterflies, birds, bats, flies and many others, play a critical role in crop production. Without pollinators, we wouldn't have many crops.

During the week of June 22-28, the nation will celebrate these iconic and crucial pollinators during National Pollinator Week. This year's theme is "Pollinators, Plants, People and Planet." Thirteen years ago, the U.S. Senate unanimously designated the third week in June as National Pollinator Week to increase awareness about the importance of pollinators and the challenges many of them face, including serious popula-

tion declines and habitat losses, often due to land use changes and excessive or improper pesticide use. Nearly 200 species of pollinators are considered threatened or extinct.

Pollination occurs when pollen grains are moved between two flowers of the same species, or within a single flower by wind or insects and animals. Successful pollination results in healthy fruit and fertile seeds, allowing the plants to reproduce.

The extensive and critical world of crop pollinators is a \$20 billion a year industry. About 75 percent of crop plants are pollinated by billions of animals and insects every year

Many federal, state and local government agencies, non-government organizations and universities have launched extensive efforts to protect pollinators, especially honeybees and the Monarch butterfly. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) works closely with farmers, forest landowners and other private landowners to increase pollinator habitat in targeted areas nationwide.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), through USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), offers financial incentives to agricultural producers and private forest landowners who enhance pollinator habitat by voluntarily implementing conservation practices such as cover crops, wildflower and native plantings in buffers and areas not in production.

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by Jan Shaver

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Hardy in pour area, Zone 3, the peony thrives in cooler climates where they get the winter chill they require to bloom. To plant, loosen the soil and mix in generous amounts of compost. Place in the ground with the rootball level with the soil, being careful not to disrupt tender roots.

Water regularly during dry spells, especially prior to blooming. Feed with low nitrogen fertilizer (such as 5-10-10) as the first leaves appear and again after the last bloom fades.

Too much nitrogen will encourage more foliage than blooms.

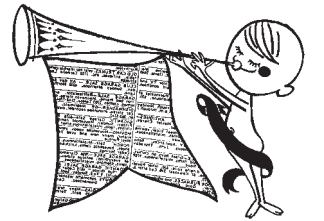
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Rosebud County tries to adjust to the new norma

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the main company that is running the windfarm project. The project is still on the move but has been slowed down by the current virus situation. Some of the plants that build the transformers and parts for the turbines have been shut down for a while putting them behind schedule, thus putting our project behind schedule.

Some work is currently being done as in surveying and taking soil samples. But by next spring we should see some action.

There has been some oil exploration going on, but with the oil prices the way they are this has also been slowed down. Hopefully this is not moving to the new norm.

Also, we just got done with the first all-state mail in ballots for the primary elections. Things seemed to run pretty smoothly even though some people were against the mail in ballots and would like to see the polls open. But with the virus concerns the state did all

mail ballots. Surprisingly the voter turnout was quite a bit higher in all areas. IF you didn't get registered and didn't vote in the primaries now is the time to start getting registered.

Speaking of things to put on the to do list. If you have not completed your census form, now is the time. For every individual we get counted it means about twenty thousand dollars over the ten year period the state will lose. This money goes towards our highway program, Medicare and many programs Montana's use every day. Also, we could gain a seat in the House of Representatives if we all get counted.

So, make your voice be heard and make sure you are ready to vote this November. And help the state by being counted in the census!!

It has been a very trying year so far. But as always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come in and visit about it. Take care and hope to see you out and about.

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GERALD J. KILLEN and CHERYL B. KILLEN Plaintiff vs. THE HEIRS and DEVISEES of V.E. MORRIS, which is believed to stand for VICTOR EDWIN MORRIS SR. who is deceased, FLOY A. MORRIS, VICTOR EDWIN MORRIS JR., and all other persons unknown claiming or who might claim any right, title, estate or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in this Complaint adverse to Plaintiffs' ownership or any cloud upon the Plaintiffs' title thereto, whether such claim or possible claim be present or contingent.

Defendants. CAUSE NO. DV-2020-25 Hon. Michael B. Hayworth SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, THEIR HEIRS AND DEVISEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint for Quiet Title in this action which is filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to file your Answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiffs' attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default, for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This Action is brought for the purpose of quieting title to real property situation in Rosebud County, Montana, and described as follows: **All of Block A, of Edward's Addition to Forsyth Montana, in the City of Forsyth, Rosebud County, Montana, according to the official plat on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of said County.** EXCEPT that part conveyed to the State of Montana for the benefit and use of its **State Highway Commission by Bargain and Sale Deed recorded May 24, 1949, in Book 48 of Deeds, Page 310, under Document #134699, records of Rosebud County, Montana.** DATED this 26th day of May, 2020 (COURT SEAL) Clerk of District Court for Rosebud County, Montana BY: *Elizabeth T. Ball* Elizabeth T. Ball Published June 4, 11 and June 18, 2020

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the Rosebud County Treasurer at 1200 Main Street, PO Box 167, Forsyth, MT 59327-7661. (Published June 11 and 18,2020)

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Public Hearing

The Colstrip City Council will hold a public hearing on June 23, 2020 at 7:00 pm at Colstrip City Hall for the purpose of obtaining comments regarding any environmental impacts resulting from the proposed Phase III Wastewater Rehabilitation project. At the public hearing the proposed project and the determination that the project qualifies for a categorical exclusion to the Montana Environmental Policy Act's Environmental Assessment and Impact Statement will be explained. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to express opinions regarding the proposed project and any environmental impacts. Comments may be given orally at the meeting or submitted in writing (including email) by 5:00 pm on June 23, 2020 to the office of the City Clerk/Treasurer at Colstrip City Hall. Copies of the environmental review checklist is available at Colstrip City Hall and will also be available at the public meeting. An exemption may not be appropriate if significant public controversy exists over the project's potential effect on the quality of the human environment; the proposed project shows some potential for causing a significant effect on the quality of the human environment; or the project might possibly affect sensitive environmental or cultural resource areas or endangered or threatened species and their critical habitats.

Michelle Richards City Clerk/Treasurer City of Colstrip Published June 11 & June 18, 2020.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That on **Monday, June 22nd at 7 p.m.** in the Council Chambers of City Hall, the City Council of Forsyth, Montana will be holding its public hearing for the purpose of adopting a preliminary budget. The City Council has the preliminary budget for the fiscal year of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, and that said budget has been placed on file with and is open for inspection in the office of the City Clerk-Treasurer during the business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday through Friday in City Hall, 247 North 9th Avenue. All citizens are invited to attend and provide the Council with written or oral comments for or against any part of the said proposed budget. **By the order of the City Clerk-Treasurer Doris Pinkerton City of Forsyth, Montana** Published June 11, June 18, 2020

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Request for a Variance Permit for steel or wood poles to support above ground/overhead electrical transmission line within City limits The City Council of Colstrip will hold a Public hearing to hear comments on the following: 1.The installation of an above ground/overhead wood or steel poles to support an electrical transmission facilities not to exceed 150 feet and structures to transition between above ground and below ground facilities not to exceed 150 feet. The meeting before the City Council will be held on **Tuesday, June 30th, 2020 at 6:00pm** in the City Council Chambers at Colstrip City Hall. Any citizen may appear to comment on this subject or may submit written comments to the Zoning Officer, Box 1902, Colstrip, MT 59323 until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29th, 2020. Additional information may be obtained from City Hall at (406) 748-2300 ext. 2305.

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FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01 The Forsyth City Council is scheduled to meet Monday, June 22, at 7:00 P.M., in the City Hall Council Chambers at 247 North 9th Avenue, Forsyth Montana. The stated purpose of this hearing is to provide those parties with an interest and other citizens an opportunity to be heard, on an Ordinance which will provide for amendments to: Title 12-3-3 - Low Density Residential District Zoning, change the side setback from ten (10) feet to five (5) feet Title 12-3-4 Medium Density Residential District Zoning, change the side setback from ten (10) feet to five (5) feet Title 12-2-12 - Permitted Lot Coverage, change from 30/70 (thirty percent occupied) to 50/50 fifty percent free and fifty percent occupied

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Custer County Covid-19 cases spike

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There is one female and one male between 10-19, one male between 20-29 and two females and one male between 40-49 who were confirmed cases today.

Montana has had a total of 630 cases with five active hospitalizations as

of 10 a.m., compared to yesterday's 614 total cases with eight active hospitalizations.

The rise of COVID-19 cases in Custer County started last Thursday, when the first case of a local resident was confirmed. Before that there were three confirmed cases in Custer County in

May, but they were out-of-state residents and were not counted towards the number of cases in Custer County or the state.

According to Jerke, it is uncertain whether the cases are still localized to a single cluster in the community with ongoing contact tracing and testing.

SILVER LININGS: Carving out a niche

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tion,” said Megan Gondeiro. “We needed more avenues of income. This is turning out to possibly be the only way our ranch will survive through COVID-19.”

The McCafferty Ranch provides Central Avenue Meats with eight grass-fed and finished cattle every three weeks. These cattle are free of antibiotics and hormones. They are harvested and quartered at the USDA-certified meatpacking facility, Quality Meats, in Miles City.

Next, the beef is loaded into a state-of-the-art refrigerated truck, which the McCaffertys purchased specifically for the trip to Central Avenue Meats.

“After our first trip using a horse trailer and coolers, we decided we needed a refrigerated truck,” said Gondeiro.

In the refrigerated truck, there are temperature probes in the carcasses to ensure food safety.

“The beef processed is USDA-certified all the way through,” said Gondeiro.

Gondeiro's uncle, Jim McCafferty was also able to play a valuable role with over 30 years of experience as a USDA meat inspector. He is now a professional consultant, and he assisted Central Avenue Meats in their design.

Hydroponic Plant

The McCafferty Ranch constructed a nationally recognized hydroponic plant around seven years ago.

“It allows us to kind of be ahead of the game at the present,” said Gondeiro. “Our way of finishing cattle is extremely unique.”

In the hydroponic plant, barley and pea sprouts are grown, looking a little like fresh sod.

“We feed roughly 10,000 pounds of fodder per day to 80 -100 head of cattle,” said Gondeiro. “We have the cattle on the fodder for about 120 days, and they gain weight comparable to grain finished cattle.”

The cattle are also able to eat fresh foods year round, rather than dried hay.

“The protein and nutrient content is highly concentrated because they are eating the roots as well,” said Gondeiro.

This unique finishing also creates a very consistent product, which is unusual for grass-fed and finished beef, which can vary in consistency, Gondeiro said.

The concentrated nutrient and protein content translates into the beef and in turn health benefits for the consumer, Gondeiro said.

Still creating this product is laborious.

“The work involved is insane,” said Gondeiro, noting that it is an 8 – 9 hour a day job in the hydroponic plant alone.

The hard work is paying off.

“The reviews we are getting back about our beef are great,” said Gondeiro.

Having beef processed in Montana was a challenge even before COVID-19 hit. It is more difficult now, but fortunately the McCafferty Ranch has a long-standing and positive relationship with Quality Meats, which allowed the facility to add one harvesting day a month for the ranch.

Go local

“This pandemic, more or less, has exposed cracks that already existed in our food system,” said Central Avenue Meats' owner Hicks, referencing the difficulty meatpacking facilities have in finding labor

“It is often a job of last resort, and not something a person seeks out.” Hicks is focused on building trust with his customers, who also are seeking nutritional and

locally grown beef. There is also the conscientious consumer, one who makes a personal decision to support local economies and to know their product purchased is nutrient rich. For example, economically, a person may pay a little more at a custom meat shop, but what would they pay in health problems if he or she is not conscientious of what is ingested, Hicks posits.

“More than anything, we hope people will become more intentionally involved in the beef he or she is purchasing,” said Hicks. “When the customer is more accountable for choices, it leads to improved satisfaction in decisions made [regarding nutrition and supporting local economies].”

Plus the money spent locally is recycled back into the local community, Hicks said.

Credence value

“Consumers vote with their wallet,” said Sporkin-Morrison with the Great Falls Development Authority, who paired Central Avenue Meats with the McCafferty Ranch.

Sporkin-Morrison believes people will more willingly pay a greater dollar amount for their food if they feel they gain something intrinsic through its purchase, which he terms a credence value, where the purchase aligns with the consumer's belief system.

Like the case with all of the hard work and details the McCafferty Ranch and Central Avenue Meats put into place years back, Sporkin-Morrison urges producers to be thinking ahead 10 years from now and a possible paradigm shift.

What practices can begin to be put into place now to align with the wishes of consumers, Sporkin-Morrison asks producers to consider. He encouraged producers to consider providing a food experience that includes credence values, such as animal and environmentally friendly practices, and a positive sense experience, such as sight and taste.

Together, McCafferty Ranch and Central Avenue Meats have been able to create such an experience for their customers.



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Eric Braunberger and Andrew Laicki of Miles City captured first place in Saturday's catfishing tournament in Forsyth with a catch that weighed over 34 pounds.

Miles City team wins catfishing tournament

Staff Report

A pair of Miles City men won the Forsyth Bash Saturday, part of the Yellowstone Catfish Angler Tournament Series conducted by fishhardindustries.com.

Eric Braunberger and Andrew Lapicki, in their very first tournament win together, weighed in over 34 pounds. They battled the heat, the bugs, and the competition to bring home the coveted first place plaques.

With an unusual high of 103 degrees, the light breeze in some parts of

the tournament boundaries helped some anglers, but clear skies and unrelenting heat made challenging conditions for all. Second place and big fish went to the Billings team of Derek, Cassandra and Clarence Weber with a basket of 30+ pounds, and a big fish weighing 8.8.

Sidney, MT natives and seasoned anglers Scott Schmidt and Chad Dunwald took third with a basket just a hair under 29 pounds.

Fourth place overall and 1st place youth went to a team of newcomers.

Casey Cole, and Trey and Gus McDaniel brought in 26+ pounds. Rounding out the top 5 places was the three generation team of Jim, Sean and Gunner Kelly. Another hard working shore team, their basket of 25.95 pounds earned them a matching set of B'n'M Rods and the second place youth title.

And to finish out the top

three youth awards, Eve and Archer Chamberlain finished seventh overall with their dad Skye, but still took home the third place youth title.

The next tournament will be in July. Visit www.fishhardindustries.com for event pictures, tournament registration, schedule of events and more.

Rules proposed to eliminate sale of flavored e-cigarettes

Staff Report

The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) filed today a proposed rule notice to eliminate the sale of flavored e-cigarettes in response to the epidemic of youth e-cigarette product use in Montana.

The proposed rule would eliminate the selling, offering for sale, marketing, advertising or otherwise distributing flavored electronic smoking products that target Montana youth.

"This is a serious health issue in Montana that is causing major health consequences for our youth driving a lifelong addiction to nicotine," DPHHS Director Sheila Hogan said. "I strongly encourage Montanans to participate in this public process by submitting their feedback, thoughts and suggestions on this critical step to protecting the health of Montana's children from flavored tobacco."

The proposed rule is posted online here: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/Portals/85/rules/37-923pro.pdf>

A public hearing will be held via remote conferencing to consider the proposed rules on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 3 p.m. Interested parties wanting to provide public comment are encouraged to participate by calling into the hearing. Call-in information is provided in the rule posting.

Comments can also be submitted in writing to Heidi Clark, DPHHS Office of Legal Affairs, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT, 59604; fax (406) 444-9744;

or email dphhslegal@mt.gov, and must be received no later than 5 p.m. July 24, 2020 when the public comment period ends.

Montana historically has ranked above the national average in youth vaping rates. Nearly 60% of Montana high school students and 30% of middle school students have tried vaping. In 2019, almost one in 10 Montana high school students vaped daily, exposing their brains to the long-term effects of nicotine addiction. This is a 263% increase from 2017.

A recent report by the FDA states that 96% of 12 to 17-year-olds who initiated e-cigarette use started with a flavored product, and 70% report the flavors as the reason they use e-cigarettes. E-cigarettes are available in thousands of youth-appealing flavors, including fruit, candy, mint and menthol. The overwhelming majority of youth e-cigarette users report using flavored products.

This rule would eliminate the sale of all flavored e-cigarette products. The rule, however, does not apply to medical marijuana products sold by licensed providers.

Massachusetts was the first state to restrict the sale of all flavored tobacco products. New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island have restricted the sale of flavored e-cigarettes. Over 270 local cities and counties across the country have enacted restrictions on the sale of flavored e-cigarettes, from Colorado to Minnesota to Massachusetts.

54.9% of Montana households have responded to Census

WASHINGTON, DC - To date, 54.9% of Montana households have responded to the 2020 Census, according to a press release from the U.S. Census Bureau.

The national self-response rate is 61.4%. It has never been easier to respond on your own, whether online, over the phone or by mail — all without having to meet a census taker.

Montana counties with the highest self-response rates

- 1 Yellowstone County, 69.2%
- 2 Lewis & Clark County, 66.1%
- 3 Missoula County, 66.1%
- 4 Cascade County, 65.5%
- 5 Silver Bow County, 64.4%
- 6 Gallatin County, 61.8%
- 7 Ravalli County, 60.6%
- 8 Dawson County, 57.7%
- 9 Jefferson County, 57.4%
- 10 Custer County, 55.9%

Why the 2020 Census is Important

- The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years.
- The 2020 Census counts everyone who lives in the United States as of April 1, 2020 (Census Day).

• Census statistics are used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S.

House of Representatives.

- Census statistics inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funds will be allocated by state, local and federal lawmakers annually for the next 10 years.

2020 Census Timeline
In mid-March, most households received an invitation in the mail to respond to the 2020 Census, followed by multiple reminders and a paper questionnaire.

In May, in coordination with federal, state and local health officials, the Census Bureau began a phased restart of some 2020 Census field operations in select geographic areas. As part of this phased restart, the Census Bureau resumed dropping off 2020 Census invitation packets at front doors in areas where the majority of households do not receive mail at their home. About 5% of households are counted during this operation, known as Update Leave, where census workers confirm or update a household's physical location address and then leave a census questionnaire packet.

The health and safety of Census Bureau staff and the public is of the utmost importance. All returning staff will receive safety training on social distancing protocols and be provided personal protective equipment before restarting operations.

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Seven Day Forecast

Thursday
Few Showers
High: 67 Low: 49

Friday
Isolated T-storms
High: 71 Low: 52

Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 76 Low: 53

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 82 Low: 59

Monday
Partly Cloudy
High: 85 Low: 62

Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 84 Low: 61

Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 82 Low: 63

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 65% chance of showers, high of 67°, humidity of 58%. West northwest wind 10 to 14 mph. The record high for today is 98° set in 1986. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 50% chance of showers, overnight low of 49°.

Last Week's Regional Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	67	48	76/51	0.00"
Wednesday	73	52	76/51	0.00"
Thursday	83	52	77/51	0.00"
Friday	92	58	77/52	0.00"
Saturday	97	70	78/52	0.00"
Sunday	76	55	78/52	0.00"
Monday	79	52	78/53	0.00"

Rainfall.....0.00" Average temp... 68.1°
Normal rainfall... 0.60" Average normal... 64.4°
Departure.....-0.60" Departure..... +3.7°

Today's Regional Map

Local UV Index

0-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

UV Index
0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 92 in Channahon, Ill. The Southeast will experience mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 92 in McComb, Miss. The central United States will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 98 in Presidio, Texas. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 83 in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 103 in Chandler, Ariz.

Weather Trivia

What is the Fujita Scale?

Answer: This scale measures the wind speed and strength of the tornado.