



Fires contained...



The Rosebud County Sheriff's Office posted this photo of a black bear escaping the fires around Ashland last week, and cooling off at the same time on its Facebook page.

...But season is far from over

By Andy Prutsok
Staff Writer

While Labor Day rains ultimately extinguished serious wildfires burning in Rosebud and surrounding counties, five days of firefighting efforts by multiple agencies had them mostly under control by the times the rains came.

Things exploded last Wednesday afternoon when high winds were whipping throughout the region. Rosebud County Fire Department got paged that after-

noon to a fire on Snider Creek, some 20 miles north of Ashland. It wasn't long until the Rice Fire started about 10 miles to the south. And while Rosebud, the Bureau of Land Management and DNRC personnel chased those fires, the Oilfield Fire started off Oilfield Road near Sumatra.

"It was run and gun on Wednesday trying to catch the things but with the winds it just wasn't going to happen," said Rosebud County Fire Chief/Fire Warden Rodney Dresbach.

Over the succeeding days, the Snider Fire would burn 31,588 acres and the Rice Fire would consume 15,515 acres. Dresbach said no official data is available but it is believed the Oilfield Fire was between 8,000 and 10,000 acres.

Burning coal seams are believed to have caused the Snider and Rice fires while toppled telephone polls and dangling wires started the Oilfield Fire.

The Rice Fire nearly forced the

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COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Active cases drop by 14 %

Staff Report

Rosebud County held on to the second place spot in the state for the county with the highest number of coronavirus cases for the second straight week this week, but the pace of new cases reported has dropped noticeably.

No new cases were reported Wednesday after just nine new cases on Tuesday and five on Monday, a far cry from recent weeks which have seen several days with more than 30 new cases.

On Wednesday, Rosebud County had 231 active cases of COVID-19, second only to Yellowstone County with 813. The active case count in Rosebud County is nearly 14 percent below last week's Wednesday's 268 total.

Nationwide, the number of new Covid-19 cases in rural America grew again last week, marking the second week in a row that rural cases increased while metropolitan cases declined.

New rural infections increased by 5% from Saturday, August 29, to Saturday, September 5, from 49,100 to 51,600. During the same period, the number of new cases in metropolitan counties declined slightly, dropping by 0.2%, to approximately 237,000. Metropolitan cases have declined for six consecutive weeks.

Several other key measurements worsened for rural counties during the period:

- The number of rural counties on the "red-zone" list grew from 767 to 806, breaking the record set last week. The first week of June, only 136 rural counties were on the red-zone list. (Red-zone counties are those with at least 100 new cases per 100,000 in population for a seven-day period. The definition comes from the White House Coronavirus Task Force and indicates that the pandemic is out of control in those locations.)

- The number of new cases that originated in rural red-zone counties grew by more than 17%, an indication that the virus is deepening in these harder-hit areas. This is the first time the number of cases originating in rural red-zone counties has increased in four weeks.

- Rural and urban infection numbers are headed in opposite directions, meaning rural areas are now generating a disproportionately high number of new infections. Starting in early August, rural counties started to account for a larger share of Covid-19 cases (this week at 18%) and deaths (now 19%) than their population (at 14.03%).

Ingomar Ranch Rodeo doesn't fail to bring the excitement

By Linda Lou Crosby

Whatever you wanted to see, do or have at the 2020 Ingomar Ranch Rodeo, it was there. Everything from Bucking Broncs, to wild cow milking, to Sorting and Penning cattle determined not to be sorted or penned, to cow work precision somehow managed in the dust and smoke, not to mention kids and Hula Hoops and ice pops, western raffle items and, of

course, cold beer and great grub. Ingomar had it all.

"This is a great find!" claimed two visitors, who came to Ingomar by way of canoeing the Yellowstone. One guest was from Big Sky and one from Telluride, CO. "We were down at the Rosebud East fishing site and someone said, 'You oughta go to the rodeo in Ingomar.' So we hitched a ride, and here we are."

Nine teams from around

Montana competed at the 6th Annual Ingomar Ranch Rodeo. They came from Huntley, Rosebud, Jordan, Miles City, Melstone, Culbertson, Sand Springs, Birney and Ashland. They brought their cowhand class, their team savvy, their quick resolutions to unraveling cow problems, their go-to ranch horses, and they brought their families. It was a day to remember.

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Bigfoot sighting



Submitted Photo/Cheryl Hesser
Bigfoot (also known as Sasquatch) has been sighted near Little Porcupine Creek Road in rural Rosebud County. The mule and horses in the pasture weren't the only ones checking out the stealthy figure!

Get ready to battle the local "Brain Drain" thinking

For years the idea of rural "brain drain" has been the foundation of the way we view our small towns. The notion that the best and brightest our community has to offer leave for college or for bigger and better opportunities and never come back, has stolen the spotlight on the we see our communities. This is about to change.

Reimagining Rural, a statewide initiative formed between MSU Extension, Montana Community Foundation, Burton K. Wheeler Center and the Montana Governor's Office on Rural Development, is working to start a statewide conversation focused on building a posi-

tive future for our small towns. Tara Mastel, the MSU Extension Service Community Development Program Leader states, "our goal is to provide rural communities with opportunities to learn fresh ways to approach rural vitality." Reimagining Rural sprung from an idea and desire to help create a vibrant future for Montana's rural communities. The purpose of this effort is to bring people together who are passionate about creating vibrant, robust rural places, growing local capacity and who are eager to learn connect and lead local change.

To kick off this work, the initiative is hosting a three part statewide virtu-

al community gathering starting Sept. 15. According to Mastel twenty-five rural communities across the state have signed up to be a part of this movement.

The first night will feature rural expert Ben Winchester with the University of Minnesota Extension Center for Community Vitality. Ben will share his "brain gain" research that counters negativity common in current discussions of rural communities. Winchester has studied rural demographics extensively and he sees positive trends in rural areas. "Rural America is changing, but it isn't dying. Everything chang

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Private donations enable upgrades to kitchens at county senior centers

Thanks to some generous donations from two locally based corporations, Talen Energy in Colstrip and Oftedal Construction, based in Miles City, but with major facilities in Colstrip and Forsyth were recently able to purchase and install much-needed new commercial grade kitchen stoves at each location.

"We were very much in need of kitchen stove upgrades, both in Colstrip and in Forsyth" said Ana Thompson, Coordinator of the Rosebud County Senior Citizens Department & the Rosebud County Council on Aging.

Many, many meals have been prepared and served using the old stoves over the past decade. Recent records show that the Forsyth center serves an average of 600 meals to the elderly per month and Colstrip serves almost 200 meals each month, for a



combined total of almost 10,000 senior meals a year.

The senior citizens centers remained closed from March 16, to August. Both the Forsyth and Colstrip centers are now again providing dine-in services while adhering to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, plus continuing to offer their take out and home delivered meals for the home-bound seniors.

"It is not the first time Talen Energy contributed

with generosity to our Aging Programs" Thompson added. "They always keep in touch with our department, willing to help. Oftedal Construction reaching out to us was an extra blessing that made these purchases possible. We are all, senior centers' staff and cooks, County Council on Aging board members and, most importantly, our senior citizen clients, very thankful for these generous donations."

Death

Evelyn Dinius, 86

Evelyn Dinius, age 86 of Forsyth passed away Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

Visitation will be on Friday September 11, 2020 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. Graveside Services will be on Saturday September 12, 2020 at 11:00 am at the Forsyth Cemetery.

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Crop insurance deadline nears in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming

BILLINGS — USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds producers of fall-planted crops in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming to apply for crop insurance coverage for the 2021 crop year before the Sept. 30 sales closing date. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing coverage also have until the Sept. 30 sales closing date to do so.

The Sept. 30 sales closing date applies to the following crops and states:

- Fall Planted Wheat with Winter

Coverage - Montana, South Dakota, and Wyoming • Forage Production - Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming

- Forage (Alfalfa) Seed - Select Counties in Montana and Wyoming
- Rye - Select Counties in North Dakota and South Dakota

Additionally, for Forage Production insurance this fall the percentage of ground cover and the live alfalfa stems per square foot will also be required on the Forage Production Underwriting Report as applicable, to determine insurability and type classification.

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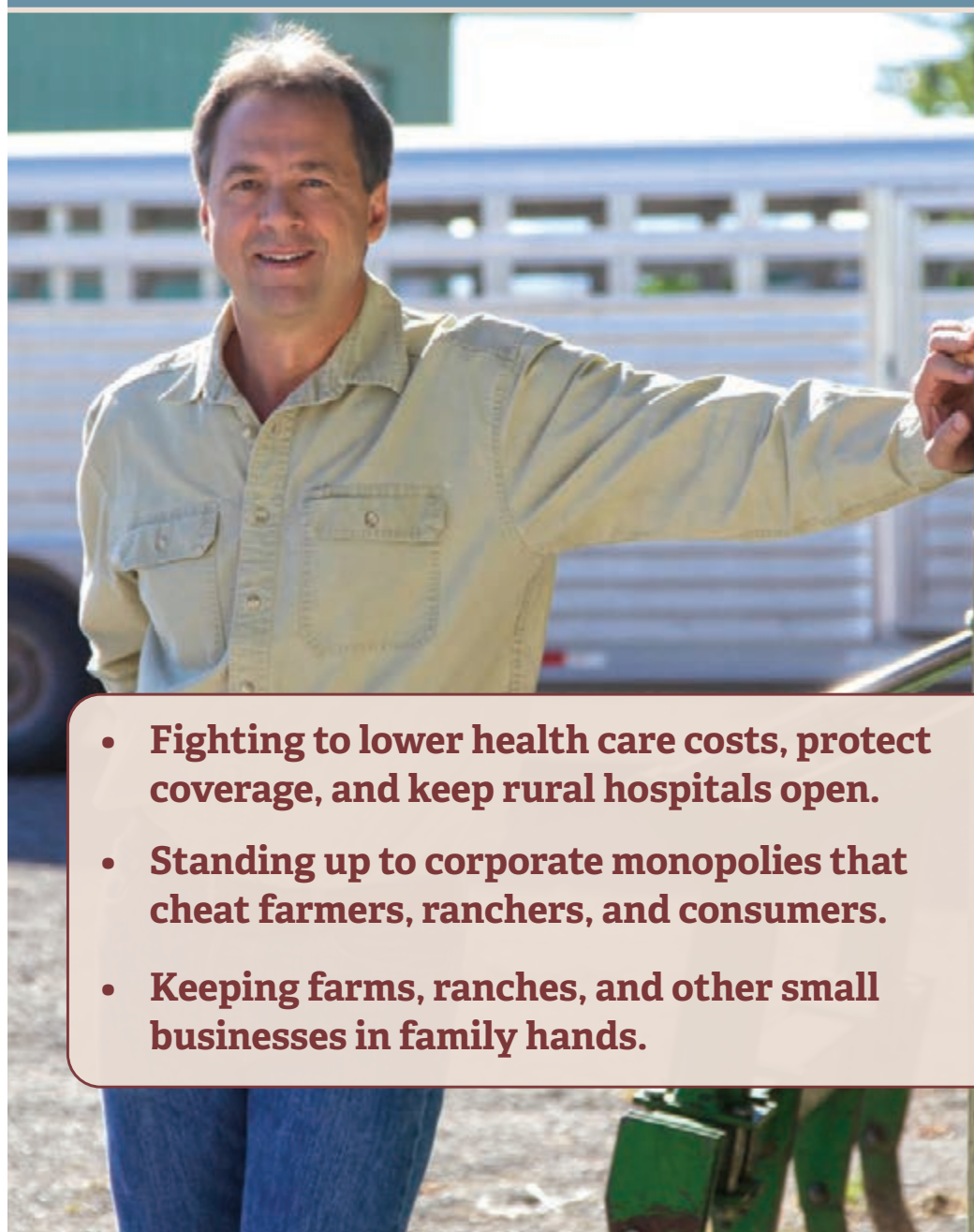
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New load posting issued for US 12 Horse Creek Bridge near Forsyth

Glendive — The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) recently issued a new load posting for the US 12 Horse Creek Bridge (5504) 20 miles northwest of Forsyth in Rosebud County. The posting is part of a multi-year effort to update load ratings and postings on bridges around Montana as mandated by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

In addition, MDT will be fixing another bridge on US 12, the US 12 Drainage Bridge (5502) which is just five miles northwest of the US 12 Horse Creek Bridge (5504). Repairs are scheduled on the US 12 Drainage Bridge to miti-

gate potentially highly impactful weight restrictions for all legal vehicles. After repairs are complete a SHV-only load posting is anticipated.

The FHWA mandate is in response to changes in the trucking industry over the last decade. Truck manufacturers are building specialized hauling vehicles (SHVs), which are capable of legally carrying heavier loads than typical vehicles have in the past. SHVs are single-unit, short-wheelbase, multiple-axle trucks commonly used in the construction, waste management, bulk cargo and commodities hauling industries. Often times one or

more axles can be raised or lowered as needed to comply with statutory weight limitations.

These SHV configurations concentrate heavy loads over a short length, and they have been found to overstress bridges beyond what was previously modeled by standard commercial vehicles. To account for their increasing presence and ensure safe operation, FHWA has determined that all states must include these new, short, heavy vehicles when evaluating the safe limits of bridge capacity.

To comply with the mandate, MDT is currently updating load ratings

for 4,500 public bridges across the state, including approximately 2,500 owned and maintained by MDT. This effort is expected to take about four years to complete.

Bridge weight restrictions are required when the engineering analysis of a bridge, known as a load rating, indicates that it cannot carry standard, legal loads. Load ratings provide information about how much distributed weight can safely pass over a bridge. Load posting signs show maximum weight limits for different vehicle types, depending on their axle configuration. A posted bridge is safe to use, but the weight

of certain vehicles must be limited accordingly.

The new posting on the US 12 Horse Creek Bridge (5504) applies to SHVs; it limits the maximum gross vehicle weight of single-unit vehicles with 6 or 7 axles to 19 tons. Further information on understanding and interpreting

Montana's weight limit signs and silhouettes can be found in MDT's load posting brochure, located here: <http://bit.ly/mtbridgebrochure>.

The US 12 Horse Creek Bridge (5504) has been nominated for replacement with an estimated construction year of 2025.

Marriages & Dissolutions

The following Marriages and Dissolutions have been recorded in Rosebud County for the month of August 2020.

Marriages:

Cameron Nicholas Ator & Kelsie Lynn Fletcher
Patrick Alan Zent & Bettina Lee Russell
Joshua James Quinlan & Elizabeth Claire Hanson
Riley Dale Keefer & Kaylee Marie Knoche

Dissolutions:

Christopher Cosgrave & Jennifer Cosgrave

Pages from the Past

Sept. 9, 1948

The top stories in the Forsyth Independent this week in 1948:

Lions dedicate Tuesday meeting to late T.W. Carolan

Nearly 100 per cent of the members of the Forsyth Lions Club were in attendance at the moon meeting of the club Tuesday, which was dedicated to the late T.W. (Whit) Carolan. Special music for the occasion was provided by Mrs. Emile Perey, who sang "Home on the Range," "Take Me Home Again, Kathleen," and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." Lion F.F. Haynes addressed the meeting, paying tribute to the departed member for his outstanding qualities as a Lion and citizen.

A resolution committee, composed of F.F. Haynes, Guy W. Gray and C.E. Nelson, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted by the club:

"The Lions Club of Forsyth, Montana, being in regular session, hereby resolves the sense of personal loss which effects each member of the organization because of the death of Lion T.W. Carolan, a charter member and active associate of the Lions organization for a quarter of a century. "Lion Carolan not only was president of this club, but he was recognized by the organization many times and was honored by being elected its District Governor and designated to important counsellor posts in the International Organization and at International Conventions..."

Dogie grid squad to meet Miles City there tomorrow

Two-a-day workouts

have been held for the Forsyth Dogies since Sept. 1. The team has shown steady improvement in their blocking as well as defensive play.

Nineteen candidates are bidding for births on the team. Twelve of these men are lettermen from the last year squad.

The Dogies will have one of the lightest teams in the school history, but hope to compensate for this with plenty of speed.

One injury has hit the team already when Jack Davis, veteran guard, dislocated his arm in practice. There is a likelihood that he may not see action again this year.

In the backfield Direk Rolston, Ted Eik, Erik Erickson, Bruce Blakesley are the main contenders, while Cecil Lincoln and Dale Schneidmiller have shown up well in scrimmage.

In the line, Forsyth has Ronnie Raust and Marvin Quinlan at ends, Bob Stewart and Jim Creecy at tackles, Phil Spilled and Clayton Jellison at guards and John Wester at center.

Forsyth City Cubs baseball club

(Photo caption) As the season closes for the Forsyth City Cubs ball club, a review of their record the past summer shows they won three games from the Custer Cubs and one against the Hysham Legion team. They lost three contests to the Hysham nine and were defeated four times by the Miles City (B) Legion team. Most losses were by a narrow margin. Art Kamhoot assumed management and training of the team last spring, which was organized by Henry Kutkay three years ago. The present manager is pictured here with all

the team members except Ken Lincoln. They are Pete Muri, Barry Kamhoot, Tom Tarbox, Byron Tarbox, Stan Schneidmiller, Dale Schneidmiller, Reid Stevens, Don Cramer, Jim Phillips, Gary East and Gary Fink.

Beauty shop changes ownership

A business transaction which took place Sept. 1, transferred the ownership of Paula's Beauty Shop to Miss Jean Bon Durant. The shop, formerly owned by Mrs. Ear Fries, will be known as Jeanne's Beauty Shop and will be under the management of Miss Bon Durant. Since January, Miss Bon Durant has been connected with the shop as operator.

Thanks for the hat

Police Chief Ted Miller is grateful for the new hat, a gift from an unknown friend or friends, which was made as a replacement for the one which last week was ventilated by two bullet holes. One where it went in and one where it went out.

Final rites held for county pioneer here last Tuesday

Christine Andersen Tadsen passed away at the ranch home 9 miles west of Forsyth on Sept. 5, 1948, at the age of 76 years and 24 days, following a long illness from a heart ailment.

The deceased was born at Clixbuhl, North Germany, in part of Denmark wrested from that country a century ago, on Aug. 11, 1872 and at the age of 10 years she came to the United States with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Andersen. After a year she moved with her parents to Montana, who

homesteaded on the ranch where she resided until her death.

On Dec. 13, 1892, she was united in marriage to Andrew P. Tadsen at Miles City, to which union were born five children, all of who survive, being Elfie Tadsen, Mignon Tadsen, Bill Tadsen, Walter Tadsen and Mrs. E.J. Fleming, three grandchildren Douglas and Cary Fleming, Walter Whitman Tadsen, the 2nd, two sisters, Miss Lena Andersen and Mrs. J.E. Longley and one nephew Whitman W. Longley, all of Forsyth and vicinity.

ROSEBUD COUNTY
Commissioners

NOTICE

The list of claims paid and the Commissioner's minutes for the month of **August 2020** are available for public inspection in the **Clerk & Recorder's office**, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **Monday through Friday.**

"The minutes are available on our website rosebudcountymt.gov"

Rosebud County Commissioners

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<p>Grace Bible Church Pastor Andrew Kisman 1075 Main, Forsyth Sunday Worship 9:30 am Amazing Grace Youth Group Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. 1-509-879-3723</p>	<p>Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Father A. Ananda Kumar 509 N. 12th Forsyth Sunday Mass 10:00 am Forsyth, Montana 406-346-9239</p>	<p>First Baptist Church Pastor Bill Sikes 1625 Cedar Street, Forsyth Sunday 9:45 a.m. Bible classes 11:00 a.m. & 6 p.m. Worship Services Wednesday 6 p.m. Children's Ministry 7 p.m. Youth Group 7:15 Bible Study/prayer firstbaptistchurchforsyth.com 406-346-7704</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Church of the Ascension Episcopal 380 North 15th Ave. Forsyth, Montana Holy Eucharist 12:00 Sunday</p>	<p>Life's Journey Christian Fellowship Pastor Casey Kluver 1 Victory Lane Services Sunday 10:00 am Youth Group ages 12 - 18 Sunday Night 6 p.m. Colstrip, Montana</p>
<p>Wesleyan Church -The Point Pastor Mark Umfleet 148 West Cedar, Forsyth website: get2thepoint.church livestream: facebook.com/get2thepointchurch Worship: Sunday 11 am</p>	<p>United Community Church Pastor Jeremy Stradley 408 Water Ave. Colstrip Adult Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Sunday Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School during church 59323communitychurch@gmail.com 1-406-318-4822</p>	<p>The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod 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.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	

Thank You

On behalf of the Elmer Heberle family we would like to extend our thanks to the Rosebud County Nursing Home, Lorraine Ackerman FNP, Shelley Rickett FNP, Stevenson and Sons, Pastor Mark Umfleet, and everyone who helped our family through this difficult time.

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Bicentennial Book News

By Mary Kay Bullard

Why don't you have a library card? If you do not have a library card and are in second grade or above, you are really missing out on some wonderful items and services that you pay for with your tax dollars.

The librarians are pretty techie...all of us are comfortable with technology and have helped many patrons with their technology issues. If you need help, come to us, we will try. Librarians are trained in research, we may not know the answer to your questions, but we probably know how to find out. If you have a question, and have no idea where to begin, a great place to begin is the library. We will do our best to steer you in the right direction.

Having a library card is a tax supported service that is meant to not only enrich your life, but in small rural communities like ours, it helps even the playing field with your more urban communities. We are your tech store,

we are your scanning and faxing service, we are the most reliable source of free wifi. The librarians are also able to proctor online test if you need that service.

If you are cutting expenses, or I have piqued your interest. I urge you to sign up for a library card. You contribute to our existence, let us contribute to yours.

Bicentennial Library is open Monday-Thursday: 11:00am-7:00pm, Friday 12:00pm-5:00pm and Saturday 10:00-1:00pm. We look forward to meeting you and signing you up for your new library card.

The clerk's position for Bicentennial Library is open. If you have ever thought: "Think I want to be a librarian." This is a good job to apply for. The commitment is 10 hours a week + filling in. Benefits include paid vacation time, and sick leave once your probation period is over.

Camille has started Story Time. Each week Camille will post a video

on our Facebook page, and have a craft table set up in the library that you may come and participate in at your leisure. Camille's first Story Time was focused on sunflowers. This particular theme struck accord with my very Western Kansas Mom, with whom sunflowers hold a special meaning. These craft tables are geared towards are younger patrons, however if one of these craft tables inspire your creative side, then please feel free to participate as well.

Bicentennial Library said goodbye to Stephanie Gregg, Friday August 28th. Stephanie and her family are embarking on a new adventure, and although we miss her, we are so excited for her and her family. Stephanie took her position as children's librarian in a completely different direction than the person before her, making the children's program new and exciting.

Camille Robinson is going to do the same

thing. Camille's programming is going to look and feel different and new and will reflect what special talents Camille brings to our library programming. We are super excited to see what she has instore for us and you in the future.

I bought some math books for the library taking my own advice and really promoting the idea of learning something this school year. I am not a natural math person. I'm a natural reader, perhaps even a writer, but math... I'm better at it now, because of my job, but it still feels like a foreign language to me. If you want to join me on this math journey the new title "Math Refresher for Adults" may be a good place to start.

New in our book collection and ready for you to read: Growing Season by Sarah Frey, Cajun Justice by James Patterson and Learning How to Learn by Barbra Oakley.

Letters to the editor

Local health care teams praised for great work

Editor, Independent Press, Recently my entire family tested positive for Covid-19; daughter, son-in-law, my wife and myself. We don't know where or who exposed us. It doesn't matter. We received nothing but expert, professional care from Forsyth's

FNP Shelley Rickett, PA John Swanson and the staff of Rosebud Health Care Center and the Rosebud County Public Health Department.

When I was diagnosed with Covid pneumonia, due to the previous poor condition of my lungs, it was determined that I had to go to a facility more fully equipped to treat it. Keith Raymond and crew quickly transported me to Billings Clinic, leaving my wife to be cared for by our daughter, Angela, at home under quarantine.

Upon my arrival at BC I was evaluated, given a CT scan and placed in isolation. Three doctors took immediate charge and explained my situation.

What it boiled down to is the doctors are just treating symptoms because all they really know for sure is this virus causes the red blood cells to lose the ability to carry oxygen to our body effi-

ciently and then the pneumonia kills you.

The hospital staff set up IVs and pumped every drug they had along with convalescent plasma into me and beat the pneumonia down while they poured on the oxygen. Again, I cannot say enough good things about the care I received at BC. After a short stint at Advanced Care Hospital for more lung evaluation, I was sent home after 15 days.

It will take a while to regain my stamina. I can personally attest that Covid doesn't give up easy. But to the Covid-19 naysayers out there, I want to say Covid is real and our local health care teams are doing a great job fighting an invisible enemy. If it is inconvenient for us, think of how inconvenient it must be for the health care providers and their families. Our local health care workers really are making the best of a bad situation.

To the community, thank you for your outpouring of prayers and support. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. See you around.

Gary Campbell
Forsyth

Montana Dateline

By Ellis Roberts Parry

September 11, 1988

A light snow begins falling all over the Yellowstone Park ecosystem. This gentle act of nature slows the spread of three major forest fires. A storm in mid-October will finally extinguish all of the remaining fires. When the totality of the fire damage of 1988 is assessed, almost a million and a half acres or one third of the park will have burned, an area comparable to the size of the state of Delaware. During the tense summer of 1988, ten thousand fire fighters will battle the fires at a cost of 120 million dollars.

September 12, 1912

Fanny Sperry of Helena, is named "Ladies' Bucking Horse World Champion" at the very first Calgary Stampede.

September 12, 1973

A stunt driver, doubling for actor George Kennedy, drives a 1951 Mercury through the Paris of Montana storefront in the filming of the Clint Eastwood movie, Thunderbolt and Lightfoot. About 300 spectators view the late-night filming behind police barricades in downtown Great Falls.

September 12, 1997

A bicycle rider on the Going-To-the-Sun Road collides with a bear in the vicinity of the Avalanche

Creek Campground in Glacier National Park. The rider sustains injuries requiring emergency room services in Kalispell while the bear runs off into the woods. Park officials are unable to determine the species of the bear.

September 13, 1877

A cavalry unit under the command of Colonel Sturgis pursues Chief Joseph's Nez Perce up Canyon Creek just north of the present Laurel. The soldiers are quickly checked in a rearguard action and forced to withdraw. The Nez Perce escape to the north across the Musselshell River. Historians now call this engagement between the military and the Nez Perce as the "Canyon Creek Fight".

September 13, 1890

Two troops of cavalry are attacked by two Cheyenne warriors in a suicidal charge at Lame Deer. One of the Cheyenne, a warrior named Head Chief, is wanted for murder. Rather than surrender, the two warriors prepare themselves in traditional ways and charge the soldiers. Most of the Cheyenne tribe is assembled for government ration day so the two warriors have a sizable audience for their deaths. One of the Indians killed, a boy named John

Young Mule, is reported to be thirteen years old.

September 14, 1864

Gold is discovered in what comes to be known as German Gulch west of the present Butte. Discoveries of gold and silver in the Butte area begin in the late summer of 1864 but are relatively minor when compared to the rich strikes in Last Chance Gulch and Alder Gulch. It will be another two decades before the development of Butte's rich copper deposits, earning the mining camp its title as "the richest hill on earth".

September 14, 1983

Scientists digging in the vicinity of Egg Mountain west of Choteau discover a nesting site containing 19 fossilized dinosaur embryos of a hysilophodontid species named Orodromeus Makali. These are the first dino-

saur embryo discoveries in the world.

September 14, 1985

Dormant since 1888, the Excelsior Geyser in Yellowstone National Park, suddenly erupts for almost two days of continuous activity sending sprays of hot water over three hundred feet in the air.

September 15, 1893

Classes begin at Montana State College (now Montana State University) in Bozeman. Immediately after the legislature approves the land-grant agricultural college at Bozeman in the spring of 1893, classes have to be held in a wood frame building, formerly a roller skating rink. When classes begin in the fall of 1893, a few buildings are ready for students in the general location of today's campus.

TIME OUT WITH LOIS

By Lois Olmstead

We had such a beautiful lawn with landscaped areas by our house in the hayfield. Of course it took a couple of years to get the areas created and planted. I was good at that. We both like planning where the trees and bushes would go and planting them. We were good at that. But after all the planning and creating and planting, the next part was maintaining and caring for it all. He-Who-Took-Long-Steps was so good at that. I was not.

When we chose to move over closer to my folks because of my dad's health issues, we put our six acres and home in the hayfield up for sale. It sold in 18 days. I believe it was largely because of that maintaining and caring for all the landscaping that He-Who did so faithfully. It looked beautiful.

"This time," he said when we got our new little house set in place, "let's not go overboard in planting lots of stuff. Let's just make it easy and simple this time." I knew the "let's" meant me, the over-



Lois Olmstead

optimistic-planner-planter person!

So that was the new plan for the new place. He-Who and She-Who drew a yard map. And we did get the boulder border done, with my dad in his big John Deere tractor picking up each boulder (We had bought a dump truck load.) and using the bucket on the tractor to put each one where She-Who-Had-A-Plan pointed.

Then God took He-Who and my dad to heaven. Now She-Who, me, spent this summer trying so hard to keep it easy and simple. Now I know why

too. It takes lots of time and effort to water, mow, trim, and weed all this stuff. I have been thinking a lot about that lately.

There are so many things that we can jump into without a thought about long-term consequences. We all know the negative side of that. It can be in little things or big things. Don't hasten to point your finger in judgement. We all do it.

We live life making both good and bad choices. It makes me think of the tower people. They said to each other "Let us make brick and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven." (Genesis 11:3-4)

In my early years, I did the same thing. Oh, I didn't know I was making bricks. I was just trying to be good, good enough to please God. I was building my own little tower. A brick of teaching Sunday School followed by a brick of nursery duty. A brick

of taking baked beans to church potluck supper... you fill in the rest. I could stack all the bricks I wanted but those good-works brick would not get me to heaven. You see faith in Jesus Christ is vital to our walk with God. Our faith comes by believing in Him. (John 3.16)

I was 26 years old when I knelt beside my bed, good person that I was trying to be and said through tears, "Forgive me for trying to do it my way. Jesus come into my life. I am handing the reins over to You." My life is different because of that day. I trust Him. He is putting the bricks together now. He is the Master Builder. Like He-Who, God knows about the caring and maintaining part. When we put our trust in Him, He stays with us for the long haul.

I chose I Corinthians 2.5 for our verse this week. "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." He will see you through. He has a plan.

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Ingomar Ranch Rodeo brings the excitement once again

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Rodeo announcer, cowboy poet and cowhand, Andrew Johnson did not hesitate to share his quick wit with the gathering. When the rules meeting didn't begin exactly at 9 a.m., Johnson quipped, "It's the judges. They're paid by the hour." From

the first rope that was thrown to the final bronc that bucked, it was non-stop fun and entertainment. And when the dust and smoke cleared, it was the Bar XL Ranch from Huntley Montana, Justin Tom, Miles Kobold, Wacey Real Bird, and A.J. Maussen

that claimed the top team prize. The Top Team prizes were classy leather headstalls made and donated by Ed Fryer. The Top Hand award was a jacket awarded to Sterling Grosskopf; Top Horse was won by Lucas Line and he received a halter; The Hard Luck award was a

good-looking leather fence plier carrier, also made and donated by Ed Fryer and awarded to Lane Larson.

Alice Cameron, Ingomar Rodeo Club Secretary, who handles...well, basically everything...and mostly all at once, said, "It was hard to tell exactly what would happen when we decided to do the event this year. We had the teams sign up. Then everybody pitched in (Ingomar is a town of 12 with 7 members in the rodeo club) and with all the volunteers and our terrific sponsors, we had ourselves a rodeo!"

A highlight for youngsters was the "Little Loop", and the frozen pop "Pop." There were 28 entries in the events,

youngsters of all ages, as hula hoopers went for the distance, and frozen poppers grabbed their very own icy concoction, ate it up, then raced to the finish line. Well, some of the littlest ones just handed the half-eaten ice over and said, "Here. I am done now." And went for the finish with a slight brain freeze. One item of note, after the race there was a run on frozen pops at the cook shack. The smoked roast beef sandwiches, home baked beans and macaroni and cheese at the cook shack were also a definite hit.

"It was great to see all the families at our rodeo this Labor Day weekend," added Ingomar Rodeo Club President Howard

Newman, "The crowd was super." And families were the name of the game. In fact, the winning bronc rider, Travis Good, whose wild ride brought the crowd to its feet cheering him on, came out to receive his prize of spur straps, with his month-old daughter, Montana Rose, in his arms. After the rodeo, teams entered a Big Loop muley rope event, and managed to keep their 18ft loops pretty much headed in the direction they threw them...which was fun to watch, and fortunate for passers-by.

Rains didn't mark end of fire season

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evacuation of Ashland. Evacuation preparations were in progress but were called off.

Management of the Rice and Snider Fires was turned over to the state County Assault Team and at one point approximately 300 personnel were battling the blaze.

Gov. Steve Bullock visited the incident command post Saturday near Ashland for updates. Bullock praised the early efforts of locals that

helped in containing the fires and keeping them from becoming worse.

"Folks got on this early, long before teams were there and that was the local efforts along the way and partnership," he said. "They've done a lot of good laying down the ground and building the fire line."

Despite the weekend being one of the hottest of the summer, firefighters had gotten the blazes pretty well under control on Sunday and Monday's rains finished the job. The

Oilfield Fire, which burned on home, was 100 percent contained by Friday.

While conditions have improved due to cooler temperatures and Monday's rains, Dresbach noted the fire season is far from over.

"This is no season ending event," Dresbach said. "We'll be in good shape for a few days but then we're supposed to get back into the 90s. So the season is far from over — by a long shot.

Battling 'Brain Drain' thinking

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es. This world continues to change our communities, urban and rural alike." He goes on to say, "the narratives we use to describe rural America are important. People don't move to rural towns out of pity. People are moving to small towns

for what they see today and what they see for the future—not for what may have been."

The first session featuring Winchester is set for Tuesday Sept. 15, from 6-8 p.m. at the Rosebud County Library basement in Forsyth. The second session is slated for Tuesday Sept. 29, and

it will feature Becky McCray and Deb Brown from Save Your Town. All community members are invited, the series is free to the public. Contact Jennifer Anderson, MSU Extension 346-7320 or Jennifer.anderson@montana.edu for more information or to register.

Bolshevism...Part II

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ple should surrender their liberties to the "state" (i.e. Russian government). In the state's supreme wisdom, it must own and operate all industries,

businesses and farms for the good of the people. It believes that religion, be it Christianity, Judaism, Mohammedanism, Buddhism, or whatever, is a complete fraud. They must be atheists, because

nothing can be more supreme than they. It anyone wants to know more history of Bolshevism, watch the movie called Dr. Zhivago. Nancy May Forsyth

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In defense of Karen (Dedicated to all the innocent Karens in the world)

By: Jill Pertler

None of us chooses our own name (at least not the original one.) Let that sit for a moment. You might be John or Steve or Julie or Lisa, but not by choice.

Most likely your name came by the choice of your parents.

Imagine that another Steve or Julie did something publicly embarrassing. What if John or Lisa acted in a manner that

caused others to shake their heads in disbelief and mumble, "Man what were they thinking?"

And then, ponder Karen. Poor, poor Karen. (Not the original manager-seeking one, but those who just

happen to have that same name.)

I counted and I've known an estimated 12 Karens during my lifetime. An even dozen – by and large they were an agreeable lot. Not conde-

scending. Not complain-ers. Not unkind. Not entitled. Not demanding. Not unreasonable. None of those things.

The Karens I know are teachers, nurses and social workers, to name a few. They are helpers. They give more than they receive.

And none of them, to my knowledge, has ever asked to speak to a manager.

But people are ruthless, especially when anonymous and online. That's why Karens are taking a beating – on every social media platform capable of posting a meme. Because memes speak the truth. We all know that. (Duh.) How many jokes can be made about wanting to speak to a manager? In the words of Buzz Lightyear, "To infinity and beyond." That is reality for all of our Karens (and each of us has a few, if we don't carry the name ourselves.)

Currently, that is their legacy. A legacy they didn't choose. A legacy, quite frankly, they don't deserve. At least not 99.95 percent of them.

The caring Karens I've known have been just that. How many other first names can you think of that sound so close to caring or kindness? Karen fits that bill as do the bulk of Karens in my life.

Yet the name, for many, has been dragged through the mud – and poopy, self-righteous mud at that. It warrants its own Wikipedia page. It has become a

caricature, created to make a point, but resulting in pulling some innocents along the route along the way.

Karen (and you know who you are) I apologize for the one Karen who wrecked it for you all. Life is unfair. And we all deal with unfairness, but no one wants their very name to be plowed through a

cesspool of poopy mud.

Never mind the other Karen – the guilty one. There are thousands and thousands of you who

are not doers of the transgression so described in countless memes and on Wikipedia.

Hold your head high. Speak your name proudly. Stereotypes are for the desperate. For the ignorant. For the belittlers. For all the things none of us aspire to be.

My name is Karen. I am Karen. It's Karen with a "K." That's you. And there are scores of us, not named Karen, who will stand beside you, proudly.

In the meantime, I'll do my best to not wreck it for the other Jills out there. We can all do our part.

During these tough times, who needs to add to anyone's load and burdens? Please let's be kind – to the Karens we love and everyone else, no matter their name. It's what each of us needs. Truly.

(Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.)

School Menus

Forsyth Lunch	Colstrip	Rosebud
Monday, Sept. 14 Yogurt, Fruit Hot Dog, Tots	Monday, Sept. 14 Grilled Cheese/Tomato Soup	Monday, Sept. 14 Corn Dogs, macaroni & cheese
Tuesday, Sept. 15 Pop Tart, Fruit Taco Salad, Fruit/Veggie	Tuesday, Sept. 15 Chicken Fajita Wrap/Salad	Tuesday, Sept. 15 Hamburgers, French Fries
Wednesday, Sept. 16 Gold Fish, Fruit Chicken Nuggets, Tator Tots	Wednesday, Sept. 16 French Toast/Link Sausage	Wednesday, Sept. 16 Breakfast for Lunch
Thursday, Sept. 17 Ham & Cheese Wrap, Juice Beef/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes	Thursday, Sept. 17 Hot Dog/Baked Beans	Thursday, Sept. 17 Chicken Tenders, Noodles
Friday, Sept. 18 Pancake, Cheese Stick Pepperoni Pizza, Salad	Friday, Sept. 18 NO SCHOOL, NO SACK LUNCH	Friday, Sept. 18 NO SCHOOL

Senior Menus

Colstrip	Forsyth
Friday, September 11 Meatloaf, Mashed potatoes, Broccoli Normandy, Fruit	Friday, September 11 Meatloaf, Mashed potatoes, Broccoli Normandy, Fruit
Monday, September 14 Breakfast Casserole, Tossed salad, Muffins, Orange slices	Monday, September 14 Breakfast Casserole, Tossed salad, Muffins, Orange slices
Tuesday, September 15 Sheppard's Pie, Coleslaw, Fruit bars	Tuesday, September 15 Sheppard's Pie, Coleslaw, Fruit bars
Wednesday, September 16 Hot dogs on a bun, Sauerkraut, Relish Tray, Baked beans, Fruit	Wednesday, September 16 Hot dogs on a bun, Sauerkraut, Relish Tray, Baked beans, Fruit
Thursday, September 17 Roast Pork, Mashed potatoes, Mixed veggies, Apple slices	Thursday, September 17 Roast Pork, Mashed potatoes, Mixed veggies, Apple slices
Friday, September 18 Baked Tilapia, Baked potatoes, Steamed veggies, Mixed fruit	Friday, September 18 Baked Tilapia, Baked potatoes, Steamed veggies, Mixed fruit

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After losing her fingers, Montana artist returns to painting

Associated Press

A decade has passed since elementary art school teacher Joey Kiernan lost her fingers and toes in a tragic incident. A teacher at Woodward Academy in Atlanta, the educator was preparing to return to the classroom after summer break, but she was plagued with pain by a kidney stone too large to pass.

What transpired next would leave Kiernan forever changed, as her body went into septic shock, impacting all her vital organs and prompting a 12-day coma. Upon waking, doctors told her they

needed to amputate below the knee and above the elbow on her left side.

"They give you a lot of drugs before they give you bad news," Kiernan said, able to look back at that time and laugh. "You go, 'Oh well, it's OK.'"

Doctors ended up saving Kiernan's arm and leg, but amputated her fingers on her left hand and several fingertips on her right, as well as her toes.

"Not to diminish how life changing it is to lose fingers and toes like this, but it is much better than the amputation that I originally thought it was going to be," she told the Billings

Gazette.

Artful life

Kiernan was born an artist. A longtime resident of Montana, she relocated 10 years ago and recently returned to Billings. While living in Atlanta, she began teaching second and third graders art, and became well-versed in many art forms. She was also a painter, working with acrylics and watercolor. In addition, she created large-scale mosaics, threw and fired clay, and was into printmaking. Prior to the hospitalization, her art business was thriving, and her teaching life was incredibly fulfilling.

A decade later, Kiernan's recovery has surpassed what doctors felt was possible.

"I am more than just the sum total of my body parts. I am a person who has a life, and I am going to get back to that life, come hell or high water."

Kiernan's road back to health was paved with perseverance, setbacks, and a tough detox from pain medication. "Nobody ever thought I would be anything but an invalid for the rest of my life. They didn't see how I could come back."

"It's not just the amputation," Kiernan said. "Septic shock just has a profound effect on your general health. But I would not settle for the 'I'm just going to stay home and be an invalid.'"

After that first month, she began to see real progress and returned to work just before Christmas break.

"If I'm being totally honest, I had no business going back to work," said Kiernan.

Connie's Cooking Corner

SIRLOIN STEAK WITH GARLIC BUTTER

1 1/4 pounds sirloin steak I like top sirloin
salt and pepper to taste
1 tablespoon olive oil
4 tablespoons butter softened
1/2 teaspoon garlic minced
1 tablespoon minced fresh herbs such as thyme, parsley or chives, plus more for garnish

Pat each steak dry with a paper towel. Heat a large cast iron skillet or other heavy pan over medium high heat.
Pour the olive oil into the pan. Season the steaks on both sides with salt and pepper.
Place the steaks in a single layer in the pan. Cook for 4-5 minutes per side or until browned. Use a thermometer to cook the steak to your desired level of doneness. I recommend cooking to medium which is 145 degrees F.
While the steak is cooking, place the butter in a bowl along with the garlic, herbs, salt and pepper. Stir to combine.
Let the steaks rest for at least 5 minutes off the heat. Place a dollop of butter on top of each steak. Slice

the steak. Garnish with additional fresh herbs if desired, then serve.

PAN COOKED CARROTS AND LEEKS

Heat the oil and wine in a wide skillet. Add the leeks and carrots, cover, and cook over medium-low heat, for about 8 to 10 minutes, or until tender-crisp. Uncover and sauté, stirring frequently, until the leeks and carrots begin to turn golden. Stir in the nutmeg, if desired, season with salt and pepper, and serve.

MELT IN YOUR MOUTH POTATOES

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Legals

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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, Montana 59604-8011. Information on registration can be obtained by calling 406-444-7734. All laborers and mechanics employed by Contractor or subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as may be required by the laws of Montana Prevailing Wage Rates. 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, a Cashier's Check, or a Bid Bond payable to the City of Colstrip 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 Bidder(s) and a certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled time for the public opening of bids as identified in this Invitation to Bid. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period of not to exceed sixty (60) days, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid which is in the best interest of the Owner. The City of Colstrip is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Published in the Independent Press, Forsyth, MT the 3rd Day of September, the 10th day of September and the 17th day of September 2020; and the Billings Times, Billings, MT the 3rd Day of September 2020. Michelle Richards City Clerk Address: City Hall 12 Cherry Street Colstrip, MT 59323 Ph. (406) 748-2300

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STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION

Telephonic Business Meeting Agenda September 30, 2020 2:00 p.m.

Physical location of Meeting: Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Hearing room, 2535 St. Johns Avenue, Billings, Montana.

As required by Governor Bullock's directive, everyone on the premises must maintain at least six feet of separation from any other person. If necessary, individuals will be allowed to enter on a rotating basis, as needed, to comply with social distancing.

Due to COVID-19 considerations, please call into the meeting using the following directions Conference Call Access:

Call-in Number: 1-646-558-8656(toll-free) Meeting ID: 926 3352 5666 and then press #

Zoom Meeting URL: https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/92633525666

Meeting Participation Instructions: Many participants are anticipated. To enable this meeting to run smoothly:

- Place your phone on mute.
- Do not place your phone on hold.
- The board chair will manage the meeting. Do not speak until called upon by the chair. Opportunity for input will be provided.

The agenda for that meeting is as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call & Instructions
- Steven Durrett, Chairman
- Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman
- Mac McDermott, Board Member
- Linda Nelson, Board Member
- Dennis Trudell, Board Member
- Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member
- Corey Welter, Board Member
3. Approval of minutes of August 5, 2020, business meeting
4. Public comment on agenda and non-agenda items
5. Proposed hearing schedule for 2021
6. Longevity & service awards
7. Scout Energy Management LLC
8. Financial report
9. Bond summary & incident report
10. Docket summary
11. Gas flaring exceptions
12. Staff reports
13. Other business
14. Adjourn

STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION Telephonic Public Hearing Agenda October 1, 2020 9:00 a.m.

Physical location of Meeting: Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Hearing room, 2535 St. Johns Avenue, Billings, Montana.

As required by Governor Bullock's directive, everyone on the premises must maintain at least six feet of separation from any other person. If necessary, individuals will be allowed to enter on a rotating basis, as needed, to comply with social

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- The board chair will manage the meeting. Do not speak until called upon by the chair. Opportunity for input will be provided.

The Board will conduct public hearings pursuant to Chapter 11 of Title 82 of the Montana Code Annotated on the matters described below. Interested persons have the opportunity to be heard for each docket. For more information or to request accommodation for a disability, please contact Erin Ricci at (406) 444-6731 or Jennifer Breton at (406) 656-0040, as soon as possible before the scheduled hearing. Docket 43-2020

APPLICANT: CLINE PRODUCTION COMPANY – ROSEBUD COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of Cline Production Company for an order delineating a field for notice purposes under Board Rule 36.22.601(1)(a) and (b); providing for the operation as a Unit of an area to be known as the "Raymond-Coffee Tyler Unit"; approving or prescribing a plan of Unit operations therefore, approving a Unit Agreement and a Unit Operating Agreement for the Unit operation thereof; authorizing the conducting of a waterflood injection program (secondary recovery) in the proposed Unit area; and vacating existing spacing orders related thereto (except that no well shall be located closer than 220' to the unit boundaries). The proposed Unit includes the following described lands:

Township 12 North - Range 32 East, MPMSecton 25: S1/2N1/2, S1/2 Section 26: SE1/4 Section 35: NE1/4 Rosebud County, Montana. Containing 800.00 acres, more or less Docket 44-2020

APPLICANT: CLINE PRODUCTION COMPANY – ROSEBUD COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of Cline Production Company to convert the Coffee 16-26 well (API #25-087-21651) located in the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 26, T12N-R32E, Rosebud County, Montana (Rattler Butte Field) to an enhanced recovery injection well in the Tyler A Sand at a depth of approximately 5,330 ft. An aquifer exemption has been requested since the injection zone contains water with less than 10,000 mg/l total dissolved solids. Staff notes this application is eligible for placement on the default docket.

Docket 53-2020 SHOW-CAUSE HEARING

RESPONDENT: ALTA VISTA OIL CORPORATION – ROSEBUD COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the Board's own motion to require Alta Vista Oil Corporation to appear and show cause, if any it has, why additional penalties should not be imposed for failure to pay the administrative penalty assessed for delinquent reporting. In accordance with Board policy the amount due now is \$220.00. This docket will be dismissed if payment is received prior to the hearing. Failure to appear at the Show Cause hearing or to make suitable arrangements prior to said hearing subjects Alta Vista Oil Corporation to further penalties as prescribed by Board Policy. BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION Erin Ricci Administrative Assistant

(Published September 10, 2020) MNAXLP

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the Matter of the application of Cardinal Oil, LLC for a Permit to Drill an oil and gas well.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OIL AND GAS WELL.

Name and address of Applicant: Cardinal Oil, LLC 2650 Overland Avenue Billings, MT 59102

Legal Description including County and Approximate Footages of Surface Location of Proposed Oil and Gas Well: Surface Location: SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 22, T10N, R31E 242' FSL, 1253' FEL Rosebud County

Bottom-Hole Location: SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 27, T10N, R31E 220' FSL, 680' FEL Rosebud County

Total Depth Proposed to be Drilled: 10,388'

Notice is hereby given that an application for permit to drill an oil and gas well at the surface location set forth above to the depth as stated will be filed with the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation. Pursuant to Rules 36.22.601 and 36.22.604, Administrative Rules of Montana, an interested party may

demand an opportunity to be heard by the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation concerning the application. SUCH DEMAND FOR HEARING MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE MONTANA BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION AT THE ADDRESS SET FORTH BELOW NO LATER THAN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, OR THE APPLICATION WILL BE ACTED UPON BY THE BOARD'S PETROLEUM ENGINEER WITHOUT HEARING. A DEMAND MUST: (1) SET FORTH THE NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF EACH INTERESTED PARTY, THEIR OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE LANDS SURROUNDING THE PROPOSED WELL, AND THE REASONS WHY A HEARING IS SOUGHT; (2) BE SERVED UPON THE APPLICANT BY COPY MAILED OR FAX

TRANSMITTED TO THE ADDRESS SET FORTH ABOVE; AND (3) A CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE MUST ACCOMPANY THE DEMAND AS FILED WITH THE BOARD. Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation 2535 St. Johns Avenue Billings MT 59102 Office: (406)656-0040 Fax: (406)655-6015 (Published September 10, 2020) MNAXLP

ASSESSMENT NOTICE The City of Colstrip has reviewed and prepared the Refuse Collection Assessments for fiscal year 2020-2021 for properties within the city limits of the City of Colstrip. The proposed fee structure is as follows: 96-Gallon Container = \$112.50 per year for twice per week collection 300-Gallon Containers - # of

containers X # of pickups per week X \$168.00 = yearly fee (Example: 3 containers that are emptied twice per week will be assessed \$1,008/year) A copy of the assessment list is on file in the office of the City Clerk/ Treasurer at City Hall for public inspection during regular business hours.

The City Council will hold a public hearing to hear any objections to the Refuse Collection Assessments at the Colstrip City Hall on September 22, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Dated: September 4, 2020 Michelle R. Richards City Clerk/Treasurer City of Colstrip, Montana Published Sept. 10, 2020

NOTICE OF INTENT & PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the Colstrip City Council has received a request to donate a 2004 Ford Explorer to the Ashland Fire District, another political subdivision of the State of Montana, and

WHEREAS, the City of Colstrip believes it is in the best interests to transfer the vehicle to another political subdivision in the State of Montana for public use;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, a public hearing to receive any public comment on the proposed transfer of the vehicle to the Ashland Fire District shall be held on September 22, 2020, during the Colstrip City Council's regularly scheduled meeting beginning at 7:00 pm at Colstrip City Hall.

Michelle Richards City Clerk/Treasurer City of Colstrip Published Sept. 10, 2020

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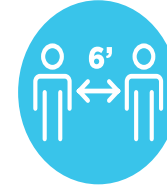
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The Independent Press Weather

Sept. 3, 2020

Seven Day Forecast

Thursday
Sunny
High: 82 Low: 49

Friday
Sunny
High: 91 Low: 56

Saturday
Mostly Sunny
High: 92 Low: 50

Sunday
Few Showers
High: 76 Low: 46

Monday
Few Showers
High: 72 Low: 43

Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 67 Low: 36

Wednesday
Sunny
High: 72 Low: 43

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see sunny skies, high of 82°, humidity of 23%. West northwest wind 3 to 6 mph. The record high for today is 102° set in 2005. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 49°. South wind 5 mph. The record low for tonight is 37° set in 1961.

Last Week's Regional Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	93	65	85/56	0.00"
Wednesday	91	66	84/55	0.00"
Thursday	86	63	84/55	0.08"
Friday	77	51	84/54	0.00"
Saturday	93	59	83/54	0.00"
Sunday	63	50	83/54	0.00"
Monday	73	43	82/53	0.00"

Rainfall.....0.08" Average temp.... 69.5°
Normal rainfall ... 0.18" Average normal . 69.0°
Departure..... -0.10" Departure..... +0.5°

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Last	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First
9/10	Thursday	6:27 a.m.	7:37 p.m.	8:42 p.m.	7:40 a.m.	9/23
	Friday	6:28 a.m.	7:35 p.m.	9:01 p.m.	8:44 a.m.	
	Saturday	6:29 a.m.	7:33 p.m.	9:21 p.m.	9:46 a.m.	
	Sunday	6:30 a.m.	7:31 p.m.	9:41 p.m.	10:49 a.m.	
	Monday	6:32 a.m.	7:29 p.m.	10:04 p.m.	11:52 a.m.	Full 10/1
	Tuesday	6:33 a.m.	7:27 p.m.	10:31 p.m.	12:56 p.m.	
	Wednesday	6:34 a.m.	7:25 p.m.	11:04 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	

Today's Regional Map