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MT mask enforcement evolved as COVID cases increased

By Kathryn Houghton
Kaiser Health News

In Montana's conservative Flathead County, prosecutors and local leaders were turning a blind eye to businesses that flouted state mask and social distancing mandates, even as the area's COVID infections climbed to their highest levels.

When asked during an Oct. 7 press call from Montana's capital city whether the state would step in, Gov. Steve Bullock said it was up to the locals to enforce the directives.

"I've never met anyone in Flathead County, especially Flathead government, that has asked me to take over their government," Bullock said with a laugh. "It can't all be solved from Helena."

Just two weeks later, the Democratic governor, who was also running for the U.S. Senate, pivoted. He announced the state was taking five Flathead businesses to court for violating COVID-related mandates, asking a judge to order them to comply or close their doors.

While the state's public mask mandate has been in place since July, enforcement had been left to local governments that largely lack the resources or the political will to do so. It's an issue seen across the nation as public health decisions to curb the coronavirus are resisted by local leaders, business owners and individuals who are sick of pandemic rules _ or too broke to continue them _ or who question the state's authority to issue them in the first place.

Yet rising caseloads have forced an evolution in the efforts to persuade people to mask up. When appealing to people's better nature and sense of community didn't work, Montana officials began a steady escalation: adding in guilt, then public shaming, and now attempts to punish. Still, there's little evidence that minds are being changed, and a new Republican governor-elect, Greg Gianforte, will take over in January after campaigning more on "personal responsibility" than on state-issued mandates.

In June, Montana tried the soft approach with state public service announcements, including a video with a cowboy lassoing a calf, a hunter walking through a field and a child smiling in her mom's arms.

"Montanans are independent. We're also responsible, protective and committed to our families and communities," the voiceover says before the scene cuts to a gray-haired couple wearing masks. "That's why we've done so well against COVID-19."



Terry native Robert Losey, the first U.S. serviceman to die in World War II, was killed in Norway in April of 1940 attempting to evacuate American diplomats. A monument was erected in his honor in Dombas, Norway in 1987.

Submitted Photo

Veterans Day salute to Robert Losey's place in history

By Norm Clarke

Robert M. Losey's military career was taking flight.

He had overcome tragedy: his father, Rev. Leon Losey, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Terry, had died from acute appendicitis on July 8, 1923. He was stricken while organizing an outing for 40 boy scouts.

Several months later, Losey and his mother, Nellie, left Terry to relocate in New Jersey, her home state. After attending West Point, Losey's military career began an upward trajectory. In 1930 he was transferred to Army Air Corps, moving him closer to his dream of being a pilot.

A brilliant student, Losey continued building his resume. He served as an aeronautical meteorologist in California and added two master's degrees from the California Institute of Technology. He became the Air Corps' first chief of weather.

With the world on the brink of world war in the late 1930s, he

suffered another setback. His mother died at the age of 53 in 1939.

Upon Germany's invasion of Norway, Losey was dispatched to the U.S. embassies in Finland and Sweden to evacuate American diplomats from Sweden in April 1940.

Then this happened: When the second group of evacuees didn't arrive, Losey went looking for them with the chauffeur of the top U.S. diplomat. Losey had insisted on searching for the missing group rather than allowing high-ranked diplomat Florence J. Harriman, 69, to risk her life.

Losey and the chauffeur made it to Dombas, Norway, a strategic intersection of railways and roads between Trondheim and Lillehammer, when German bombers zeroed in on a railroad terminal.

Observing from near the entrance to a railroad tunnel, Losey took the opportunity to

study the performance of German war machines, including planes, in extreme temperatures.

His dedication to duty cost him his life, 12 days after arriving in Sweden and Norway. Shrapnel from a German bomb pierced his heart. He was 31.

He was the first American serviceman killed in World War II. The U.S. did not enter the war until Dec. 7th, 1941 after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

Losey's death spurred Luftwaffe commander Hermann Goering to send a message of regret to U.S. Major General Henry "Hap" Arnold, chief of the Army Air Corps.

In 1987, citizens of Dombas erected a monument in Losey's honor.

Losey and his mother are buried at the West Point cemetery. Pastor Losey's grave is in the Terry cemetery.

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Rosebud Co. COVID-19 cases back up to 181

Staff Report

Rosebud County was back to over 180 active cases of COVID-19 cases Wednesday, according to the latest numbers from the state, as the virus continued its rapid spread throughout Montana.

As of Wednesday there had been 42,070 total confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state with 472 deaths. Total active cases were at 17,004.

Since the start of the pandemic, Rosebud County has seen 897 cases. Twenty-one deaths in the county have been attributed to the disease.

The latest Department of Public Health and Human Services data shows there have been 20 cases among students and staff in county schools. It breaks down as follows: Colstrip Elementary, 1 student; Colstrip High School, 1 staff member, 5 students; Colstrip Middle School, 3 students; Forsyth Elementary, 1 staff member; Forsyth High, 2 staff members, 2 students; Pine Butte Elementary, 1 student; Rosebud School, 2 staff members; and St. Labre, 2 staff members.

The virus also continues its assault on surrounding counties.

Wednesday morning, Custer County had 99 active cases; Big Horn County, 371; Powder River, 8; Garfield, 5; and Treasure County, 3. Yellowstone County led the state with 3,972 active cases.

Meanwhile, nationwide, the Daily Yonder, published by the Center for Rural Affairs, reports the following, as it concerns the virus and rural counties:

Last week, the number of Covid-19 infections in rural counties grew by 30% and set a record for the number of new cases for the seventh consecutive week. There were 144,043 new infections in rural counties last week, up from about 110,000 the week before.

Also last week, another 97 rural counties were added to the red-zone list, bringing the total to 1,599, or four out of five of all nonmetropolitan counties.

Red-zone counties have a new infection rate of 100 or more cases in one week per 100,000 residents. The Trump administration's

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Important for all to celebrate the 'Power of Rural' Nov. 19

By Marvin Quinlan
Special to the IP

National Rural Health Day (NRHD) occurs this year on Thursday, Nov. 19. This year's theme is "celebrating the power of rural". It is an opportunity for all of us, as health-care consumers and patients to celebrate the "Power of Rural" by honoring the selfless, community-minded, "can-do" spirit that prevails in rural America. It also gives us a chance to bring to light the unique health-care challenges that rural citizens face and it showcases the efforts of rural healthcare providers, state offices of rural health, and other rural stakeholders to address those challenges.

This year's NRHD is the 10th such celebration, started by the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSRH). But it has grown well beyond just a day. "It is a movement", according to the "Power of Rural" website.

Two things each of us can do to celebrate rural healthcare are easy. First, keep in contact, virtually, or personally, (with appropriate protection), with your family and friends living in rural, and frontier areas during this time of increased social isolation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The second is to take time to say "thanks" to the local men and women who are dedicated to rural healthcare. Who are those folks? Just in Rosebud and Treasure Counties we have several such health-care organizations including: Rosebud HealthCare Center (RHCC) (our local

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Obituaries

John William (Doc) Forsberg, 90 Patricia (Pat) Nile, 87



John William (Doc) Forsberg

John William (Doc) Forsberg climbed the stairs and changed his address to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. He was 90 years old. He was a loving man of God, a true sports enthusiast, a music fanatic, a sourdough bread and pie baker, and an avid humorist. John grew up in Kansas during the depression in an active Christian family. He was a natural athlete;

running track, playing golf, football, basketball, and baseball. He graduated from college with a Chemistry degree and a Navy ROTC commitment. He served as a Lieutenant in the carrier division and was in Naval Intelligence during the Korean War as a cryptographer and a Flag Lieutenant to a 2-star Admiral on 3 different aircraft carriers. During shore leave in Coronado CA, he met Jane, the love of his life, singing in the church choir. They were married and then moved to Kansas for John to attend Veterinary School. His veterinary practice of 24 years began in Idaho and continued in Forsyth, Montana. John and Jane lovingly raised 4 children. His large and small animal practice kept the whole family busy. As a retired veterinarian, John took a job with the federal government supervising meat inspectors for 20 years.

John was active in the

Presbyterian Church, the national Board of Directors for the Presbyterian Lay Committee, Glacier Chorale, community library volunteers, and the Masonic Order and Shrine Clowns.

John had an amazing wit, sharing daily quips, jokes or stories. He always had two or three up his sleeve in case you didn't like the first one he told.

John is survived by his wife of 66 years, three daughters; Lisa, Leslee, and Allyson, a son, Jonathan, 4 grandchildren, and 2.5 great-grandchildren.

Doc was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, fierce friend — he was a special man and our memories of him will live in our hearts forever.

John's memorial service and celebration of life is planned for Sunday, November 15, 2020. Please call 406-862-2802, the First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish, for details.



Patricia (Pat) Nile

Patricia (Pat) Nile of Forsyth, MT passed into eternity on November 5th at the age of 87. She has been reunited with the love of her life, Ray and both are rejoicing in the presence of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Pat is the oldest daughter of Howard and Grace Skaggs, born January 20, 1933 in Billings, MT. She attended grade school in Glendive and then moved to Bozeman where she graduated high school. She graduated from MSU school of nursing in 1953 and worked in the hospitals of Bozeman, Butte, Deer Lodge and Forsyth.

Pat met Ramon (Ray) Nile in Bozeman and they were married December 5, 1954 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Billings. They moved to Deer Lodge, MT where Ray was the county extension agent and Pat worked as a registered

nurse. In 1956 Ray and Pat began farming close to his parents in Howard Valley. They raised sugar beets, corn, wheat, barley, alfalfa, cattle herd and four children. She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. All who were fortunate to know her enjoyed her loving, kind, and joyous nature. She also liked to garden, sew, and spend time with the Howard Homemakers Club and the Night Owls club in town. She also enjoyed meeting friends at Phyllis Bradley's home where they made beautiful ceramic pieces together.

Pat was confirmed on Feb 16, 1957 and became a member of Concordia Lutheran Church. She loved spending time in Bible studies, belonged to the Lutheran guild and Lutheran Woman's Missionary League. For many years Pat was on the RHCC Hospital Board as well as the Rosebud County Public Health Board and the Farm Bureau State Women's Committee.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, husband Ray, brother Jerry, and two grandchildren Lura and Josiah. She is survived by her four loving children and their families: Kim & Nancy Nile of Forsyth, Dana &

Liz Nile of Butte, Sharon Nile-Thurston of Billings and Bruce & Stacey Nile of Forsyth, 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. One sister Sue Goosey- Blounts and families, one brother Bob & Sharon Skaggs and families. The families of brother Jerry & LaVonne Skaggs. Sister in law Anita Skaggs, Sister in law Bonnie & Franklin Steiger and family and sister in law Pauline Nile and family. The families of Jim & Betty Nile and all of Pat's nieces, nephews, cousins, second cousins and so many friends who are like family.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Concordia Lutheran Church.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 PM on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at the Concordia Lutheran Church in Forsyth. The family has decided to keep the funeral service private, you can watch the live stream on the Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home Facebook page at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 13, 2020 <https://www.facebook.com/stevensonandsons>. Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home have been entrusted with the arrangements. To leave condolences for the family, visit our website at www.stevensonandsons.com.

Belgrade man convicted of bighorn sheep poaching

CHINOOK – A Belgrade man has been sentenced after pleading guilty to killing a bighorn sheep illegally this year.

Matthew DeWit, 27, pleaded guilty to hunting

during a closed season and unlawful possession, shipping, or transportation of a game animal, and he was later sentenced in Blaine County Justice Court on Oct. 20. His sen-

tence includes \$4,000 in fines and restitution and a 10-year suspension of hunting, fishing and trapping privileges in 49 states.

In May, DeWit shot the ram in the Missouri River Breaks during a closed season. He took the head to the Bozeman office of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks to get the mandatory plug for bighorn sheep, claiming he'd found the animal dead. The ram was estimated to be about 8½ years old.

FWP game wardens in southwest and northeast Montana collaborated on the investigation, with help from administrative and wildlife staff and the Blaine County Attorney's Office.

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REGISTERED VOTERS:

The Board of Trustees of School District No. 6 will be appointing a qualified candidate to serve as Elementary School Board Trustee representing the Lame Deer Elementary portion of the district at a special meeting of the trustees on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.. This individual will serve on the Board until the May 2021 election.

If you are interested in being appointed to the Board, please submit a letter of interest to Lillian Big Man, District Clerk, Lame Deer School District No. 6, P.O. Box 96, Lame Deer, MT 59043, by 4:00 p.m., November 20, 2020 at the District Administration office located across from the ARG football field.

An interview may be scheduled for those interested to meet with the Board of Trustees.

Qualifications: Must be actively registered to vote with the county registrar as a resident in the elementary school district in which the person resides and proposes to vote; must be 18 years of age or older; must have been a resident of Montana and of the county in which he/she offers to vote for at least 30 days; and must be a citizen of the United States.

Pages from the Past

Nov. 15, 1951

The top stories in *The Forsyth Independent* this week in 1951:

Colstrip Colts 6-man team claims District C football honors

Colstrip won the Montana eastern Class C high school football title here Saturday night by defeating Nasnua, 66 to 18.

Ray Streeter led the Colstrip attack by scoring four touchdowns. His brother, Ron, also got one, while Gordon Bobb racked up two, plus three conversions. Cain scored once and Wilsey twice for Colstrip.

With Saturday night's win, Colstrip joins the other class C champions -- Darby in the west, Harlem in the north, and Twin Bridges in the south.

There will be a state class C championship playoff if three division titleists ask for one. Darby has already voted for the playoff.

Commercial Club moves to launch city's trade promotion

Commencing soon, the merchants committee of the Rosebud County Commercial Club will again sponsor their program of pre-Christmas trade promotion.

Seven cash awards will be given each Saturday in amounts ranging from six \$10 awards to one \$50 grand attendance award. President Heine informs members wishing to participate in this annual program that the cost has been set at \$12 per firm.

Forsyth Lions Club to present home talent minstrel show

Whatever there is in the way fo talent possessed by

members of the Forsyth Lions Club, may be revealed on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, when the club presents its first annual minstrel show at the grade school auditorium.

Directors of the show are Helen Perey and Joe Cadlo. Interlocutor is Dave LaGree and end men included Art Kamhoot, Jack Clifford, Dude Beals, Wally Heine and Frank Firske.

The chorus is composed of Harold Martin, George Stagg, Emile Perey, Jim Durkin, Phil Kiser, Ed Conn and Jim Marlow.

Specialty numbers will be provided by Don Wilson and Walt Corcoran.

Winner of company award

(Photo caption) Pictured above is R.V. Kaiser of the Tepee Motor Company receiving the Ford 4-letter award at the Tepee Motor Company Wednesday afternoon. This is an annual award given to Ford dealers whose organizations show outstanding performance during the year.

Also pictured are O.G. Lundstrom, R.W. Young, Bernard Dexter, Melvin Hanson, Jim Sherman, Bob Kaiser, Scoop Borer, Dick Degnan, Emmanuel Quenzer and Bob McKeever.

In the Service

Robert J. Cole Jr, a native of Forsyth and son of Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Cole, for many years residents of the city but now living in Altadena, Calif., has just received a promotion to major. He is a reserve officer on active duty since 1942.

Cpl. Clayton Jellison has been in Forsyth the past two weeks visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Joe Phillips. The corporal is stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky., with the

11th airborne. He likes the service, he said. Some time ago he made an exhibition parachute jump before Roy Acuff, nationally known radio entertainer. He returned to Camp Campbell in the middle of the week.

Jack Davis, son of Mrs. Caroline Ross of this place, is now stationed at Groton, Conn., where he is serving in the coast guard. As a seaman-storekeeper he has been attending school at Salem, Mass., the past year.

News about town

Fred Stephenson, local employmen agent, has learned that the method of hunting deer with an automobile is rather expensive. He used a rifle for this purpose several times three weeks ago, but didn't have any luck. Tuesday night, he had the bad luck to hit a spke buck with his Hudson while coming back from Colstrip. The deer was killed and the car was damaged considerably.

Dave LaGree, salesman of the Johnson Chevrolet Company, while on an elk hunting trip in the mountains this week, had the misfortune to run a small pointed branch on a tree into his eye. He was taken to Billings where the eye was removed. A bit of good fortune came with the misfortune, however, as the eye he lost had been previously injured and he had little sight in it. At late reports Dave is getting along very well.

John Allanger, one of the early homesteaders of the north Ingomar country, is in Forsyth this week on matters of busienss. Johns said he has recently acquired some horses and the wild horses of that section are giving him trouble. They try to lead his mares of to join their herd.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

<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>	

Slices of Life: Moving toward all truths

By Jill Pertler

“Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive.”

Walter Scott

They say the only two things we can count on in life are death and taxes. I'd like to add one more. Deception.

We all lie. Not as in a supine position of the couch or bed, but as providing false or incomplete information in order to perpetuate information

that is less than truthful. Lies are not inherently bad. Far from it. “Does this make my butt look fat?” is a lie in the making. To respond

otherwise would be detrimental to futures of the asker and the responder. So we tell lies – little white ones.

Lately it's been hard to discern the truth from lies, especially in politics. In this, many are pointing fingers. It feels like everyone is committed to their own truths, while the beliefs of other differing opinions are seen as lies. It feels judgmental and self-righteous on all accounts. Probably because it is.

We have a divided country.

We had an election that split us down the middle nearly 50-50.

And it seems that anyone on side A of the fence can't fathom how someone on side B of the fence could come to the decisions they did. And vice versa.

How did we get here? I believe the answer is deception.

This truth (as I believe it to be) brings me great sorrow. People are willing to spread untruths in order to further their own cause. We all know this is wrong. But it is happening all around us, from every side, every which way. You've seen it. We've all seen it. It has been running rampant like an off-the-rails train going downhill fast.

It feels as though we may be doing downhill fast.

And, no matter which side of the aisle you are on, I believe there is one truth we all should contemplate.

You believe your truth to be just that. You've lived it. You've listened. You've gathered facts and you've made your decision and it is the right one for you.

But, over 70 million voting Americans disagree with that truth. 70 million people can't be all wrong. Read that again. 70 million people disagree with your truth. Just like your group of more than 70 million disagrees with theirs.

How does this end? I'm not sure. But I think we all have to stop thinking we are the only group on the right side of right. Further, we can't expect the “other” side to come over to our way of thinking. That's not going to happen.

The only way to come together is to acknowledge that no one is 100 percent completely right. That just doesn't happen when it's 70 million on one side and 70 million on the other. Let's all get real and face that truth.

No one person or set of beliefs caused this situation. But to some extent we all participated. No one is blameless. To acknowledge this is to acknowledge there is no cut and dried, right or wrong. This is a step toward the truth – and in the right direction.

Whether we passed on a meme we thought was funny and spoke to our cause, whether we blocked friends who had opinions differing from ours, whether we wrote or said something judgmental or negative or degrading about those who saw things differently from us. Whether we simply liked posts that agreed with our preconceived notions without fact-checking, we all participated. The majority of of us did, at least.

That's the bad news. The good news is we can all participate in the healing. We all need to participate in the healing. And that requires humility and honesty. It requires empathy and attempting with all of our hearts and souls to see things from another's perspective. This is a colossal opportunity for growth as people and as a country. Let's look at it that way.

We don't want to live in a nation divided. So let's make a pledge toward honesty for all of us, and it starts with you and me.

This means no more skewing the facts. And especially no more bending the truth, unless it involves telling someone their butt does not look fat in any pair of jeans. Especially if that butt belongs to your spouse.

(Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.)

School Menus

Forsyth	Colstrip	Rosebud
Monday, Nov. 16 Yogurt, Fruit, Pancake Breakfast, Sausage Links	Monday, Nov. 16 Burrito/Pretzel & Cheese	Monday, Nov. 16 Super Nachos
Tuesday, Nov. 17 Pop Tart, Fruit Nacho Supreme, Fruit	Tuesday, Nov. 17 Corn Dog/Potato Gems	Tuesday, Nov. 17 Hamburgers & French Fries
Wednesday, Nov. 18 Gold Fish, Fruit Chicken Nuggets, Tator Tots	Wednesday, Nov. 18 Turkey Dinner	Wednesday, Nov. 18 Breakfast for Lunch
Thursday, Nov. 19 Cinnamon Roll, Fruit Chili, Cornbread	Thursday, Nov. 19 Chicken Quesadilla/Salad	Thursday, Nov. 19 Chicken Tenders
Friday, Nov. 20 Meat/Cheese Wrap, Fruit Thanksgiving Dinner	Friday, Nov. 20 Sack Lunch	Friday, Nov. 20 Meatloaf

Senior Menus

Colstrip	Forsyth
Friday, November 13 Baked Cod, Macaroni Salad, Buttered Beets, Peaches	Friday, November 13 Baked Cod, Macaroni Salad, Buttered Beets, Peaches
Monday, November 16 COOK'S CHOICE	Monday, November 16 COOK'S CHOICE
Tuesday, November 17 TACO TUESDAY	Tuesday, November 17 TACO TUESDAY
Wednesday, November 18 Beefy Rice Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches	Wednesday, November 18 Beefy Rice Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
Thursday, November 19 Pork, Potatoes, Beets, Apple Slices	Thursday, November 19 Pork, Potatoes, Beets, Apple Slices
Friday, November 20 Scalloped Turkey, Green Bean Bake, Cranberry Salad, Pumpkin Pie	Friday, November 20 Scalloped Turkey, Green Bean Bake, Cranberry Salad, Pumpkin Pie

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Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020
Michael Racki

Friday, Nov. 13, 2020
Lonni Pulver

Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020
Zachary Spannagel
Rylee June Watson
Peter Martin

Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020
Tracy Klein
Bob Lee

Monday, Nov. 16, 2020
Brynley Harper Hanzlik
Randi Stanhope
Phillip Satterthwait
Jonnie Kay Gilbert Taylor

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020
Matilda Yellowrobe
Bep Schwend

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020
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FUN FACTS

Veterans Day

- 1 Veterans Day is always observed on November 11 and is both a state and a federal holiday.
- 2 The day was first called Armistice Day and was established on November 11, 1919. This date was the first anniversary of the ending of World War I.
- 3 As a result of lobbying by veterans' service organizations, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day in 1954. President Eisenhower signed the legislation. The holiday became a day to honor all of America's veterans.
- 4 Every year on Veterans Day, at exactly 11 a.m., a wreath-laying ceremony is held at the Tomb of the Unknowns in the Arlington National Cemetery.
- 5 Henry Gunther was the last U.S. soldier killed in WWI. He was killed at 10:59 a.m. when he rushed German machine guns. The Germans, who knew the armistice was one minute away, attempted to wave him off.
- 6 France, Britain, Canada, and Australia also honor World War I and II veterans on or near November 11.



This column is sponsored by the Forsyth Dairy Queen

Connie's Cooking Corner

GIBLET GRAVY

Giblets (neck, gizzard, heart, liver) from a turkey or chicken
2 tablespoons butter
1 cup diced onion
1/2 cup diced carrot
1/2 cup diced celery
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1 bay leaf
1 teaspoon dried thyme
5 cups water
Drippings from the turkey or chicken
2-3 tablespoons flour (or 2-3 Tbsp of cornstarch, dissolved first into 1/4 cup of water)
Salt to taste
1-2 teaspoons of mustard (yellow or Dijon)
Brown the giblets in butter: Heat the butter in a 2-quart saucepan on medium-high heat. When hot, add the giblets to the pan. Brown them on all sides. Add onion, celery, carrot, garlic: Add the onion, celery and carrot and sauté until the onions turn translucent, about 3-5 minutes. Add the garlic and sauté another minute.
Add bay leaf, thyme, water, bring to simmer: Add the bay leaf, thyme and water. Bring to a simmer. Lower the heat, partially cover so that some steam escapes, and cook on a low simmer for several hours, while the turkey (or chicken) is cooking. Strain the stock, mince the giblet meat: Once the bird is close to being done, strain the giblets and stock through a fine mesh sieve into a bowl. Set aside the stock. Remove the giblets from the sieve. Finely mince the giblet meat. If you want, you can pull some of the meat off of the neck and mince that as well. Add flour or cornstarch to roast drippings: Once the bird is done, move it to a cutting board to let it rest. Pour off the excess fat (all but a tablespoon or two) from the roasting pan. Set the roasting pan over two burners of the stovetop set over medium heat. Add the flour (or cornstarch slurry) and whisk it into the drippings. Stir in the minced giblets. Let cook for a few minutes, stirring while cooking. Add stock and minced giblets: Add the strained giblet stock to the pan drippings and giblets and mix well to combine. Bring to a boil and stir constantly until the gravy thickens, about 2-3 minutes.

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS
(Check in store for details)

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According to cdc.gov, "Masks are recommended as a simple barrier to help prevent respiratory droplets from traveling into the air and onto other people when the person wearing the mask coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice. This is called source control. This recommendation is based on what we know about the role respiratory droplets play in the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19, paired with emerging evidence from clinical and laboratory studies that shows masks reduce the spray of droplets when worn over the nose and mouth. COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet), so the use of masks is particularly important in settings where people are close to each other or where social distancing is difficult to maintain. The CDC recommends that

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We at Rosebud County Library are taking all possible precautions to do everything we can to help keep our staff and patrons safe while still remaining open and providing services during a pandemic. Just to give some perspective, 77 total libraries have reported their current status on the Status of Montana Libraries Dashboard which you can find online. I've also posted a link to the Dashboard on our Facebook page. 51 of the 77 libraries reporting are open with restrictions, which is the status of Rosebud County Library. That means that we are incorporating extra safety measures such as enforcing the governor's mask mandate and not admitting patrons until we confirm that face coverings are being worn correctly, only using every other computer and disinfecting them between users, and limiting patrons' library time to

one 1-hour visit per day. 12 Montana libraries are open without any restrictions, although they are likely still requiring masks if they are in a county with 4 or more active COVID cases. 11 library buildings are closed but the staff is offering limited services, such as curbside pick-up and online only programming. 3 of the reporting libraries are completely closed and offering absolutely no services at this time. Thank you for understanding and complying with our current public safety measures.

The basement large room is available to rent for groups of 40 or less. Renters will need to turn in a COVID specific event plan. Attendees must wear face coverings and practice social distancing per the governor's directive. The event host must provide hand sanitizer and commit to ensuring that the tables, chairs, and

basement spaces are thoroughly sanitized upon completion of the event. This is in addition to completing our regular rental paperwork and paying the \$50 deposit plus fees.

Weekly programs include Hungry High Schooler's Book Club Mondays during the FHS lunch break, Tot Time for ages 0-5 on Tuesdays at 10:00, and our community led Story Hour on Fridays at 11:00. Story Hour Leaders for the rest of November will be Keith Raymond on the 13th and FHS Students on the 20th. December Story Hour leaders will be Nancy Nile on December 4th, Kim Scranon on December 11th, and FHS Students on December 18th. We are not holding Story Hour the day after Thanksgiving (November 27th), Christmas Day, or New Year's Day.

It is holiday season which means numerous closures at the library.

We were closed on Tuesday, November 3rd for Election Day and on Wednesday, November 11th for Veterans Day. Upcoming closures include Thursday, November 26th for Thanksgiving; December 24th and 25th for Christmas; and December 31st and January 1st for New Years. Our Closure Policy, which was approved 9/11/2019, can be found at rosebud-countymt.gov.

New books include: Jodi Picoult's "The Book of Two Ways"; "Race Against the Dying Light" and "Back to Jerusalem" by Jan Surasky; Robyn Carr's "Return to Virgin River"; "White Like Her: A Family's Story of Race and Racial Passing" by Gail Lukasik; and "Heaven's Truth: The Parallels Between the Bible and the Near-Death Experience" by Montana author Jay W. Spillers. Stop by Rosebud County Library TODAY to see what else is new!

By Heather Johnstone

Letter to the Editor

Thank you to local rural healthcare providers

Editor, Independent Press, Thursday, November 19, 2020 is recognized as National Rural Health Day (NRHD). As health care consumers and patients it is important that we recognize and celebrate our local frontline rural healthcare providers and their support staff- every day of the year.

As we all know, rural communities, particularly in Montana, are wonderful places to live, work, raise a family, and recreate. That is why 57 million people (1 in 5 Americans) call them home. These small towns, rural farming communities, and frontier areas are places where neighbors know each other. Even in these times of political polarization and social and economic discord, for the most part, we still listen to each other, respect each other, and work together to benefit the greater and common good.

They are also some of the best places to start a business and test your "entrepreneurial spirit". Our rural and frontier communities provide the rest of the country with a wealth of services and commodities (food, fiber, and energy). They are a major part of the economic engine that has helped the United States to become the world economic power it is today.

Our rural communities also have unique healthcare needs. Today, more than ever, rural communities must address accessibility issues, the lack of healthcare providers, the needs of an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions and a larger

percentage of un- and under-insured citizens. Our rural hospitals and clinics, often a major economic foundation of their community, are the primary providers of healthcare. Yet, they struggle on a daily basis, to stay open, as declining reimbursement rates and disproportionate funding levels make it more challenging to serve their patients.

As a volunteer board member of the One Health network of community healthcare center with clinics in Ashland, Miles City, Hardin, Lewistown, Chinook and Harlem, I have seen first-hand the challenges and the innovative, collaborative model of healthcare we provide. Our organization includes preventative care, primary care, integrated behavioral healthcare, substance use disorder treatment, dental, in house pharmacies, WIC (Women, Infants, and Children), state employee primary care clinics (Miles City and Glendive), and virtual school nursing sites- all income based. Most recently, given the pandemic, we have instituted a vigorous telemedicine program, including the use of TytoCare, a 6 pound backpack of medical diagnostic tools and an I-Pad to communicate with primary care providers throughout our system.

We know there is still much work to be done, but we also believe there is much to celebrate. Please join me in Thanking our local rural healthcare providers. Together we can make a bigger impact!

Marvin Quinlan
Forsyth

Montana Dateline

By Ellis Roberts Parry

November 13, 1873

The Madisonian, Montana's oldest running newspaper, is first published in Virginia City.

November 14, 1805

The Lewis and Clark Expedition reaches the Pacific Ocean. The Corps of Discovery initially sets up camp on what is now the Washington side of the Columbia River close to the ocean. In mid-December, the expedition moves inland south of the Columbia River where games is supposed to be more plentiful and begins construction of Fort Clatsop.

November 14, 1988

Mike Mansfield, former Senator from Montana, retires as Ambassador to Japan at the age of 85 thus ending 54 years of public service to Montana and the nation. Mansfield serves as a college professor at the University of Montana from 1934 to 1943, a House Representative in Washington from 1943 to 1952, a United States Senator from 1952 to 1977, and the Ambassador to Japan from 1977 to 1988.

Nov. 15, 1871 - (1940)

B. M. Bower, prolific western author, is born near Cleveland, Minnesota. Bower, born Bertha Muzzy, comes to Montana in 1889 when her family ranches east of Big Sandy. At the onset of her career as a writer, Bertha Bower uses the first initials of her names because she feels a woman writing in the genre of western novels will not gain the credibility that a male writer normally has without question. Bower is the name of the first of her three husbands. Bower's first short story, Ghost in the Red Shirt, is published in 1904. In 1906, Bower's most popular novel, Chip of the Flying U, is published. Over the years, Bower publishes 68 novels, about 200 short stories, and 17 screenplays for silent films.

November 15, 1886

Lafe Hensley and his three brothers discover extensive silver deposits in the Castle Mountains. Within a year of the discovery, the boomtown of Castle has two thousand

residents who are served by a variety of businesses including numerous saloons, three bordellos, a bank, a dance hall, several churches, and a school. Three smelters are built from 1889 to 1891 to handle silver ore from the Cumberland, Yellowstone, and Great Eastern Mines. In 1893, the national depression has a significant impact on Castle and the once prosperous camp begins to decline. Richard Harlow's "Jawbone" railroad reaches Castle in 1897 but the railroad fails to revive the economy of the town. Today, Castle remains as one of Montana's best true "ghost towns" with many abandoned buildings still standing in mute testimony of its once greatness. Castle is located west of Martinsdale in the Castle Mountains.

November 16, 1886

The first severe storm of the approaching winter hits the Northern Plains with heavy snow, bitter cold, and strong winds. For the next four months, winter weather will take its toll on the cattle herds

grazing on the open range. By springtime, most of the large cattle operations are all but wiped out.

November 17, 1942

C. M. Russell's painting, "Waiting For a Chinook, 1886", is presented to the Montana Stockgrowers Association by Wallis Huidekoper. The Association, in turn, passes the painting on to the Montana Historical Society. The small painting, depicting a half-starved cow circled by hungry wolves in the dead of winter, is also known as "The Last of Five Thousand". It serves as a bitter representation of what happens to stock men during the hard winter of 1886-7 on the "Open Range".

Nov. 18, 1940-(2003)

James Welch, critically-acclaimed Blackfeet-Gros Ventre novelist, poet and writer, is born in Browning. Welch's fiction depicts the despair of modern Indian reservation life in such novels as Winter In the Blood (1974), The Death of Jim Loney (1979), and The Indian Lawyer (1990).

Life With Lois

By Lois Olmstead

This week it was tempting to ask all my editors to fill my space with an old column. My arm is sore. But then I said "Pull up your bootstraps, Lois. After all it was just a flu shot." Besides my boots date back to my barrel racing days, prolly not "bootstrap type boots" anymore.

When Doc Coleman asked me if I had got a flu shot yet, I said, "No, I was waiting for you to ask me so you would know for sure I got one." The reason for that is my bout with shingles in 2011. I in bed for 30 days. It was awful.

The bad part was that he had told me more than once to get the shingles shot and I did not do it. My intentions were good, my insurance was not covering it. It was easy to put off. A week into my case of shingles, I told him, "I would have sold one of our sons, maybe all three of them, just to have gotten that shingles shot!" I said, "From now on, you say, "You need this shot, Lois" I am tak-



Lois Olmstead

ing it!"

Going through my cancer back in 1992 took away any fear I had of needles and lab work. It was just a case of putting something important off to the side, it was not fear.

What I am afraid of is an armadillo. I did not know I was afraid of them because I had never seen one up close and personal before! I did not touch it. Eldon had caught him in a live trap he had set at the edge of their deck. That was the deck I sat on every morning while I was in Texas to have my devotion time. It was also where I so enjoyed watch-

ing the squirrels and their acrobatics in the trees.

If he, the armadillo had walked by me while I was sitting there, I believe God could have just beamed me right up to heaven. This is not an average run-of-the-mill small creature. To me it is a left over from the dinosaur age. That alone is scary. I asked myself, "What else is left out there hanging around somewhere in Texas?"

There is nothing like that in Montana - oops, then I remembered we have the paddlefish. Look them up. They are prehistoric too.

Eldon took the armadillo out of town to uninhabited desert type place. I did not go along. Who knows what else lurked out there? You can be sure I looked the area on the deck over each time I parked in my favorite deck chair. What a joy to enjoy the resting times and the view of the lake. Again, thank you Eldon and Karen for your gracious hospitality.

There are two take-aways this week. First, like me, maybe you have

been putting something off - that needs to get done. Do it.

Second take-away this week is we can do something about the uptick in mental issues, and depression in these often fearful times. Celebrate Recovery is a world-wide organization that helps people deal with hurts, habits and hang-ups. Check in your local area for a group. They have a terrific track record.

Fear is a tricky thing. It can make us forget reality. What if I gave up sitting on the deck because I saw one armadillo? I don't even know if they bite or jump at you. But other fears can be real. That is why God says lots about fear in His Word.

My prayer is that you look to Him. We can laugh about the likelihood of an armadillo attack. But I can testify God can lead you, as He has me, safely in your hour of need.

(You can get a free reference list of verses on fear by emailing me (lois-timeout@gmail.com) or writing for one in care of this newspaper.)

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Weather closes two checking stations

Severe winter weather shut down two out of three big game check stations in southeastern Montana on Sunday, the last day of antelope rifle season. Poor visibility and icy road conditions prompted FWP to cancel biological check stations at Hysham and Mosby.

A check station was held at Ashland on Sunday, but the adverse weather greatly reduced hunter traffic.

"The weather was very nice on Saturday, with temperatures reaching the 70s, but Sunday brought rain, freezing rain and snow in the morning with cold and wind, creating a blustery day," said Wildlife Biologist Ryan DeVore.

"With the pending

storm, apparently several hunters headed back home on Saturday," DeVore said.

Similar to opening weekend, the Ashland station was again slower than in recent years. According to DeVore, only 57 hunting parties came through on Sunday with a total of 117 hunters. Thirty-one people were successful, for a harvest success of 26 percent, which is lower than the last couple of years.

"With the forecast calling for highs in the 40s and 50s for the next week or so, hopefully conditions will be much more conducive for good deer movement and hunting weather," he said.

"Despite overall success being down this weekend, it was very nice to see the smiling faces of a few newer hunters who harvested their first deer, elk or antelope this weekend," DeVore noted.

The harvest at Ashland included:

- 13 antelope (10 bucks, 3 does)
- 22 mule deer (16 bucks, 6 does)
- 2 white-tailed deer (1 buck, 1 doe), and
- 2 elk (1 cow, 1 calf)

Yellowstone County may see new restrictions as COVID spreads

HELENA (AP) — Montana's most populous county may see additional restrictions to limit the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, as cases reached a new high in October, Yellowstone County Health Officer John Felton said during Monday.

"I cannot rule out the possibility that additional restrictions might be imposed as early as later this week," Felton said, adding that a final decision will be made by a team of medical experts in the county. Those new restrictions could include earlier closing hours for businesses and additional limits on gathering sizes.

Felton also announced that an existing county health mandate, which limits crowd sizes to 25 people and requires restaurants and bars to close by 12:30 a.m., has been extended until Dec. 9.

A spokesperson for Gov. Steve Bullock said Monday that no new statewide restrictions were under consideration, as case totals surpassed 40,000 and hospitalizations

climbed to 470.

The number of new cases per day in Yellowstone County rose from 32 per 100,000 in the beginning of the month to 92 per 100,000 by the end of October. The county reported 3,572 new confirmed cases in October, more than the number of cases identified in June through September, Felton said.

The number of COVID-19 tests conducted in October was greater than the number conducted the previous month, but positivity rate was on the rise, reaching 22% in October and pushing the health department "beyond capacity," Felton said.

The county hired two people to investigate complaints against businesses that fail to comply with existing COVID-19 restrictions and they plan to hire two more, Felton said.

The state reported only 427 new cases on Monday due to an outage in the state health department's reporting system. The outage was caused by an upgrade to the reporting

system on Sunday, health department spokesperson Jon Ebel said. The reporting lag would likely mean a higher case count on Tuesday.

The state has confirmed over 40,000 cases of COVID-19 since the pandemic reached Montana in mid-March,

but the number of infections is thought to be far higher because many people have not been tested, and studies suggest people can be infected with the virus without feeling sick.

Montana has reported 472 deaths of individuals infected with the virus.

Flu shot clinic Nov. 19

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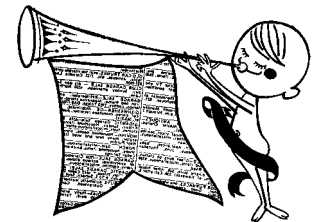
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The Independent Press is seeking a reporter/editor to cover news in Rosebud County. This is a full-time position with benefits including paid vacation and health insurance. Writing experience is helpful but not necessary. If you're smart and have good basic English grammar skills, we can train you to report, write and edit.

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The Independent Press in Forsyth is seeking a bright, personable bookkeeper/receptionist to be in charge of our front desk, greet customers, all advertising and circulation billing and other duties. Typing and computer experience are necessary. Training provided. This is a full-time position with benefits including paid vacation and health insurance.

If interested in either of these positions, please submit resume and any writing samples, along with references, to andy.pruitsok@gmail.com. EOE.



Coronaviurs continues to spread rapidly across rural America

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White House Coronavirus Task Force says that red-zone counties need to enact tougher measures to control the virus.

Rosebud County last week had a rate of 470 cases per 100,000 population, putting the county on

the red zone list for the 14th consecutive week.

The current surge originated in rural areas two months ago and more recently has spread into metropolitan counties. Previously, metropolitan counties had their worst new infection rates in July. But those counties

surpassed those summer peaks for the past two weeks.

Here are other facts from last week's analysis, which covers Sunday to Saturday, November 1 to 7.

- Rural counties had 1,873 Covid-19 related deaths last week, an

increase of 20% from the previous week, and a new record. About 29% of new U.S. deaths occurred among rural residents, who constitute about 14% of the U.S. population.

- This fall's surge has created a new class of rural hotspots. One quarter of rural counties (479) have one-week infection rates of at least 500 new cases per 100,000 residents — five times the red-zone infection level. Fourteen percent of metropolitan counties (141) meet that criterion. As the map below shows, these hotspot counties are primarily in the Upper Midwest, Great Plains, and the Intermountain region

of that includes Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho.

- One third of the nation's 1,976 rural counties are seeing a rapid increase in new cases. Another third are increasing at a more modest rate. Only a quarter of rural counties last week had had a decrease in new cases compared to the previous week.

- Another troubling sign that the current surge has not peaked is that the rate of increase in new cases is still accelerating. The increase in new cases in rural counties climbed 11% three weeks ago, 17% two weeks ago, and 23% last week.

- Eighty percent of all U.S. counties (both metro and rural) are in the red zone. The only pockets that remain below that threshold are pockets in northern New York and New England; parts of Georgia; southern Louisiana and southeast Texas; and parts of Northern California and Pacific Northwest.

- Ten states had all their rural counties in the red zone. (See table below). Another 13 states had all but one rural county in the red zone. Thirty-four states have more than half of their rural counties in the red zone. Hawaii was the only state with rural counties that had none in the red zone.

'Power of Rural' celebration Nov. 19

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critical care access hospital, clinic and nursing home); the Colstrip Clinic; the One Health Community Health Center Clinics on Ashland, Miles City, Hardin, and Colstrip (which serve our county); the Indian Health Service (IHS), Lame Deer Clinics and Crow Hospital; the Hysham Clinic; and of particular importance, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Rosebud and Treasure County Public Health offices. In addition, our residents often receive more advanced healthcare from the regional Holy Rosary Hospital, Billings Clinic, and St. Vincent's Healthcare.

Key messages from the National Rural Health Day website include:

- Rural America is a great place for mission-minded healthcare professionals to provide individualized care.

- Rural America is fueling an innovative rural healthcare infra-

structure.

- Rural America offers a beautiful and challenging landscape requiring unique approaches to healthcare.

- Policy makers, program funders, and other partners need to understand the importance of healthy rural communities.

- More needs to be done to equip local communities and their leaders with the tools and resources to grow engagement and demonstrate how their work to communicate, educate, collaborate and innovate has a big impact on the health of rural America.

Coinciding with the "Power of Rural" on Nove.19, a special keynote address will be presented, virtually, by authors Katherine Ortega Courtney, PhD. And Dominic Capello, entitled: "100% Community: Ensuring 10 Vital Services for Surviving and Thriving". This presentation runs from 2 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. (ET) and the

ten vital services addressed are: food; medical and dental; housing; behavioral health; transportation; parental support; early childhood learning; community schools; young inventors, and job training. The authors will discuss their groundbreaking research and the road map they have created to help rural counties and communities "reset" and learn how to work together in new ways to create local systems of health, safety, education and economic stability.

One reviewer of the presentation and accompanying book, New Mexico State Senator Bill Soules commented, "For all of us who believe that we can make everyone's health, safety, resilience, and readiness for a crisis a priority, this book shows the way".

For more information, google National Rural Health Day or The Power of Rural.

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Montana Strip and Underground Mine Reclamation Act, notice is hereby given that Western Energy Company, a Montana corporation, with offices located in Colstrip, Montana, mailing address: P.O. Box 99, Colstrip, MT 59323. Western Energy Company has filed an application to renew coal surface mine permit C1984003B with the Coal and Opencut Mining Program of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

This permit renewal will authorize Western Energy Company to continue to affect an area of approximately 6,045.0 acres, known as Area B, located west of Colstrip in all or portions of the following areas:

T1N, R40E Sections 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17
T1N, R41E Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 17, and 18

US Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle maps, Rough Draw, Colstrip SW, and Colstrip SE contain the area affected by this renewal. Mining, reclamation operations (i.e., regrading, resoiling, and reseeding), haulage and maintenance of sediment control structures will continue to be conducted within 100 feet of the outside right-of-way of the East Fork Armells Creek county road.

Western Energy Company also holds surface mining permits C1986003A, C1985003C, C1986003D, and C2011003F.

The application is available for inspection at the Department of Environmental Quality office located at 1218 East 6th Ave., Helena, Montana. Electronic copies of the application may be requested by visiting the website <http://deq.mt.gov/Public/ea/coal> or by emailing DEQCoal@mt.gov.

Written comments, objections, or requests for informal conferences may be submitted by any person with an interest that is or may be adversely affected within 30 days of the last published announcement to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Coal and Opencut Mining Program, PO Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901 or by going to <http://svc.mt.gov/deq/publiccomment/>.

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MONTANA SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF ROSEBUD
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANCES REISDORPH, Deceased.
Probate No. DP 20-26

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed

Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be mailed to KIPPY WATSON, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, in c/o CARR LAW FIRM, P.C., 611 Pleasant, P.O. Box 1257, Miles City, MT 59301, and filed with the Clerk of the above-referenced Court at Rosebud County Court House, 1200 Main, P.O. Box 48, Forsyth, MT 59327. Dated this 29th day of October, 2020.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
KIPPY WATSON
CARR LAW FIRM, P.C.:
By: James T. CARR, Attorney for Personal Representative
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Low Income Assistance Available to Mid-Rivers Phone & Internet Customers

Mid-Rivers Communications offers Lifeline low-income assistance to qualifying subscribers with discounts of \$7.25 per month on phone, or \$9.25 per month on qualifying Internet or bundled services. Larger discounts are available to qualifying customers on Tribal Lands. These assistance services are non-transferable and allow for only one discount per qualifying household. Eligibility standards for these assistance programs are determined by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Lifeline discounts for stand-alone phone service are scheduled to be phased out by the FCC beginning December 1, 2019. Please contact your nearest Mid-Rivers office, call us at 1-800-452-2288, or visit www.midrivers.com/low-income-assistance.html for more information.
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MONTANA SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, ROSEBUD COUNTY

In re: the Marriage of KACEY MARQUIS AND BRANDON MARQUIS.
Case No: DR 19-46
SUMMONS OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE TO: Respondent Brandon Marquis.

You are named in a petition to dissolve your marriage and to get a final parenting plan for your children. Unless you respond in 21 days, the court may decide against you without you being heard and give Petitioner everything asked for in the petition. You must submit your written response within 21 calendar days. The 21 day period starts the

day after the last date of publication of this notice. If the final day falls on a weekend or court holiday, you may file your response on the next business day.

You must file your written response with the Clerk of District Court at: Rosebud County District Court and serve a copy of your answer on the Petitioner.

The following real property is part of this case:

Dated this 19th day of October, 2020.

Elizabeth T. Ball
Clerk of Court
By: _____ Deputy Clerk
(Published November 12, 19, and 26, 2020)
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1st HALF 2020 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Real Estate Tax bills have been mailed

1st Half 2020 Real Estate Taxes are due November 30, 2020

They must be postmarked by November 30, 2020 to be current.

If you did not receive a tax bill or have any questions please call

406-346-7661

**Rosebud County Treasurer
PO Box 167 - 1200 Main Street
Forsyth, MT 59327**

Penalty and interest will be charged as of December 1, 2020
Interest at the rate of 5/6 of 1% a month and penalty of 2% will be charged as of December 1, 2020

2020 Mobile Home Taxes

2nd half 2020 Mobile Home Taxes are due November 30, 2020

They must be postmarked by November 30, 2020 to be current.

If you have any questions please call

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Colstrip High School celebrates Native American Heritage Month

November is Native American Heritage Month. This year Colstrip High School planned a different way to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people, cultures, and traditions.

The event was organized by the Multicultural Club at CHS. This is the first of the celebrations planned for the upcoming months. All classes and clubs were encouraged to participate in the planning. Topics included: Native Chefs, Native restaurants, Native recipes-FCA classes; Native plants-science club; star quilts-industrial art classes; popular Native movies, Native celebrities, Native voting rights, using all parts of a buffalo-Multicultural Club, cuts of bison meat-animal science class; ledger art painted on the cafeteria windows-art classes; Tlingit totem poles-photoshop class; MMIW-murdered and missing indigenous women-history class; Jim Thorpe (Olympian Track Star), Tuff Harris, our very own CHS alumni, NFL football player, and inspirational speaker, and Montana tribal flags and reservations.

All the student's work is creating a colorful and educational atmosphere in the school cafeteria. To celebrate a kick off to



Submitted Photos
Cierra Blackbird Fuzesy with window painting of a woman.

Native American Heritage month, on November 4th, the Multicultural students helped prepare for an Indian Taco lunch. The National Honor Society sponsored door prizes (jerky) at lunch. Special thanks to Debbie Loyning and the CHS cafeteria

workers for helping with the lunch. Multicultural Club Members: Cierra Blackbird Fuzesy, Shakira Burns, Mia Burns, Aakylah Redfox, Jaylen Kinzel, Harlee Burns, sponsor-Wendy Dennehy.



Members of the shop class are shown with a star quilt.

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MCC President joins state Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

MILES CITY — The Montana Chamber of Commerce has announced its eleven new Directors, along with a new Board Chair, who will support the work of the Chamber, including their Envision 2026 strategic plan. Included in the list of new directors is Miles Community College President, Ron Slinger.

"I am honored to join this outstanding group of individuals on the Board of Directors," commented Slinger. "It will be exciting to represent Miles Community College and Eastern Montana. This appointment will open-up many statewide partnership opportunities for both the college and our community."

In addition to President Slinger, the list of new Board Directors include

Brad Anderson, President of Anderson Management Group, Tara Beam, Owner of the Roadhouse Diner, Shane Etwiler, President/CEO of the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce (1 year term), Christina Henderson, Executive Director of the Montana High Tech Business Alliance, Amy Kellogg, Owner of Simply406, Ross Lane, Vice President of Corporate Relations for Montana Rail Link (MRL), Liz Marchi, Chief Community Officer for Two Bear Capital, Ron O'Donnell, CIO of Stockman Bank of Montana, Nancy Schlepp, VP of Communications and Corporate Secretary, for Sandfire Resources America, Inc.(SFR), and Gary Wiens, CEO of Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association. The Board of Directors also elected

Paul Hopfauf, from MDU Resources, as its new Board Chair.

~ Rosebud Conservation District Tree Sales ~

Tree orders are now being taken and will continue through March 31, 2021.

For the best availability, please place orders before December 15th.

There is a large variety of trees, shrubs, grasses, and perennials offered.

Delivery will be in late April or early May, weather dependent.

Pricing and ordering information is available at www.rosebudcd.com or the Forsyth USDA Service Center, located at 270 Prospect Street.

Please contact Bobbi with questions or to place an order at (406) 351.8012 or bobbi.vannattan@mt.usda.gov

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ROSEBUD COUNTY **NOTICE**

The list of claims paid and the Commissioner's minutes for the month of **October 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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The Independent Press Weather Nov. 12, 2020

Seven Day Forecast

Thursday
Mostly Sunny
High: 40 Low: 17

Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 47 Low: 26

Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 51 Low: 29

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 47 Low: 26

Monday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 50 Low: 30

Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 51 Low: 29

Wednesday
Sunny
High: 50 Low: 30

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies, high of 40°, humidity of 41%. Southwest wind 6 to 9 mph. The record high for today is 81° set in 1999. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 17°. South wind 6 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 12°.

Last Week's Regional Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	75R	36	50/27	0.00"
Wednesday	74	36	50/26	0.00"
Thursday	72	40	49/26	0.00"
Friday	54	35	49/26	0.00"
Saturday	47	33	48/25	0.00"
Sunday	32	16	48/25	0.21"
Monday	26	16	47/24	0.00"

Rainfall.....0.21" Average temp.... 42.3°
Normal rainfall ... 0.12" Average normal . 37.1°
Departure..... +0.09" Departure..... +5.2°

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

Eta continues towards Florida's western coast. The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 70 in Washington, D.C. The Southeast will experience mostly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 85 in Marathon, Fla. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 54 in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 74 in Salton City, Calif.

Weather Trivia

What does NOAA stand for?

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Answer: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration