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Dawson Community College nixes Lewistown campus amid financial crisis

Board accepts president's resignation, layoffs approved to balance budget

By KATHERINE SEARS | Reporter

After starting the first summer of in-person classes in Lewistown the beginning of June, Dawson Community College has cut the Central Montana Campus, and the director of the program, as the DCC Board attempts to get a handle on the college's budget.

DCC began working to establish the satellite campus in Lewistown the end of 2019, and had hired Laurie Huber in December 2020 to serve as the director

Last week, the board approved moving forward with employee layoffs needed to help balance a deficit estimated to be between \$500,000 and \$1 million.

In the June 13 edition of the "Glendive Ranger Review," Jamie Ausk Crisafulli reported on the board's review of the budget issues, which dates back to fiscal year 2018.

In the article, it states the board accepted a deficit budget in 2018 and continued to use it as the baseline, without using new revenue to replenish the cash reserves borrowed against it. The college has been borrowing from auxiliary funds since 2016, dwindling \$3.8 million in cash reserves down to nearly nothing in the 2021 fiscal year.

The review concluded the situation was foreseeable, and that the culture at the college supports a blatant disregard for the budget.

This apparently became more evident in 2021, when the approved budget for the fiscal year was not followed and excessive spending occurred, including within the Central Montana program.

"The budget for Central Montana was substantially higher than proposed [and approved]," DCC Board Chairman Chad Knudson told the News-Argus last week. Knudson said eliminating the program was necessary in reaching financial stability.

"Given the overspending that occurred in 2021, though the Central Montana program is very valuable, it just could not be justified at this time," said Knudson. Layoffs accounted for in the DCC budget were also not made, and the college's former president, Dr. Scott Mickelson, granted spending requests from staff that had been previously denied by the business office.

While there is no evidence of fraud, the board maintains Mickelson failed to adhere to the budget and communicate the financial situation to the board. The board voted to accept Mickelson's resignation on June 21 after he ceased all communication with the board, removed personal effects from his office and left his keys behind. Mickelson never offered a formal resignation, but the board felt his actions signaled his resignation.

Future for Lewistown

DCC is the latest to attempt to establish a community college program in Lewistown. The Lewistown campus was located at the Central Montana Education Center, and was geared toward addressing and solving local workforce issues, while also preparing high school students for higher education. The college enlisted locals to teach five introductory courses at the center.

While the on-site program will cease to exist, Chairman Knudson said the organization is looking toward the future.

"Dawson will look forward to having a strong relationship with the school district," Knudson stated. "We do have online programming, although the vision for on-site staff has been eliminated."



Scott Mickelson

He's got the parade wave down!



Lochlan Bakkedahl, age 7, waves to the Fourth of July parade crowd from the back of the 1928 International truck owned by grandparents Dwayne and Robyn of Lewistown. Robyn said Dwayne spent all last winter restoring the truck. Lochlan and his siblings were visiting for the holiday.

Photo courtesy of Dave Rummans

First Presbyterian Church introduces new pastor

By MIRIAM CAMPAN | Reporter

Pastor Kimmy Briggs, and her husband Will, decided four months ago to make the First Presbyterian Church and Lewistown their home. Having met at New Jersey's Princeton University while both were pursuing degrees in divinity, the couple searched for a place between Washington and Texas to settle down and begin a family. When an opportunity was presented to lead the Lewistown congregation, Pastor Kimmy (as she likes to be known) knew it was her calling.

"This move was a chance to get closer to home (Washington state for Pastor Kimmy and Texas for her husband) and an opportunity to balance work and life. We wanted to be in a safe community to raise our children," Briggs said.

As a child, the opportunity to become a church leader was something Pastor Kimmy did not see in her future.

"I was raised in a denomination that did not promote women into leadership roles," Briggs said.

After high school, Briggs enrolled in Spokane, Washington's Whitworth University where she pursued a double major in education and theology. She explained she wanted a better understanding of women's roles in the church and felt that God had called her as a teacher. It was after coursework in Educational Psychology that Briggs dropped education and focused solely on theology.

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Pastor Kimmy stands at the First Presbyterian Church pulpit. The varnish on the corners is worn from the hands of past clergy who used it to steady themselves as they preached.

Photo by Miriam Campan

Researchers complete wilderness monitoring in Big Snowy Mountains

By KATHERINE SEARS | Reporter

Researchers and volunteers with the Wilderness Institute at the University of Montana recently spent several days documenting the landscape in the Bureau of Land Management Twin Coulee Wilderness Study Area.

Located off Red Hill Road on the southeast

flank of the Big Snowy Mountains in Golden Valley County, the area is very rugged, with bare limestone and sandstone outcrops within coniferous forest.

As part of the institute's monitoring program, field leaders visit designated wilderness and wilderness study areas on foot to evaluate character, creating an inventory of the land for federal agencies. The ultimate

goal is to inform managing agencies how the land is being used and the impacts of the use, documenting weeds, erosion and the quality of wilderness.

"It's wilderness character monitoring, so we cover everything from invasive weeds to changes within the area," said Lisa Gerloff, the director of the program.

This year, the Twin Coulee WSA was the

site of two of the seven trips for the institute this summer. Four volunteers joined Field Leaders Bethany Allen and Charlie Brown to survey the area over several days, most of which was spent documenting invasive weeds with GIS, or geographic information systems.

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Partly Cloudy	Few Showers	Chance T-storms	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Cloudy
92 / 57	88 / 55	80 / 52	87 / 57	93 / 58	84 / 51	82 / 48

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset		
New 7/9	Wed	5:31 a.m.	9:14 p.m.	3:24 a.m.	7:42 p.m.		Full 7/23
	Thu	5:31 a.m.	9:13 p.m.	4:03 a.m.	8:40 p.m.		
First 7/17	Fri	5:32 a.m.	9:13 p.m.	4:51 a.m.	9:30 p.m.		Last 7/31
	Sat	5:33 a.m.	9:12 p.m.	5:48 a.m.	10:13 p.m.		
	Sun	5:34 a.m.	9:11 p.m.	6:53 a.m.	10:48 p.m.		
	Mon	5:35 a.m.	9:11 p.m.	8:03 a.m.	11:16 p.m.		
	Tue	5:36 a.m.	9:10 p.m.	9:15 a.m.	11:40 p.m.		

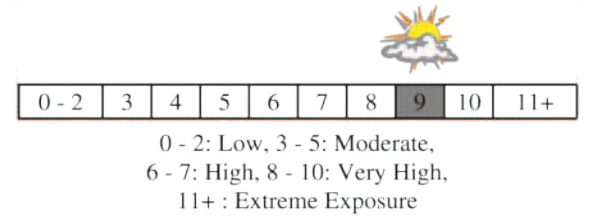
Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	AM	PM
Wed	10:29 - 12:29	10:54 - 12:54
Thu	--	11:20 - 1:20
Fri	11:46 - 1:46	12:12 - 2:12
Sat	12:38 - 2:38	1:04 - 3:04
Sun	1:30 - 3:30	1:56 - 3:56
Mon	2:21 - 4:21	2:46 - 4:46
Tue	3:11 - 5:11	3:35 - 5:35

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, near record high of 92°, humidity of 25%. Southeast wind 2 to 7 mph. The record high for today is 94° set in 1989. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a 35% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 57°. South wind 8 mph. The record low for tonight is 36° set in 1988. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a 35% chance of showers, high of 88°, humidity of 22%. West northwest wind 6 to 11 mph.

Local UV Index



Last Week's Almanac and Growing Degree Days

Last Week's Almanac					Farmer's Growing Degree Days	
Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Date	Degree Days
6/29	91	55	77/49	0.00"	6/29	39
6/30	91	55	78/49	0.00"	6/30	40
7/1	94	64	78/49	0.00"	7/1	42
7/2	94	60	78/49	0.00"	7/2	41
7/3	92	62	78/49	0.00"	7/3	38
7/4	91	63	78/49	0.00"	7/4	37
7/5	78	60	79/49	0.00"	7/5	23

Growing degree days are calculated by taking the average temperature for the day and subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the average to assess how many growing days are attained.

Weather Trivia

What location in the United States is the hottest, driest and lowest in elevation?



Answer: Death Valley, California.

Weather History

July 7, 1915

Severe winds and thunderstorms caused heavy damage and 38 deaths in and around Cincinnati, Ohio. Many old buildings were demolished. The steamship "Dick Fulton" was overturned.

Finding the right path

New Deputy joins Juvenile Probation Office

By MIRIAM CAMPAN | Reporter

A few short years ago, Matthew Howell was completing his degree in Criminal Justice and fulfilling one of the requirements with an internship at the Lewistown Juvenile Probation office. After receiving his Bachelors degree, he put his education and life experience to work at Child Protective Services for three and a half years. Then life came full circle when a position where he had worked as an intern became available three months ago.

As the deputy juvenile probation officer for Fergus County, Matthew Howell works with youth in an effort to "keep them on the right path."

"The best part of the job is working with family and youth to help guide youth onto the path and not into the adult corrections system," said Howell.

In doing so, Howell connects youth and their families to a myriad of providers, including physicians, mental health professionals and other resources, to assist in stabilization and a future out of the "system."

As a newcomer himself, Howell is learning to navigate the juvenile system, getting to know the regulations and how to cater a program specifically tailored for the child and their caretakers.

As a youth who faced his own challenges, Howell understands and implements the importance of setting healthy boundaries as part of the restoration process.

"You can't help them without establishing healthy bound-

aries. You need to be tough when you have to be, in order not to be manipulated. You need to earn their respect and stand firm. It is applied compassion," said Howell.

Most of his day-to-day is spent with weekly check-ins to ensure the youth are following the list of required conditions. These conditions may include community service, fines, writing essays about their behaviors and other means to take accountability for their actions.

Howell understands the difficulties many parents face today.

"Be understanding and set rules and boundaries. It's tough to be a parent and especially if involved with the JPO. Know it's not the end of the world to be referred to our office. It could be the start of something great to get someone on the right path," Howell said.

He added, "I'm happy and honored to be here and to serve the community."

Deputy Juvenile Probation Officer Matthew Howell brings life lessons, university learning and previous work experience to his new position.

Photo by Miriam Campan



A new beginning: Relay for Life is changing to Cancer Colors celebration and ice cream social

Changes, adjustments, and new beginnings have been a hallmark of the past 18 months. And so it has been with the Central Montana Relay for Life. As with many other things, the COVID pandemic has also

affected the rural Relay for Life programs, leaving the need for financial adjustments, budget changes, and the realignment of vision and goals.

Locally, this means that the Relay for Life committee

has also had to adjust. With the national Relay funding shortfalls came the loss of the local Relay Representative and the subsequent cut-back of support for this region.

With this in mind, the Central Montana Relay committee made the decision to reshape its goals and adopt a new vision. They will continue the fight against cancers of all kinds and along with that, the committee is pleased and excited to invite

locals to join the first annual Cancer Colors Celebration and Ice Cream Social.

Many of the traditions they know and love will still be included in the new event - the survivor celebration, the luminary ceremony, the luminary bag walk and most importantly, the gathering of friends and family to honor survivors and those lost to cancer. The exciting and fun new addition to the event will be the Ice Cream Social. Lots of treats and goodies are



planned, so be sure to stay in touch.

As with the Relay, the mission of joining the fight against cancer will continue. The fundraising done throughout the year will, as always, be used to support this fight, however they will now be able to offer support both locally and nationally. A portion of the Cancer Colors Celebration's fundraising proceeds will be used to support those fighting cancer in Central Montana. A portion will continue to go to the American Cancer Society, whose mission they strongly support. Without the ongoing

ing cancer research and advancements in treatments that the ACS provides, they would not be able to celebrate the hopes and dreams of survivorship that they have today.

The new 2021 Cancer Colors Celebration is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 5, 5:30-10:30 p.m. at Frank Day Park. More information, including luminary bag sales, raffles, silent auction items, and ice cream treats will be available soon. Stay in touch by visiting CancerColorsCelebration.com, visiting the Facebook page, or calling Lana Papp at (406) 366-2364.

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Baptist Church offers five-day club for kids

Children are invited to attend a fun club for girls and boys ages 5-12. Five-Day Club meets every day for five days. Clubs are sponsored by "Child Evangelism Fellowship", a Bible-centered ministry serving in every region of the world.

An end-of-club-rally will be held Friday evening, and will include a program highlighting the past week of club, a BBQ meal provided for families and club attendees, and a drawing for a water cannon and soaking of a club leader.

For more information, contact Faith at Central Baptist Church: 535-8765 or 697-6979, or email to cbs@midrivers.com.



Flags for the Fourth

The American Legion Color Guard members stride down Main Street at the start of the parade on Sunday. Shown are (from left) Sandy Youngbauer, Carl Charbonneau with the American flag, Steve Mattheis with the Montana flag and Bruce Lurhsen with the POW/MIA flag.

Photo by Matthew Strissel

Greening Lewistown one garden plot at a time

By DEB HILL
News-Argus Managing Editor

What if you loved to garden but lived somewhere with no yard?

From many apartment and condo dwellers, that's the problem, but luckily there is a solution - Lewistown's Com-

munity Garden. Next year marks the 10th anniversary of this neighborhood treasure, located off of First Avenue in the parking lot of Lewistown Online.

According to Andrea Payne, the original garden idea was the inspiration of Reverend John Daniels, pastor of the Methodist Church

in 2012. Payne, who works at the church, has been involved since the beginning.

"The pastor wanted the church involved in outreach projects, and this was one of them," she said.

The church paid for fencing, construction of a tool and storage shed, and building the raised beds. Andrea and

her husband, John, provided the location and had a water line installed.

"We got seed money from the Community Cupboard and a \$500 grant through the Montana Rural Health Initiative," Andrea recalled.

While the church was initially involved, the garden is now entirely run by the Paynes. Currently the 18 raised beds in the garden are rented by 10 individuals and the Lewistown Boys and Girls Club. Several of the beds are extra tall, to assist those who find leaning over to be difficult. The rules are few, but gardeners are asked to use primarily organic methods to protect both people and soil from toxicities. Compost bins are available, and gardeners are responsible for tending their own plots, including weed removal.

"Most of our gardeners are growing vegetables or berries," Andrea said. "A few have added flowers to their beds. We did have to install a lock on the gate to prevent produce from being stolen, but otherwise the garden is working well."

A gardener investigates a patch of "walking" onions in one of the Community Garden raised beds. The Garden currently has 18 beds, but has room to install four or five more if the interest is there.

Photo by Deb Hill

So well, in fact, that many of the gardeners return each year to do it again.

"Every year I give first dibs to those who had a plot the year before," Andrea said. "I send out the applications to them in March, to see if they want to sign up again. "We've got everything from a Master Gardener to people who are brand new to grow-

ing things."

Andrea encourages anyone who might like to get a plot in the 2022 community garden to contact her by April of next year.

"We have space to add four or five more raised beds to this garden, and we've talked about even adding another garden if there is the interest," Andrea said.



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Edited by
MIRIAM CAMPAN

The following report was taken from information provided by the Central Montana Dispatch and does not represent the total scope of police or sheriff activities. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

June 18
• Central Montana Medical Center Emergency Room reported a dog bite victim. The victim went to a window of a vehicle to look at puppies and dogs in the vehicle jumped forward and bit the victim on the mouth and nose.

June 19
• A caller reported some people were tearing down a house and throwing the remnants in a nearby coulee. The building inspector was advised and issued a cease and desist order at the location as the debris was pushed into a public right-of-way.

June 20
• An officer advised a vehicle backed into their patrol vehicle while on a traffic stop in a parking lot. Montana Highway Patrol responded.

June 21
• An officer made contact with an individual in the restrooms at the Creekside Pavilion at 3 a.m. The individual

had a local warrant and was arrested by the officer and transported to the Fergus County Sheriff Office Detention Center.

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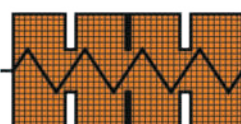
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YOUR VIEW

Let's recognize those who
keep the community going

Dear Editor,
We should create an award to those individual people in the community who provide services without which life would be nearly impossible.
Terry, Tim, Daryl, Peggy, Doug, James would be just a few of the names that come to mind. There are more.
Thank you for being there.

Bill Buck
Lewistown

Personal attacks
are unnecessary

Dear Editor,
I was very disappointed to read the recent column attacking former State Senator Bob Brown. I knew Bob slightly when I worked in Kalispell. Bob was always a very nice man. He was unfailingly cordial and a true gentleman. As evidenced by his occasional columns, he deals with issues, not personalities.
As former Supreme Court Justice Anton Scalia, a true conservative, once said "I attack ideas. I don't attack people. And some very good people have some very bad ideas. And if you can't separate the two, you gotta get another day job." (CBS News)
Just because one disagrees with political positions, it does not give others the right to try to tear down the person.
We can all learn a lot from people like Bob Brown and Anton Scalia.

Harvey Nyberg
Lewistown

Ongoing drought
will have lasting impacts

Dear Editor,
We are certainly hearing from our grain growers across the state. With drought and high temperatures, it really is a recipe for disaster. I hear more remarks that fields won't be seeing a combine this year than I hear positive reports.
I know we do have some farmers that seeded spring wheat because of the price who will be unable to complete the contracts and will pay the difference.
What we are seeing on the ground now will have lasting impacts to our growers.

Alison Vergeront
Executive Vice President
Montana Grain Growers

Climate change denial
is getting us nowhere

Dear Editor,
With temperatures soaring, and as we face another disastrous fire season, I keep asking myself the same question – "Why can't we do better?"
I think the answer is that we can do better but we choose, for whatever reason, to convince ourselves that the problem of climate change is either a "hoax" or is just part of Mother Nature's plan. That belief (denial) attempts to take us off the hook for having to take steps to deal with it. Sadly, that belief is probably false. It also doesn't take us off the hook. In fact, it pretty much guarantees that we will have to deal with the future effects of climate change on a scale and in ways that we just aren't prepared for.
Ralph Waldo Emerson is credited (actually misquoted) with the adage "Build a better mousetrap and the world will beat a path to your door." The point is the same. In a capitalist system (and I'm a firm believer in capitalism), if you build a better mousetrap you should be rewarded. Unfortunately capitalism, as it currently exists in our country, allows for the people who patented the old mousetrap to buy political influence and network airtime, thereby avoiding costly change and, at the same time, to stifle the progress of the new mousetrap people.
Alternatives to fossil fuels are not only a better mousetrap, they're stone moneymakers. In terms of jobs, efficiency, and stock market opportunities, green is the new gold. Why that's not a good thing escapes me. We need to stop decrying something because it's not perfect and start accepting reality. Progress rather than perfection.
If this were about mice, I guess I wouldn't care. But it's not about mice – it's about every living species, including humans, that inhabit this planet. I think we owe our children, grandchildren, and future generations a little less denial, a little more honesty, and a lot more action.

Doug Stephens
Lewistown

Looks like we
need more education

Dear Editor,
Recently Ted Murray and I wrote letters in which we asked rhetorical questions about racism and climate change. Kayla Murphy responded, offering to educate us in these areas but not setting out her qualifications or where or when we could be educated. She missed the point that asking questions is a good form of teaching, which was the point of our letters.
I am guessing she is a liberal Democrat, since asking questions that challenge liberal belief automatically labels you as uneducated. There is some room for doubt though, because she was polite and didn't label us racist. She did, however, have about 300 words left where she could have answered questions or promoted what she feels is right, and I'm sorry she didn't take that opportunity.
I did wonder why she questioned Ted's and my belief that before man evolved there was climate change which melted the glaciers.
I decided to research the issue referring to liberal sources of information such as CNN, NBC, Marvel comic books, Karl Marx communist manifesto, professors of Black Studies and sociology, Democrat talking points, bartender-turned-Congress person AOC, 95% of unnamed experts and scientist, movies and tv written and acted by liberals, "studies show," and, of course, internet blogs.
Ted, you're going to feel very foolish. It turns out climate change didn't exist before man and didn't melt the glaciers. Godzilla melted most of the glaciers, leaving only enough to keep the earth cool. Climate change didn't begin until 1619 when bad white men made their slaves turn the remaining glaciers into ice cubes for their mint juleps, causing the Earth to warm. Our confused beliefs come from relying on sources authored largely by bad white men.
I learned some other things as well. Guns are the root cause of violent crime; thus "studies show" Montana is about to become the murder capital of the world. Basing sex on biology is totally wrong and immoral. Referring to people with terms such as man or woman is wrong and demeans all the other sexes. Allowing Blacks to riot, loot and burn down businesses where they work and shop is the best way to convince white supremacists that they are wrong. Strangely, in a racist society like the U.S., the best way to get elected is to run as an anti-racist.
Seems Ted and I need more education.

Gary Fitzpatrick
Lewistown

GUEST OPINIONS

Stockgrowers concerned over BLM bison grazing finding

By KENI REESE

The Montana Stockgrowers Association is expressing disappointment in the recent release of the Bureau of Land Management's draft environmental assessment and Find-

ing of No Significant Impact.
"Our organization has consistently provided comments outlining concerns regarding the impacts a request like this can have on rangeland health, riparian areas and economic impacts to the livestock industry," said Jim Steinbeisser, MSGA President. "Today's release of the draft EA and Finding of No Significant Impact is very impactful to ranchers across the state. This assessment may have a much larger ripple effect moving forward on setting precedent for public land grazing permits."
In recent years, MSGA has raised a variety of concerns with the American Prairie Reserve's request to BLM to



Keni Reese

change the class of livestock from cattle to bison, change the authorized seasons-of-use, and the removal of interior fences.
MSGA has highlighted the potential for natural resource damage that can occur through conversion of the existing permits from season-long grazing to year-round grazing. In previous BLM documents, the agency also acknowledged that year-round grazing will lead to increased riparian trampling where bison tend to concentrate. Additionally, the removal of interior fences reflects a strategy of limited management of bison, therefore, raising the concern of the intent of the APR to adequately manage the popula-

tion of their bison herd in the future.
"The fences represent a significant monetary investment in improvements, and if this change in grazing management proceeds, BLM must analyze what steps will be taken to address any resource damage," said Steinbeisser. "We feel many of the request changes in the draft have significant resource impacts and have not been fully vetted or analyzed by the BLM."
MSGA will continue to advocate on behalf of the ranchers of Montana during the comment, protest and appeal periods. To find out more on the work MSGA is doing regarding this issue, visit www.mtbeef.org.
Keni Reese is director of marketing and communications for the Montana Stockgrowers Association.

Legislature backed the
commercialization of public wildlife

By TOM PUCHLERZ

I, like so many Montana hunters have been blessed to enjoy a lifetime of world-class hunting and fishing. It's why so many of us live here, and it speaks to the decades of work that Montanans have put into conserving and managing our public wildlife for the benefit of everyone.
But after this legislative session it is clear that Montana is on a different path, one that disregards science and places the ability for some to profit off of our wildlife as the highest priority. As we have seen in other states this will mean less opportunity for public hunters, and more exclusive access for those who can pay.
This last legislative session brought numerous wildlife bills that had little to do with fair chase hunting and everything to do with killing and commercialization of our public trust wildlife. Whether it was one of the many bills brought forward to reduce elk populations, declare war on predators or bills that allowed new means or seasons to kill wildlife, they were just wrong.
Already we have seen opinion pieces and statements erroneously linking hunting advocacy groups to the support of long held unacceptable practices approved this past session such as baiting, bounties, spotlighting, running bears with hounds and hunting elk in the dead of winter.
We hear often that deer, elk and predator numbers are too low or too high and that they need to be managed. I couldn't agree more. But when we conjure up a problem where science shows no problem exists, or when those commercializing the public's wildlife look primarily to their pocketbook, I have little patience. Long-term damage to the hunt and how hunters are viewed is at risk.
Lawmakers must consider the science when they propose and vote on such bills. Unfortunately, most are just responding to the finan-



Tom Puchlerz

cial aspects of the proposals and loud, partisan rhetoric that has become the norm in Montana's capitol. State administrators and appointed Fish and Wildlife commissioners entrusted with the responsibility to manage our public trust wildlife need to stand up for those resources and provide science-based information on bills that threaten public wildlife and the hunt.
The new laws are now on the books and we will not have a chance to change them until our legislature meets again. And clearly this is just the beginning of the drive to commercialize our wildlife through more bills.
We saw bills that died this session that will return, such as landowner elk licenses and getting rid of public access routes to public land. Already we're seeing proposals to extend elk seasons in areas where hunter access is limited to paying clients, and kicking the can yet again on the years-long effort to better manage the Madison River fishery.
There are however other ways to change what many consider bad policy for wildlife and hunting. The new laws in many instances give the Commission a significant amount of discretion regarding means of take, harvest quotas, and season dates.
Talk with your commissioner, elected officials, friends and neighbors and let them know you want our public trust wildlife resources managed for all of us. Tell them actions that lead to further commercialization and decreased public support for hunting are not acceptable.
Hunters, make sure you vote for those that represent your values in the next legislature. Our sporting legacy and memories depend on it.
Tom Puchlerz of Stevensville is a retired wildlife biologist with the U.S. Forest Service and president of the Montana Wildlife Federation.



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The Lewistown News-Argus is a twice-weekly community newspaper that has been serving Central Montana since 1883.
Based in Lewistown, the News-Argus serves the region from Winnett in the east to Stanford in the west and Winifred in the north all the way south to Judith Gap and everything in between. Our motto is "Covering Central Montana Like the Stars."
The newspaper is published every Wednesday and Saturday by Central Montana Publishing, 521 W. Main, Lewistown MT, 59457.
The News-Argus is open from 8 to 5 Monday through Friday. Our phone number is 535-3401 or 800-879-5627. The manager of the business office is Lynn Toller.

Have an idea for a news story?

If you have a news tip, a correction, or any question about the news, call 535-3401 and ask for Deb Hill, the managing editor. She can be contacted by email at editor@lewistownnews.com.
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Who is the Publisher?

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Wilderness

◀ From Front Page

“It was a beautiful place to be, but very different than other BLM areas I’ve studied,” said Allen. “There really isn’t a whole lot out there; we documented weeds and a couple of camps; some evidence of elk, deer and bears.”

Allen said the group observed oxide daisy, toadflax, hounds tongue and thistle, but in very small amounts. Since only a portion of the area is grazed, Allen suggested the weeds spread mostly through wind and wild game.

“The northeastern side is where we found the most weeds, along Red Hill Road,” said Allen.

The group noted the area sees very little human use, possibly due to the rough terrain.

“It’s not used a lot,” said Allen. “We didn’t really see much evidence of hunting, but did find one meat hang so I’m sure someone has hunted there.”

“There’s not a lot of water so maybe that’s why,” Allen added. “It’s also hard to navigate; there are rock walls that will prevent you from going up and down easily.”

1979 data

Thanks to technology and GPS, the area is much easier to navigate now than when the last inventory was done in the area in 1979. The group referenced the old inventory on a handwritten map during their most recent study.

“The handwritten map had limestone outcroppings marked and one was a cave,” said Allen. “We couldn’t find the cave this time; it’s [handwritten map] not the same accuracy as we have now.”

The old map also included scenic overlooks and old roads, which Allen was also unable to locate.

“There were some old roads that had been mapped that we couldn’t find,” said Allen. “It looked like there was a fire and new growth trees had taken over where the road may have been.”

Institute

Established in 1975, the Wilderness Institute provides wilderness information, research and interdisciplinary education in response to a variety of wildland issues and needs. Since 2005, the institute has been conducting wilderness monitoring with volunteers within U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands each summer.

Allen has been leading trips every other week for three summers, and spends winters writing GIS reports from the data.

“It’s very rewarding,” said Allen. “It’s very hard work, but my passion is getting into wild spaces.”



Wilderness Institute Field Leaders Charlie Brown, left, and Bethany Allen, second from left, pose for a photo with volunteers in the Twin Coulee Wilderness Study Area during a recent trip to document wilderness characteristics.

Photo courtesy of Charlie Brown, Wilderness Institute

A recent graduate with a science background, Allen enjoys looking at wild places from an analytical perspective.

“I hope to gain more experience to complete more GIS work and volunteer outreach,” said Allen.

What is a WSA?

Wilderness Study Areas are places that have wilderness characteristics; that is a minimum size, naturalness, and outstanding opportunities for recreation which make them eligible for designation as wilderness. In 1976, Congress directed the BLM to evaluate all of its land for the presence of wilderness characteristics, and identified areas became WSAs. The establishment of a WSA served to identify areas for Congress to consider for addition to

the National Wilderness Preservation System. Today, the BLM manages WSAs that contain about 12.6 million acres of public land. Until Congress makes a decision to add or end consideration of a WSA, the BLM manages the area to ensure its suitability for designation as wilderness is not impaired.

-U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management

The boys from Twin Hills Colony will be at the Yogo Inn Parking Lot Friday, July 9th



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Pastor

◀ From Front Page

Briggs said, “Although I saw no relevance for the course, at the time, I now see how important it is in faith development. It is in those early days of engagement with faith that the foundation is set. I need to be able to preach to the whole audience.”

It was in college that the decision to join the Presbyterian denomination was initiated through love of the congregations, family and faith.

“I really appreciate the shared leadership with the sessions,” she said. (Sessions, from the Latin word “sessio- nem” meaning to sit, is a body of elected elders governing within each local church.)

When seeking to further her theological education and embrace the Presbyterian perspective, Briggs enrolled in a three-year Masters of Divinity program at Princeton Theological Seminary. There she studied ancient Greek and Hebrew and discovered that Princeton was “the best and the hardest,” challenge she had yet to face.

Briggs said, “High academic standards and a sense of intensity offered at the seminary strengthened my faith in God and it called to me the significance of saying ‘Jesus is Lord,’ which is so central to the Christian faith.”

After working for 13 years as a Lutherhaven youth pastor in Oregon, Briggs continued her pastoral work around the country and served the Presbyterian Church in Atlanta Georgia for six and a half years. After the pandemic, financial cuts meant the Briggs family would have to pull up stakes and find a new Presbyterian home.

“I bring the joy for what I do. There is no doubt that God called me here to Lewistown,” she said.

In Lewistown, Pastor Kimmy and her husband (who is securing a PhD from Princeton) plan on taking advantage of all the outdoor activities Central Montana has to offer.

“I’m learning to fly-fish. I am a long-distance runner. I like hiking, kayaking and paddle boarding,” said Briggs.

Within the four months that the Briggs family has been in Lewistown, an appreciation for Lewistown and the local farmers and ranchers has taken root.

“I’ve learned to love the absolute richness of a small town that has so many generations. A community that is tied into farming and the weather and also the deep faith that ‘things’ will be

okay through daily faith.”

Briggs is already working on new ideas for the church.

“Plans are in the works to begin educational classes, and to remodel the kitchen and fellowship hall. We will transform it into a fellowship center to serve the community,” said Briggs.

In serving the community Briggs wants people to know, “The church is for everyone

and as the Gospel of John says, ‘Come and see,’ everyone is welcome to worship here.”

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OBITUARIES

John Patrick Howells

John Patrick Howells, 77, passed away Friday, July 2, 2021. At his request, cremation has taken place. A private family gathering will be held in Lewistown. Inurnment will be held at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell, Montana on Saturday, July 24, 3 p.m. An obituary will be shared when complete. Memorial donations can be made to CMMC Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements are under the care of Creel Funeral Home. John's family and friends can share memories and condolences at www.creelfuneralhome.com.

Russell S. Hodge

A graveside service for Russell S. Hodge, Nov. 18, 1921 - Dec. 4, 2020, will be held at Philbrook Cemetery on Saturday, July 10 at 11 a.m. A "Christmas Tree Hunt" lunch reception will follow at Tall Boys Tavern in Hobson.



Richard 'Dick' Jergesen

Richard "Dick" Jergesen, 78, passed away Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Praying the Rosary will be on Friday, July 9, 7 p.m. at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, July 10, 10 a.m. with Rite of Committal to follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery. An obituary will be shared when complete.

Arrangements are under the care of Creel Funeral Home. Dick's family and friends can share memories and condolences at www.creelfuneralhome.com.

Kelly James Danzer

Kelly James Danzer, 61, of Denton, Montana, passed away unexpectedly on June 27, 2021 in Denton. He was born in Lewistown, Montana on Aug. 5, 1960 to Ardis (Allen) Danzer and Wallace "Bud" Danzer.

He grew up in Denton, graduated from Denton High School in 1978 and on Nov. 1, 1980, married the love of his life, Candace "Kandi" (Davis) Danzer. Kelly eventually took over the family ranch in Denton where he raised his family and enjoyed life as a rancher and farmer. Kelly was a friend to many, always willing to help out others whenever needed or asked. He was a loving and doting father, always attending sports events and supporting his children in all their pursuits. His love and devotion for his children carried over to his grandchildren - Kelly loved spending time with his grandkids and showing them farm life.

Kelly is survived by his wife, his daughter Shannon and her husband Matt Prager, son Darren and his wife Kelsey, son Chad Hutton and his wife Genna, son Ryan Hutton and his wife Michelle, brother Dana and his wife Cathi, brother Rolf and his wife, Deb, and his 14 grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents Bud and Ardis Danzer Ridgeway and brother Michael Danzer.

A celebration of his life was held Friday, July 2, 2021 in Denton.

Give a heartfelt thank you to friends and family after the loss of a loved one.

Call the News-Argus at 535-3401 for details.



Beginnings and endings at the Library

By DANI BUEHLER, Library Director

We here at the Library are in the business of beginnings and endings. Books, collections, eras - we gather and categorize them all. To me, a beginning feels like a bundle of raw nerves and an ending indicates a finality that ushers in a solemn calm. Both are necessary in this journey we call life, but as anyone can attest, it is the juicy middle bits that create the story.

The story of Lewistown Public Library and me has been a decade long dance. Ironically, we have had more than one beginning and ending (true dance partners, aren't we?). Our story weaves together years of Summer Reading Programs, alphabetical shelving, coffee conversations, book recommendations, IT help, Author Dinners, boiler maintenance, City Commission meetings, budgets, Chili Bowls, gardening, Friends, shoveling, the Library Board, complete connection with my community, joy, sorrow, bright eyed new readers, and people who have read it all...again it's the juicy middle bits that make the story. And it looks like our big reveal is just around the corner.

My days as the Lewistown Public Library Director are nearing their end. I have dedicated time and energy to the growth of this community and this Library. And, I wouldn't change a thing. These years have taught me great lessons...less time to read, true, but more moments to grow. I am excited to see what my future holds. But know this Central Montana -- I will take the Library and its amazing community with me each and every day. My heart is dedicated to the LPL and to the many people I have become connected to within these walls. Thank you, Central Montana, for entrusting me with one of our greatest treasures.

Almost every single day that I worked at the LPL I was asked, "What's your favorite book?" I often answered coyly and redirected the patron to discuss what they loved to read. Bias is a big thing in the library and I didn't dare assert my own tastes ahead of a patron's. But as we are coming to an end, and I begin my slow walk out, I offer up a list very few librarians give freely. What follows is a list of my favorite books and authors...a little piece of my heart, given to you, for all that you have given me. Thank you (And yes, this is just the tip of the literary iceberg!).

Books:

"Blackbird House"
 "The New Plant Parent"
 "Childhood's End"
 "The Beast in the Nursery"
 "To Kill A Mockingbird"
 "The Divine Comedy"
 "The Great Gatsby"
 "Macbeth"
 "The Blank Sheet"
 "The Goblet of Fire"
 "The Handmaid's Tale"
 "Eros the Bittersweet"
 "Every Little Letter"
 "The Red Tent"
 "Empire of Gold"
 "Patron Saint of Liars"
 "Tale for the Time Being"
 "Tiger's Wife"
 "The Girl Who Drank the Moon"
 "The Professor and the Madman"
 "A Walk in the Woods"
 "My Name is Red"



Dani Buehler

Lewistown Public Library



Authors:

Mary Oliver
 Karen Armstrong
 Simon Winchester
 Bill Bryson
 J.K. Rowling
 Harper Lee
 Leigh Bardugo
 Margaret Atwood
 Marilyn Robinson

Final Week of Summer Reading Program 'Tails and Tales'

The Summer Reading Program's final week is upon us. Join Ms. Britney this week as the program wraps up on Saturday, July 10. Program details are below.

Teen Time

Thursday, July 8 at 4 p.m.
 Teens meet in the youth area.

Magical Middles Story Hour

Thursday, July 8 and Tuesday, July 13 at 1 p.m.
 Magical Middles Story Hour is the library's story hour on the airwaves. Tune in to 106.9 FM and enjoy a reading of "The Wild Robot" by Peter Brown. This radio story hour airs every Tuesday and Thursday at 1 p.m.

Books and Babies

Friday, July 9 at 10:30 a.m.
 Infant/Toddlers (0-2 years) Storytime

PreK/Kinder Storytime

Saturday, July 10 at 11 a.m.
 Preschool/Kindergarten kids (3-6 years) Storytime

New podcast episode - Campfire Tales

In this episode of In the Stacks, we finally dive into some spooky campfire stories of wilderness legends, a haunted hotel, a sinister cat, and more, just in time for camping season. The stories we share in this episode are scary, so if you are sensitive to that or have children listening, please take care of yourself accordingly. Stories shared in this episode can be found in:

"Montana Chillers: 13 True Tales of Ghosts and Hauntings" by Ellen Baumler; "Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark" by Alvin Schwartz; "Dark Blood Comes from the Feet" by Emma J. Gibbon; and "The Language of Thorns: Midnight Tales and Dangerous Magic" by Leigh Bardugo. Subscribe to In the Stacks on Spotify, Google, and all other major podcast platforms. You can email us at atlewispubliclibrary@gmail.com. Follow us at @lplgram on Instagram or Lewistown Public Library on Facebook.

The Book Station expanded hours

The Friends of the Library July book sales are Friday, July 9 from 12 - 5pm and Saturday, July 10 from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The Book Station is open to the public at 621 West Main Street - across from the library. Please note new hours and bring exact donation for purchase. Sale proceeds benefit the library.

Library hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday - Friday, and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday. Stay current on hours and programming at lewistownlibrary.org, the Library Facebook page @lewistownmontanapubliclibrary or Instagram at lplgram. The card catalog may be viewed at webpage, www.lewispubliclibrary.org, as well as the Montana Memory Project and Montana Library-2Go to access the downloadable audio books, magazines and eBooks. The Montana Shared Catalog app is available for mobile devices to renew or place holds on library materials - download on the App Store or Google Play.

Warm water and low flows prompt 'Hoot Owl' fishing restrictions

Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks is advising anglers that portions of the Smith and Sun rivers will close to all fishing daily from 2 p.m. to midnight, started Monday June 28. The restrictions will stay in effect until conditions improve.

The "hoot-owl" restrictions are issued for:
 • Smith River -- from the confluence of the North and

South forks to Eden Bridge south of Great Falls
 • Sun River -- from the mouth of Muddy Creek to the Highway 287 Bridge.

FWP's drought policy provides for angling restrictions when flows drop below critical levels for fish, when water quality is diminished or when maximum daily water temperatures reach at least 73 degrees for three consecutive days. The latest measurement of flows on the Smith recorded June 29 at the gauge station below Eagle Creek near Fort Logan indicate a flow of 69 cubic feet per second, which is the lowest flow ever recorded for this date, and meets established criteria to prompt the restriction. Long-term median flow for this date is 328 CFS.

Low flows and higher water temperatures have been driven primarily by very low snowpack, water supply and inflows to the river. In addition, much hotter air temperatures have spiked water temperatures in the Smith River above 77 degrees this week. Water temperatures of 77 degrees or more can be lethal to trout.

The Sun River has experienced similar declines in flow, in addition to higher water temperatures. The gauge station at Simms reported flows of 125 CFS on June 29, while the long-term median flow for this date is 361 CFS. Water temperatures were measured at nearly 79 degrees.

"Limiting fishing to only the cool morning hours can help," said Jason Mullen, FWP Region 4 fisheries biologist for the Smith River. "We're trying to minimize additional stress on wild trout during this summer of high-water temperatures and low flows. This is especially important among catch-and-release anglers who should reel in their catch and release it as quickly as possible. Reducing the time spent on the line and out of the water can really help the survival of trout this time of year."

If high temperatures and extremely low flows persist anglers may want to consider fishing areas with less stressful temperatures and conditions, such as larger lakes or reservoirs, or higher elevation water bodies.

Although angling restrictions are in effect in other areas of the state, these are the first restrictions imposed this year in FWP Region 4. But unless weather and river flow conditions improve, it is possible that anglers may see additional restrictions in other waters around the region and the rest of Montana.

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 John P. Howells, 77 passed away July 2, 2021
 GRAVESIDE SERVICE
 Conrad Memorial Cemetery
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 Sat., July 24th, 2021, 3 p.m.
 MEMORIALS
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 Alzheimer's Association

Lewis Griffith
 Lewis "Lewie" Griffith, 69 passed away Nov. 16, 2020
 GRAVESIDE SERVICE
 Grass Range Cemetery
 Sat., July 10th, 2021, 11 a.m.
 MEMORIALS
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Judy Ann Swift
 Judy Ann Swift, 75 passed away Nov. 28, 2020
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 Lewistown City Cemetery
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Mary Merten
 Mary Mosser Merten, 82 passed away Dec. 13, 2020
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Mark Fischer
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 CELEBRATION OF LIFE
 St. Paul Lutheran Church
 Sat., July 17th, 2021, 11 a.m.
 MEMORIAL
 St. Paul Lutheran Church

John Vlastelic
 John M. Vlastelic, 70 passed away April 9, 2021
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Russell Hodge family, spreading love beyond a lifetime

By **ABBY FRANKS** and **ELISABETH MARTELL**

There are those people you meet whom you instantly know are kind and good. Russell Hodge was that man to us at the Boys and Girls Club. He would come to the Club like clockwork at the end of each year to give an annual gift. He would walk in, looking for no fanfare, simply to support youth through the work of the Boys and Girls Club. He'd be rosy cheeked, smiling and conveying the message through his demeanor that he loved life. He would hand over a check, exchange pleasantries and (excuse the corny, but on point, phrase) be on his merry way. He was merry. Spreading cheer like Santa Claus with his smile and generosity was simply Russell's way. It brought great sadness to hear that Russell had passed; that he would enter our doors no more. Just like flowers growing from the toughest storms, with sadness sometimes hope and beauty rise. That is what Russell Hodge's family fixed upon with the passing of their dear family member, to set forth hope and beauty from their deep loss. Due to the family's generosity, Club kids will

be supported as his family chose to invest in the Club with a memorial gift given in Russell's name. Improvements and additions in most nooks and crannies of the outdoor space are the result. In the green space the Club has a new graveled landscape that was once a mud hole wreaking havoc on our kids' shoes and the Club's floors after every rain. There are two beautiful permanent picnic tables dedicated in his memory for all to sit and enjoy the sun. The completion of chain link fence brings added safety to the kids' play space. The addition of a permanent basketball hoop will keep the Club kids active and outdoors while a nice sign at the Club entrance will brighten the landscape and welcome visitors. Russell's generosity will live on with these improvements. He and his family are positively influencing our community through these kids and families at the Club. All of us love you, Russell, and will miss you terribly, but promise to do our very best to continue to spread the smile and cheer with all of the kids at the Club as you did. Thank you, Russell, for having and raising a selfless family who chose to plant flowers amongst their sadness in losing you.



Boys and Girls Club kids celebrate the new concrete picnic tables made possible by Russell Hodge and his family. Photo courtesy of Boys and Girls Club

Men Surviving Cancer group meets Thursday

Central Montana's men's cancer support group will meet this week with an update from CMMC and touching base with each other on the agenda. Men Surviving Cancer will meet Thursday, July 8 from noon to 1 p.m. at First Christian Church, 103 12th Avenue South. Any man at any step of his cancer journey is welcome to attend. Men Surviving Cancer meets the second Thursday of each month with timely and informative presentations and the opportunity to meet and share with men who are battling and surviving cancer. This is part of an effort by Central Montana Medical Center and others to help men, whatever cancer they have and wherever they are in their battle, to find additional tools and support. Since its organization, the group has enjoyed vibrant and candid conversations about cancer, its effects and treatments, as well as informative programs. "We invite any man who has been diagnosed with cancer to join us this week," said Dave Byerly, one of the groups' organizers. "Since we formed, we've been able to share experiences and important information with each other at our monthly meetings." For more information on Men Surviving Cancer or on area cancer support groups, contact CMMC's Amy d'Autremont, 535-1448; Dave Byerly, 366-0131; Ed Hanson, 366-9879; or Roy Jones, 350-2533.

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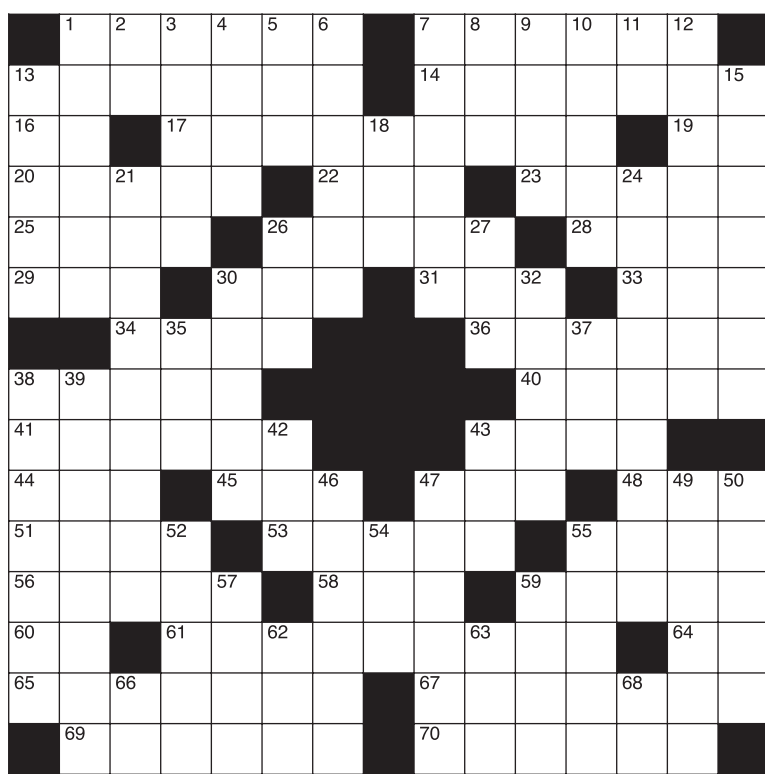
From left, Mylo Moring, Lisa Pierce and Morgan Pierce model cakes during the Chamber's cake auction July 4 at Symmes Park. Country artist Warren Taylor emceed the auction, which raised over \$1,500 for the 2021 Ag Tour.

Photo courtesy of Charlie Denison



CLUES ACROSS

1. Plant of the mint family
7. Hand tool
13. Made of the color of gold
14. A volume of several novels
16. Type of degree
17. Good job!
19. Seventh tone in major scale
20. Fevers
22. One's mother
23. Fertile desert spots
25. Large integers
26. Plate for Eucharist
28. Tennis matches have them
29. Peyton's little brother
30. Monetary unit of N. Korea
31. Head movement
33. Twelve
34. Renaissance musical instrument
36. Behavior showing high moral standards
38. Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
40. Notes to be sung
41. Women's garment
43. Coarsely ground corn
44. One point south of due east
45. A way to deplete
47. Rough, prickly covering of a seed
48. LA hoopster, but not a Laker
51. Hindquarters
53. Franz van ____, German diplomat
55. Liquid body substances
56. Rhythmic patterns
58. A beaver might build one
59. Police officer's tool
60. Indicates who you are
61. Pinwheel
64. Exist
65. Ornamental molding
67. Closes again
69. Verses
70. Come into view



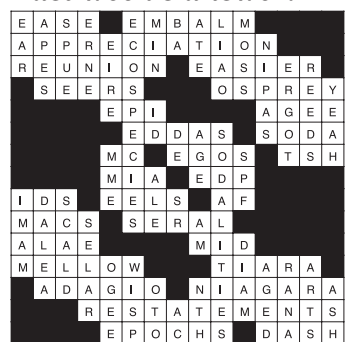
CLUES DOWN

- I. Short stick used as a weapon
2. An alternative
3. Laws
4. Sense organs
5. One from Utah
6. Mariner
7. People in charge of cattle
8. Health insurance organization
9. Ornamental box
10. Forest-dwelling deer
- II. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
12. Atomic #71
13. Become less intense
15. Cowards
18. Body ornament (slang)
21. Applicable to all cases
24. Multiplied by 6
26. Afghanistan monetary unit
27. Calendar month
30. Cena and Lennon are two
32. Monetary unit of Serbia
35. First time on the market
37. Georgia rockers
38. Free from

contamination

39. Coastal region of Canada
42. Clothing retailer
43. It rises and sets
46. Fathers
47. Stain with mud
49. Suitable for crops
50. Feels concern for
52. Orange-brown
54. Buddy
55. Late sportscaster Craig
57. Used to align parts
59. Wake up
62. Solid water
63. Semiprecious stone
66. Atomic #45
68. Top lawyer

Last week's answer:



Montana's unemployment rate falls to 3.6% in May

Montana's unemployment rate declined again, falling to 3.6% in May, down from 4.0% in January and down from 9.1% one year ago. The unemployment rate for the U.S. was 5.8% for the month of May.

"Montanans who were sidelined during the pandemic are returning to the workforce and getting back to work," Gov. Greg Gianforte said. "Our continued recovery depends on continuing these positive trends, so our businesses can meet their growing customer demand."

Montana's total employment, which includes payroll, agricultural, and self-employed workers, grew by 2,221 in May. The labor force also had strong growth over the month, adding 1,908 workers. Payroll jobs declined by 700 in May, with declines in Construction and Leisure and Hospitality accounting for most of the loss.

In early May, Gianforte announced the launch of a return-to-work bonus program, utilizing federal funds authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act. Return-to-work bonuses of \$1,200 will be paid to unemployed individuals who rejoin the labor force and

accept and maintain steady employment for at least one month. The governor also announced Montana will end its participation in federal pandemic-related unemployment benefit programs and transition to pre-pandemic unemployment insurance eligibility and benefits by the end of June.

"With the federal government continuing to consider trillions and trillions of dollars in more spending, inflation continues to be a cause for concern. Ultimately, inflation reduces the value of the paychecks hardworking Montanans earn, and I urge the federal government to turn off the spigot of out-of-control spending that's driving up inflation and our national debt," Gianforte said.

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers increased by 0.6% over the month in May. The 12-month increase from May 2020 was 5.0%, a continuation of the high price growth seen in April. Prices of used cars and trucks rose again in May, with a 7.3% increase. The food index rose 0.4% over the month, the same increase as seen in April. The index for all items less food and energy, referred to as core inflation, increased 0.7% in May.

Biathlon for Farm in the Dell to be held in August

Come join in the fun on Aug. 7 for the fourth annual Biathlon to support the Heart of Montana Farm in the Dell. The event starts at Frank Day Park. Registration forms can be printed off the Heart of Montana Farm in the Dell webpage at www.hom-farminthedell.com or their Facebook page. Participants can compete in the Biathlon as individuals or as a team. Register by July 19 to guarantee a t-shirt or hat. Volunteers are needed to help with the event; please call 366-0602 or email kpattenfarminthedell@gmail.com.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Teton County Road/Bridge Department is accepting applications for an additional full time Equipment Operator/Laborer. Jobs will require the employee to perform tasks in maintenance, construction, repair of road and bridge facilities, and operate medium and heavy duty trucks, equipment and some mechanical duties. Position requires substantial physical involvement including lifting up to 100 pounds. Applicant will be required to have a high school diploma or equivalency certificate. Applicants will acquire within (6) months of employment must a Montana Commercial Driver's license with required endorsements, and maintain said license during their employment. Preference will be given to applicants that have a current Commercial Driver's License Type A2. Successful applicant will be subject to random drug and alcohol testing. Rate of pay will be per "Collective Bargaining Agreement".

The Probationary Salary will start at \$15.46 per hour for first 90 days; \$17.39 for second 90 days and after 180 days will go to base wage of \$19.32 per hour. A job applications and full job description are available at the Teton County Road Department at 466-2671 or by email at trcd@tetoncountymt.gov.

Submit applications to the Teton County Road Department at 92 HWY 220, Choteau, MT 59422. The position will be open until filled. For any questions, please contact Alan Gagne Road Superintendent 788-9277. Teton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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FOURTH OF JULY, LEWISTOWN-STYLE

Hot weather did not deter either walkers or watchers at the annual Main Street parade, organized by the Chamber of Commerce. Streets were packed and only the earliest of early birds got a spot in the shade.

According to Chamber Director Jo McCauley, about 200 people enjoyed a pancake breakfast before the day got too hot. Following the parade, the Central Montana Museum "sold" out of ice cream at the social, with more than 500 ice creams handed out. Many enjoyed the classic car show, with about 24 cars on display, followed by musical entertainment at Symmes Park and fireworks after dark.

Sirsa Helvey (center) rides with the Salt Creek Gang in Sunday's parade. Photo courtesy of Dave Rummans



Baily Hagedorn and Kaitlyn Wolf showcase their patriotic side with matching bib overalls during Lewistown 4th of July festivities on Sunday at Symmes Park. Photo by Katherine Sears



Jim Goettemoeller and his granddaughter Sawyer are styling in their red '61 Corvette, part of the car show in Symmes Park. Photo by Miriam Campan



Earl Bricker of Moore drives one of the Shriners vehicles during the 4th of July parade. Photo courtesy of Dave Rummans



Parade goes line Main Street in Lewistown Saturday afternoon during the 4th of July parade, hosted by the Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce. Photo by Katherine Sears



Laurie Huber (left) and Abbey Wichman (right) hold a banner recognizing the 100th year of women being able to vote. The pair were part of the Daughters of the American Revolution parade entry. Photo courtesy of Dave Rummans



There's nothing that says Fourth of July like a shaggy dog dressed in red, white and blue. Photo by Jacques Rutten

Lewistown street and sidewalk update

The final phase of the Lewistown Street and Sidewalk Improvements Project is now expected to begin after the 4th of July. Width restrictions are active on U.S. Highway 87 with a maximum width of 12 feet. Finishing touches will occur along Main Street and the Truck Bypass. This includes chip sealing and lane markings. The entire process may take two weeks depending on weather and conditions.

What to expect

Temporary and partial traffic shifts along Main Street, East Main Street, First Avenue North, and the Truck Bypass. Intersections along these areas will also be temporarily closed, but only as work rolls through, and will open as soon as it is safe to do so. Flaggers may be present. There is no parking along Main Street and East Main Street when construction is active. Advance notice will be emailed and signs placed on the street. There is a construction hotline that will be able to answer frequently asked questions or take a message: 1-800-983-8408. You may also visit the project website at <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/lwtmain/>.

Montana Business Economic Report now available online

Montana Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen revealed the Montana Business Economic Report on Friday. For the first time, this modern, user-friendly reporting portal will provide valuable data about key indicators of economic health in Montana.

The Montana Business Economic Report offers an in-depth look at Montana's business landscape over the last decade. It provides detailed information such as the total number of active businesses each year, the number of new businesses registered each year, and a heat map highlighting where new businesses are being created in Montana. "I'm thrilled to unveil our Montana Business Economic Report," said Secretary Jacobsen. "It continues our trend of updating our platforms to provide meaningful information to Montanans. This new report will allow business owners to follow trends and make comparisons year over year."

"The report also highlights the first six months of 2021, which shows a significant increase in new businesses starting in Montana," Jacobsen added. "Montana is on the right track."

The new Montana Business Economic Report, which will be updated annually, can be found on the Secretary of State's website by clicking <https://sosmt.gov/economic-report/>.

The Business Services Division also launched a new shopping cart feature to the online filing system, which allows customers to file and pay for multiple documents in one transaction.

County commissioners review collective bargaining agreement for Sheriff's Office

The Fergus County Board of Commissioners will meet Friday, July 9 for a regular business meeting. The meeting starts at 2 p.m. in the commissioners office on the second floor of the courthouse. Items on the agenda include a collective bargaining agreement between the Fergus County Sheriff's Office and the Teamster's Union Local #2, a contract for Diane Cochran to serve as Petroleum County Attorney, and claims for July.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Spirit, spirit, hey let's hear it



Piper Stephens gets the crowds cheering for the 100th anniversary of Lewistown Junior High. Stephens was part of the junior high's parade entry Sunday. Photo courtesy of Dave Rummans

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Lewistown Art Center celebrates 50 years of history

In case you've missed it, our archival volunteer, LyndiaSue Smitman, has been co-authoring a series of articles on the history of the LAC in celebration of our 50th Anniversary. Here is the next installment.

Fulfilling our Mission

"The Mission of the LAC is to promote art, art education and art appreciation through exhibits, outreach and cultural events, for the enrichment and enjoyment of citizens in Central Montana"

- published in the early 2000s

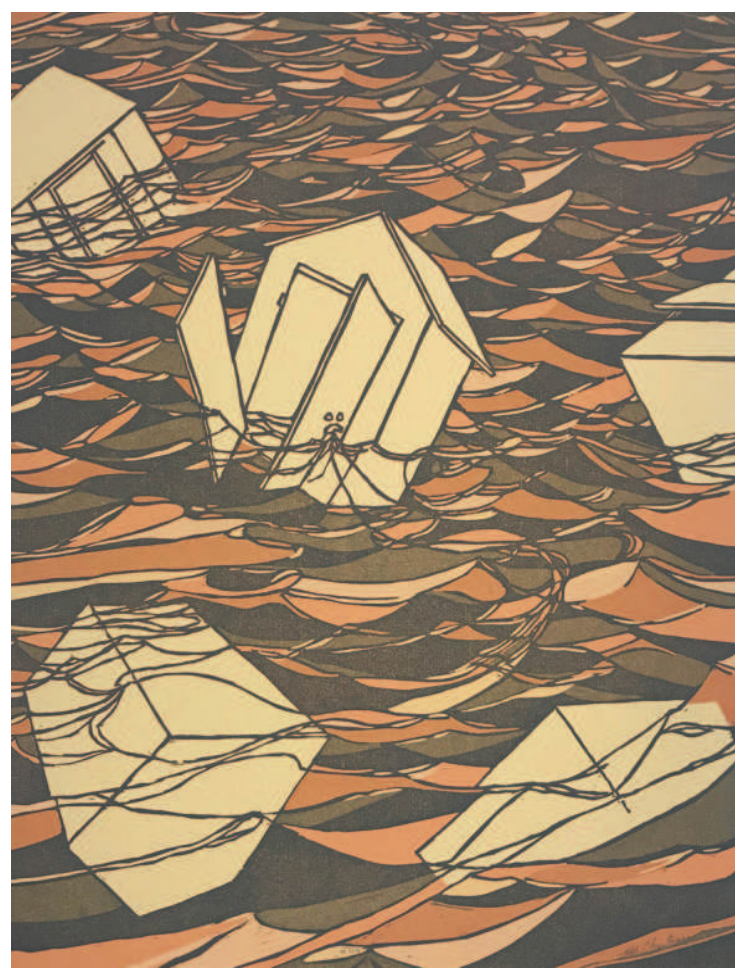
While the whole world was obsessing of what would happen post-Y2K, the Lewistown Art Center continued fulfilling their mission. Embodied by the phrase "Keep On Keeping On," the Central Montana World of Art continued to thrive and make its way. Between 2000 and 2010, the possibilities seemed endless in ways that "Art" could be displayed at the Lewistown Art Center. Here are just a few of the things that started in the 21st century.

LAC started a new program called "Artists in Schools and Communities," made possible by a grant from the Montana Arts Council. The program allowed Cheryl Bannes, the artist in residence, to travel to the rural schools to teach school-age students real art processes they would not otherwise be exposed to. In September of 2002, Mrs. Margie Wilkins donated \$8,000 toward the continuing renovation and upkeep of the Art Center's historic buildings. Another donation of \$10,000 was presented in November of 2003 as the building continued to age and the program participation continued to grow.



Updates From
Mary Baumstark
Director
Lewistown
Art Center

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"Flood" by artist Todd Christenson is part of the Cataclysm exhibit at the Art Center.



Although taken a couple of years apart, these two photos of Oktoberfest show the accordion bands that were obviously a highlight of the event.

Photos courtesy of Lewistown Art Center

The 19th Annual LAC Auction held in 2001 benefitted the Central Montana Medical Foundation in the hopes that some of the purchases from the auction were donated to CMMF for use in the remodeling of several hospital rooms. Mark Browning was the selection juror, and the auction was sponsored by First National Bank, here in Lewistown. There were six selections of wines available for tasting and 57 pieces of art included in the Silent Auction. It was a "new format" that had patrons visiting various rooms which contained working artists and their work. The entire event will never be the same again. The 2000 Featured Artists included folks who are still exhibiting with the Art Center today, such as Linda Tullis, Joseph Ziolkowski, Bob Phinney, and Harry Felton.

From 2004 to 2006, the annual Art Auction was promoted with Oktoberfest, an evening of homebrew tasting, German brats, and live harmonica and bass music. In 2007, the two events diverged and it became only "Oktoberfest." A newspaper article dated Sept. 12, 2009 reads, "Celebrate Oktoberfest at the new Art Center." The organization had moved to their new location, 323 W. Main Street, partially supported by the Alweis Family, who had built the building in the previous century. Note the similarities between two Oktoberfest photos published by the Argus, even though they were taken two years apart. The color photo is from 2006, and the other is from two years later in 2008.

The 22nd annual Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering and Western Music Rendezvous was held Aug. 17-18, 2007. It was a sold-out event for the final night - Baxter Black was the headline for the Saturday night performance at the Fergus Center of Performing Arts, along with popular Montana poet Wally McRae from Helena. Also performing at the event was Miriam Dreher, who had received 13 music awards within the previous two years, including two for International Yodeler and three for Canadian Yodeling. The LAC sponsored other performances



such as Montana Shakespeare in the Park and Vigilante Theatre throughout the early 2000s.

In a decade that contained exhibitions like: Wildlife as Art Taxidermy by Lewistown artists Patrick Rummans and Larry Jensen, Montana Impressions by Bill Stockton, Quilts for All Seasons, Best from Montana Magazine, Central Montana Fibre Arts Guild Show, and a Rural Schools exhibit, the Art Center continued to excel in monthly exhibits that demonstrated the diversity of the wide world of art.

Artful reminders

There's an opening reception for "Cataclysm" this Friday, July 9, from 5-7 p.m. in the Wilkins Gallery at the Lewistown Art Center. "Cataclysm" is on loan with help from the Montana Art Gallery Directors' Association, and is exhibited in partnership with "EXTRACTION," a constellation of art events supported by the CODEX Foundation. Stop in to see some incredible prints and take home your copy of the free accompanying catalogue.

Every Tuesday is Open Studio from 1-4 p.m. for kids aged 5-18. Participants have full use of the Ellen Moe Classroom and can drop in at any time. There is a fee, but scholarships are available.

Paint-Your-Own-Pottery is still going. Stop into the LAC between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Fridays to pick out your ceramic bisque piece - from sculptures to coffee cups - and glaze it. All of the instructions, supplies and kiln firings are included in the price of the piece.

Don't forget to visit www.LewistownArtCenter.net/Adults and www.LewistownArtCenter.net/kids to learn about upcoming youth and adult programs such as Creative Cooking Summer Camps and Ceramic and Painting Social Nights.

The Lewistown Art Center promotes art, art education and art appreciation in Central Montana. Regular hours are Tuesday - Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. ArtWorks Volunteers meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. at the Art Center. Admission is always free. New members and volunteers are always welcome; for information call 535-8278.

Fort Peck Theatre continues season with 'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown'

Perfect for the entire family, all the iconic Peanuts characters you adore, including Snoopy, Lucy and lovable Charlie Brown, come to life in this highly entertaining, Tony Award winning musical.

From June 25 - Aug. 15, Fort Peck Summer Theatre initiates a repertory schedule, meaning rotating shows

performing on a rotating schedule, kicking off with "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

There are also special added 2 p.m. Saturday matinees of "Charlie Brown" on July 3, July 10, July 24 and Aug. 7.

The cast features Mathias Oliver as Linus, who was last seen at FPST as Sebastian in Disney's "The Little Mermaid," as well as Sydney Hayward as Lucy, Andy Meyers as Charlie, Calvin Pierce as Snoopy, Jay Michael Roberts as Schroeder and Taylor Noll as Sally.

Rob Watson serves as director of the production, alongside Choreographer Megan Wiltshire and Musical Director Alicia Bullock-Muth.

Regular FPST performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 4:00pm, but You're a Good Man Charlie Brown also features special 2 p.m. Saturday matinees; please visit www.fortpecktheatre.org for rotating performance schedule.

The 2021 continues with:
• "The Spitfire Grill" (opening July 9)
• "Baskerville" (opening July 16)
• "Godspell" July 28 - 31
• "Terms of Endearment" Aug. 20 - Sept. 5

Monthly Friends of Library book sale is this weekend

The Friends of the Library will be holding their monthly book sale on Friday, July 9, from noon to 5 p.m., and Saturday, July 10, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. These are new times - a little longer on Friday and a little shorter on Saturday.

Just drop by at your convenience and browse the latest assortment of books, DVDs, CDs and audio books. Book sales are by donation, with all proceeds going to support the Lewistown Public Library.



Community Calendar

Wednesday, July 7

- **Bingo at the Yogo**, 6 p.m.
- **Yoga in the Loft**, Central Feed Grilling upstairs, 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday Street Jam** outside Brooks Market, 7 p.m.
- **Lewistown Airport Board meeting**, Terminal meeting room, 3 p.m.

Thursday, July 8

- **Open Sewing**, Lewistown's Sew Pieceful, 9-11:30 a.m.
- **Teen Time**, Lewistown Library, 4 p.m.

Friday, July 9

- **Books and Babies**, Lewistown Library, 10:30 a.m.
- **Not Friday Night Magic**, DBR Cards and Collectibles, 618 W. Main, 6:30 p.m.
- **Gallery Reception**, Cataclysm, Lewistown Art Center, 5 p.m.
- **Karaoke at the American Legion**, 8 p.m.
- **Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament**, Pine Meadows and Judith Shadows, 1 p.m.
- **Library Book Sale at the Book Station**, 7th Ave. and Main St., noon - 5 p.m.

Saturday, July 10

- **Story time**, Lewistown Library, 11 a.m.
- **Board Game Night**, DBR, 7 p.m.
- **Farmers Market**, Symmes Park, 8 a.m. - noon.
- **Liquor Down Band**, live music, Judith Mountain Lodge, 7-11 p.m.

Sunday, July 11

- **Original Music Showcase**, Judith Mountain Lodge, 5-9 p.m.

Monday, July 12

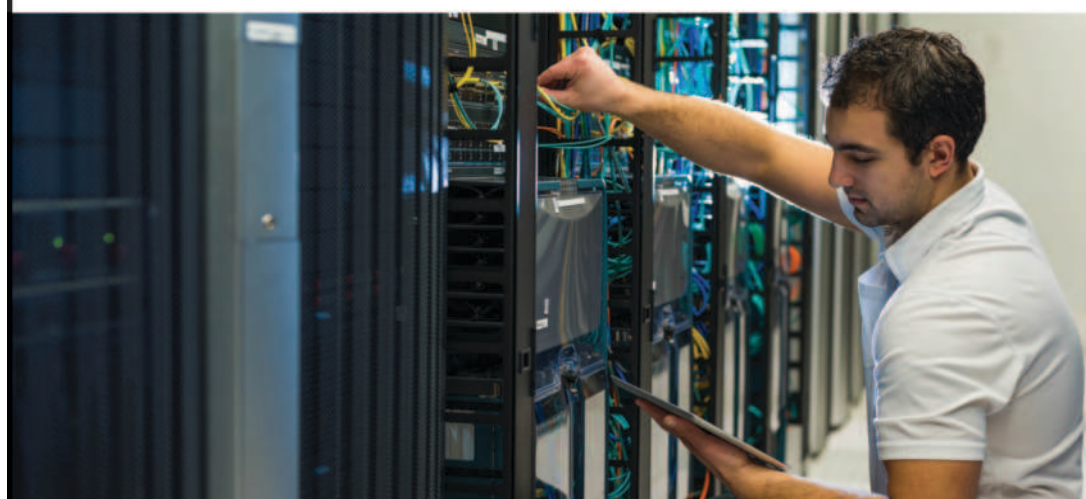
- **You Can Quilt**, Lewistown's Sew Pieceful, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 13

- **Cornhole Tournament**, The Stockyard, 6 p.m.

If there is an event you would like to have listed in the weekly calendar, email to: editor@lewistownnews.com.

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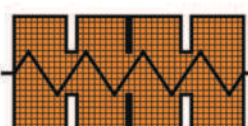
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Sea Lions win at Roundup swim meet

By MATTHEW STRISSEL
Sports Editor

Before the Independence Day weekend break, the Lewistown Sea Lions swim team journeyed to Roundup on June 26-27, taking 55 swimmers, about three-quarters of their 75-member team. For some, it was their very first swim meet.

With a large contingent of swimmers, the Sea Lions handily won first place at the swim meet against nine other teams. Lewistown gained a combined 1,239 points as a team, more than double the second-place finishers, the home team of Roundup, who had 567 points.

The following placed in the top 10 for their age group in high points for the swim meet.

In the girls 8 and under group, Lorealee Garoutte placed sixth with 27 points at 8 years old. Placing ninth with 16 points was 7-year-old Jayda Bartel. Seven-year-old Kenzington Moen placed 10th at 13 points.

Six-year-old Lewie Roche and 7-year-old Waylen Eames both tied for fourth place with 23 points each in the boys 8 and under.

For the girls 9-10 year olds, Olivia D'Autremont, at 10 years old, tied for sixth place with 28 points. Her best race was the 50-meter breaststroke, taking second place with a time of 56.88 seconds.

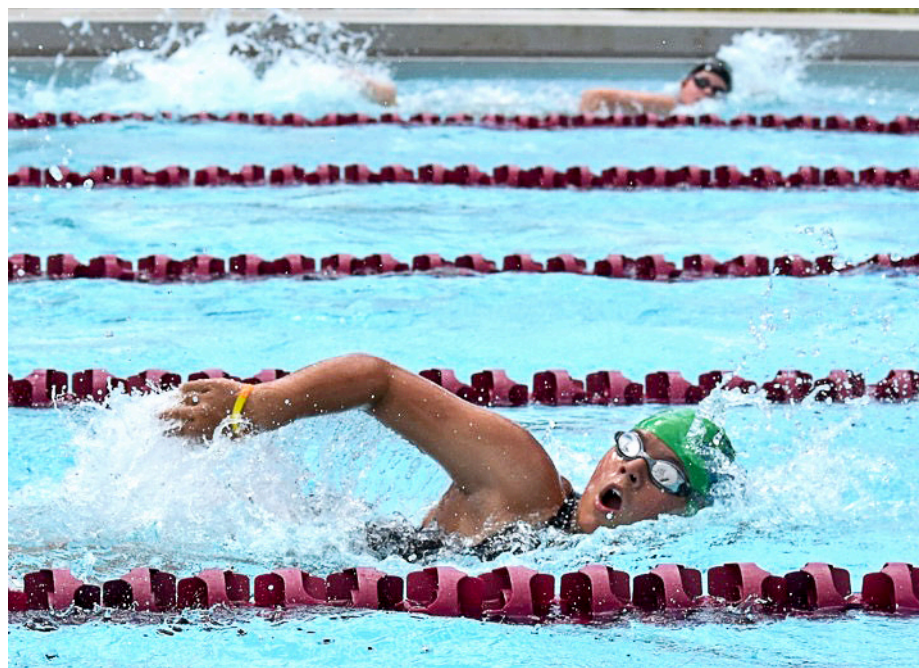
Ten-year-old Shayla Solberg placed eighth with 26 points. She placed first in the 50-meter backstroke at 48.37 seconds, second in the 100-meter freestyle at 1:24.37 and second in the 200-meter freestyle at 3:01.24.

Placing ninth was 9-year-old Malulani Pretty Weasel with 23 points. Her best race was the 50-meter backstroke at 56.52 seconds. Placing 10th was 9-year-old Emmerson Milroy with 22 points. Her best race was the 100-meter individual medley, placing fifth with a time of 2:13.76 seconds.

Three Lewistown swimmers placed first, second and third in the boys 9-10 age group.

Conway Milroy won first place at 10 years old with a total score of 38 points. He placed first in the 100-meter individual medley with a time of 1:47.84, first place in the 50-meter breaststroke at 50.05 seconds and third place in the 100-meter freestyle at 1:29.17.

Nine-year-old Treg Roche placed



Autumn Gooden swims in the girls 11-12-year-old 50-meter freestyle race at the Roundup swim meet.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Robinson

second in high points with 35. He placed first in the 50-meter freestyle at 38.28 seconds, second in the 50-meter breaststroke at 50.42 seconds and fourth in the 100-meter freestyle at 1:31.69.

Rafe Mihlfeld, at 9 years old, placed third with 31 points. He won the 100-meter freestyle at 1:26.80 and placed third in the 50-meter breaststroke at 53.91 seconds.

Sam Durbin, at 10 years old, placed seventh overall with 24 points. He placed second in the 50-meter freestyle at 38.57 seconds, and second in the 100-meter freestyle at 1:29.01.

In the girls 11-12 year olds, 12-year-old Riley Roche tied for first place with a perfect score of 42 points, winning first place in all of her events. Roche won the 200-meter individual medley with a time of 3:04.00, won the 100-meter freestyle in 1:14.29 and won the 200-meter freestyle at 2:43.13.

Placing 10th in the same category was 11-year-old Natalie Denton with 23 points. Her best race was the 50-meter butterfly with a second-place finish at 46.93 seconds.

Three 11 year olds placed sixth, seventh and eighth in the boys 11-12-year-old boys age group.

Japheth Beriault placed sixth with 29 points. His best race was a second-place finish in the 50-meter back-

stroke with a time of 45.42. Van Lutz placed seventh with 28 points. He placed second in the 200-meter freestyle at 2:54.86. Cormac Mihlfeld placed eighth with 23 points. He placed third in the 50-meter backstroke at 52.63 seconds.

Thirteen-year-old Ava Robinson achieved a perfect score of 42 points overall, winning first place in all of her races in the 13-14-year-old age group. Robinson won the 200-meter individual medley with a time of 2:58.41, won the 100-meter backstroke at 1:24.65 and won the 200-meter freestyle at 2:34.00.

In the same age group, 14-year-old Allison Elings placed fourth overall with 38 points. She won first place in the 100-meter freestyle at 1:12.70, took second place in the 200-meter freestyle at 2:40.36 and placed second in the 100-meter butterfly at 1:31.13.

Fourteen-year-old Megan Vaughn placed sixth with 32 points. She placed second in the 100-meter freestyle at 1:15.59, third in the 50-meter freestyle at 34.05 seconds and third in the 200-meter freestyle at 2:51.65.

Jack Pallett tied for ninth place in the boys 13-14 year olds with 27 points. His best race was placing second in the 200-meter freestyle with a time of 3:06.67.

Three Lewistown swimmers placed

third, fourth and fifth place in the 15-19-year-old girls age group.

Megan Maxwell gained 38 points, winning third place in high points at the swim meet. At 16 years old, Maxwell placed first in the 400-meter freestyle at 5:48.14, second in the 100-meter freestyle at 1:13.20 and second in the 200-meter individual medley at 3:05.55.

Fifteen-year-old Catherine de Guzman placed fourth overall with 35 points. She won first place in the 100-meter butterfly with a time of 1:30.13, second in the 400-meter freestyle at 5:54.39 and fourth in the 200-meter individual medley at 3:13.56.

Madeline Denton placed fifth overall at 15 years old with 34 points. She placed second in the 100-meter breaststroke at 1:31.35, second in the 100-meter backstroke at 1:26.65 and third in the 200-meter individual medley at 3:06.16.

In the 15-19-year-old boys age group, 15-year-old Royce Robinson tied for second place with an almost perfect 40 points. Robinson placed first in the 100-meter breaststroke with a time of 1:22.57, won first place in the 100-meter backstroke at 1:19.48 and placed second in the 400-meter freestyle at 5:20.87.

Kieran Netburn, at 15 years old, placed fourth with 38 points. Netburn won the 100-meter butterfly at 1:10.57, placed second in the 50-meter fly at 29.62 seconds and placed second in the 200-meter individual medley at 2:42.62.

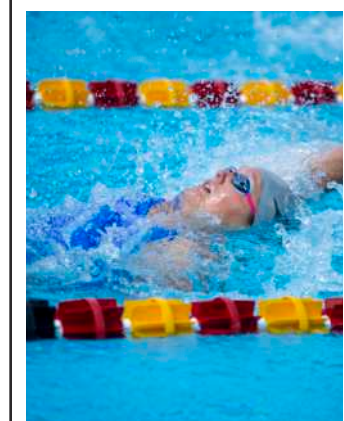
Eighteen-year-old Michael de Guzman placed fifth overall with 32 points. He placed second in the 50-meter freestyle at 28.16 seconds, third in the 100-meter breaststroke at 1:27.49 and third in the 400-meter freestyle at 5:25.38.

Placing seventh was 15-year-old Aidan Manning with 26 points. He placed fourth in the 40-meter freestyle with a time of 29.60 seconds, and fourth in the 100-meter breaststroke at 1:30.81.

Placing eighth was 17-year-old Sean Kunau with 24 points. His best race was a second-place finish in the 100-meter breaststroke at 1:24.58.

The Sea Lions will travel to either Plentywood or Fort Benton on July 10-11, depending on the number of meets they have participated in on the Eastern Division. This year the Eastern Division meet will be held on July 24-25 in Lewistown.

LEWISTOWN NEWS-ARGUS Athlete of the Week



Ava Robinson

Your CMMC Athlete of the Week is Lewistown Sea Lions swimmer Ava Robinson.

Robinson, at 12 years old, won all three of her races in the girls 13-14-year-old age group at the Roundup Invitational swim meet, helping the Sea Lions take first place with an impressive team score of 1,239 points. The nearest team to the Sea Lions had about half as many points.

Robinson won first place 200-meter individual medley, the 100-meter backstroke and the 200-meter freestyle races in Roundup.

The Roundup swim meet was Robinson's first of the season. She is competing in a new age group this year, competing against swimmers her age and one year older. Her three first-place finishes make her undefeated against the competition.

Look for Robinson to continue to succeed at the swimming pool this year.

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Thursday, July 8

- Lewistown Redbirds A vs. the Libby Loggers at Florence tournament 1:30 p.m.

Friday, July 9

- Lewistown Redbirds A at the Billings Halos, 8:30 a.m.
- Lewistown Redbirds B at tournament in Gillette vs. the Rapid City Thunder, 3 p.m. and vs. the Gillette Jr. Riders, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 10

- Lewistown Redbirds A vs. the Moscow Blue Devils, 11:30 a.m. and vs. the Bitterroot Bucs, 5 p.m.
- Lewistown Redbirds B vs. the Bozeman Bucks, 12:30 p.m. and Colorado Ducks, 3 p.m.
- Lewistown Sea Lions swim team at Plentywood Invitational, all weekend.

Sunday, July 11

- Lewistown Redbirds A tournament position and time TBD.
- Lewistown Redbirds B tournament position and time TBD.

Tuesday, July 13

- Lewistown Redbirds B vs. Billings Post 4 B at Ryan Sparks Field, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 14

- Lewistown Redbirds A at Glendive Blue Devils at Glendive Legion Field, 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.



A Fergus High School competitor clears the hurdle during a previous track and field meet.

Photo courtesy Gary Ceclre

Fergus High School track hosts Central Montana Hurdle Clinic

By MATTHEW STRISSEL
Sports Editor

On July 13-15 Fergus High School hurdle coach Gary Ceclre will host this year's Central Montana Hurdle Clinic from 5-5:30 p.m.

The event on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be held at the Fergus High School track from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and is open to anyone entering sixth grade through

high school seniors.

Previous hurdle standouts with many accomplishments will assist with the clinic.

Ceclre said the clinic will be free, fun and exciting.

Those who wish to participate can contact Gary Ceclre at (406) 366-3278 after 5 p.m.

Ceclre said to please contact his so he has an estimated number of attendees. Parents will also need to sign a waiver for their athlete.

GUN-A-MONTH

The June 2021 Gun-A-Month raffle was held June 29 at the Sport Center. Ethan Cox did the honors of drawing the winning ticket.

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Birtukan Econom - no time to waste

By ALICE NEAL | News-Argus Staff

Birtukan Econom - Birtu - is the daughter of Diane and Greg Econom. The 17-year-old is very busy this summer. That's not unusual for her.

Besides working at The Shade Tree Café, Birtu will also attend volleyball and basketball camps, play softball and serve as a lifeguard at the Denton pool. When she has "free" time after all of that, she will spend some time looking at colleges, specifically Trinity University in Washington, D.C. and Carroll College in Helena.

During the school year, Birtu plays on the DGS basketball and volleyball teams and participates in track and field. She was a teaching assistant this past year, and was involved in the work study program, FFA and BPA.

"I have learned to take each day with an open heart and positivity, for anything is attainable if you believe in your worth and capability," Birtu said. "College is a struggle for everyone, especially when it comes to getting work done. I have to apply myself and try hard in everything."

Concerning last year and dealing with the difficulties of distance learning, Birtu said, "Procrastinating was something that was so difficult to overcome. I have learned to analyze what I'm doing in the moment and what I should do to help prepare for my future."

When asked if she had a day to spend with anyone, anywhere in the world, who and where it would be, Birtu replied, "As of this moment I have decided to not look back on the past, but instead focus my thoughts on the future. There are definitely many people in my life that I would have loved to spend more time with, but I know inside that I need to keep my eyes focused ahead. If I spend time looking back, I will waste precious time that I could be using to better myself and help others."

Birtu says she is inspired by Denton resident Brandy Barber.

"There are multiple reasons. She is by far the strongest and most will-powered person I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Brandy is always looking for new ways to help people and to grow. She is a funny, beautiful, smart and loving independent woman that I strive to be like every day."



Denton's Birtu Econom has a busy summer planned with working, lifeguarding and sports camps.

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★ Announcements

KUNAU FAMILY BENEFIT WHEN: July 8, 2021 5pm to 830pm WHERE: Frank Day Pool Park WHAT: Silent Auction, Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Salads and more, Private Pool Party The Kunau Family has recent suffered a severe medical emergency. Lee and Svetlana Kunau own the Cartridge Depot here in town. We are trying to raise money for Svetlana and the kids to help with the future financial difficulties that they will have to face from this. This money will NOT be going towards medical bills, but to help the family in their time of need.

We will be holding a Silent Auction with the help of several local business owners and wonderful friends that have donated so much for this event. Hamburgers and Hot dogs with various salads and treats provided by local business owners and friend will be available for a \$5 donation. The silent auction will be held at 8 pm. We also have reserved the pool and invite everyone to join. Kids under 5 are free and \$3 per person for everyone else. Part of the pool will be available at 6 and then full use after 7 until 8. Please contact Shannon DeLeo @406-350-0969 or Lisa French @ 406-380-2791 if you would like to help or have questions!

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- **1950s graduates of any high school,** No-host luncheon, Yogo Inn, first Wednesday, noon
- **Airport Board,** 3 p.m., 1st Wednesday, Lewistown Airport terminal
- **Al-Anon meeting,** Wednesday, noon; First Presbyterian Church educational building, Lewistown
- **Alcoholics Anonymous,** Monday-Friday at noon; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 7 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 8 p.m. 201 Fourth Ave. N.
- **American Legion** - meetings: Post 16 - second Thursday, 7 p.m.; Sons - second Thursday, 6 p.m.; Auxiliary - fourth Thursday, 6 p.m.; Free hors d'oeuvres, 4th Friday
- **American Legion Riders,** 2nd Monday at American Legion, 7 p.m.
- **Art Center Board of Directors,** 4th Thursday, Art Center, 5:15 p.m.
- **Big Sky Tourmasters,** 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Eagles Hall
- **Board Game Night,** second and fourth Saturdays, 7 p.m., DBR Cards & Collectibles, 618 West Main, Suite 103. For more information, call 406-535-7268.
- **Caregivers of Dementia Support Group,** 3rd Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. at Hospice House behind CMMC. 535-1420 or www.cmmc.health for more information
- **Central Montana Community Cupboard Board Meeting,** 2nd Tuesday, noon, 322 West Broadway.
- **Central Montana Chapter of Compassionate Friends,** 3rd Monday, 7 p.m., St. Leo's Parish Center
- **Central Montana Derby Club,** first Thursday, Civic Center at 7 p.m.
- **Central Montana Family Planning Board and Montana Cancer Screening Program,** 1st Monday, 12:30 p.m. at 300 1st Ave North, Suite 202
- **Central Montana Fibre Arts Guild,** 2nd Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at Celebration Community Church.
- **Central Montana Foundation Board of Directors,** 4th Tuesday, 2 p.m., First Bank of Montana Conference Room. Call 538-6130 for more information.
- **Central Montana Historical Association board meeting,** second Thursday, 7 p.m. at the museum.
- **Central Montana Jaycees,** 6:30 p.m., first Monday, Boys and Girls Club; everyone welcome.

- **Central Montana Prospectors Local Chapter of the GPA,** Upstairs at the Moose Club, Second Wednesday, 7 p.m.
- **Central Montana Republican Central Committee,** 2nd Tuesday, 4th Floor, Bank Electric Building meeting room, 5:30 p.m., Bruce Williams 406-366-5821
- **Central Montana Resource Council,** 3rd Wednesday, Lewistown Library, upstairs meeting room, 6 p.m.
- **Central Montana Senior Citizens' Club,** card games 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays & Fridays.
- **Christian Roots,** 2nd & 4th Saturday starting April 2020, 2 p.m., Lewistown Flea Market, 538 Seraday St. behind Town Pump
- **City Commission board,** Committee of the Whole, 6 p.m.; regular meeting, 7 p.m., 1st and 3rd Mondays, Lewistown Community Center
- **Class of 1956 monthly meeting** (no host) third Monday, Little Big Men, 1 p.m.
- **Class of 1961** second Tuesday, 12:30 p.m., LBM Pizza, no host lunch and visit.
- **Class of 1962** second Thursday, 11:30 a.m., Elks Club, no host lunch and visit.
- **Closing Candlelight Group of AA meeting,** 109 E. Montana #109 Lewistown, Sun. - Sat., 7:30 p.m.
- **Council on Aging Foot Clinic,** first two Thursdays, by appt., 535-7486, 307 W. Watson
- **Danvers-Ware Community (and surrounding areas),** second Thursday, 1:30p.m., Coffee Cup. For more information, call Ann, 406-350-2616.
- **Dementia Caregiver Support Group-** 3rd Wednesday month, 10:30 a.m. at Hospice House
- **Diabetes Support Group,** 11 a.m., 2nd Thursday, Hospice House, 535-2078
- **Duplicate Bridge,** Wednesdays, Mountain Acres Park Community Center, 1 p.m., 464-2156
- **Eagles Lodge,** 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m., 124 W Main from September through May and 1st Wednesdays, 7p.m., June through August.
- **Fergus Conservation District meeting,** 7 p.m., 2nd Wednesday, USDA Service Center Office, 211 McKinley St.
- **Fergus County Commission board meeting,** 5:15 p.m., third Wednesday, Sheriff's Complex

- **Fergus County Community Council,** 2 p.m., third Monday, Community Center
- **Fergus County Council on Aging,** Grubstake meal, M-F, noon; foot clinic 1st & 2nd Thursday by appointment, 535-7486; Strong Bone exercise group, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m.; monthly birthday celebration, 3rd Wednesday; Bingo, Wednesdays, 11 a.m.
- **Fergus County Council on Aging Board of Directors meeting,** noon, last Wednesday, Council on Aging offices
- **Fergus Co. Democrats meeting,** 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m. Upstairs at Lewistown Library
- **Fergus County Fair board,** 5:30 p.m., 3rd Tuesday, Trade Center at Fairgrounds
- **Friends of the Library,** last Wednesday, 12 p.m., Lewistown Library
- **Friendship (Masonic) Lodge #37,** 7:30 p.m., 1st & 3rd Mondays, Masonic Temple, Lewistown
- **Gamblers Anonymous,** for information call 535-6493
- **Genealogy Society,** 1:30 p.m., third Tuesday, Lewistown Public Library upstairs meeting room
- **Happy Hooves Model Horse Society,** last Saturday, call Nancy at 366-5039 for meeting site and info
- **Heart of Montana - Farm in the Dell,** 2nd Monday, 6 p.m., St. James' Episcopal Church. Call Kaylene Pat-ten
- **John Birch Society,** 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., The Boardroom, Suite 2, 510 W. Janeaux St., Lewistown
- **Judith Basin Back Country Horsemen,** 6:30 p.m., 1st Monday, basement of Fergus County Sheriff's Complex
- **Judith Mountain Players Board Meeting,** 2nd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Barnes Street Theatre, 307 W Barnes
- **Kiwanis meeting,** noon, Tuesdays, Elk's
- **KJV Bible Fellowship Tuesdays,** 6 - 8:30p.m. at 538 Seraday St. behind Town Pump at Lewistown Flea Market. Scripture Reading & Discussion; Bible Prophecy and Current Events; And Prayer. Call 406-538-3303.
- **Knights of Columbus Council 1508** 2nd Tuesday, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting, St. Leo's Mandatum Commons
- **Koinonia Ultreya,** 3rd Thursday, Board meeting, 6 p.m.; Ultreya at 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church.

- **Ladies' Night Out,** 2nd Monday, downtown Lewistown, 5:30 p.m. Call Chamber of Commerce for location, 535-5436.
- **Lewistown Downtown Assoc.,** 2nd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Brooks Conference Room. Call Chris- 406-538-2200.
- **Lewistown Drag Racers Assoc.,** 1st Monday, 7 p.m., American Legion Club downstairs, 350-0733.
- **Lewistown Family History Library,** Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Thursdays, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. Public is welcome to search their family history/genealogy. For info, contact Ed Hanson, 366-9879.
- **Lewistown Historic Resources Commission,** 1st Thursday, 8a.m., Central Montana Museum
- **Lewistown Library Board of Trustees,** 3rd Thursday, 1:30 p.m., upstairs meeting room of library
- **Lewistown Lion's Club-** 6 p.m., 4th Monday, Mountain Acres Community Room
- **Lewistown School District 1** board meeting, 6 p.m., 2nd Monday, Lincoln Boardroom
- **Lewistown Trap and Skeet Club,** Open shoots Sundays at 1 p.m. - weather permitting. Chairman, Bill Kuhlmann, 538-4575, Sec'y/Treas. Candy Bowman, 406-538-7570. Trap & Skeet Range located on Airport Road. NEW members are always welcome!
- **Lewistown Writers' Group,** 2nd Saturday 1:30 p.m., Lewistown Library upstairs meeting room, and 4th Thursday, meeting rotates. Call Kathy Zimmerman, 406-350-1495
- **Little Belt Snowmobile Club,** meets October through April, 2nd Monday. Alternates between Hobson's Fire Hall and Lewistown's American Legion. Call Karl Thomas, 406-535-8126.
- **Men Surviving Cancer,** noon, 2nd Thursday, First Christian Church, call 406-366-0131 or 406-538-7055 for more info.
- **Merry Men of Lewistown Historical European Martial Arts,** every Wednesday, 6 p.m., Civic Center.
- **Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering & Western Music Rendezvous,** 4th Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Elks Lodge over lunch, unless rescheduled to the 3rd Wednesday to avoid holidays & key scheduling conflicts. Call Karen Kuhlmann, 406-538-4575.

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI),** 2 p.m., second Sunday, Doc's
- **Narcotics Anonymous,** Fridays, 6-7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Lewistown, 366-6428
- **Not-Friday Night Magic,** every Friday, 6:30 p.m., DBR Cards & Collectibles, 618 West Main, Suite 103. For more information, call 406-535-7268.
- **Open Mic Night,** 1st Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Eagles Club banquet room
- **Prairie Piecemakers,** 3rd Monday, 9:30 a.m., Roy Fire & Ambulance
- **Rotary Club,** Mondays, noon, Pine Meadows
- **Snofieldet Lodge 4-531 Sons of Norway,** 7 p.m., third Tuesday month, Lewistown Senior Center, Third Ave. S. and Barnes Street
- **Snowy Mountain Muzzle Loaders,** 7 p.m., first Thursday, Mountain Acres activity room, Lewistown
- **TORAH Teaching,** 1st & 3rd Saturdays starting April 2020, 2p.m., Mountain Acres Rec Room, 103 Rocklyn Ave
- **T.O.R.C.H. meetings,** 517 W. Janeaux: Tues., Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, Family Group, 6:30 p.m.; Thurs., Celebrate Recovery, 6 p.m.; Fri. & Sat., Recovery Support, 6 p.m. Sun., Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Family Group, 2 p.m. Call 406-53-TORCH for information.
- **Utica Rod and Gun Club,** 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., call 423-5321 for information.
- **VFW #1703 Meeting,** 3rd Monday
- **VFW Auxiliary Meeting,** second Monday, 1 p.m., First Christian Church (use back door)
- **Walleyes Unlimited,** 3rd Monday, 7 p.m., Colby Tognetti's shop @ 320 NE Blvd, across from Redbirds Field
- **Women of the Moose,** 6:30 p.m., 1st & 3rd Mondays, Moose Lodge, Lewistown
- **Wood Carving Club,** Saturdays, Lewistown Art Center, noon
- **Young People in Recovery (YPR),** Monday- Young People in Recovery meeting, Everyone welcome, 6p.m., Tuesday- Bible Study, 5:30 p.m., Wednesday- Family Support, 6:30 p.m., Thursday- Celebrate Recovery, 6 p.m., Friday- Recovery Support, 6 p.m., Saturday- Recovery Support, 6 p.m. 517 W. Janeaux Street.

If you have a meeting or event you'd like to announce or update, please contact the News-Argus. Submissions must include and will be limited to date, time and location of the event, and may be edited for content. You can call 406-535-3401, or email classified@lewistownnews.com.

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Aries, opportunities to discuss future business enterprises with interested parties arise this week. Your meticulous nature ensures you are prepared to take advantage of these chances.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Others begin to notice how articulate and charming you can be, Taurus. This is a prime time to invite friends over or to find a romantic partner if you're single.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
Gemini, even if you do not consider yourself to be an artistic person, inspiration to pursue creative endeavors comes to you this week. Try something different.

CANCER - June 22/July 22
Cancer, you will be the planner for an event that brings together a number of people who share a common goal or interest this week. Conversations will be stimulating.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23
You may be pushed into the public eye, Leo, and perhaps you are worried that you will not be prepared. You are a natural born leader who can impress a crowd.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Someone new and exciting comes into your life this week, Virgo. You will likely spend hours talking about your fields of interest, including exotic locations.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Unusual dreams could spark new ideas in your life, Libra. Don't discount them as fantasy. Figure out how you can push the boundaries of your imagination.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you have been craving social contact with new and interesting people. That is just what you will find at a neighborhood gathering this week.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, if you feel like you have been spending too much time at work lately, it could be time to dial things back a bit. Don't overdo it.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Much of this week will be spent in the company of family and close friends, Capricorn. Lots of people rooting for you might be just what you need right now.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you may decide to host a social event at your home over the next few days. Don't put too much pressure on guests. See how the day unfolds.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Shake up your schedule, Pisces. Engage in something that is outside of your comfort zone. Push yourself to try new things.

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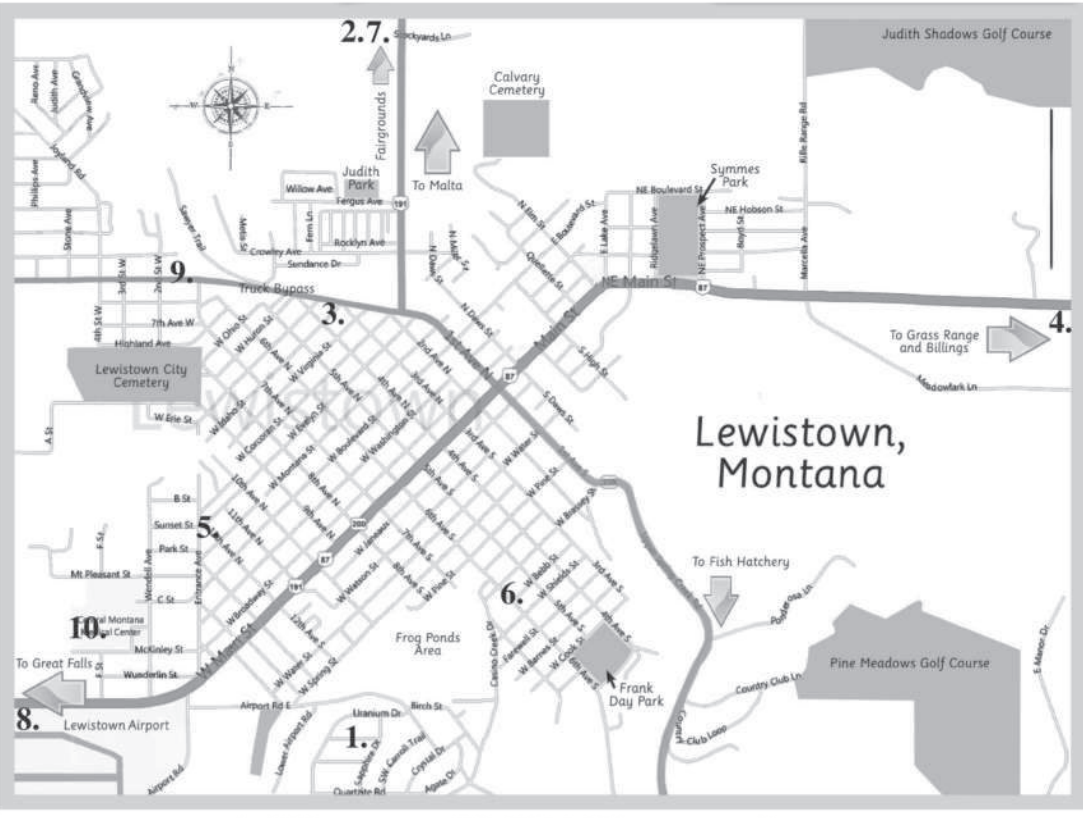
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- 1.) 108 SILVER DRIVE- FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,** July 9 and 10, 8a.m. - 3p.m. Bike, girls reading canopy, 5 light lamp, men's suit, other clothing, shoes, books, games, DVDs, school stuff, ARE pickup shell for 2009 GMC standard box, miscellaneous.
- 2.) 39 RYEGRASS LANE WEST- GARAGE SALE** Saturday, July 10, 7a.m. to ? 2009 Open Range Bumper Pull camper 2 slides- \$14,000. Girls clothes, recliners, waders, coolers, self propelled mower, well pump, hitch balls, etc.
- 3.) GARAGE SALE- 310 W IDAHO,** Friday, July 9, 3p.m. - 6p.m. and Saturday, July 10, 9a.m. - noon. Rosie is downsizing again! Fiesta ware, nice adult clothes, Mickey ears, Carnival cruise line glasses, greeting cards, electric fireplace, Christmas.
- 4.) GARAGE SALE- SATURDAY, JULY 10,** 8a.m. - 1p.m. 380 Judith View Drive, approximately 2 miles east of town. Turn right on Bear Paw Drive, then left on Judith View Drive. Kid clothes size 2T- 10, Nike/ Under Armour, boys cowboy shirts, some men and women's clothes, many miscellaneous items, something for everyone.
- 5.) HUGE YARD SALE- SATURDAY, JULY 10,** 8a.m. - ? Corner of Entrance and Evelyn. Fabric, household, craft, Acuquilt Go, CriCut, Createopia, EZUP Shelter, meat handsaws, much more and new never used items.
- 6.) MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE- SATURDAY, JULY 10,** 9a.m. - 1p.m. at 809 6th Ave S. Household/ kitchen, games, puzzles, crafts, Lularoe clothing, wedding and home decor, grill, mattress, formal dresses and more.
- 7.) MULTI-PARTY YARD SALE- SATURDAY, JULY 10** at 201 Ketchner in Denton, 8a.m. - 4p.m.
- 8.) NAME YOUR PRICE SALE! HOUSEHOLD ITEMS,** kids' clothes, toys, bikes, weight bench, pool tables, collectibles, stained glass, lawnmower, cement mixer, tile, and A LOT more! Friday, July 9, 1p.m - 6p.m and Saturday, July 10, 7a.m. - noon. 223 H Street.
- 9.) YARD SALE- 724 TRUCK BYPASS,** Saturday, July 10, 9a.m. - 3p.m. Shop- Yamaha 4-wheeler, snow plow, spray tank/ boom, 11/24.5 truck chains (new), oxy/act torch kit, tool boxes, 4" load straps, 3500 watt generator. Household- pots/ pans, blankets, towels, miscellaneous, camping gear.
- 10.) BLOWOUT CMMC AUXILIARY RUMMAGE SALE-** Saturday, July 10, 8a.m. - 2p.m. CMMC back parking lot. Furniture, clothing, books, miscellaneous. Everything must go!

Future Sales

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE - BEDS, DRESSERS, CHAIRS, Clothes, tools, cookware, toys, blankets, sheets, towels, jewelry, crafts, yarn, material, books, and much more. July 16, 17, 18, 24 and 25. 9a.m. - 4p.m. Windham Hall, Windham MT.

Get your sale out there!
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MUSSELSHELL E. COLI TMDLS PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking comments on the draft "Musselshell E. coli TMDLs and Water Quality Improvement Plan," and will hold a public meeting on July 14, 2021, at 5 p.m. to provide information about the document and answer questions.
The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom, an online teleconferencing platform. Click on or type this link into your web browser's address bar to join the meeting: <https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/82983489049> (please join 15 minutes early). A call-in option is also available by dialing (406) 444-9999 and Meeting ID# 829 8348 9049. If you wish to join by phone, you may follow-along with the presentation that will be given by downloading it from the project's website at: <http://mtwaterqualityprojects.pbworks.com>. The document provides total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) to help address water quality problems related to E. coli levels in eleven stream segments in the Musselshell watershed. The document also includes strategies for reducing pollution levels to meet Montana's surface water quality standards. To view the document and submit electronic comments, visit: <https://deq.mt.gov/public/publiccomment>. The document may also be viewed via the free public computer at the Roundup Community Library in Roundup or the Harlowton Public Library in Harlowton. Comments will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. on

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August 2, 2021 and may be submitted online using the link above or mailed to: DEQ, Water Quality Planning Bureau, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. For more information, please contact: Lou Volpe at (406) 444-6769 or lvolpe@mt.gov. (Publish: July 7 & 10, 2021) MNAXLP
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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER MONTANA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, FERGUS COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Molly Misae Flansburg, a/k/a Molly Misae Yokoo
Cause No.: DV-2021-53
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from Molly Misae Flansburg, a/k/a Molly Misae Yokoo, to Molly Misae Flansburg. The hearing on the Petition will be held on July 21, 2021 at 2:30 pm at the Fergus County District Courthouse.
Dated this 17th day of June, 2021.
/s/ Beckie Williams, Attorney for the Petitioner (Publish: June 23, 30, July 7 & 14, 2021) MNAXLP

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COMBINED NOTICE: FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT and NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS (FONS/NOI/RROF)
July 6, 2021
Petroleum County, Montana
PO Box 226, Winnett, MT 59087
(406) 429-6551
TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:
On or before July 23, 2021 the above-named Petroleum County, Montana will request the Montana Department of Commerce (DOC) to release Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds provided under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383) for the following project:
Petroleum County Community Center
The Petroleum County Community Center is planning to construct a multi-use facility, primarily serving as a Senior Citizens Center. Senior meals and activities will be provided at the Center. A private entrance medical office is planned to provide outpatient medical consultations for the Public Health Nurse and visiting physicians. The Center will also be available for area youth groups and private functions such as receptions and funerals.
The lower level of the County Courthouse currently serves as the Senior Center for the community. Meals are prepared once a week for seniors to eat in or get delivered. Access to the area is primarily via a steep set of stairs from the main level of the building.
Winnett, Montana, Petroleum County- CDBG Project MT-CDBG-20-PF-02
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named Petroleum County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).
The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:
It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the County of Petroleum has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190). The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are:
The project will provide a much needed multi-use facility which will serve as a senior center, medical office and as community gathering space.
Environmentally sensitive characteristics such as wetlands, floodplains and threatened or endangered species are not expected to be adversely impacted as a result of the proposed project. No significant negative long-term environmental impacts were identified.

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An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to impacts on the environment has been made by the above-named Petroleum County, Montana. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm; Monday through Friday.
No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of CDBG project funds.
PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDINGS
All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by Petroleum County to the Petroleum County Manager on or before July 22, 2021. All such comments so received will be considered and Petroleum County will not request release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.
RELEASE OF FUNDS
Petroleum County will undertake the project described above with CDBG funds provided by DOC under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Petroleum County is certifying to DOC that Bill Cassell, in his official capacity as Petroleum County Manager and Sheriff consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect on the certification is that upon its approval, the County of Petroleum may use the CDBG funds and DOC will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.
OBJECTIONS TO STATE RELEASE OF FUNDS
The Department of Commerce will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases:
(a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer approved by the Department of Commerce;
(b) that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process;
(c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DOC; or
(d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental design.
Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and may be

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addressed to: Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, 301 S. Park Avenue, P.O. Box 200523, Helena, Montana 59620.
Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by DOC. No objection received after July 30, 2021 will be considered by DOC.
Bill Cassell, County Manager, Sheriff, and Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator
Environmental Certifying Official (Publish: July 7, 2021) MNAXLP
MONTANA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, FERGUS COUNTY
In the Matter of the Name

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Change of Anna Maultsby: Anna Maultsby, Petitioner. Cause No.: DV-21-54
NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
This is notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from Anna Mae Maultsby to Anna Mae Whitson. The hearing will be on July 27, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. The hearing will be at the Courthouse in Fergus County.
Date: June 17, 2021
(s) Phyllis D. Smith, Clerk of District Court
By: (s) Brenda Snapp, Deputy Clerk of Court (Publish: June 23, 30, July 7 & 14, 2021) MNAXLP

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(Publish: July 7, 2021) MNAXLP

Growing cost of building supplies leaves many underinsured and at-risk of penalties

Commissioner Troy Downing warns the recent increase in the cost of building materials may leave insured Montanans without adequate replacement coverage on their property. Losses, even partial, to property not sufficiently insured could lead to the owner incurring a penalty and receiving only partial payment for loss or damage. Montanans need to know that the "replacement cost" is what needs to be insured, not the purchase price.
"Lumber prices were at all-time highs. Consumer prices surged 5% last month, the fastest in over a decade. Everything is getting more expensive; this means your insurance coverage limit may not be sufficient to cover the replacement costs following a loss," Downing said.
Most commercial and many homeowner policies include a "co-insurance penalty" clause. This states if a property is insured for less than the replacement cost, a penalty can be added to partial losses, even if that loss is below the coverage amount. In other words, the insurer is only required to pay a fraction of the claim.
"Consider a building insured for \$500,000, with the growing price of building materials, the building replacement cost is now \$1,000,000. With a co-insurance penalty, a business owner encountering a \$50,000 loss may only receive \$25,000 from their insurance company." Downing advises, "Many may not be aware their policies contain these penalty clauses."
Recently, a business owner in Butte, whose property was underinsured due to rising replacement costs, was impacted by a co-insurance penalty and left to pay out-of-pocket for repairs.
"When inflation and economic variables are stable, CSI typically advises Montanans to ensure they have adequate coverage yearly when they renew their policy. The recent economic fluctuations may require property owners to review and update their coverage." Downing continues, "Economic factors such as inflation and rising costs of building products may signal it is time to talk with your agent to ensure you're fully covered."
Consumers can contact the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor, at 444-2040 or go to www.CSMT.gov with questions or concerns.

Troy Downing is the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor.

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