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Several file for council seat

By Hunter Herbaugh
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The deadline for filing in city elections came and went on Monday, but before it closed, a slew of candidates filed for positions in both the City of Glendive and the Town of Richey.

The most notable number of last-minute filings happened following Ward II Glendive City Councilwoman Avis Anderson's announcement last week that she will not seek re-election. The council seat has four contestants vying for the spot, the most of any race this year.

They include Ryan Albright, Jason Stuart, Jason Sasse and Luke Gambee.

In Richey, there are two candidates for the Ward I Town Council seat: Chuck Lenz and Debra Ann Gibson.

The position for mayor in both communities are being contested, with the incumbents filing to retain their positions while new candidates are also seeking the office.

In Glendive, Mayor Jerry Jimison is being challenged by two individuals, Teresea Olson and John Stonehocker. In Richey, Mayor Harley Olson has only one challenger, Nadean Brown.

Largely, incumbents who filed for re-election are not being challenged for their positions. In Glendive, Kerry Burman has filed to retain her position as city court judge, Betsey Hedrick has filed to remain on the city council for Ward I, Doug Baker has filed to retain his seat for Ward III and Rhett Coon has filed to retain his seat for Ward IV.

In Richey, one seat is uncontested, that for Ward II, which Tammy Clinton has filed to fill.

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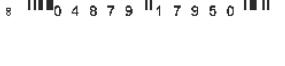


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DAWSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Board gives nod to staff layoffs needed to balance DCC budget

By Jamie Ausk Crisafulli
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The Dawson Community College Board instructed college leaders to move forward with employee layoffs as quickly as possible, a move needed to cut college expenditures in order to close the budget deficit for the upcoming fiscal year. The immediate layoffs will not include any teaching faculty.

The approval was made during a special meeting of the board Monday night.

"I want to make clear that the board agrees that we are in a state of financial emergency and

we are having to take action that no one would take, and would want to take, other than the fact financial emergency requires it. We were very clear that we are not eliminating positions based on personality or even performance. This is position-based on what we hope will be the least damaging to the college," Board Chairman Chad Knudson said Monday.

Vice President of Business and Finance Doug Cherry's initial proposal before the board Monday included layoffs of up to two faculty and up to 10 "other positions" at the college.

However, following an executive session to allow board mem-

bers the opportunity to get a better understanding of the layoff proposals and how they would affect the day-to-day operations of the college, the board decided to direct Cherry not to eliminate any faculty teaching positions at this point.

Cherry's original estimates shared with the board concerning the FY2022 budget indicated the college would face a budget deficit of \$955,000. Since then, Cherry, who has only been with the college a few months, has been working to create a budget that will close the deficit gap and put the college back

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DCC Board of Trustees accepts college president's resignation

By Jamie Ausk Crisafulli
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The Dawson Community College Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of DCC President Dr. Scott Mickelsen at a special meeting of the board Monday night.

Mickelsen was not present at the meeting nor did he submit a letter of resignation or indicate verbally to board members that he was departing the college. Instead, it was the lack of communication from Mickelsen and his recent actions that indicated to the board that his intention was to resign.

"We believe that by his actions Dr. Mickelsen has signaled that he is taking us up on our suggestion and that he has, in effect, resigned," Knudson said.

Following the airing of "pretty profound allegations" as part of a board investigation into the college's financial situation during the public board meeting held June 10, the board leadership felt the lack of response from the college president was "a pretty significant signal," Board Chairman Chad Knudson said during Monday's meeting.

As a result, Knudson and Board Vice Chairwoman Cindy Larsen met with Mickelsen on Thursday of last week to express those concerns and during that meeting suggested Mickelsen consider offering his resignation to which, according to Knudson, Mickelsen replied that he would "think about it." The board leaders asked Mickelsen if he would be able to provide an answer before Monday night's meeting, to which he answered "yes."

However, the board as of Monday had not received

any formal communication from Mickelsen concerning the issue.

Meanwhile, correspondence shared with board members indicated that Mickelsen said he will no longer be employed by DCC. He also removed personal effects from the building and left his keys to the facility behind, according to discussion during Monday's meeting.

Knudson said the board wished to extend the professional courtesy to allow Mickelsen to handle the process the best way he thought possible, but his lack of communication put the board in the position of accepting the resignation of the president without an actual resi-

nation tendered.

"We find ourselves uniquely in the dark," Knudson said.

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Local car dealers see the effects of vehicle shortage

By Hunter Herbaugh
Ranger-Review Staff Writer

A shortage of computer chips has been causing a domino effect of shortages in various electronics ranging from kitchen appliances to video game consoles, though the automotive industry is one of the worst affected and the Glendive market is feeling the pinch as the summer sales season kicks off.

There have been various events over the last year that have been attributed to causing the global chip shortage, from a surge in demand for electronics as people transitioned to working and going to school online, to a fire at the world's largest semiconductor manufacturing plant in China to former-President Donald Trump's trade war with China. These various factors have compounded on each other to create a situation that nobody really knows when it will end.

The effects on the auto industry specifically have been particularly noticeable in the past six to eight months, with local dealers of new vehicles saying their usual stock has dwindled significantly.

"I've been here for 20 years and I've never seen it this bad," said Scott McPherson, general manager of HKT Big Sky Motors.

McPherson noted that at any time previously, they have been able to stock around 35 new vehicles but more recently, they feel lucky if



Local car dealerships are feeling the effects of a computer chip shortage that has resulted in a fewer new vehicles available to sell.

they are able to have four to six new vehicles at any given time. Delivery of new vehicles has also fallen from around 10 or 12 per month to two or three, he noted.

The situation is much the same at American Ford, with Operations Manager Kyle Johnson saying they used to have around 35 new vehicles on display at any given time, but as of Monday, June 21, they were down to only two.

"It's been kind of tough. The manufacturers have all struggled with a global chip shortage. Ford, Chevy, Ram, almost all of them have been faced with this microchip short-

age," Johnson said.

With the summer sales season in swing, this means there aren't enough new vehicles to meet demand, so this shortage has also been affecting pre-owned vehicles as well. According to both Johnson and McPherson, the demand for pre-owns has increased and business has remained steady, but that is then putting a strain on that supply as well. This has also led to price increases of pre-owned vehicles going up.

"It's been pretty steady still, we've had to adapt to the shortage of the new vehicle inventory and kind of migrated toward a pre-owned plat-

form for the short term," Johnson said. "It definitely puts a little strain on the market, it has driven the price of pre-owned up in the market and of course, the inventory on the pre-owned starts to shrink as this goes on."

However, it's not completely impossible to get a new vehicle, as long as you're willing to wait for one or compromise. New vehicles are still coming in at a slow pace and custom vehicles can still be ordered, though what options are available may be limited as manufacturers seek to conserve semiconductors.

"It's possible (to order) as long as it falls within the manufacturer's constraints. There are so many options that are on constraint that it does make it a little difficult, you just can't come in and say I want this, this, this and this, because chances are it's not all available," McPherson said.

When the shortage will be alleviated is unknown, as high demand continues, keeping the supply low. When the situation does improve, Ford and other manufacturers are considering making changes to help avoid inventory crunches in the future, according to the Associated Press. These include possible measures such as establishing regional distribution centers.

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This weather report for Glendive and the area is brought to you by:

4-Day Forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Sunny
High: 88 Low: 54	High: 79 Low: 56	High: 85 Low: 57	High: 89 Low: 58
Precip Chance: 20%	Precip Chance: 20%	Precip Chance: 5%	Precip Chance: 5%

Local UV Index
This is the estimated UV index for today at solar noon. The position of the sun icon represents the expected UV level

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

We Believe in Glendive



By Hunter Herbaugh
Ranger-Review Staff Writer

The City of Glendive will be included in the county-wide ban on fireworks, Mayor Jerry Jimison announced on Monday. Jimison delivered the update to the city's Ordinance Committee, saying that since the city is in the county, the fireworks ban will be in effect in city limits.

The Dawson County commissioners reinstated Stage 1 Fire Restrictions last week as conditions have once again become hot and dry, raising the potential for large grass fires. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the area is currently in an extreme drought.

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All positions up for election are for 4-year terms.

Since there are not more than four candidates running in any one race, it does not look like there will be a

primary election. However, there is still time for write-in candidates to join the race.

Without a primary election, the candidates would advance to the general election, which is scheduled for November 2.

have burned approximately 16,000 acres of land in Eastern Montana. This is a huge surge compared to the last big fire season in 2020, when only 65 large fires were reported and only around 4,696 acres were burned.

"We know that Stage I Restrictions are going to have an impact on fireworks and 4th of July festivities, but please take a look at this startling data for Eastern Montana. The fire season has barely begun and we have already eclipsed some of our most active years. This is a serious indication of current conditions," the WGFD said in a statement.

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Numerous members of the DCC staff spoke up prior to the board's vote to accept the resignation, some indicating their support for the president and others questioning the board's investigation that they felt placed the responsibility of the college's financial woes solely in the president's hands while they felt others, including the board, should have also taken responsibility.

DCC Coach and Athletic Director Joe Peterson was among those who questioned the blaming of the college president for financial situation, noting there was a "collective responsibility" for the college's finances. He also noted he was disappointed with many aspects of the board's investigation into DCC's financial situation.

Todd Thompson, DCC's physical plant director, questioned the board's role in the college's financial woes, indicating that he felt board members had the same opportunity to view the college's finances as the president did.

"I don't understand how all the blame can be put on one person," Thompson said.

Knudson later clarified that the board was not privy to the full financials, saying DCC reports shared with the board were "highly filtered."

He indicated that the trustees relied on the president to communicate the college's financial standing to the board and to follow through with the budget as approved by the board. He said neither of those things happened.

"We can't employ a presi-

dent that thinks the governing board of this college doesn't matter. We're backed into a corner at this point," Knudson said.

Several faculty and staff members pointed out the positive influence Mickelsen has had on the college, many offering emotional testimony during the comment period.

Vice President of Business and Finance Doug Cherry made a plea to the board to reconsider the motion on the table to accept Mickelsen's resignation.

"Dr. Mickelsen is a good man, and he's a good fit for this college. I don't think you're going to find a man that has loved this college more. ... I will be the first to admit, and I have told Scott this myself, I don't want him necessarily balancing the checkbook, but he has served this college well," Cherry said. He later added that he was confident that he and Mickelsen could work together to put the college's finances back on the right track.

Knudson explained that the board's only tool is to employ, or not employ, the president of the institution. Board members cannot involve themselves in day-to-day operations of the institution. Board members cannot circumvent the president

on how to manage college employees, he added.

He stressed that the board has a responsibility to protect the fiduciary interests of the community college district and to make sure that the college survives.

"(A college president) can be great at eight things, if they don't respond to the board in a way that commands our trust, that relationship cannot go on, and that is what I communicated to Scott on Thursday," Knudson said, later adding, "We hired him, we respect him ... no one wants to be here less than I do."

Other trustees echoed Knudson's sentiments.

"I would just say that this decision did not come easily, and it did not come quickly," Larsen said.

"(My) only goal is to see the college succeed, I don't know why else I would be here, and we are at a point where we have to make a change, continue forward. It just makes me sick, because I like Scott, but it's not a personality contest," Trustee Mike Wilondok said.

All board members voted to approve Mickelsen's resignation.

Moving forward, Knudson said as the board seeks to find appropriate leadership

for the college, the chain of command would be the DCC's cabinet level positions to himself to the board of trustees.

Several attempts to reach

Mickelsen for comment were unsuccessful.

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Hunter Herbaugh photo

The compactor at the city landfill has been down, causing trash to accumulate. The city has had to close the landfill on weekends to try to slow the pile up issues.

Equipment issues plague city Public Works Dept.

By Hunter Herbaugh
Ranger-Review Staff Writer

Technical difficulties are keeping the city's Public Works department busy at the moment, but disruptions to public services have so far been minimal.

The issues range across a variety of city functions, from the landfill to the swimming pool. Department Director Frank Ceane explained each situation to the city council during their regular meeting last week.

Public service disruptions have so far only occurred at the landfill, as the compactor they use has been down since June 3. This has resulted in a loss of productivity, meaning the trash is piling up faster than the city can deal with it. The landfill has already had to be closed to the public so that the department can catch up and might have to again, according to Ceane. He added that landfill crews have been doing the best they can with other equipment, but without the equipment designed for the job, they just can't compact fast enough.

"We're getting behind,

it's piling up out there and there's nothing we can do about it," he said.

The problem with the compactor has been going for so long because, according to Ceane, there are parts that are under warranty and some that aren't and it took about a week to determine that the part that failed is under warranty. The repair

is expected to be done this week, though, likely early next week if the needed part arrives on time. If the landfill will have to be closed for another weekend for crews to catch-up on what they've fallen behind on is uncertain, with Ceane saying he would like to not have to close it, but it could be a last minute decision.

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**Frank Ceane,
City Director
of Public Works**

truck as a back-up before the new one arrives.

The public works department is also dealing with an equipment problem at the public pool. According to Recreation Department Director Jacquie Silbernagel, one of the pool's filter pumps is down and according to Ceane, a replacement won't arrive until at least November. He added that he is currently looking into options for possibly fixing the pump they have, but for the time being the pool is left with one functioning filter.

With the pump down, Silbernagel noted it does lessen the amount of water that is filtered, but the pump that is still functional has filtered the bulk of the water anyway. Pool employees have been paying particular attention to maintaining the pump to lessen the chances of it also breaking down.

"We are running about an average of 1,050 gallons per minute through that filter. When both of them are up and running, we do about 1,600 gallons per minute, so Pump 1 usually takes the majority of it," she said.

Ceane did add that if something happens to the active pump, the broken one can be cannibalized to potentially fix it.

The next meeting of the Glendive City Council is scheduled for July 6 at 7 p.m.

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The Bloomfield & Deer Creek Schools have completed their "safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of service plans" for the upcoming school year.

If you'd like to obtain a copy, please contact Stacy at 406-939-3606.

City Court

Judge Kerry Burman presides over Glendive City Court.

UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLE USAGE

On June 17, Tracy Drew French was found guilty of the unauthorized usage of a motor vehicle. The defendant was fined \$500, was ordered to pay court costs of \$85 and was credited with seven days of jail time served.

FAILURE TO GIVE NOTICE

On June 17, Tracy Drew French was found guilty of failure to give notice of accident by quickest means/apparent damage over \$1000, first offense. The defendant was fined \$200, was ordered to pay court costs of \$25 and was credited with three days of jail time served.

FAILURE TO STOP/IDENTIFY SELF

On June 17, Tracy Drew French was found guilty of failure to stop and ID self after striking unattended vehicle, first offense. The defendant was fined \$200, was ordered to pay court costs of \$25 and was credited with three days of jail time served.

LEAVING SCENE OF ACCIDENT

On June 17, Tracy Drew French was found guilty of leaving the scene of an accident resulting in prop-

erty damage over \$1000 without permission from law enforcement. The defendant was fined \$200, was ordered to pay court costs of \$25 and was credited with three days of jail time served.

NO DRIVER'S LICENSE

On June 17, Tracy Drew French was found guilty of driving without a valid driver's license – has never possessed. The defendant was fined \$150, was ordered to pay court costs of \$25 and was credited with two days served.

On June 7, Elijah James Daniels was found guilty of displaying invalid driver's license/identification (Cancel/Revoke/Suspend/fictitious or altered). The defendant was fined \$100 and was ordered to pay court costs of \$25.

DUI

On June 17, Tracy Drew French was found guilty of driving under the influence of any dangerous drug, first offense. The defendant was fined \$600, was ordered to pay court costs of \$75, was sentenced to 10 days in jail with nine days suspended and was credited with one day served. In addition, the defendant was ordered to have a chemical dependency assessment and his driving privileges were suspended for six months.

FALSE REPORTS TO LAW

ENFORCEMENT

On June 17, Tracy Drew French was found guilty of false reports to law enforcement authorities (to implicate another, false incident, etc.). The defendant was fined \$500, was ordered to pay court costs of \$75 and was given credit for three days served.

DOG AT LARGE

On June 14, Justin Joshua Strobel forfeited a \$100 bond for a dog at large.

On June 14, Eric Anderson Fuqua forfeited a \$100 bond for a dog at large.

On June 14, a juvenile was found guilty of possessing intoxicating substances while under the age of 21 (under age 18), first offense. The defendant was fined \$100, was ordered to pay court costs of \$85, was ordered to perform 20 hours of community service, was ordered to attend MIP classes and the defendant's driver's license was held for 30 days.

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NO INSURANCE

On June 7, Alana Ray Kobler forfeited a \$250 bond for operating without liability insurance in effect, first offense and the defendant was ordered to pay court costs of \$35.

ADDITIONAL CITATIONS

From June 11-17, 2021, Judge Burman also addressed the following citations: careless driving, one; illegal use of spotlights, etc., one; operating with expired registration – failure to reregister, one.

From June 4-10, 2021, Judge Burman also addressed the following citations: failure to have child under six years old and less than 60 pounds properly restrained, one; operating with expired registration – failure to reregister, two; speeding – exceeding restricted speed limit established by local authority, one; attempt to purchase tobacco, alternative nicotine or vapor product possession or consumption, first offense, one.

From May 28 to June 3, 2021, Judge Burman also addressed the following citations: tobacco, alternative nicotine or vapor product possession or consumption, first offense, one.

Obituaries

Dustan "Dusty" T. Jurgens

Dustan "Dusty" T. Jurgens – July 12, 1958 - June 15, 2021
Dustan Theodore Jurgens, passed away in Dickinson on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 due to complications of Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, a rare neurological disease at the age of 62 years old. Dusty fought courageously and without complaint for 7 years.

Per Dusty's wishes, cremation has taken place. There will be a gathering of family and friends to celebrate Dusty's life on Monday, June 28, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. with a time of sharing memories and stories at 11 a.m. at Ladbury Funeral Service in Dickinson. A livestream of the time of sharing will be available on the funeral home website below Dusty's obituary.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Dusty's memory to Cure PSP at 1216 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10001 or online at PSP.org. You can select Menu and then click Donate.

Arrangements are with Ladbury Funeral Service in Dickinson, www.ladburyfuneralservice.com.

Robin Groeschel



Robin Groeschel, age 72, of Glendive, passed away on December 13, 2020 at Glendive Medical Center.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 1, 2021 at the Community Bible Church, 615 East Clement Street, Glendive, with Pastor Tim Burdick officiating. A private family interment at Dawson County Cemetery will occur the day prior to service.

Robin Groeschel was born on September 25, 1948, the youngest of six children of Edward and Marjule (Smith)

Groeschel. She was raised and educated in Caldwell, N.J., graduated from James Caldwell High School and attended Ladycliff College and Fairleigh Dickinson University with a fine art emphasis. She began a grand tour of the US in her early 20's, settling in Sonoma County in Northern California for a time, where her entrepreneurial spirit led her to co-own a restaurant and to establish and manage a dairy goat breeding and milking operation. There also she gave birth to her sons Max and Alex. In 1983, feeling Sonoma County had become too crowded, she moved to Ravalli County, Mont. with a partner to establish a new dairy operation. Although neither the partnership nor the operation continued, always the resilient entrepreneur, Robin began two new callings: the first, to reconnect with the Lord, and the second with social work. She completed her Bachelor's degree with honors in 1993 at the University of Montana.

In 1994 she accepted a position as a Youth Case Manager in Glendive with Eastern Montana Community Mental Health, a position she held until her 2015 retirement. Glendive became her 'forever' home, and with Community Bible Church as her faith community, she actively participated with and in many of the groups that create the Glendive community at large, including the Boys and Girls Club, Dawson County Domestic Violence, and the Women's Missionary Fellowship.

Robin enjoyed interior decoration, creating a Thomas Kinkade-like 'painter of light' cottage home décor with astute yard sale finds, as well as creating gift baskets with an eye for proportion, color and exquisite femininity. Her excellent cooking and preserving accomplishments, her friendships, her family and her strong devotion to her faith and study of the Bible created a full life for her.

Robin is survived by her sister, Marjule Drury of Caldwell, N.J.; her sister-in-law, Delores Groeschel of Euless, Texas; and her sons, Max Groeschel of Glendive and Alex Dugan (Jennifer) of Rochester, Minn. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Marissa, Audrey, Miles and Evey Dugan.

Services

Yvonne C. Babcock

A Celebration of Life for Yvonne C. Babcock, age 84, of Billings, is being planned for a later date. Cremation has taken place.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021

8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - WIC, Immunization and Blood Pressure Clinics, Dawson County Health Dept.

9:30-11:30 a.m. - Makoshika State Park Youth Program: "Five Senses Outside"; Visitor Center. For more, information call (406) 377-6256.

10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Food Bank, 112 W. Benham St. (follow COVID-19 protocol posted on door)

12 p.m. - AA 12-to-Life Group; Eyer Park, Glendive. (Weather permitting.)

1-5 p.m. - WIC, Immunization and Blood Pressure Clinics, Dawson County Health Dept.

4 p.m. - Dawson County Economic Development Council, DCEDC Board Room

8 p.m. - A.A., Serenity House, 941-2384

9-11 p.m. - Full-Moon Hike; Makoshika State Park Hiatt Amphitheater. For more, information call (406) 377-6256.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021

10 a.m.-12 p.m. - Family Planning, Dawson County Health Dept.

10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Food Bank, 112 W. Benham St. (follow COVID-19 protocol posted on door)

1-3 p.m. - Family Planning, Dawson County Health Dept.

7-9 p.m. - Makoshika State Park Campfire Program: "Native Plains Pony Tack". For more, information call

(406) 377-6256.

SATURDAY JUNE 26, 2021

7-9 p.m. - A.A., Serenity House, 941-2384

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021

9:45 a.m. - Our Savior Lutheran Church Sunday School, parents of Sunday School students/all adults are invited to attend Bible study during Sunday School, led by Stephen Schreibeis.

For more information, call Sunday School Superintendent Marilyn Dufner at (406) 939-0349 or (406) 365-2168.

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2021

10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Food Bank, 112 W. Benham St. (follow COVID-19 protocol posted on door)

1-5 p.m. - Family Planning, Dawson County Health Dept.

5:15 p.m. - Urban Transportation Board meeting, Urban Transportation bus barn. For more information, call Leslie Hunter at (406) 377-1364.

5:30 p.m. - DCC board meeting, main hall, room #144

6-8 p.m. - Glendive Alliance Church, "Hope Promises Ministry" lead by Tom Allard. Hope and healing journey to encourage each other to live a life free from drug and alcohol addictions. For more information, call Ed Williamson at (406) 377-4644.

7 p.m. - Dawson County Fair Board meeting, Fairgrounds ticket office. For more information, call (406) 377-6781.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2021

Nurturing Tree Activity at Gazebo Park, call Dawson County Health Dept. (406) 377-5213 for time.

10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Food Bank, 112 W. Benham St. (follow COVID-19 protocol posted on door)

12 p.m. - AA 12-to-Life Group; Eyer Park, Glendive. (Weather permitting.)

1-5 p.m. - Family Planning, Dawson County Health Dept.

6-8 p.m. - "Trivia In the Park", Makoshika State Park Pavilion. For more, information call (406) 377-6256.

7 p.m. - Focal Point Youth Group (Finding Jesus in the Noise); Grades 6-12; Assembly of God Church

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2021

8 a.m.-12 p.m. - BP/Lab Clinic; Family Planning, Dawson County Health Dept.

10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Food Bank, 112 W. Benham St. (follow COVID-19 protocol posted on door)

10 a.m.-4 p.m. - GROW corrugated cardboard drop off, west side of Kmart building toward the back

12-1 p.m. - Kiwanis member meeting, Yellowstone River Inn

12 p.m. - AA 12-to-Life Group; Eyer Park, Glendive. (Weather permitting.)

1-5 p.m. - Family Planning, Dawson County Health Dept.

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as normal.

• All community and conference rooms normally available to the public are open to reservations.

• Masks are not required in the Courthouse as a whole but please follow individual department's posted guidelines should they be required.

• All County offices not listed below will be open to the public is normal but the public is highly encouraged to conduct business over the phone, mail and/or electronically if possible.

1) The Glendive Public Library is open and programming will be continuing to be added.

2) The Senior Citizens Center has resumed on-site congregate lunch time meals and will continue to offer pickup meals. Meals On Wheels will operate as normal. Programming has started

and is being phased into a normal operation.

3) The Correctional Facility has started a phased reopening to guests and the visiting public.

4) The Dawson County Health Department is encouraging that appointments be made for visits. Please call the Health Department at (406) 377-5213 prior to arrival or to make reservations for an appointment.

5) The Treasurer's office is open while being closed for lunch from 12:30-1:30 p.m., with no vehicle registrations after 4 p.m.

6) The Dawson County Urban Transportation and Dawson Community Airport have returned to normal operations but riders are required to wear masks or face covering due to Federal mandates while on the bus and commercial airplane.

County Happenings

377-5213. Those wanting the two dose Moderna vaccine will need to schedule an appointment with Albertson's Pharmacy (Osco Drug) by calling (406) 365-5209. As the data and guidelines continue to evolve we have tried to do our best at making scientific, common sense approach that has been best for the residents of Dawson County. As we move back into a more normal operating environment, here are the current guidelines for Dawson County government operations.

should any adjustments in these guidelines be needed, we will be communicating those as soon as possible.

• All County boards and meetings can once again be held in person, all board meetings still need to be posted and open to the public

THANK YOU!

I want to thank the Looker Band, Rockie Robson, the mayor, Glendive City Council, family, out-of-town guests and the local people of Glendive for attending the Looker Band performance at the Beer Jug.

Also thanks to my Beer Jug employees and other people who helped out.

What a night and what a great way to get people out and together again!

~Mike & Pat Roe - Beer Jug

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Guest Opinion

BY BOB BROWN



Extremism threatens credibility

I think it was the 1977 Montana Republican state convention, and the speaker standing before the delegates was newly elected Congressman Ron Marlenee. Facing criticism from some of the hard right element of his party regarding his personal life, Marlenee was as dynamic and defiant as I ever saw him.

He told the party faithful that if they elected him to get back the Panama Canal, they had elected the wrong man. He said if they had elected him to get prayer back into public schools, that would not be his priority, nor would getting the U.S. out of the United Nations. But if we wanted a fighter for the interests of Montana's rural farmers and ranchers or for our state's mineral and timber resources and the Montana jobs those resources represented, then we had elected the right representative.

Sometimes working with his colleague Democrat Pat Williams, Marlenee went on to make good on his promise as his "no nonsense" record proved in his subsequent sixteen years in Congress. He was a conservative coalition builder, a realist, not a radical.

Our state with its small population and vast remoteness has been vulnerable to exploitation by powerful interests for our entire history. It has been our continual challenge to protect the interests of Montanans in the management of our vast natural bounty. Meeting that challenge was pretty much Marlenee's sole focus.

Understandably, the Marlenee record was not always popular with everyone, particularly conservatives. One of his laugh lines was that the only result he could see coming from the extinction of grizzly bears was that "we'd be up to our a** in huckleberries."

In looking back, our state has been served by some great Republicans. Governor Joe Dixon forced the controlling mining interests to begin

paying taxes. Governor Sam Ford's program of public road building "got Montana out of the mud." Both proved vital to the progress of our state. Jeanette Rankin was a leading figure in the nation's most consequential mass movement which resulted in the right to vote for half our population.

Now comes another newcomer to represent Montana in the recently ransacked hallowed halls of our nation's capitol. Freshman Congressman Matt Rosendale, unlike Marlenee, has revealed that he will indeed be an ideologue. In fact, he has shown himself to be so far on the fringes of the minority that he has the distinction of being one of only six members of either house of Congress to oppose BOTH the Congressional Gold Medal awards to the Capitol police protectors who lost their lives defending the US Capitol AND a federal holiday to commemorate the anniversary of the end of slavery.

Rosendale stands out even among these hardest of the hardcore Republican ideologues because he's the only one not from the Deep South. Voting as he did, Rosendale cancelled out the vote of his very conservative Montana colleague Senator Steve Daines.

Early impressions can be long lasting. By exposing himself as an extremist as he makes his first impression as a member of Congress, Rosendale has carelessly diminished his credibility to do his real job to represent the real people of Montana.

The conspiratorial radicalism typified by Rosendale's extremism is not conservative. He has purposely chosen to be part of a small cult on the radical fringe of our system. He has time to atone but we know that he won't. He will continue to be who he is. All Montanans, Democrats and Republicans, deserve better.

Bob Brown, Whitefish, is a former Montana Secretary of State and state Senate President.

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Dawson Days aims to offer fun, raise money for nonprofits

Dear Editor:
To Glendive and the surrounding communities,

The Dawson Days Committee is extremely excited about our upcoming festival style celebration, Dawson Days, which will be held July 23, 24, and 25. Working for over 8 months to plan this event, our goals

are threefold:

- Support local businesses
- Encourage visitors and tourism
- Support local nonprofit organizations

After calculating earnings and expenses, all profits from this event will be divided equally between participating nonprofit organizations. Currently Glendive Community Cancer Fund, Friends of Makoshika, Bell Street Bridge Committee, and Makoshika Wellness are participating. Mondak Boys and Girls Club may also be joining the weekend. Each nonprofit will be hosting a different activity during the weekend- all separated thus no conflict in scheduling will be experienced. Our local nonprofit groups often struggle with volunteers. Working together, we can help each other and increase our workforce,

promoting more successful experiences for everyone!

The Dawson Days Committee is so grateful that Miss Montana, Knights of Columbus, as well as Shop Glendive Crazy Days has decided to schedule their community celebrations on the same weekend! We ask any local vendors to contact us about our vendor event on Saturday July 24.

Please check out our Facebook Page for a full weekend schedule.

As a first annual event, we hope to make this as seamless as possible for all involved, learning and growing more every year.

Thank you all for your support!

Thank you all for your support!

Mandy Hoffman
Chair of Dawson Days Committee
Teresse Olson
Vice Chair

Letters

Arizona 'fraudit' taking place right here in Montana

Remember the recount of the Presidential ballots in Maricopa County, Arizona? Well apparently, they're going to finish it in Montana at a mystery location near Bigfork. I'd like to think that it's because in Montana we don't need to take off our boots to count past ten, but I can't say for sure. Anyway, the recount was initiated by the Arizona Senate—the Republican part—and they used \$150,000 of their taxpayers' money to hire a firm out of Florida named Cyber Ninjas. I must say they do spread their taxpayers' money around the country.

Anyhow, they said the recount would take two weeks but so far it has been almost two months that they have taken to inspect the 2.1 million ballots in the county. Georgia did a hand recount of the entire 5 million statewide ballots in six days. I guess they can leave their boots on down in Georgia, too.

What they're doing in Arizona is looking for mischief that the state elections people didn't find, maybe because there wasn't any. At least that's what Republican governor Doug Ducey said. That's also what the Republican Maricopa County Commissioners said, and so did the Secretary of State, but she's a Democrat so at least you'd expect that of her.

Well, what the ballots are

Montana Viewpoint

BY JIM ELLIOTT



doing in Bigfork is beyond me, but then Bigfork is a ways from Trout Creek. Of course, we don't know for sure why they had to truck them to Bigfork, or even if they did. Just have to take their word for it. I mean, they've never lied to me before, but then I've never met them, either.

The whole thing seems to be a lot of fuss and feathers. It won't change the election outcome, they know that, but it might make some more people doubt the truth, which is primarily what it seems they want, anyway. It seems strange that you wouldn't believe the 3000 state and county election administrators nationwide. I know a lot of them are Republicans, so you can scratch your head about that. The idea seems to be catching on, though.

Pennsylvania's getting on board with a recount, too, and it looks like Georgia will as well, which is strange given that both Governor Kemp and Secretary of State Raffensperger staunchly

defended the accuracy of the Georgia elections, as well as the first and second recounts. They're Republicans, too.

In Arizona, they're calling it an 'audit,' except they don't have any auditors working on it.

In Arizona they're calling it an "audit," except they don't have any auditors working on it. Somebody told me once that an auditor is someone who doesn't have the personality to become an accountant, but that seems pretty harsh. I know that the party I stumbled into at an auditors' convention was pretty lively. Well, they can call it an audit if they want, but then my mother used to call margarine butter, so it would taste better, I suppose. It didn't, at least to me.

Well, if it won't change the election results, even if these are all states where Biden won with not a lot of votes, I don't know why bother. It seems like an awful lot of money just to confuse people, unless that's worth a lot more than I would hope it is. Of course, I don't really know just how much money it's costing because there doesn't seem to be much of any record of how much is being donated or by who. Maybe they should be auditing that, instead.

I can understand the concern though, I haven't always trusted the government, either, but then the former U. S. Attorney General Bob Barr said that neither the Justice Department nor the Homeland Security folks found anything suspicious that would change the election in Trump's favor. That was just before the door hit him in the rear end on his way out.

Well, I guess anything can happen. Now some folks are saying that space rays from an Italian satellite changed the pencil marks on the ballots from Trump to Biden. I know the Italians are pretty competent, but still....

Jim Elliott served sixteen years in the Montana Legislature as a state representative and state senator. He lives on his ranch in Trout Creek.

Letters to the editor policy

The Ranger-Review welcomes letters to the editor on any issue of public interest. But, in order to be published, the letters must:

- Be signed and include your address and phone number. Unsigned letters will not be considered.
- Be 450 words or less, and if possible, deal with one topic. The Ranger-Review reserves the right to edit for length, taste and libel considerations.

• Be legible if written, but e-mail or typed is preferred.

Preference will be given letters from the Dawson County area. Letters from outside the area will be considered if they are of sufficient interest.

Please proofread letters. The Ranger-Review will not edit sentence structure, grammar and spelling errors.

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Ranger staff earns newspaper awards, publisher honored

By Ranger-Review Staff

The Glendive Ranger-Review staff earned numerous awards during the 136th Montana Newspaper Association Convention held over the weekend in Big Sky.

The Glendive Ranger-Review competes among weekly newspapers in the state with circulations ranging from 2,001 to 4,500 subscribers. This year's contest was judged by members of the Nevada Press Association.

Ranger staff earned first place awards in two categories: one in journalism and one in advertising.

Numerous staff members contributed to the first place award for Best Breaking News Coverage for the March 19 issue covering the early impacts of COVID-19 in the community.

Reporter Hunter Herbaugh received a third place award in the breaking news category as well for his coverage of the plummet of the oil industry.

Reporter Jason Stuart received second place honors in the Best Sports Feature category for his story on former Glendive athlete and NFL player Mike Person's Super Bowl appearance.

Former Ranger-Review reporter Brendan Heidner earned second place in the Best Education Coverage category for his story about Dawson Community College's move to online education early in the pandemic. Herbaugh earned third place in the same category for his feature on local students reflecting on the end of an unusual school year in May of 2020.

Herbaugh also earned second place in the Best Investigative Journalism category for his coverage of the Jordan Inn.

Ranger-Review managing editor Jamie Crisafulli earned a second place award in the Best Feature Photo category for a photo featuring a student kissing a cow as part of a school fundraiser during halftime of a basketball game.

Ranger-Review staff also earned several awards for advertising.

Ad designer Elizabeth Kaiser took top honors in the Best Ad to Sell or Promote Merchandise Full Color division for the ad she designed for a Reynolds Market holiday promotion.

Kaiser earned second place in the Best Black and White Ad to Sell or Promote Merchandise focused on Father's Day. She took third place in the Best Ad to Sell or Promote Services, Black and White, category for an ad featuring Blondie's Salon.

Ad designer Michella Dey earned second place in the Best Newspaper Promotional Ad category.

Chad Knudson, Glendive Ranger-Review Publisher was



Ranger-Review Publisher Chad Knudson received the 2021 Master Editor/Publisher award from the Montana Newspaper Association. Knudson also took over as president of the MNA last weekend.

honored with the 2021 Master Editor/Publisher Award for his demonstrated contributions to the Montana newspaper industry.

Montana Newspaper Association members chose Knudson of the Glendive Ranger-Review as the 2021-2022 Board President. The mission of the Montana Newspaper Association is to advance and sustain the Montana news publishing industry. The association has 84 professional member news providers and was established in 1885.



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Asner forced to cancel Fort Peck Summer Theatre performances

God Help Us, starring Ed Asner was scheduled to perform at Fort Peck Summer Theatre July 2 - 4, but has been cancelled due to an emergency health issue for the 92-year-old Golden Globe and Emmy winning actor.

No official statement has been released by Mr. Asner's management with details of his hospitalization and expected recovery.

PFAC sends prayers in wishing Mr. Asner a speedy recovery.

On Saturday, July 3, FPST will present a special 2 p.m. matinee of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown to offer an entertainment option for the weekend, but no other shows will be added to replace Mr. Asner's cancelled per-

formances.

All ticket purchasers for GOD HELP US will be refunded. Refunds will start processing on Thursday, June 24.

Despite this disappointing cancellation, the 2021 season joyfully continues with:

- You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, The Spitfire Grill and Baskerville running in rotation beginning June 25
- Godspell, Jr: July 28 - 31
- Around the World in 80 Days...or 37 Minutes!: Various tour stops July 27 - August 3
- Pam L. Veis and Megan Wiltshire in Terms of Endearment: August 20 - September 5

on a sustainable financial path.

At Monday's meeting, Cherry had whittled the deficit down to \$563,000 before layoffs and furloughs were implemented. His proposal to the board included furloughs which would include a \$67,000 savings for the college and proposed layoffs which would result in a saving of \$475,000. Because the board decided to avoid teaching faculty layoffs at this time, the number of employees who will be laid off is unknown as Cherry reworks the proposal.

"I am hoping that the cuts we make this fiscal year will be deep enough. And I anticipate that they will be deep enough that we do not have to deal with this again. No one wants to deal with

this. It's the fiscally responsible thing to do. It's the right thing to do," Cherry said.

He added that as part of the proposed layoffs, the 30 day notices required would cost the college approximately \$40,000 and accrued benefit payout for employees who were laid off would cost about \$45,000. He said he also included an increase in potential legal expenses of \$25,000.

While Cherry's budget proposal involves significant cuts over last year's budget, he expects the college budget for the fiscal year 2022 to result in a deficit of \$126,000. He referred to this year's cuts as phase 1, while next year will include more savings that can be

planned for during the year.

As for the layoffs, Knudson said he was hopeful that the process would move quickly to allow the affected individuals to move forward.

Knudson added that the bonus week of paid leave promised by former President Dr. Scott Mickelsen over the July 4 week will be honored. He did note, however, that the week of loss of productivity and lost time at the college is very costly to the institution and moving forward with those kinds of extended days off should not be expected.

The next meeting of the DCC Board of Trustees is Monday, June 28 at 5:30 p.m.

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Can you stomach a hot dog eating contest?

It was July 4th a few years ago. I was having lunch with my husband in one of those restaurants that has giant TV screens on every wall so diners can all watch different games and not have to talk each other.

The screen I faced featured hot dogs grilling. I was hungry and the dogs looked good. But when the scene changed from grilling hot dogs to eating hot dogs, I lost my appetite. Actually, "eating" doesn't begin to describe what was happening. Several men wearing matching T-shirts were cramming hot dogs down their gullets like pelicans at a fish hatchery.

I had a lot of questions at that moment, the main one being why? Eating is one of life's greatest pleasures. It seems like force feeding yourself hot dogs would make it hard to...uh...relish them. Sorry.

This, that and then some

BY DOROTHY ROSBY



Let me pause here to apologize to anyone who has the wherewithal to make it to the end of this column. Almost nothing lends itself to bad puns more than hot dogs. Except maybe chickens. And I'll get to those too.

Anyway, \$10,000 is why. And a bejeweled mustard-yellow belt and all the hot dogs you can eat. Turns out, I was watching Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog Eating

Contest which is so famous I'd never heard of it. Apparently, it's held annually on the Fourth of July in Coney Island, and thousands of people attend to cheer on behavior they'd find repugnant at their own dinner tables.

Thankfully, the contest is mercifully short. Ten minutes and it was all over but the bellyache. And I did bellyache. I told my husband that if the purpose of the

contest is to promote hot dogs, it didn't work on me. I said it would be a long time before I could even look at a hot dog again, let alone eat one. And I told him watching people stuff themselves with hot dogs is no way to spend Independence Day, though I imagine stuffing yourself with them would be even...wurst.

He said, "nice hit" and clapped for the baseball game on the screen behind me.

That year, Joey "Jaws" Chestnut won after eating 72 hot dogs. He won again last year with 75, and Miki Sudo won the women's division packing in 48.5 dogs while her competitors played ketchup. You are what you eat though, so everyone's a wiener. I'm sorry. I can't stop myself.

I won't be watching to see if Joey "Jaws" or Miki Sudo compete this year, but you

can if you have the stomach for it. The contest is broadcast by ESPN—you know the sports channel. That seems odd. Nobody thinks it's sport when I have two pieces of pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving or eat the "sharing size" of peanut M&Ms all by myself.

There's NFL, MLB and now MLE, the Major League Eating Federation. I'm not making that up. The MLE

hosts around 50 eating contests every year—tamales in Louisville, oysters in New Orleans and wings in Buffalo, to name a few. Their mission, in part, is to "...publicize and execute eating events in a wide variety of food disciplines." Let me be frank. Discipline isn't the word that normally comes to my mind when someone eats 75 of anything.

I shouldn't judge. I engaged in my share of eating competitions with my younger

brother when I was growing up, including one every year at our annual July 4th neighborhood picnic. It wasn't based on winning a cash prize though. We both really loved my mother's fried chicken, and the drumsticks were our favorites. Even combined, we never ate close to 75 drumsticks though, but only because my mom didn't fry that many chickens.

And I never won either. My brother had the appetite of a hockey team and he was a much faster eater than I was, so he always got more drumsticks. That still sticks in my craw.

I told you I'd get to chickens.

Dorothy Rosby is the author of several humor books, including *I Used to Think I Was Not That Bad and Then I Got to Know Me Better*. Contact Rosby at drosby@rushmore.com.

Hodges News

By A.L. Anderson

Friday morning (June 11) we had our usual breakfast at CC's Cafe, their was Sharon, Arlene B., Eula, Tana, Carole, Nancy. As always, we have a lot to discuss, Babe's birthday party on July 17 at CC's Cafe and a few other things. We were glad to see that it had rained but we did not need the wind to dry everything out.

Friday evening a few of us went to the Shamrock club for supper. The group included Fay, Sharon, Arlene B., Carole, Ardie and Bonnie from Baker. We plan on having supper July 9 at the Gem in Wibaux.

Diane Henry is home from the hospital and doing a little better. Her son, John who lives in Scotland is trying to come home to help. He has many papers to fill out before he can travel.

Saturday afternoon, we helped Nancy celebrate her belated birthday that was last month. We all enjoyed the chocolate cake made by CC's Cafe. Nancy received many birthday cards and birthday money. Nancy donated her birthday money to the Food Bank.

Tana had a birthday supper

for Brooke Monday evening at Yellowstone River Inn. We all enjoyed a very good meal.

Geri Brusseau was in Glendive looking for information on her family. They had homestead near Hodges. Am sure she found some information.

Review the Past

50 Years Ago

Amtrak has passenger trains rolling through Glendive once again but apparently there needs to be some improvement in the supervision.

When the eastbound train pulled in Thursday about 25 persons had to be turned away according to a Burlington Northern official. He stated that these people did not have advanced reservations but came to get tickets when the train arrived. There were 14 people who had reservations that got on the train, but he wasn't sure whether or not they got seats.

It's good to see people making use of the passenger service but he pointed out that if you want to ride on the train your need a reservation.

100 Years Ago

Dancing Party

A dancing party was given by Miss Sidney Miskimen at the Miskimen building on Merrill Ave. Wednesday evening of this week, which was quite largely attended.

Motoring Through

Rev. and Mrs. Jake G. Ross on Tuesday evening entertained Rev. and Mrs. L.L. Tower of Michigan, who were motoring through to California. They were marooned for a time by high water at Yates, but so far had experienced no serious hardships on the trip.

MontGuide discusses selecting an attorney for estate purposes

Montana State University Extension has released a new MontGuide providing information about selecting an attorney to develop and implement an estate plan or to provide legal help with the probate process.

"When selecting an attorney to help develop an estate plan, it is helpful to have one who is well-informed about Montana will and trust laws and other legal tools," said Marsha Goetting, MSU Extension family economics specialist. "You want the attorney to develop an estate plan tailored to your needs by considering your age, health, family, income, assets, goals and other circumstances."

"If the goal is to find an attorney to help settle an estate or administer a probate, then look for one who is knowledgeable about the probate process and trust law in Montana, as attorneys have different areas of expertise," added Ed

Eck, professor emeritus at the Alexander Blewett III School of Law at the University of Montana. Eck is a co-author of the MontGuide.

The MontGuide outlines four steps Montanans could use to find the right attorney. Goetting recommends asking friends for referrals. After collecting referrals, make an appointment and ask what information to bring to the meeting. If you are searching for help with developing an estate plan, the attorney may send a questionnaire for you to complete before the appointment.

Before meeting with the attorney, prepare a list of questions to ask. During the initial session ask what percent of the attorney's practice consists of estate planning and estate administration. Ask about the fee, if any, for the meeting. Often attorneys do not charge for the first meeting, Goetting

said. Just as you are assessing the attorney, the attorney will want to determine whether their knowledge and skills are a fit for your needs.

"Montanans who have been through the estate planning process emphasize the importance of having a good relationship with the attorney," Goetting said. "The process of selecting an attorney whose major focus is estate planning or estate administration takes time. However, when you find an attorney you feel comfortable with and trust, you will feel the time spent was worth it."

"Selecting an Attorney in Montana to Develop an Estate Plan or Administer an Estate (Probate)" can be found at <https://store.msuextension.org/publications/FamilyFinancialManagement/MT202107HR.pdf>.

Copies are also available at Extension and reservation offices.

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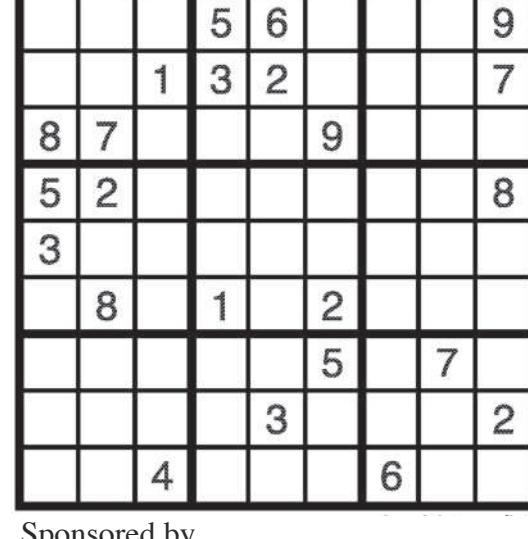


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Sports

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Hunter Herbaugh photo

Tournament play

Chase Crockett runs for Third Base during a game against the VFW team at the Babe Ruth Baseball Tournament on Friday, June 18. Crockett's team, Fisher Sand and Gravel, went on to win the championship after having to win against a team from Baker twice in a row.

Sign-up opens for surplus licenses and permits

Hunters interested in purchasing licenses or permits left over from the special license and permit drawing can do so from June 21 through July 21. This new process for the sale of surplus licenses began in 2020 in response to issues in years past. The old process was vulnerable to long lag times, confusion and a perception of inequity for those unable to use the first-come, first-served online option starting at 5 a.m.

Hunters can sign up for leftover licenses and permits that were not distributed by the

drawing through MyFWP on the FWP website. The resulting Surplus License List will be randomized with hunters at the top of the list contacted via email with instructions to finalize their purchase within a specified time.

To be placed on the Surplus License List, resident and nonresident hunters can sign up through the MyFWP portal: <https://myfwp.mt.gov/fwpExtPortal/login/login.jsp>. This new process requires hunters to keep their email address current in their ALS record. Payment of the license fee is not required to

sign up on the Surplus License List. Obtaining a license from this list has no effect on your existing preference points.

Hunters must finalize the purchase of the license/permit within the timeframe specified in the email, otherwise, your opportunity will be offered to the next hunter on the randomized list. FWP may offer opportunities that have not sold out through the Surplus License List to over-the-counter customers at our internal and external license sale providers.

The timeframes to sign up for the various Surplus lists

are as follows:

Deer & Elk Permits, Deer B & Elk B License: June 21 – July 21

Antelope, Antelope B, Crane, Special Mountain Lion: August 9–Aug. 27

Nonresidents who hold a NR Native license, Youth Combo license, or NR College Student Combination license may purchase Deer B and Elk B licenses at half price.

To view the surplus licenses available, visit

For more information, contact the FWP licensing office at 406-444-2950 or fwplic@mt.gov.

Wet Devils

The Glendive Wet Devils traveled to Glasgow, Mont. for the Glasgow Invitational Swim Meet on June 19 and 20.

The results for the Wet Devils are as follows:

MEET RESULTS

Event #24: Girls 50 Freestyle 9-10: Lili Schultz, 2nd place; Bristol Ackerman, 8th place; Kali Palmer, 12th place

Event #25: Boys 50 Freestyle 11-12: Henri Schultz, 2nd place

Event #26: Girls 50 Freestyle 11-12: Whitney Schneider, 3rd place; Aspen Boje, 12th place

Event #27: Boys 50 Freestyle 13-14: Colter Matkin, 2nd place

Event #30: Girls Freestyle 15-19: Mataya Tipton, 1st place; Shelby Schneider, 4th place

Event #34: Girls 50 Breaststroke 9-10: Grace Walter, 3rd place

Event #35: Boys 50 Breaststroke 11-12: Henri Schultz, 6th place

Event #44: Girls 100 Freestyle 9-10: Lili Schultz, 4th place; Bristol Ackerman, 8th place

Event #45: Boys 100 Freestyle 11-12: Henri Schultz, 5th place

Event #46: Girls 100 Freestyle 11-12: Whitney Schneider, 3rd place; Aspen Boje, 11th place

Event #47: Boys 100 Freestyle 13-14: Colter Matkin, 2nd place

Event #50: Girls 100 Freestyle 15-19: Mataya Tipton, 1st place; Shelby Schneider, 3rd place

Event #51: Boys 25 Backstroke 8 and Under: Dillon Hynes, 10th place

Event #54: Girls 50 Backstroke 9-10: Bristol Ackerman, 5th place; Kali Palmer, 6th place; Sofia Williamson, 9th place

Event #55: Boys 50 Backstroke 11-12: Graysen Mills, 12th place

Event #56: Girls 50 Backstroke 11-12: Whitney Schneider, 2nd place; Aspen Boje, 8th place

Event #57: Boys 100 Backstroke 13-14: Colter Matkin, 1st place

Event #58: Girls 100 Backstroke 13-14: Taylor Ochs, 7th place; Tayler Wolf, 9th place

Event #64: Girls 50 Butterfly 9-10: Lili Schultz, 3rd place

Event #68: Girls 50 Butterfly 13-14: Taylor Ochs, 10th place

Event #70: Girls 50 Butterfly 15 and Over: Shelby Schneider, 4th place

Event #72: Girls 200 Freestyle 11-12: Emma Hynes, 4th place

Event #74: Girls 200 Freestyle 13-14: 10th place

Event #80: Girls 100 Medley Relay 9-10: Morgan Mills, Grace Walter, Bristol Ackermann, Lili Schultz, 3rd place finish.

RELAY RESULTS

Event #4: Girls 100 Freestyle 9-10 "A": Grace Walter, Kali Palmer, Bristol Ackerman, Lili Schultz, 2nd place finish.

Event #4: Girls 100 Freestyle 9-10 "B": Brooklyn Bodily, Morgan Mills, Sophie Engle, Sofia Williamson, 6th place finish.

Event #6: Girls 200 Freestyle 11-12: Aspen Boje, Maysa Murphy, Emma Hynes, Whitney Schneider, 6th place finish.

Plan ahead to be safe on Montana's waterways this summer

As the summer heats up, boaters, floaters and swimmers are hitting the water to cool down. Montana's many rivers, lakes and reservoirs offer fun recreational opportunities like swimming, boating and floating, but it's important to remember to be safe while enjoying the water.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that drowning is the fifth leading cause of unintentional injury/death for people of all ages, and that potentially, half of all boating deaths could be

prevented with the use of life jackets. The CDC also states that among children 14 and under, drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury/death (after motor vehicle crashes).

Parental/adult supervision alone is not enough to prevent water accidents when swimming, boating and floating in Montana's many bodies of water. Using the proper size and type of life jacket is crucial for all swimmers to be safe while recreating.

"It's critical for everyone

to wear the proper-sized life jacket when recreating on the water," said FWP Boat Education Coordinator Sara Smith. "A jacket that is too big can easily slip off."

To properly fit a life jacket, hold your arms straight up over your head and ask a friend to grasp the tops of the arm openings and gently pull up. Make sure there is no excess room above the openings and that the jacket does not ride up over your chin or face.

Here are additional tips to keep you safe when you're on the water:

• Make sure an adult is constantly watching children swimming or playing in or around the water. Have children playing near water wear life jackets as there may be steep drops.

• When boating, children under 12 years of age must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket, but it is recommended that everyone on the boat wears a life jacket.

• Jumping from cliffs or bridges is dangerous because of shallow water, submerged rocks, trees, or other hazards. Never dive head-first into water.

• Never drink alcohol

offs you are unaware of.

• Don't consider your children to be "drown-proof" because you enrolled them in swimming class. A child who falls into water unexpectedly may panic and forget learned swimming skills.

• Always swim with a buddy. Never swim alone or unsupervised.

• Know the local weather conditions and forecast before swimming or boating. Strong winds and thunderstorms with lightning strikes are dangerous to swimmers and boaters.

• Don't use air-filled or foam toys, such as water-wings, noodles, or inner-tubes, in place of life jackets. These are toys and are not designed to keep a swimmer safe.

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before or while swimming or boating. Never drink alcohol while supervising children.

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USDA reminds Producers to File Crop Acreage Reports

Agricultural producers who have not yet completed their crop acreage reports after spring planting should make an appointment with the Dawson County Farm Service Agency (FSA) before the applicable deadline.

"In order to comply with USDA program eligibility requirements, all producers must file an accurate crop acreage report by the applicable deadline," said Shelley Gustafson, FSA's County Executive Director in Dawson County. "Our FSA staff is available to assist producers in completing acreage reports, including providing maps."

An acreage report documents a crop grown on a farm or ranch and its intended uses. Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planted acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits.

How to File a Report

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable in Montana:

July 15: 2021 Acreage Reporting Deadline for Annually Seeded Spring Crops, Spring Seeded Alfalfa Seed, Forage Seeding, Conservation Reserve Program, Perennial Forage not covered under the NAP, Hemp and all other crops

not required to be reported by a previous reporting date. This is the final date that FSA can accept late-filed 2020 reports for these crops.

Service Center staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email and other digital tools. Because of the pandemic, some USDA Service Centers are open to limited visitors. Contact the Dawson County FSA office to set up an in-person or phone appointment.

To file a crop acreage report, you will need to provide:

- Crop and crop type or variety.
- Intended use of the crop.
- Number of acres of the crop.
- Map with approximate boundaries for the crop.
- Planting date(s).
- Planting pattern, when applicable.
- Producer shares.
- Irrigation practice(s).
- Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable.
- Other information as required.

Acreage Reporting Details

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

• If the crop has not been planted by the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

• If a producer acquires additional acreage after the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

Producers should also report crop acreage they intended to plant, but due to natural disaster, were unable to plant. Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA's Risk Management Agency.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP-covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

For questions, please contact the Dawson County FSA office at (406) 377-5566.

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Farm Service Agency is accepting nominations for county committee members

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) began accepting nominations for county committee members on June 15. Elections will occur in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA) for these members who make important decisions about how federal farm programs are administered locally. All nomination forms for the 2021 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 2, 2021.

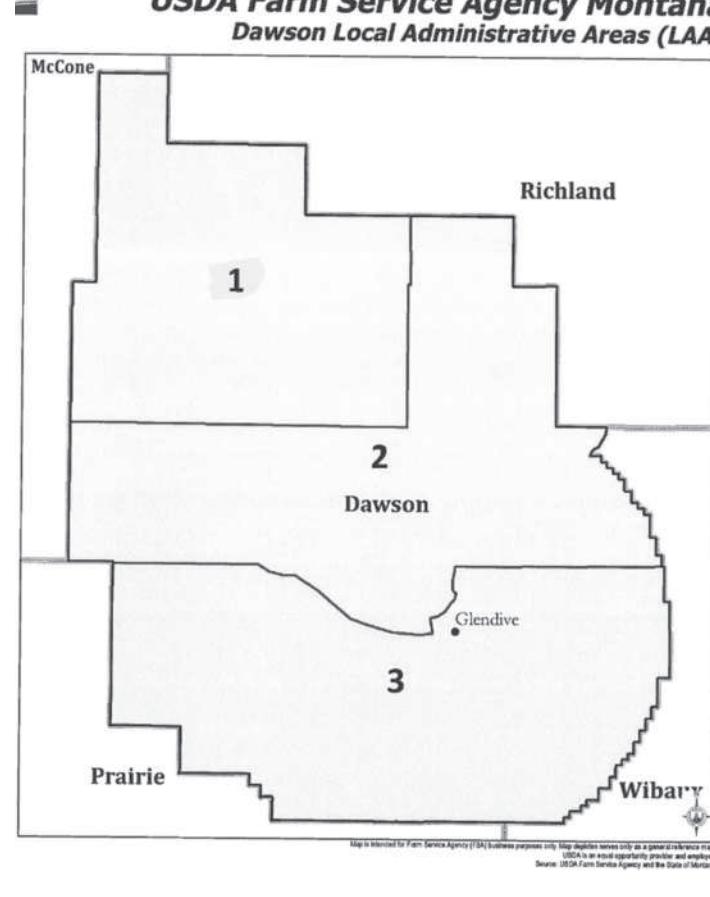
Agricultural producers who participate or cooperate in a USDA program, and reside in the LAA that is up for election this year, may be nominated for candidacy for the county committee. A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation to FSA, even if they have not applied or received program benefits.

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Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated members of the agricultural community serving on FSA county committees. The committees are made up of three to 11 members who serve three-year terms. Producers serving on FSA county committees play a critical role in the day-to-day operations of the agency. Committee members are vital to how FSA carries out disaster programs, as well as conservation, commodity and price support programs, county office



Dawson County is divided into three local administrative areas by the Farm Services Administration. Nominations for county committee members are now being accepted.

employment and other agricultural issues.

LAAs are elective areas for FSA committees in a single county or multi-county jurisdiction. This may include LAAs that are focused on an urban or suburban area.

Producers should contact their local FSA office today to register and find out how to get involved in their county's election. They should check with their local USDA Service Center to see if their LAA is

up for election this year. To be considered, a producer must be registered and sign an FSA-669A nomination form or an FSA-669-A-3 for urban county committees. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 1, 2021. To find your local USDA Service Center, visit farmers.gov/service-locator.

Dawson County FSA is accepting Emergency Conservation Program Applications

Farm Service Agency is accepting applications in Dawson County for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) to address damages from drought. ECP signup will begin on June 28th, 2021 and end on July 27, 2021.

The approved ECP practices include EC6 Drought Emergency Measures (Livestock Water Practices).

ECP helps producers with the cost to restore the farmland to pre-disaster

conditions. Producers may receive up to 75 percent of the cost of approved restoration activity. Limited resource, socially disadvantaged and beginning farmers and ranchers may receive up to 90 percent cost-share. A 25 percent advance payment will be allowed for repair or replacement of fencing. The payment limitation for ECP is \$500,000 per disaster, and the funds are limited to activities to return the land to the relative pre-disaster condition.

Producers must apply for assistance prior to beginning reconstructive work. FSA's National Environmental Policy Act and environmental compliance review process is required to be completed before any actions are taken. Submitting an application after reconstructive work has been completed may not qualify for ECP. Conservation concerns that were present on the land prior to the disaster are not eligible for ECP assistance.

FSA county committees will evaluate applications based on an on-site inspection of the damaged land, taking into consideration the type and extent of the damage. An on-site inspection does not guarantee that cost-share funding will be provided.

For more information on ECP, contact the Dawson County USDA Service Center in Glendive at 406-377-5566 or visit farmers.gov/recover.

GLENDIVE LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE

Sale Results For June 18, 2021

	377-2697	939-2960
BULL Bulk \$85.00 to \$100.00		
Layton (Dick) Olstad, Sentinel Butte, 1 Bull, 2,100 lbs	\$103.50	
Sackman Inc., Terry, 1 Bull, 2,155 lbs	\$103.50	
Miske Ranch, Inc., Wibaux, 1 Bull, 2,185 lbs	\$103.00	
Frank Eaton & Sons, Lindsay, 1 Bull, 1,890 lbs	\$103.00	
Tim & Kim Klasna, Lambert, 1 Bull, 1,895 lbs	\$102.50	
Gordon Stickel, Fallon, 1 Bull, 2,090 lbs	\$101.50	
Guldborg Bros., Inc., Brockway, 1 Bull, 1,760 lbs	\$99.50	
Andy Downs, Lindsay, 1 Bull, 2,195 lbs	\$98.00	
Daniel Undem, Circle, 1 Bull, 1,960 lbs	\$98.00	
Destry Northrop, Golva, 1 Bull, 2,005 lbs	\$98.00	
Andy Moe, Sentinel Butte, 1 Bull, 1,980 lbs	\$96.50	
COW Bulk \$58.00 to \$71.00		
Hay Creek Ranch, Inc., Glendive, 3 Cows, 1,355 lbs	\$74.00	
Al Swanson, Wibaux, 2 Cows, 1,545 lbs	\$74.00	
David Clarin, Sentinel Butte, 1 Cow, 1,630 lbs	\$73.50	
Sackman, Inc., Terry, 2 Cows, 1,465 lbs	\$73.50	
Nagel's Inc., Circle, 1 Cow, 1,580 lbs	\$72.50	
Sackman Inc., Terry, 2 Cows, 1,603 lbs	\$72.50	
Knuths Cattle Co., Glendive, 1 Cow, 1,715 lbs	\$72.50	
WCG LLC, Golva, 2 Cows, 1,235 lbs	\$72.00	
Layton (Dick) Olstad, Sentinel Butte, 2 Cows, 1,798 lbs	\$72.00	
Tim & Kim Klasna, Lambert, 1 Cow, 1,335 lbs	\$72.00	
Doug Cahill, Brockway, 1 Cow, 1,295 lbs	\$72.00	
Weinreis Brothers, Golva, 12 Cows, 1,233 lbs	\$71.50	
Robert (Butch) Nagle, Circle, 4 Cows, 1,356 lbs	\$71.50	
Kelsey Gibbs Crawford, Fallon, 1 Cow, 1,595 lbs	\$70.50	
Gibbs Livestock, Circle, 2 Cows, 1,580 lbs	\$70.50	
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David or Tom Winchell, Glendive, 30 Hfrs, 680 lbs	\$138.00	
Tim Adams, Glendive, 1 Hfr, 785 lbs	\$127.00	
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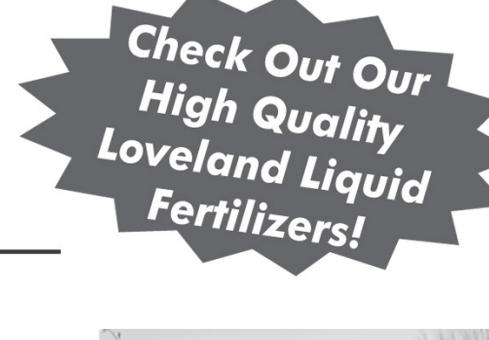
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Chromebooks

This resolution may not become effective for fourteen (14) days after the publication. Any taxpayer has fourteen (14) days from this publication to appeal the resolution of the Trustees. If there is any objection to the resolution, contact the school district clerk prior to the effective date of the resolution.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2021.

Anne Sadorf, District Clerk
Michael Ziegler, Chairman,
Glendive Unified Board of
Trustees

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF
OIL AND GAS CONSERVA-
TION
OF THE STATE OF MON-
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In the Matter of the applica-
tion of **PETRO-HUNT, L.L.C.**
NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO APPLY FOR PERMIT TO
DRILL OIL AND GAS WELL

For a Permit to Drill an oil
and gas well.

1. Name and address of Ap-
plicant:

PETRO-HUNT, L.L.C.
390 119TH AVE. SW

KILLDEER, ND 58640

2. Legal Description includ-
ing County and Approximate
Footages of Surface Loca-
tion of Proposed Oil and Gas
Well:

(and projected bottom-hole
location, if a directional or
horizontal well)

SHL:
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SENE SEC. 14, T18N-R54E

DAWSON COUNTY, MON-
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BHL:
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**DAWSON COUNTY, MON-
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3. Total Depth Proposed to
be Drilled:

11200'

Notice is hereby given that
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drill an oil and gas well at the
surface location set forth
above to the depth as stated
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Board of Oil and Gas Conserva-
tion. Pursuant to Rules
36.22.601 and 36.22.604,
Administrative Rules of Montan-
a, an interested party may
demand an opportunity to be
heard by the Montana Board
of Oil and Gas Conserva-
tion concerning the applica-
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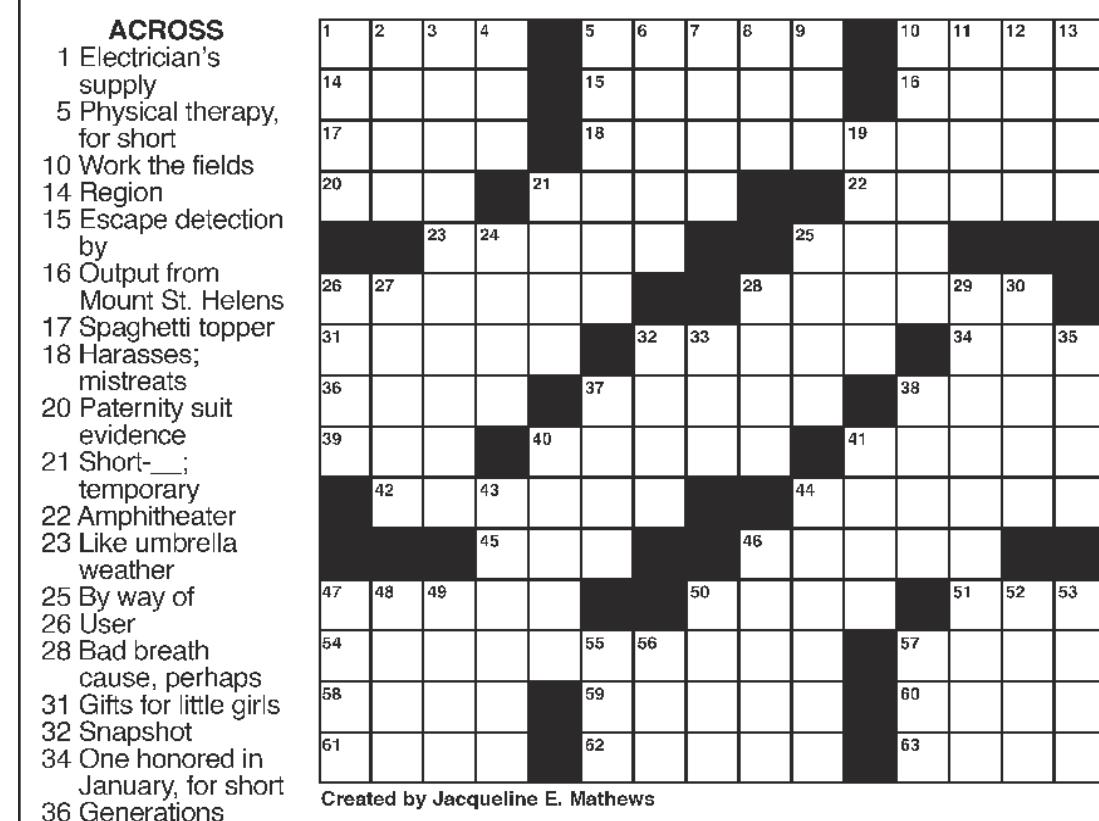
413 E Bell. Fri, 25, 5-8 & Sat 26, 8-1.

110 Michelle Lane, Sat, June 26, 8-?.
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kitchen items, furniture, riding lawn
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53 Rd 240, Sat, June 26, 8-noon.
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Sunday's Puzzle Solved



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PUBLICATION OF NOTICE
OF PENDING ATTACHMENT
OF A TAX LIEN

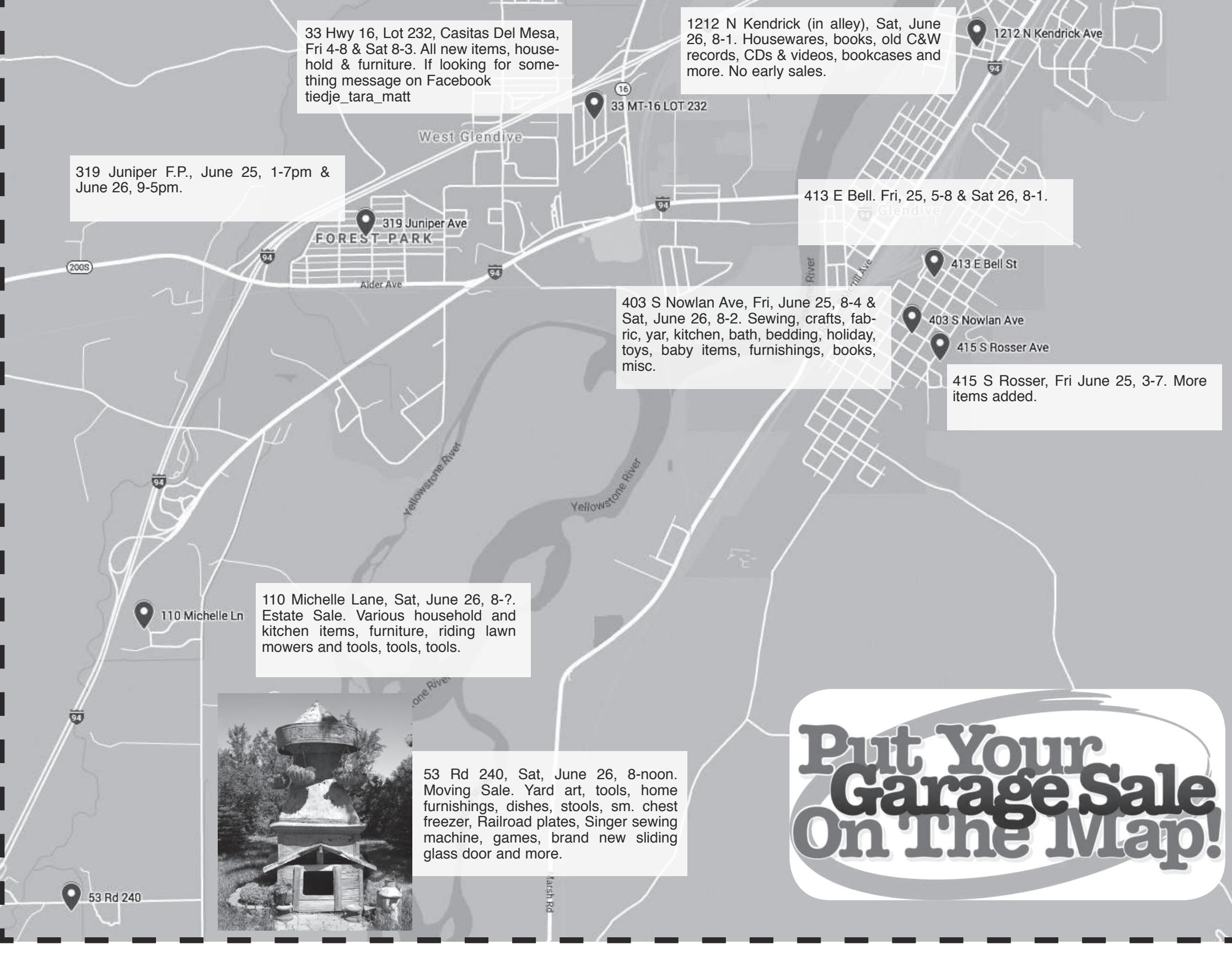
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on which the 2020 taxes are
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and costs are a lien upon
the property and that unless
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and costs are paid prior to
August 2, 2021 a tax lien will
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file in the office of the Dawson
County Treasurer and is open
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nation. For further information
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or at 406-377-3026.

Dated this 18th of June,
2021. Vickie Boje, Dawson
County Treasurer.

Published: 6/24, 7/1 & 7/8/21

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Group cheers Senate rail action

The Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority announced that an amendment introduced and included in the Surface Transportation Investment Act of 2021, which passed out of the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee by a bipartisan 25-3 vote on Wednesday, may help pave the way for restoration of the former North Coast Hiawatha passenger rail route through southern Montana along with other former passenger routes across the rural West. The bill with the attached amendment will now move to the full Senate for a vote as part of the broader Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021.

The amendment, introduced by Montana Sen. Jon Tester with support from Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS), includes language suggested by the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority (BSPRA) and the broader Greater Northwest Working Group (GNWG), an assemblage of passenger rail advocacy groups and supporters from across the Northwest region who are working together to push for restoration and enhancement of passenger rail routes throughout the region.

"Senator Tester's amendment to the surface transportation bill is a huge affirmation of the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority and our efforts to restore passenger rail service through southern Montana," said BSPRA Chairman Dave Strohmaier, who serves as Missoula County commissioner. "Although additional steps remain before the bill lands on the president's desk, this is a foundational first step toward a truly national vision of long-distance passenger rail."

BSPRA and GNWG members, local officials and tribal representatives from Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Colorado, North Dakota and Minnesota held over 20

"virtual fly-ins" with members of Congress and congressional committee staffs last week and Monday of this week to push for language in the surface transportation bill that would help facilitate eventual restoration of discontinued passenger rail routes which formerly serviced those states.

"This initial success is in no small part due to the collaborative nature of this effort," said BSPRA Vice Chairman Jason Stuart. "A multitude of people from across multiple states, from big cities and small towns and from differing political perspectives have come together to say it's high time the Northwest receives equal attention and treatment when it comes to access to passenger rail service. And we hope that all of our respective congressional delegations have received that message loud and clear and will work together in a bipartisan manner to ensure that the final version of the bill that the president signs includes the Tester amendment."

The Tester amendment specifically provides \$15 million to study restoration of discontinued long-distance passenger rail routes, with a report to be delivered to the Senate Commerce Committee after two years of which routes are recommended for restoration. The amendment further includes language which would put former routes in the rural West like the North Coast Hiawatha and the Pioneer route at the forefront of those studies.

For more news on efforts to restore and enhance passenger rail service in Montana and across the region or to make a donation or get involved visit www.bigskyrail.org.

To view a video about the efforts of the BSPRA, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=sE8LjfFqBBwE.



Hunter Herbaugh photo

A day for a show

The Fifth Annual Outdoor Quilt Show was held on Saturday, June 19 at the intersection of Towne Street and Meade Avenue. The event was hosted by the Enchanted Room and Enchanted Living and featured approximately 242 individual quilts.

LARP group seeks 'weapons' use waiver

By Hunter Herbaugh
Ranger-Review Staff Writer

With the Gathering of the Gamers returning later this summer, one of the event's most loyal attendees are hoping to expand on their previous showcases. Shire of Crimson Plains, a Live Action Role Play (LARP) group based in Miles City has attended Gatherings in previous years, giving demonstrations on their favored

activity to event attendees. This year they are hoping to incorporate a demonstration involving the firing of bows and arrows, though will have to get permission from the city to do so.

The Gathering is organized by local non-profit organization Badlands D&D and regularly attracts people from near and far. This will be the fifth year that the organization has organized the event, though it had to be cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Crimson Plains has been a regular attendee, bringing with them demonstrations on LARPing and medieval combat.

"Every year that we've done Gathering of the Gamers, (Crimson Plains) has been with us, but every year they do something different. They've done demonstrations and stuff like this and now they want to do something different that includes bows and arrows," Badlands D&D Co-founder Julia Neves said.

The equipment that Crimson Plains uses is primarily made of foam and is designed so as to not cause serious injury.

To be able to hold the demonstration though, Badlands D&D has to get permission. The Gathering is being held at the EPEC this year and the demonstration from Crimson Plains, if possible, would be held at Our Park. However, according to Mayor Jerry Jimison, there is a city ordi-

nance that prohibits the firing of "dangerous weapons" within city limits, including firearms, bows and even sling shots. To hopefully get a temporary waiver so that Crimson Plains can hold their demonstration, Badlands D&D requested permission from the city's Ordinance Committee.

"This is something that's not exactly set in stone because we need to see if it is allowed to be done," Neves said.

A member of the Badlands

D&D board was scheduled to make the request to the Ordinance Committee at their meeting on Monday, however was unable to attend. The matter was tabled for the next meeting, which will be held in July. The Gathering of the Gamers is scheduled for Labor Day weekend, with more information on the event becoming available closer to that date.

Reach Hunter Herbaugh at rreporter@rangerreview.com.

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

AISLE
ASCOT
BLUSHER
BOUQUET
BOUTONNIERE
BRIDESMAID
BUFFET
BUSTLE
BUTTERCREAM
CAKE
CALLIGRAPHY
CANDLES
CENTERPIECE
CHAPEL
CHARGER
CHUPPAH
COCKTAIL
CORSAGE
CRINOLINE
DAIS
DINNER
ENGRAVED
FAMILY
GOWN
INVITATION
MARRIAGE
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