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Snoflinga winter festival returns Jan. 21-23

By Robin Jordan

Snoflinga, Montana's winter festival will return to Butte this year from January 21 through January 23.

The free community-sponsored festival showcases the fun side of winter with activities geared for all ages. The goal of the festival is to allow members of the public to try and participate in a variety of different winter sports and encourage people to enjoy the many recreational opportunities available in the Butte area.

Participation in most events is free and free equipment rentals are offered for most events. Some events, such as races, require registration in advance. Please check the website snoflinga.org for complete details.

The festival begins Friday, Jan. 21 from noon to 5 p.m. with a Snoflinga Ice Carving Demonstration, sponsored by 5518 Designs at the High Altitude Speed Skating Center, 34 Olympic Way. An interactive ice carving, done by Butte's Absolute Zero Ice Design, will be created and be on display for weeks to come.

Also on Jan. 21, the Snoflinga opening ceremony will be held at Butte's High Altitude Skating Center from 5 to 9 p.m. Free ice skate rentals will be available for all ages on a first come first serve basis as well as a bonfire, music, and concession food.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, a Snoflinga Oula class, conducted by Joyfit406, will take place from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 225 W. Park St. Oula merges high-intensity cardio with easy-to-follow choreography, mindfulness practices and a culture of inclusivity—all to an energetic pop soundtrack.

Saturday's events also include the Frosty 5K Run/Walk from 9 to 10:30 a.m., beginning and ending at the Original Mine Yard, 443 N. Main St.

A skate marathon and Olympic-style races will take place Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the High Altitude Skating Center, 34 Olympic Way. Olympic-style races will begin at 9 a.m. and the start of 10K, 25K and 50K marathons is 10:30 a.m. Awards will be given to the top male and female finisher in each marathon plus the winner in each age category.

Uptown Butte still had plenty of snow left from last week's heavy storms, as seen Sunday, Jan. 9 in this view from near the Lexington Gardens on Granite Street. Photo by Robin Jordan

Free cross-country skiing instruction will be offered Saturday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at Homestake Lodge, 530 Upper Rader Creek. A second session of cross-country skiing will begin at 1 p.m. A free session of Nordic skate-skiing will also take place Saturday at the lodge from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Snoflinga Kids Day will take place Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Stodden Park.

Snowshoe tours at Homestake Lodge begin Saturday at 1 p.m.

A free session of curling instruction will take place Saturday from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m. at the Butte Community Ice Center, 1700 Wall St.

The Snoflinga Southwest Montana Polar Plunge will take place from 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Mountain Con Mine Yard. The plunge supports Special Olympics Montana athletes and teams in Butte, Anaconda, Dillon and Deer Lodge regions.

On Sunday, Jan. 23, a fat bike virtual race will be held on a marked course at the Big Butte Open Space Recreation Area from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Also on Sunday, a one-hour course on avalanche fundamentals will be offered from 11 a.m. to noon at Homestake Lodge. Class size is limited, and participants should preregister online.

Sunday from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Butte Community Ice Center, the public is invited for free ice skating and hockey at the rink.

Sponsors of Snoflinga 2022 include Opportunity Bank, Clearwater Credit Union, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana and Northwestern Energy.

Omicron cases surge in Butte-Silver Bow

Immediately following the holidays, Butte-Silver Bow saw an increase in COVID-19 cases. As of January 6, the county has 189 active cases. Due to genome sequencing, they know that this current surge is the Omicron variant. Although typically this variant is presenting with milder symptoms than previous variants, those who are immune-compromised or in high-risk groups still need to be protected. The Health Department still recommends implementing mitigation strategies such as masking and social distancing as well as getting vaccinated if you have not and getting a booster if your primary series was more than 6 months ago (more than 2 months for J & J). With the flu season hitting simultaneously, the goal remains to keep the hospitals from being overwhelmed.

Previous infection to other variants, such as Delta, do not offer the same 90-day immunity against Omicron. If you were sick with COVID-19 in the last 3 months, you are not immune to this new wave.

If you test positive with a home test, please call the Health Department at 497-5008.

The CDC has released new recommendations for isolation and quarantine. These changes are based on evidence that viral shedding occurs prior to symptom onset and in the first few days of symptoms. To learn more, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html

Vaccine Clinics:

- Butte-Silver Bow Health Department, 25 W. Front St.—by appointment only.
- Butte Plaza Mall—Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m. for pediatric vaccines, Saturdays during Winter Market for all vaccines.

Call 497-5020 for details.

Editorials

Snow machine proves itself on the deeper stuff

By Robin Jordan

Like many Butte folks, I spent the better part of each day last week shoveling snow.

I'd been looking forward to getting a real snowfall since before Christmas. My husband, Dave, had ordered a lightweight snowblower, which arrived on our doorstep shortly before the holiday. Eagerly, I put it together and hauled it outside to try it out on the inch or so of snow on the front patio and sidewalk.

I had been looking forward to getting the snowblower. Although we hadn't had any heavy snow yet, shoveling had become a daily chore and my back was dreading the day when we'd start to see some real accumulation.

The little blue machine roared into life that day, throwing a cloud of fluffy snow into the air. Very quickly, however, I realized that most of the snow was blowing right back onto the swath of sidewalk I had already cleared. I also discovered that the machine's snow spout was just tall enough to knock a fresh batch of snow off the bushes along the sidewalk onto my newly cleared path—and also onto me.

After tromping around in a cloud of snow with the machine for about an hour, I gave up, put the snowblower on the patio and shoveled the walk with my old shovel. Needless to say, I was not impressed.

However, I fired up the snowblower again last week after the first big snowfall, which dumped about 5 inches in our area. I was expecting another disappointment, but to my surprise, the little machine really buckled down and did its job admirably.

There was a bit of a learning curve to running the new machine. Aiming the snow spout only requires turning a little crank but figuring out just where to aim the snow took some practice. I also learned that the machine was more effective if I made short paths forward along the width of the sidewalk rather than trying to clear long, straight lines down the entire length of the property.

As to the bushes, I'm resigned to knocking all the snow off first and clearing that part of the sidewalk with the old shovel. Nevertheless, the new machine takes a big load off my back.

Even though the snowblower has made clearing the walkways easier, dealing with the heavy snow seemed to make other regular chores harder. For instance, I had to make a major grocery store trip last week, which meant I first had to brush all the heavy snow off the car, then scrape ice off all the windows. The drive to the store wasn't bad—Butte-Silver Bow's road department was prompt in getting the major streets plowed. The parking lot at the store was also plowed and I found a convenient spot.

Once I got out of the store with my heavily laden cart, however, it was a tough slog to push it to the car through the few more inches of snow that had just fallen. Grocery carts just weren't made to go very well in the snow.

We'd better make the best of the snowy weather, I guess. It's only January.

Giving Thanks to Big Pharma

By George Waring

In late September, Rebekah Entralgo, the managing editor of Inequality.org. passed along her latest report on corporate lobbying.

It was illustrated with a photo of People's Action organizers in D.C. who had marched to the headquarters of PhRMA to politely request the nation's most profitable drug companies halt their assault on the current very popular congressional reforms that would lower prescription drug prices.

The photo showed a "STOP PHARMA GREED" banner and a large, menacing image of a greedy pharmaceutical industry CEO. The 12-foot cardboard PhRMA executive pulled strings to control activists portraying three Congressional "puppets" — Reps. Kathleen Rice (D-NY), Kurt Schrader (D-OR), and Scott Peters (D-CA). These three House members all recently threatened to tank a provision in the $3.5 trillion budget resolution that would allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies for lower prescription prices.

Attendees delivered a letter to PhRMA, signed by a growing coalition of national and local progressive organizations, demanding they halt all lobbying efforts.

"Elected officials are parroting your talking points: the high prices of prescription drugs are necessary to promote innovation and the development of new medications. This is a lie," the letter reads. "Organizations like yours, whose sole job it is to represent the interest of corporations, are trying to force policy makers into a false choice between affordable drugs for millions of Americans now, or the continued development of new medicines in the future. People's lives are on the line."

Senator Bernie Sanders, who earlier this year spearheaded legislation to lower prescription drug prices, joined the demonstration, decrying the pharmaceutical industry's latest lobbying campaign.

"For far too long, it has not been Congress that has been regulating the pharmaceutical industry," Sanders said. "Right now, they are spending many millions of dollars on campaign contributions, on TV ads, and on lobbying in order to defeat the $3.5 trillion reconciliation bill that will finally lower the price of prescription drugs by giving Medicare the ability to negotiate with the pharmaceutical industry. Well, today, we tell Big Pharma clearly: Your days of calling the shots in Washington, DC are over."

The prescription drug pricing reforms proposed by the Democrats are overwhelmingly popular among the general public, with only 27 percent of Americans holding positive views towards the pharmaceutical industry. Even former President Donald Trump has expressed support towards negotiating lower prescription drug prices, which makes the Democratic opposition to the provision all the more frustrating for the public.

"Big Pharma is the most hated institution in the U.S., according to Pew Research," Alex Lawson, Executive Director of Social Security Works, told Inequality.org. "That is because their business model is restricting access to all medication with prices that leave many sick, some dead, and a tiny few grotesquely rich. Pharma's time of openly corrupting the political system is over. We will make sure of that."

If you follow the money, however, the opposition from Rice, Schrader, and Peters to drug price controls should come as no surprise. Despite the proposal having support from 90 percent of registered voters in their districts, money from Big Pharma has proved to be too enticing. Over the course of their respective careers, Peters and Schrader have raised a combined $1.5 million from donors in the pharmaceutical and health products industries, with Peters as the top recipient of Big Pharma cash this election cycle.

A similar story is currently playing out in the Senate, where Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) received a boost from a dark money pharma group just before she voiced her opposition to the provision.

While it is easy to get caught up in the inside baseball of Capitol Hill politics, Tuesday's protest served as a reminder of the human impact of Big Pharma greed.

"Big Pharma's obsession with profit hurts real people," Jaime Izaguirre, a health care organizer at Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement, said at the rally. "I lost my brother because his insulin was too expensive. I'm here today to fight for him and the millions more who can't pay for life-saving drugs."

It would be nice to see the evening news providing coverage of such discomforting demonstrations. However, we all know which industry's ads pay for the national evening news.

Thanks, Rebekah!

Sudoku answers

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4	9	6	1	3	5	2	7	8
8	2	9	6	4	3	1	5	7
6	3	7	2	5	1	8	4	9
5	4	1	9	8	7	3	2	6
7	1	8	3	2	4	6	9	5
9	5	3	7	1	6	4	8	2
2	6	4	5	9	8	7	3	1

BUTTE SPORTS

Toone and Riley would tell you Brett Favre was right

Bill Foley

The great philosopher Brett Favre gave Montana State football players sound advice leading up to Saturday's FCS national championship football game in Frisco, Texas.

In a Cameo video, the former New York Jets quarterback told the Bobcats to enjoy the moment before ticking off some names of players, including Tommy Mellott of Butte and Troy Andersen of Dillon.

"You've got to soak up these memories," Favre said. "Trust me, the next thing you know it will be 20 years down the line."

Those are words that the Bobcat players should definitely take heed to, even if Saturday's game went disastrously wrong almost from the very beginning.

They should not dwell on the fact that Mellott suffered an injury that took him out of the game early. They should not lament the unstoppable running game from the Bison or the shotty playing surface.

Instead, the players should soak in all the memories from a great season that saw the Bobcats capture the heart of the state and even some Grizzly fans.

The fans, too, should make sure to bask in the glory of a great season. Seasons like this, after all, are the reason we are fans in the first place.

Favre was right, too. In a blink of an eye, it will be 20 years. Your "Touchdown Tommy" and "Tommy Football" T-shirts will have long since faded away.

The memories, though, will still be there.

Twenty-six years ago, I was a rabid fan on the other side of the Cat-Griz rivalry. Even though I grew up a huge Montana State fan, pretending to catch passes from quarterback Kelly Bradley in my backyard, I went to the University of Montana to earn a journalism degree.

I made the switch to the Griz a few years before that because I realized that so many great Butte High Bulldogs were heading to UM. They were guys like Todd Ericson, Chad Lembke and Lance Allen.

Then some members of the 1991 Butte High state championship team went to the Griz. Guys like Josh Paffhausen, Brian Toone and Randy Riley.

When any of those guys made a big play at Washington-Grizzly Stadium, I would make a big scene from the student section.

Paffhausen once set the UM single-game reception record just days after leaving the hospital with a fever that was off the charts. He caught a touchdown pass in the 1996 NCAA Division I-AA national championship game.

It was Toone and Riley, though, who made the biggest play as Grizzlies.

In fact, I will venture to say that no Butte guy has ever made a bigger play while playing football for the Grizzlies.

Not many Grizzlies have. Period.

Four years earlier, Toone and Riley were stars on Butte High's undefeated Class AA state championship team. Toone was a 6-2, 212-pound linebacker, while Riley was a 6-1, 195-pound guard on the offensive line.

As juniors on the University of Montana defensive line, Toone was up to 6-2, 261 and climbing, while Riley was 6-3 and 230.

On Dec. 16, 1995 in Huntington, West Virginia, the two Butte guys scored the two points that proved to be the difference in Montana's 22-20 win over Marshall in the NCAA Division I-AA national championship game.

I remember screaming something like "Brian Toone and Randy Riley from Butte, America" at one of the televisions at the Press Box, a sports bar and restaurant in Missoula.

Butte fans reveled in the moment for weeks after the championship victory, but it seemed to largely be missed by so many other Griz fans.

Actually, Toone and Riley never even got their name in the Missoula or Butte newspapers for the big play.

So, fans remembered that Dave Dickenson bounced back from 10 sacks to lead the Grizzlies down the field after Marshall's Chris Parker scored on a 26-yard run to put the Thundering Herd up 20-19 with 4 minutes, 45 seconds left in the game.

Some can probably tell you that Super Dave completed 6 of 8 passes on the drive that led to a 25-yard field goal by Andy Larson with :39 seconds left.

I remember one Griz fan screaming at the television as Larson lined up for the field goal.

"Andy, if you miss this, I will kill you," he yelled.

Larson had a big playoff miss in the snow two years earlier. But he was money on this day, just like he was the year before in a playoff win over McNeese State.

Some fans might even remember that Marshall kicker Tim Openlander attempted a 63-yard field goal, which came up way short as time expired.

But not enough remember those two points by the former Butte High Bulldogs.

They should.

Dallas Neil, a Great Falls High product who was a really good high school basketball player and an OK golfer, booted a beautiful 51-yard punt to pin the Herd at their own 5-yard line to set it up.

On second and nine from the 6, Toone and Riley got to Marshall freshman quarterback Chad Pennington, who went on to be a Jets quarterback just like Brett Favre.

Toone came up the middle to Pennington's face, and Riley came past the left tackle to the quarterback' backside.

The quarterback got rid of the ball, but it was an obvious intentional grounding penalty that resulted in a safety. That put the Grizzlies on top 12-10 with 6:54 left in the third quarter.

The box score, like the newspaper story, did not mention Toone or Riley for the great play. Instead, it read "Safety, Marshall's Pennington grounds ball in end zone."

ESPN announcer Joel Meyers, though, was on top of the call.

"Give those two points to Brian Toone and Randy Riley," he said. "They were right in the face of the quarterback."

A year later, the duo from Butte was again a huge part of a Grizzly team that went to the national championship game to again play Marshall on the Thunder Herd's home turf.

This time, they saw freshman receiver Randy Moss catch nine passes for 220 yards and four touchdowns as the Herd beat the Grizzlies 49-29.

Paffhausen's 18-yard touchdown from Brian Ah Yat was the last score of the game. Toone and Riley each registered five total tackles.

The plane ride home surely was not as fun as it was a year earlier, but the loss could not take away from all the great memories of the season.

That it took a future NFL Hall of Fame player to beat the Grizzlies did not ruin the 14 wins that gave the Grizzlies a return trip to West Virginia.

It could not erase those blowout home playoff victories.

While the pain from the loss is probably still there some times, the players from the Grizzlies must still revel in the memories of that 1996 season, just like they did in 1995.

To a man, you can bet every one of those players would tell the 2021-22 Bobcats the same thing.

They will tell them to remember and celebrate the best season at Montana State in 37 years. They will tell them to soak it all up and feel good about the magical journey they just took their fans on.

You better believe they will also tell the Bobcats that those 25 years went by faster than Brett Favre said.

– For more stories and columns from Bill Foley, go to ButteSports.com, where you can also find Bruce Sayler and up-to-the-minute news on the Bulldogs, Maroons, Orediggers and more. Email him at foley@buttesports.com.

Reflections from Roberta

By Dr. Roberta K. Ray, Professor Emerita

Why are Americans not happier?

When our founding fathers were justifying open rebellion against England, they declared on July 4, 1776: "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." It would be 89 years before these rights were even partially granted to African slaves, and still much longer before they were granted to women, and even longer before they were granted to LGBTQ people. Right-wing religions were a major force supporting slavery, and later, denial of civil rights, including voting rights, to African Americans, and denial of property rights, voting rights, and reproductive rights to women, and civil rights and marriage rights to gay Americans. Now, as Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor stated in the Mississippi abortion case, the Mississippi Solicitor General is imposing "a religious viewpoint" on all women in that state. Further, she warned that the same religious interests will seek to overturn court decision on same-sex marriage, sexual privacy, and contraceptive access. The right-wing majority on our Supreme Court has already pushed back on civil rights and voting rights for African Americans.

While there is an effort to limit "liberty" for far too many Americans, how is the U.S. doing in terms of preserving the right to "the pursuit of happiness" and "life" compared with other countries? Since 2010 the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network has surveyed people in 150 countries to determine how happy the population is on average. People are asked to rate themselves on a scale from zero (you are living your worse possible life) to 10 (you are living your best possible life.) Citizens of Scandinavian countries have always been in the top rankings. In 2015 Switzerland scored 1st place, otherwise, it was always a Scandinavian country. The United States has never ranked as high as 10th place!

What do the happiest countries have compared to the United States? They do not have a more impressive GDP or as many billionaires. The happiest countries have universal health care for all citizens; ample paid vacation time for all citizens; affordable child care and paid family leave for all citizens. Their citizens pay high taxes, but in exchange, they receive a strong supportive social network. They also trust their government. In Denmark, for example, citizens don't mind paying very high taxes, since they get some excellent benefits. For example, all children and adolescents have free dental care. Everyone has access to the same quality health care. The sickest patients are treated first. Equality and equity in health care and other aspects of life are priorities for the Danes. (Health Management, Vol 4, 2016)

Contrast Denmark with the U.S. Some years ago, my husband, John, and I had very bright student named Eddie. He was a gifted athlete on scholarship as well as an exceptional student. Eddie grew up in poverty in Texas, and like so many poor kids in our country, had no access to dental care. It still haunts me to remember how much pain that poor kid suffered until he graduated, got a job and could then afford to get his teeth fixed. No child in Denmark would have been forced to suffer as Eddie did.

In California, a lovely 19-year-old I knew very well died from an infection attacking her heart when the only hospital within 50 miles turned her away because she did not have insurance. She worked for a company that did not provide health insurance, and as this was before Obamacare, Cindy could not afford to purchase a decent policy. About 10 hours after Cindy was send home, a family member phoned 911, and the EMTs drove her back to that private hospital where she died on arrival, and the staff had the unmitigated gall to ask the family to donate her organs. I have been an organ donor but now I question whether it is moral to donate organs since the process is not equitable here in the U.S. Those who are uninsured, or those with poor quality insurance, are systematically denied access to transplant evaluation, and thus, any chance for a transplant.

When my nephew graduated from medical school in Chicago, he was 2nd best in his class. Top honors went to an African American who dropped dead from a congenital heart condition that should have been diagnosed and treated in childhood. The irony is that this gifted young man had a dream of providing medical care to those like him who were without it because of their low-income families. If Cindy and the young medical student had lived in Denmark or any other Western democracy, they would likely be alive today.

After World War II, most Western Democracies, like England, enacted universal, taxation-based healthcare, and President Harry Truman tried to enact it here. However, the American Medical Association conducted the most expensive public relations campaign in history to convince Americans of the evil of "socialized medicine." The AMA gained much of the wealth it used to defeat universal health care by promoting the use of tobacco! (Beatrix Hoffman, Health Care for Some)

Next week, I will examine the pitfalls of our insurance-based, rather than tax-based healthcare system.

Lifestyle

Healthier Living

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Healthy Aging and Exercise

I sometimes hear friends and family members talking about how they are going to change their living situations and activities as they slow down with age. There are certainly circumstances which make it necessary to make these types of changes, but it is not a foregone conclusion. With a little luck and an understanding of what keeps us young, we can put off having to slow down for a very long time, if not indefinitely.

A 2014 study tested three groups, one of older healthy individuals who had exercised most of their lives, the second consisted of healthy non-exercisers of similar age, and the third was a group of healthy young adults. The older exercises had preserved their muscle and strength. The men in this group had also maintained high testosterone levels, avoiding what many consider to be male menopause.

The benefits the exercisers enjoyed did not stop there. Their immune systems had not aged either. An organ called the thymus, which makes immune cells, called T cells, tends to shrink beginning at about age 20, but the older exercisers were making as many T cells as the younger group. The exercise kept their immune systems healthy and like that of a young person.

Professor Janet Lord, Director of the Institute of Inflammation and Ageing at the University of Birmingham, said: "Hippocrates in 400 BC said that exercise is man's best medicine, but his message has been lost over time and we are an increasingly sedentary society." The 2014 study provides real evidence that encouraging a life-long commitment to exercise is a solution to the problem in our society that people are living longer but are not healthier.

If we do not exercise to counteract the natural effects of aging, we lose about a pound of muscle per year after age thirty and a pound of fat takes its place. This is preventable and both aerobic and strength exercises will assist in preserving and building muscle. Regular brisk walks will help with the muscles in our lower body. If we also do some upper-body weights or resistance exercises like push-ups (on the wall or floor from knees or toes) and triceps presses, we help maintain our upper-body strength.

The stronger muscles, ligaments, tendons and bones of exercisers can alleviate many issues that we face as we age. Changes to the nervous system, coordination and memory can all be avoided or delayed by starting to exercise early and continuing through our twilight years. Although not necessarily the Fountain of Youth, staying strong gives us the opportunity to grow old gracefully and with our faculties intact.

One of the conclusions that can be taken from the study is that the older exercisers were not continuing to exercise because they were healthy, they maintained good health because they had exercised most of their lives. This means we do not have to anticipate that as we age our health will fail. Rather, by finding activity we enjoy and can continue as we grow older, we will reap the benefits later in life, staying independent and productive into old age.

I was thinking of the concept of not slowing down when I was driving home in all the snow in a car not equipped for the elements. I had to drive aggressively just to stay moving along the streets, and I could slow down for intersections as long as I got back to being aggressive as soon as I could. As we necessarily slow down due to injuries or issues, we want to get back to our active selves as soon as possible and put the slower times behind us.

If you continue to exercise to maintain your younger fitness level, you can stay independent longer. You don't have to become an elite athlete. Whether you exercise now or did when you were younger, there is a benefit to continuing or beginning an exercise program. It doesn't matter how slowly you start, just stick with what you like until you get stronger and then don't give it up. Regardless of age, you won't regret feeling better and stronger!

This Week In Labor History

"You are the ones who can say the word 'Solidarity' and call each other 'Brother and Sister'. The oppressor can claim nothing but his greed." -Mother Jones, Legendary Labor Leader, school teacher, Knights of Labor and United Mine Workers organizer, IWW co-founder

Wednesday, Jan 12:
Novelist Jack London is born. His classic definition of a scab - someone who would cross a picket line and take a striker's job: "After God had finished the rattlesnake, the toad, the vampire, He had some awful substance left with which He made a scab. A scab is a two-legged animal with a cork-screw soul, a water-logged brain, a combination backbone of jelly and glue. Where others have hearts, he carries a tumor of rotten principles". -1876
President John F. Kennedy signs Executive Order 10988, guaranteeing federal workers the right to join unions and bargain collectively. -1962

Thursday, Jan 13:
The original Tompkins Square Riot. As unemployed workers demonstrated in New York's Tompkins Square Park, a detachment of mounted police charged into the crowd, beating men, women and children with billy clubs. Declared Abram Duryee, the Commissioner of Police: "It was the most glorious sight I ever saw..." -1874
IWW organizer and singer/songwriter Joe Hill is falsely accused and arrested for killing two men during a grocery store hold-up in Utah. He ultimately is executed by firing squad (His last word was "Fire!") despite overwhelming evidence that he was framed and condemned solely for his association with the Industrial Workers of the World. When he was arrested was smiled and joked "I'm feeling pretty smart, and I'm also thinking about what I am going to do with that money at the end of the year." -1914

Friday, Jan 14:
A Brooklyn trolley strike began on this date (lasting until Feb. 28). The militia was called out and martial law declared in order to suppress it. Members of the Knights of Labor battled militiamen in the streets. -1895
14,000 General Electric employees strike for two days to protest the company's mid-contract decision to shift an average of $400 in additional health care co-payments onto each worker. -2003

Saturday, Jan 15:
Wobbly Ralph Chaplin, in Chicago for a demonstration against hunger, completes the writing of the labor anthem
"Solidarity Forever" on this date. He'd begun writing it in 1914 during a miner's strike in Huntington, W. Va. -1915
Martin Luther King Jr. born on this day. People forget that Dr. King was every bit as committed to economic justice as he was to ending racial segregation. He fought throughout his life to connect the labor and civil rights movements, envisioning them as twin pillars for social reform. -1929

Sunday, Jan 16:
Thousands of Palmer Raids detainees win the right to meet with lawyers and attorney representation at deportation hearings. "Palmer" was the anti-Union U.S. attorney general under Woodrow Wilson. Palmer falsely accused unions of being "Communists" and used the public's fear of Communism to crush the American Labor movement on behalf of the corporations. The offices of the IWW were raided and thousands of Wobblies (IWW members) were held without trial hundred were forcefully deported from the "land of the free". -1920
Former UAW President Leonard Woodcock dies in Ann Arbor, Mich., at age 89. He had succeeded Walter Reuther and led the union from 1970 to 1977. -2001

Monday, Jan 17:
"Radical" labor organizer Lucy Parsons leads hunger march in Chicago on this day. (Her late husband, who was heavily involved in campaigning for the 8-hour day, had been arrested, tried and executed on November 11, 1887, by the state of Illinois.) In 1905 she participated in the founding of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW). Her feminism, which analyzed women's oppression as a function of Capitalism, was founded on working class values. Later Lucy focused on the class struggles around poverty and unemployment, and she organized the Chicago Hunger Demonstrations. -1915
Right-Wing Segregationists assault Rev Martin Luther King, Jr., in Selma, Alabama, as he registers as the first black guest in a hotel built a century earlier with slave labor. -1965

Tuesday, Jan 18:
U.S. Supreme Court (in order to protect company profits, low wages and deadly working conditions) rules in Moyer v. Peabody that a governor and officers of a state National Guard may imprison anyone (in the case at hand, striking miners in Colorado) without probable cause "in a time of insurrection" and deny the person the right of appeal. -1909
New York Times reports Wal-Mart Stores and Sams Clubs lock in their night shift workers with no key leaving them no chance of escape in case of emergencies. -2004

This Week in Labor History is compiled by Kevin D. Curtis.

Veterans Corner

By Mike Lawson

Greetings to all of you who read my SW MT veteran update articles. I, like many of you, have done a lot of shoveling and plowing this past week.
We're getting the much needed snow, in SW MT, that we need to fill our reservoirs, have good stream flows later in the year and give our ranchers/farmers the water they need for their crops. The winter recreation folks are more than happy, as this is the time of the year for them to enjoy getting out in the great winter outdoors. With the Covid omicron virus surging in Montana at the present time, and our winter weather making travel difficult, veteran activities are pretty limited for January. Planning activities for the rest of the year is starting to take place, in preparation for the many events our Veteran Organizations do throughout the year.

One thing that continues, no matter the weather, is the Veteran Honor Guards doing graveside veteran ceremonies for our brother/sister veterans who have passed away. Sometimes the weather doesn't cooperate very well but these veterans perform this ceremony in spite of it. We as veterans, honoring our deceased brothers and sisters, wouldn't have it any other way.

Our new VA (CBOC) Medical Center continues to move forward, construction wise. The sheetmetal guys have most of the heating/air-conditioning ductwork in place with some short lines off the main lines to finish. The insulators have all the pipe insulated as well as the completed ductwork. The fire suppressant/sprinkler system is in place with the final sprinkler-head installation taking place once the suspended ceiling is installed. That's a ways out, as the walls need to be taped/textured and painted first. I did see protective floor covering being taped down in anticipation of those processes taking place. The heating system is working well and keeping these workers warm and cozy. One of them told me that he had to quit wearing his winter underwear as it was too warm for that working inside. The overall picture for this facility is that it's pretty well on schedule to be completed and open in April.

The Southwest Montana Veteran's Home has 31 resident veterans now. This week there's two short term women veterans and a long term male veteran being admitted. The two women veterans are needing rehab and could become long term. One of them has a husband at Fort Harrison, who also may become a resident. The Activities Director Teresa Madrazo was telling me they're working on getting our resident veterans to the Belmont Senior Citizen Center for lunch. They would take four residents at a time, probably rotating different residents during the week. They are planning for a Senior Olympics event during February, with the residents competing against one another. She said they really enjoy that.

Our SW Mt Veteran's Home Liaison Ashley Bair reports that the "Covered Walkways" are moving forward and planned to be completed in the late summer of 2023. I had a good visit with Cory Markovich from Markovich Construction. He said they're wrapping things up. The mechanical punchlist is completed, the electrical is close as is the painting. Some FFE items that were damaged are ordered and in the supply line somewhere. Change orders have been a big story from the very start of this job to the tune of about two million dollars. There were design changes, changing the mechanical system from gas to electric, after it was already in, and the list goes on. Things are finally getting close. Some smaller things such as installing an emergency button to open all the doors at once, are add-ons and being addressed. The Certificate of Occupancy from the County has passed for both Cottages #4 & #5. VA/State inspections will happen once Eduro has control of these Cottages. They can be tough, but once passed our Veterans who need this care can then be admitted. Both of these Cottages will be "Memory Units", for which there's a great need.

A bit of veteran information some of you might be interested in is the VA has started to pay the costs of transporting a veteran's remains to state and tribal veteran's cemeteries. If they haven't already started to do so, the VA will begin furnishing urns for storing the cremated remains of the deceased veteran. Families will also have the option of receiving a free headstone or urn but not both. An additional benefit is if a veteran is buried in a private or state cemetery the VA will pay for the spouse's name to be engraved on the headstone of their spouse. This will be effective for deaths going back to Oct 1,2019. (military.com) Another bit of veteran news is that military retirees and veterans who receive disability from the VA will see their benefits increase by 5.9%. That's a good bump in pay and will really help our veterans in dealing with the rise in inflation.

SW MT Veteran Organizations activities: Anaconda : (1) DAV Post Chapter #13 will meet in 3 months when the weather gets better (2) Marine Corps League Detachment #1380 has wrapped up their Toys For Tots Campaign. They meet the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. At the VFW Hall. (3) VFW Post #1876 meet the 1st Monday in February at their Hall at 7:00 p.m. (4) American Legion Post #21 meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at their Hall at 7:00 p.m.
They have a very active Honor Guard that do the Anaconda area Veteran funerals as well as other events that need an Honor Guard. DeerLodge: (1) American Legion Post #10 meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (2) The Honor Guard meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (3) VFW Post #689 meet the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Dillon: (1) American Legion Post #20 meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m (2) VFW Post #940 meets the 1st Wednesday of the month 7:00 p.m. Butte (1) American Legion Post #1 meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month as well as Post 1's Auxiliary. The second meeting is a dinner meeting on the 4th Wednesday, starting at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited for this meal for a $10.00 charge per meal. After the meal there is a Post #1 meeting of the Post at 6:00 p.m. These meetings happen at their Hall on Wynn Ave. (3) VFW Post #1448 meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Marine Corps League's "Hooch" at 7:00 p.m. The Post #1448's Auxiliary meets on the the 2nd Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the "Hooch". They do the Poppy Drive, buy flags to put on our Veteran's graves on Veteran's Day, and do many other activities supporting veterans and our community. (4) The United Veteran's Council meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. The United Veteran's Council is made up of representatives of the other Veteran Organizations in Butte. They do all the Color Guard ceremonies like Veterans Funerals, Veteran's Day Ceremony, 9/11 Ceremony, Memorial Day Ceremony, Posting Colors for special events, etc. They also help the homeless vets or vets passing through with gas/food chits as well as raising money for new vans, for our DAV Van program.

(5) The DAV Chapter #6 meet at the Elks Club, on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. They sponsor the DAV Van program on a local, state and national level.

In all these articles I have mentioned about being safe during these Covid virus pandemic times sweeping our country, state and our SW Montana. My wife and I both received the two Covid Vaccinations and the Booster and have now tested positive for Covid Omicron virus. We are in quarantine and after 5 days will be able to go out, but must wear a mask. We were exposed to some family members at Christmas, who ended up very sick from it. So far, our symptoms have been very mild and I contribute that to us having been vaccinated. Hopefully folks will realize that the more who get vaccinated, the less people around them will get sick, or if they do, their symptoms will be mild like ours are. Until next time, please take care.

Statewide COVID-19 numbers as of Monday, January 10th 2021

Total Deaths: 2,921
Total confirmed cases: 204,788
Active cases: 7,713
Recovered: 194,154
Total hospitalizations: 10,534
Active hospitalizations: 154
Total tests completed: 2,337,369
Total vaccine doses administered: 1,346,290
Total Montanans fully vaccinated: 542,524 (53% of those eligible)
Silver Bow County total vaccine doses administered: 53,145
Silver Bow County fully vaccinated: 21,189 (64% of those eligible)

LEGALS

Michael B. Grayson GRAYSON LAW FIRM 112 E. Commercial Ave. P.O. Box 907 Anaconda, MT 59711 (406) 563-3195 Attorney for Personal Representative MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, SILVER BOW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Probate No. DP-21-177 THERESA RUTH GAGEBY HOCKING, NOTICE TO CREDITORS Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed as Co-Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to Jack W. Hocking and Adam T. Hocking, Co-Personal Representatives, c/o Grayson Law Firm, P.O. Box 907, Anaconda, Montana, 59711, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. DATED this 16th day of December, 2021. /s/ Jack W. Hocking Jack W. Hocking Co-Personal Representative /s/ Michael B. Grayson Michael B. Grayson Attorney for Personal Representative 22, 23, 24

MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, SILVER BOW COUNTY IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: Maylee Brielle Fitzpatrick Kylah Fitzpatrick (a/k/a Kylah Ball), Petitioner, On behalf of Maylee Brielle Fitzpatrick, Minor Child. Dept. II - Hon. Robert J. Whelan Cause No. DV -21-97 Notice of Hearing on Name Change of Minor Child This is a notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court to change a child's name from Maylee Brielle Fitzptrick to Maylee Brielle Ball. The hearing will be on February 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held at in Judge Whelan's Courtroom at the Silver Bow County Courthouse, 155 West Granite St., Butte, MT 59701. Dated: December 29th, 2021. Tom Powers Clerk of District Court By: M. West Deputy Clerk 23, 24, 25, 26

MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, SILVER BOW COUNTY IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: Lakelynn Mai Fitzpatrick Kylah Fitzpatrick (a/k/a Kylah Ball), Petitioner, On behalf of Lakelynn Mai Fitzpatrick, Minor Child. Dept. II - Hon. Robert J. Whelan Cause No. DV -21-98 Amended Notice of Hearing on Name Change of Minor Child This is a notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court to change a child's name from Lakelynn Mai Fitzptrick to Lakelynn Mai Ball. The hearing will be on February 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held at in Judge Whelan's Courtroom at the Silver Bow County Courthouse, 155 West Granite St., Butte, MT 59701. Dated: December 29th, 2021. Tom Powers Clerk of District Court By: M. West Deputy Clerk 23, 24, 25, 26

Liza L. Dennehy 2801 S. Montana Butte, MT 59701 Telephone: (406) 782-0484 Fax No.: (406) 782-7253 ldennehypllc@gmail.com Attorney for Applicant MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, SILVER BOW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Probate No. DP-22- 01 PAULA ANN CANFIELD, aka Paula Canfield, NOTICE TO CREDITORS Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be mailed to DANIEL OLSON, Personal Representative, return receipt requested, to Liza L. Dennehy, Esq., 2801 South Montana Street, Butte, Montana, 59701, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. DATED this 6th day of January, 2022. /s/ Daniel Olson DANIEL OLSON Personal Representative 24, 25, 25

Robert Whelan, District Court Judge Second Judicial District 155 West Granite Street Butte, MT 59701 (406) 497-6420 MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT SILVER BOW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF: A.R. Cause No. DN-21-27-RW Youth(s) In Need Of Care. CITATION FOR PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS TO CHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ, THE BIRTH MOTHER OF A.R.: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the above-entitled Court by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Child and Family Services Division (hereinafter the Department of Public Health and Human Services) located at 700 Casey St., Butte, Montana 59701, is requesting the court for Termination of Parental Rights and Permanent Legal Custody. NOW, THEREFORE, YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED to appear on the 26TH day of January, 2022 at 9:00 o'clock a.m., at the second judicial district court in Butte, Montana, then and there to show cause, if any you may have, why DPHHS's request for relief should not be granted. The youth was born on May 20, 2021 in Montana. The youth's mother is Cheyenne Rodriguez. The youth's birth father is Bradley Rogers. You have the right to be represented by an attorney in these proceedings. If you are unable to afford an attorney, you have the right to ask the Court to appoint an attorney to represent you. Your failure to appear at the hearing constitutes a denial of your interest in the above-named child, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceeding, in judgment by default being entered for the relief requested in the petition. A copy of the Petition is filed with the Clerk of District Court in Silver-Bow County, 406-497-6350. WITNESS the Hon. Robert Whelan, District Judge of the State of Montana with the seal of said Court affixed this 3rd day of January, 2022. ATTEST: TOM POWERS - CLERK OF COURT By: Deputy Clerk 23, 24, 25

Amanda D. Hunter David L. Vicevich Vicevich Law 3738 Harrison Ave. Butte, MT 59701 Telephone: (406) 782-1111 Fax No.: (406) 782-4000 amanda@vicevichlaw.com; dave@vicevichlaw.com State Bar of Montana No. 44088997/4791 Attorney for Personal Representative MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, SILVER BOW COUNTY IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Probate No. DP-22-3 RILEY GIACOLETTO, NOTICE TO Decedent. CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MARK GIACOLETTO, the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named Estate. All persons having claims against the deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to MARK GIACOLETTO, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, care of the Attorney for the Personal Representative, Amanda D. Hunter, Vicevich Law, 3738 Harrison Ave., Butte, Montana 59701, or filed with the above-entitled Court. DATED this 7th day of January, 2022. AMANDA D. HUNTER Attorney for Personal Representative MARK GIACOLETTO Personal Representative 24, 25, 26

Patrick T. Fleming FLEMING & O'LEARY, PLLP P.O. Box 527 Butte, MT 59703 Telephone: (406) 723-5600 Facsimile: (406) 723-5602 Attorneys for the Estate of David Lynn Shirley MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT SILVER BOW COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of Cause No. DP-21-36 DAVID LYNN SHIRLEY, NOTICE TO CREDITORS Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debbie Svaldi has been appointed Personal Representative for the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the deceased, David Lynn Shirley, are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, to the law offices of Fleming & O'Leary, PLLP, P.O. Box 527, Butte, Montana, 59703, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. DATED this 4th day of January, 2022. FLEMING & O'LEARY, PLLP By /s/ Patrick T. Fleming P.O. Box 527 Butte, MT 59703 Attorneys for the Estate of David Lynn Shirley 24, 25, 26

Patrick T. Fleming FLEMING & O'LEARY, PLLP P.O. Box 527 Butte, MT 59703 Telephone: (406) 723-5600 Facsimile: (406) 723-5602 Attorneys for the Estate of Thomas P. Mulcahy MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT SILVER BOW COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of Cause No. DP-21-44 THOMAS P. MULCAHY, NOTICE TO CREDITORS Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Paul T. Seccomb has been appointed Personal Representative for the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the deceased, Thomas P. Mulcahy, are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, to the law offices of Fleming & O'Leary, PLLP, P.O. Box 527, Butte, Montana, 59703, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. DATED this 4th day of January, 2022. FLEMING & O'LEARY, PLLP By /s/ Patrick T. Fleming P.O. Box 527 Butte, MT 59703 Attorneys for the Estate of Thomas P. Mulcahy 24, 25, 26

Patrick T. Fleming FLEMING & O'LEARY, PLLP P.O. Box 527 Butte, MT 59703 Telephone: (406) 723-5600 Facsimile: (406) 723-5602 Attorneys for the Estate of Margaret Gail O'Leary MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT SILVER BOW COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of Cause No. DP-21-81 MARGARET GAIL O'LEARY, NOTICE TO CREDITORS Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Patrick T. Fleming has been appointed Personal Representative for the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the deceased, Margaret Gail O'Leary, are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, to the law offices of Fleming & O'Leary, PLLP, P.O. Box 527, Butte, Montana, 59703, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. DATED this 4th day of January, 2022. FLEMING & O'LEARY, PLLP By /s/ Patrick T. Fleming P.O. Box 527 Butte, MT 59703 Attorneys for the Estate of Margaret Gail O'Leary 24, 25, 26

Patrick T. Fleming FLEMING & O'LEARY, PLLP P.O. Box 527 Butte, MT 59703 Telephone: (406) 723-5600 Facsimile: (406) 723-5602 Attorneys for the Estate of Marjorie Jane Cannon MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT SILVER BOW COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of Cause No. DP-21-159 MARJORIE JANE CANNON, NOTICE TO CREDITORS Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Scott Cannon has been appointed Personal Representative for the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the deceased, Marjorie Jane Cannon, are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, to the law offices of Fleming & O'Leary, PLLP, P.O. Box 527, Butte, Montana, 59703, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. DATED this 4th day of January, 2022. FLEMING & O'LEARY, PLLP By /s/ Patrick T. Fleming P.O. Box 527 Butte, MT 59703 Attorneys for the Estate of Marjorie Jane Cannon 24, 25, 26

Local Sports

Thursday, Jan. 13
Women's college basketball – Montana Tech at MSU-Northern, 5 p.m.
Men's college basketball – Montana Tech at MSU-Northern, 7 p.m.
Prep boys' basketball – Butte High at Big Sky, 7 p.m.; Butte Central at Anaconda, 7:30 p.m.
Prep girls' basketball – Big Sky at Butte High, 7 p.m.; Butte Central at Anaconda, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 14
Prep wrestling – Butte High at Rocky Mountain Classic in Missoula, 10 a.m.
Prep girls' wrestling – Butte High at Hellgate Mixer.
Saturday, Jan. 15
Women's college basketball – Montana Western at Montana Tech, 2 p.m.
Men's college basketball – Montana Western at Montana Tech, 4 p.m.
Prep boys' basketball – Hellgate at Butte High, 3 p.m.; Stevensville at Butte Central, 4 p.m.
Prep girls' basketball – Butte High at Hellgate, 3 p.m.; Butte Central at Stevensville, 4 p.m.
Prep wrestling – Butte High at Rocky Mountain Classic in Missoula, 9:30 a.m.; Butte High JV and Butte Central at John Fisher in Missoula, 9 a.m.
Prep swimming – Butte High at Bozeman Invite, noon.
Tuesday, Jan. 18
Prep wrestling – Butte High at Hellgate, 6 p.m.

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Inquiries sought for possible sale

My name is Linda Anderson, and I am the owner of the Butte Weekly. This letter is to let you know I am considering selling the Butte Weekly and am accepting offers to buy the business.

We are exploring many avenues to continue to bring our great community this publication and the possibility of selling is one of them. Please note that we are still in business and plan on continuing to bring you the Butte Weekly every Wednesday.

The Butte Weekly has been in our community for 25 years. It is a free weekly publication. Only serious inquiries will be considered. If you are interested in purchasing the newspaper business, please contact me personally via email at: butte.news@butteweekly.com, attention Linda.

Thanks for all your support throughout the years. *Linda*

For the record

Dec. 26—Frank McKenzie Stanchfield, 79
Dec. 31—Francis "Frank" Pierce, 80
Riley Michael Giacoletto, 30
Jan. 2—Robert Connole, 83, Palm Desert, CA
Jan. 3—Jack L. Ritter Jr., 78
Betty M. Johson, 88, Helena
Jan. 4—Sylvia Gay Daily, 75
Kay (Strutzel) Taggart, 84
Joseph Michael Backstrom, 62
Irene M. Yelenich, 83
Jan. 5—Donna Lee Thompson, 83

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Community Calendar

Community Calendar is available to list events in Butte. To list an event ***email: editor@butteweekly.com.*** *Please clearly state it is a calendar item in the subject line*

Christmas Tree collection: Butte-Silver Bow Parks and Recreation will open a tree collection site at the corner of Platinum St. and Excelsior Ave. on Dec. 29.

The Carle Gallery at the Butte-Silver Bow Public Library is calling for artists. They are looking for individual exhibitions or curatorial ideas for the 2022-2023 season. The Carle Gallery's purpose is to provide artists to display their work in a professional setting. The Carle Gallery is committed to public art and exploring the purpose of a shared space for physical art for the community's interest. Please call 406-723-3361 for more information.

Butte Public Library offers free Spanish classes for beginners and intermediate learners. Starting on January 11 and continuing Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. until February 15th. No registration is required. For more information, please contact the library at 406-723-3361.

Butte Public Library's Social Justice Book Club will meet on Thursday, January 13th at 6 p.m. at Mackenzie River Pizza. They will be discussing Americanah by Chimand Ngozi Adichie. Copies are available for check out from the library. For more information, please call the library at 406-723-3361.

Judges are needed for the Richest Hill on Earth Speech and Debate Tournament at Butte High School Friday Jan. 14 and Saturday Jan. 15. No experience or requirements are necessary to judge events. All events are easy to judge. Coaches and volunteers will be available to answer any questions you may have. For more information, contact Roger McCullough, 406-533-2173 or mcculloughrb@bsd1.org or bulldogs4n6@gmail.com

Annual commemoration of the Butte Warehouse Explosion of 1895, combined with a fundraiser, will be Saturday, Jan. 15 at 2:30 p.m. at the sculpture site at the Uptown Fire station, Mercury and Idaho Streets. Following the commemoration are no-host cocktails at Headframe Spirits. A "Bite of Butte" fundraising dinner starts a 5 p.m. at the Elks Lodge (doors open at 4 p.m.) Dutch auction and live auction, plus games, will follow. Tickets: $30. Advance tickets available at Headframe Spirits, the Butte Archives and the Helsinki.

Butte Silver Bow Republican Central Committee Monthly meeting is Tuesday, January 18th, 6:30 pm. Meeting will be at The Metals Sports Bar & Grill, 8 West Park St. Butte. Plan to arrive by 6 pm to order food and/or drinks. No Host Event. Questions, Call Jessie at (406) 593-1090.

The Butte Public Library's IT Ninja will be at the Belmont Senior Center on Tuesday January 18 at 11:00am. She will teach a class on Texting. All ages and abilities are welcome to learn new things or even the basics of technology. No registration is required, simply show up. For more information, please call the library at 406-723-3361.

Play ACC sanctioned cribbage every Thursday evening, 6:30 p.m., East Side Athletic Club sponsored by Big Butte Mile High Cribbers. Details: Phil 406-533-9633, Joe 406-560-1718

Butte Public Library holds the following weekly creative club meetings:

- Tuesdays: Loosely Knit Club 1-3 pm.
- Wednesdays: Butte Chess Club 5-7pm
- Thursdays: Memoir Writing Group 1-3

All clubs are free and open to the public. For more information, please call the library at 723-3361.

Butte Public Library hosts clubs for teens and tweens every weekday at 4 p.m. on the 2nd floor. Come to one or all. There's no registration, just show up.

- Mondays: Manga & Anime Club
- Tuesdays: Lego Build
- Wednesdays: Gaming
- Thursdays: Computer/ Hacking Group
- Fridays Science Club

For more information, please call the library at 723-3361.

The Butte Public Library welcomes back their Life Writing Group. This group writes together weekly on a variety of memoir topics. You don't need to be a good writer to work on your memories, you just need an interest in chronicling your stories. This group meets weekly on Thursdays from 1-3 on the third floor. For more information, please call the library at 723-3361.

Munday featured at Archives Brown Bag Lunch series

The Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives will continue its Brown Bag Lunch series on Wednesday, January 12, with a presentation by Pat Munday titled "Coming Home to China: Margaret Woo's story," about a woman who was born in China, came to Minneapolis as a young child in 1914, returned to China with her mother and two brothers in 1935 to bury her father in the home village, and fled back to America after the Japanese attack on China in 1937.

Munday and his co-researcher Shihua Chen Brazill learned of Margaret Woo when her granddaughters, Elizabeth and Kathryn Molloy, donated a collection of 27 cheongsam (or "qipao") dresses to the Mai Wah Society. Margaret Woo's life reveals the challenges facing Chinese Americans in the early 20th century, the ability of this young woman to live in two worlds, and the way she realized her version of the American Dream. Pat Munday has been with Montana Tech in Butte since 1990 and is a Professor of Science & Technology Studies with the Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences Department. In addition to Montana Tech, Professor Munday was awarded two Fulbrights to China and held two additional visiting professor appointments.

The presentation will begin at noon and run about an hour at the Archives, 17 W. Quartz Street. The Archives recommends masks for the safety of our patrons. Guests may bring a sack lunch, however, the archives will not provide coffee and water at this time.

For more information, contact the Archives at 782-3280.

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OGCT Artistic Director to step down

Jackie Vetter, Orphan Girl Children's Theatre Artistic Director, has announced that she will be leaving her position at the end of the 2021-2022 season. The OGCT Board of Directors would like to thank Jackie for her commitment to the organization and her leadership over the past six years. OGCT has seen immense positive growth throughout Jackie's time as Artistic Director and she will be missed by the young artists, board members and volunteers she has worked with in her time at the theater. We are excited to see where her next adventure takes her and send her off with all the support we can.

Jackie has directed 21 productions, starting with The Little Mermaid in 2016 and ending with our fabulous Christmas show A Gift to Remember in 2021. She has helped to create the annual 24 hour play festival, 10/24, which brings artists of all ages, and from across the state, together for a whirlwind of creativity. She has appeared on our state as an actor six times (not including cameos in various productions) and we hope this number continues to grow in the future. She was also pivotal in our survival during the COVID-19 Pandemic closures and helped to create an incredible online theater education program that reached children across the country and in Butte. The theater will continue to benefit from Jackie's commitment and attentiveness to detail as she has helped to create a more stable and robust program in her time with us. If you would like to spend time working with Jackie before she leaves, please be sure to volunteer for our upcoming shows, participate in the 10/24 Play Festival and look for workshops and education opportunities from her over the next few months. Please join us in wishing all the best for Jackie.

A search for a new Artistic Director is underway. If you have any questions or comments, please send them to OGCTBoard@gmail.com or call 406-782-5657.

--Orphan Girl Children's Theatre Board of Directors, Butte

The Great Outdoors

Waterfowl season comes to an end

By Paul Vang

Those hunting seasons that began way back on the first days of September and seemed to go forever are about to end.

The last general hunting season still open is waterfowl and the time left for hunting ducks and geese is now measured in days.

To be specific, in the Pacific Flyway areas of Montana, you have just a couple days left, as the seasons for ducks and geese close at sunset on Friday, January 14.

In the Central Flyway there are a few more days. The last day for hunting ducks is January 18 and the last day for geese is January 26.

Refer to the Migratory Bird regulations at Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks website, or the printed version available at many license vendors for the official boundaries, but in general, if you draw a line from Havre to Livingston, areas east of that line are in the Central Flyway and areas west of the line are in the Pacific Flyway.

I hate to say it, but this year, I missed out on the waterfowl season. With the unusually mild weather that extended almost to Christmas, ducks weren't coming into the warm water spring creeks on the ranch where I usually hunt ducks. Now, with the heavy snows we've received, I'm going to take a pass on slogging through deep snow on the off chance I might have a successful sneak on a bunch of mallards. I'll claim an old age exemption.

In any event, the waterfowl season is just about over and when that's over, hunting is over until April when the spring turkey season begins.

On the topic of bird hunting, Fish, Wildlife & Parks is proposing a change in upland bird regulations. Currently, upland bird hunting ends on January 1. FWP is proposing a change to extend the upland season for mountain grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, partridge, and pheasants through the end of January.

While I enjoy upland bird hunting more than ducks, or elk and deer, I really am not in favor of extending the season for upland birds another month.

My main reason is that January is typically a cold and snowy month. For upland birds, as well as most wildlife, the year is like an hourglass. Summer and autumn are times of plenty, with abundant bugs, food, and vegetative cover giving hatchling birds a fighting chance to survive and mature.

Winter is that narrow part of the hourglass where birds must scramble to find food and then it's another struggle to find sufficient habitat to survive arctic winds and sub-zero temperatures.

Once birds survive winter, things get easier in spring as snow melts and food becomes more available. Birds that survive winter are the birds that reproduce and replace the birds that didn't survive the hard months.

In short, when January comes, I think upland birds need a break from human predators so they can concentrate on surviving through the winter without human disruption.

I'd suggest a non-biological factor is that avid upland bird hunters and their hard-working bird dogs are more than likely worn out by the end of December, anyway.

FWP is currently accepting comments on this proposed change, and you can submit comments online at the FWP website page for possible changes in hunting regulations. Or you can submit comments by email. The email address is FWPWLD@mt.gov. The deadline for submitting comments is January 21, at 5 p.m.

Incidentally, the cold, snowy weather of last week, normal weather for January, illustrates challenges that wild birds deal with in their daily struggle for survival.

On the other hand, cold, snowy weather becomes a time of leisure for ruffed grouse. Ruffed grouse like nothing better than a couple feet of fresh, fluffy snow. Grouse can burrow into the snow and be cozy and warm, insulated from the cold by the snow, and out of sight of predators. During the warm parts of the day, grouse will emerge from the snow and fly up into trees, especially aspens, and feed on leaf buds.

I grumble about shoveling, but let it snow.

--Paul Vang's new book, "Golden Years, Golden Hours," is available at How Novel, The Second Edition, Isle of Books & Books, or online at http://writingoutdoors.com.

What's Cooking

Rice Cream Pudding
By Debbie Sorensen

As I write this column, it is Epiphany, January 6th. In light of all that slams us these days, I am grateful that I have memories of another time and place. Those memories have rooted me in the meaning of this season that comes after Christmas and New Years'.

Epiphany means "revelation." Many Christians around the world annually celebrate Epiphany on this date. Other names for the day are "Twelfth Night" or "Little Christmas." It is a public holiday in some countries and marks two events in the life of Jesus Christ, according to the Bible. The first event, commemorates how a star led the Magi, the Kings or Wise Men, to the baby Jesus. The second, acknowledges the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. In some traditions, this is seen as the manifestation of Christ as both fully human and fully divine.

On occasion as a child, my mother would invite the surrounding neighbors to an Epiphany party at our ranch. Folks would cram into our home, eat and then sing Christmas Carols for a final time. We shared good will and appreciation for all that we were blessed with. It was that final wrap up of the holidays. We stood together, in that we were part of a greater community and the family of God.

Years later, as part of a Sons of Norway Lodge, we would gather to celebrate this special day with a Scandinavian Smorgasbord. After eating, we would join hands and make a circle around a Christmas tree in the middle of the room. Then came singing Christmas carols as we moved around the tree in time to the favorite music of old. We left refreshed, encouraged and ready to go forth into the new year and do good. My hope for all of us, is that we would have an "epiphany" moment and do the same.

The following recipe is similar to something served at those gatherings. Erna Oleson Xan and Sigrid Marstrander wrote Time-Honored Norwegian Recipes, adapted to the American kitchen.

Riskrem or Rice Pudding

2 1/4 c. milk
1 1/2 T. sugar
2 T. butter
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 c. cold water
1/4 c. rice
4 T. blanched and chopped almonds
2 c. whipping cream, whipped stiff
1 envelope unflavored gelatin

Put milk in top of double boiler and bring to a boil. When it is bubbling around the edge, add the rice and stir. Let cook for about 50 minutes or until rice is well done. While still hot, add sugar, almonds and butter. Let it cool completely.

Fold in the stiffly beaten whipped cream and the vanilla. Sprinkle gelatin over cold water in a small saucepan. Place over low heat, stirring constantly until gelatin dissolves (about 3 minutes). Cool. Fold into the rice and whipped cream mixture. Spoon into a large, pretty bowl and refrigerate. Serve 8.

Red Sauce:
1 box frozen strawberries 1 c. water 1 1/2 T. cornstarch

Boil strawberries and water for 5 minutes. Dissolve cornstarch in a little water. Add to the sauce, bring a boil stirring constantly. Remove from heat and cool.

When serving, pass the bowl or rice cream around the table followed by the pitcher of the red sauce to pour over the rice.

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