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"Second Halloween," held last Saturday at the Clark Chateau, featured creative costumes, dancing, kids' games and refreshments. The event was a benefit for the Jacob Wheeler Foundation, which works to prevent teen suicide. *Photos by Robin Jordan*



Officials consider company's offer for covering homeowners' sewer, water line repairs

By Robin Jordan

When a water line breaks or a leak develops in a sewer line on a Butte street, Butte-Silver Bow bears responsibility and the public works department has to fix it.

But, when a homeowner's water line is blocked by tree roots on the property or a sewer-line backs up on their property, the homeowner may end up paying thousands of dollars to remove the blockage and his or her home insurance may not cover the cost of repair.

Butte-Silver Bow commissioners heard a presentation last week from a company that could offer homeowner coverage for just such problems at no cost to the local government. Rob Meston, Regional Account Manager for Utility Service Partners Inc., said the company would like to enter a marketing agreement with Butte-Silver Bow to offer service line warranties in the community with the local government's endorsement.

Meston said the program helps to educate homeowners about their responsibility for lines on their property and offers them a low-cost way to protect themselves from costly repairs. The national average cost for a sewer or water line repair is \$3,000 to \$5,000, he said, which is not usually covered by the homeowner's insurance policy, which may cover property damage in case of a leak, but not repair of the line.

Meston said USP is the only service line warranty provider endorsed by the National League of Cities. Started in 1998 as Columbia Service Partners as part of the gas utility Columbia Energy, USP became a stand-alone company in 2003 and since has expanded

through city and utility partnerships.

According to USP's website, "Through a unique 'Savings & Solutions Program' Partnership between the National League of Cities (NLC) and USP, the NLC Service Line Warranty Program was conceived in 2010 as a tool to help NLC member cities address this infrastructure issue on a local level for their residents. The NLC Service Line Warranty Program is a unique public-private partnership, and as the program administrator, USP is the only provider endorsed by the NLC, an organization that represents and advocates for cities and municipalities throughout the United States."

Meston said USP has more than 600 partners nationwide and 11 in Montana. According to Myles Meehan, USP's media contact, the cities and towns of White Sulphur Springs, Conrad, Hot Springs, Great Falls, Havre, Libby, Superior, Choteau, Fort Peck, Ekalaka and Livingston "have signed on with USP but are in various stages of the implementation process, none gone to market yet. Residents should be seeing the program in the near future as we complete onboarding/launch process."

If the council of commissioners approves the agreement, USP would send each resident a campaign letter, using the Butte-Silver Bow logo in conjunction with USP's logo, saying the city-county endorses the program and offering the opportunity to sign up for coverage. A follow-up reminder would be sent two weeks later to ensure the highest response rate. The company uses no telemarketing and would only solicit customers by mail.

Meston said USP prefers to partner with local municipalities, rather than market on its own,

because of the company's relationship with the NLC.

USP administers the program and is responsible for all aspects, including marketing, billing, customer service and performing repairs to local code, using local licensed and approved contractors, according to the company's website. Meston said Butte-Silver Bow can provide a list of contractors for the company to contact or USP can compile its own list. He said the company only deals with local contractors to keep business in the city-county.

Meston said there is no cost to the local government to partner with USP, but the city-county could opt to either receive a 50-cent to \$1 bonus royalty for each USP customer per month or direct that the money be used to reduce customer premiums.

The program can reduce residents' frustration over utility line failures by bringing them low-cost service options, Meston said. Homeowners generally pay between \$6-7 per month for exterior water line coverage and \$9.50-9.99 per month for coverage of interior plumbing. This provides up to \$8,500 in coverage per incident on exterior lines and up to \$3,000 on interior plumbing, he said. There are no annual or lifetime caps on coverage.

Customers are not required to sign an annual contract with USP but pay on a monthly basis and can cancel anytime, Meston said. Service is provided through licensed local contractors, Meston said. Customers call a toll-free USP number to request service. USP selects the contractor, who must contact the customer

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Bill Foley

When I look back on the 2004 Class AA State boys' basketball tournament in Missoula, one of the first things I remember is the way Butte High took the floor.

Great Falls Russell, which won the game, entered the arena in full warmup uniforms. They wore long sleeve tops and pants as they ran onto the floor in an organized manner for pregame layups.

A few moments later, on the northwest corner of the court, Butte High's team members slowly gathered. They were all wearing only their white uniform top and shorts.

They all stood there for a moment, arms hanging at their sides like gunslingers ready to duel as they looked around the packed arena.

It was one of the most Butte guy things I have ever seen.

Warmups? We don't need no stinkin' warmups. Let the pretty boys wear the warmups.

BUTTE SPORTS

Sell us a candy bar if you really want our money

A few years later, a Butte High player excitedly told me about the new warmup suits the parents pitched in to buy the team. I told him the story about the 2004 moment, and told him to throw those silly warmups in the dumpster.

Never in the history of high school sports has there been a bigger waste of money than a warmup suit for basketball.

At least in the case of the 2007 Bulldogs, though, it was the parents who wasted their money.

The other day, I learned that a Montana boys' basketball team started a gambling board to raise money so the team can buy some fancy new warmups for the post-season.

Just when we thought we were done with football fundraising scams after the Super Bowl, we are being sucked right back into them with college basketball.

Yes, the gambling board has surpassed Go Fund Me as the scam of choice.

Sure, there is nothing wrong with fundraising for certain causes, but these gambling boards are way over the top. They are also becoming an everyday occurrence.

Anybody who has a coworker or has been on Facebook knows exactly what I am talking about.

"You want to get on my board to for my (insert son or daughter story here)?"

Then you give them \$10 or \$20 per square on their 100-square board. Half of the winnings go to the lucky winner. The other half goes to the "cause."

That's right, half.

The Gambino crime family would never think about taking that kind of a cut from a board, and they offer much better amenities.

While I am no lawyer, there is a pretty good chance that these boards are highly illegal, even though the state government is unlikely go after dance moms on Facebook. More importantly, they are presumptuous, and they take advantage of people who are supposed to be your "friends."

If a local tavern owner tried to take that big of a cut on its Super Bowl board, he would be run out of business. If not by the state, then by his customers.

Fundraisers can be a great thing. We can fundraise to help Little League Baseball pay for poor children to play. We can fundraise to help make sure Little Guy Football is free to all boys and girls.

We can fundraise to help schools buy playground equipment and books.

We can fundraise to help sick people pay their medical bills.

If you want your son or daughter to go be on the best traveling team or attend the best dance school, though, you are own. At least you should be.

Surprisingly, though, people keep falling for this scam, even though you would think the poor payout would drive them away.

A board like that is also one of the most lazy forms of fundraising. If you want to use gambling to raise money, you should have to give the gamblers a bang for their buck.

The Cystic Fibrosis Benefit March Madness Calcutta, which was started by a local group several years ago knows, does it right.

The Calcutta pays out 90 percent of the money taken in. The other 10 percent goes to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to help find a cure for the terrible disease, not buy new dance shoes.

That has led to the group sending off some massive checks to the foundation each of its first five years. If it took half the money for the foundation right off the top, there would not have been enough support for a Year 2.

If you are taking that much money, most of us would much rather get our Super Bowl numbers or Final Four brackets in the back room of a run-down bar.

On Facebook or at work, however, we are shamed into paying for

other people's children, something so low my old one-eyed bookie never would have considered.

If you want to give your son or daughter an edge, there are honest ways to raise money for them.

One wrestling mom who used run a hotdog stand in Uptown Butte on St. Patrick's Day. She got a permit, worked hard and raised a good chunk of money to help pay her son's expenses.

Some families run fireworks stands to raise money to pay for their children's expenses or college funds.

Butte High football and Little Guy Football do a great job raising funds by selling peeler cards. Those cards for \$10 or \$15 offer people a chance to save money at local businesses.

You get back the money you spent in no time, some local stores get more business, and the league and team gets some much-needed money. It is a win-win-win.

The Butte High cross country team sells beef jerky. Sure, it is overpriced, but it at least you are getting something for your money.

Other groups sell candy bars, and that is a great, honest way to raise money, too. For \$1 or \$2 apiece, you can get a tasty candy bar, and the school gets money for supplies without taking advantage of Facebook friendship.

Boards that take half the money off the top do just that. Plus, when you "win," how do you accept the money? The amount of implied pressure to donate the winnings to the "cause" is off the charts.

What kind of a monster takes the \$500 in Super Bowl winnings from that cute little dancer or little slugger?

At least with a raffle ticket, there is no pressure to donate back your new 4-wheeler.

We get it. We all want what's best for our children, but too many people do not want to spend their own money.

If you are going to bug your "friends" for money to help ease your burden, though, the least you can do is sell us a candy bar.

That way we will not feel like we are throwing our money into a dumpster along with those ugly warmup uniforms.

— Bill Foley is the editor of *ButteSports.com*, where you can also find Bruce Saylor and up-to-the-minute news on the Bulldogs, Maroons, Orediggers and more. Email him at foley@butesports.com.

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CPR's Dust to Dazzle Tour needs volunteers

Butte Citizens for Preservation & Revitalization (CPR) is getting ready for its 14th annual Dust to Dazzle Historic Homes Tour and is looking for assistance from the public in three areas.

One, we need houses to showcase. Houses can range literally from the middle of rehab (the "dust") to ornate (the "dazzle"). We want houses that have some historical fabric and illustrate a homeowner's ability to "save" a historic structure. Committee members can visit your house to determine if it is appropriate for the tour and will offer assistance to homeowners prior to the tour. Trained volunteers will be on hand the day of the event to provide information, ensure safety, and conduct tours. Contact Bill at 406 697-4768 or billgojets@yahoo.com for more information.

Two, we need volunteers to work the tour for two- to three-hour shifts. Duties include selling tickets, conducting tours, providing information, and assisting with the auction and tea. Contact Bill at 406 697-4768 or billgojets@yahoo.com to sign up as a volunteer.

Three, we need auction items. Specifically, we are looking for donations of antique or vintage pieces. The items do not necessarily need to be in great condition, but they should be worthy of restoration, much like the many houses and buildings we feature each year.

Contact Kathy at 406 479-3194 for more information and to arrange pick up or drop off.

Dust to Dazzle will take place on Saturday, June 29, from noon to 5.

City Scene

Music

Silver Dollar Saloon

- Wed Open Mic 9:00 133 S. Main. For information, call 782-7367.
- Sat 2/23 Jackson Holte & The Highway Patrol with Friends of the Family

Art

Martha U. Cooney Art Gallery, Metals Banc Bldg., Suite 301 is the place to find a very special gift. The Gallery is open Wednesdays 10:00-5:00 or call 498-5368 for a special appointment.

Ghetto Gallery, 654 1/2 S. Montana St, a private gallery, is open by appointment, call 490-0721 and ask for Patricia Schafer.

The Carle Gallery, 3rd floor of the Butte Public Library, is exhibiting Beau Theige's Guitars. These guitars are created using everyday utilitarian objects, antiques, or plain old junk-part instrument, part artwork. This exhibition will continue until December 31. For more information, see www.beauguitar.com. The Gallery is open during library hours. For details, contact the library at 723-3361.

Special Events

Big Brothers Big Sisters "Defending Potential" Gala, Friday, Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m., Star Lanes Family Event Center. For tickets and information, call 782-9644.

Name That Tune, fundraising competition hosted by the Butte Education Foundation, Saturday, Feb. 23, 6-10 p.m., Butte Country Club. Teams of 3 compete. Admission, \$35 per person or \$300 per team if payment is received by Feb. 15. (\$350 per team after Feb. 15.) Tickets support grants to local educators and the public education system. For more information, or to sign up, go to www.ButteEducationFoundation.org.

Free concert: U.S. Air Force Academy Band's "Falconaires," Thursday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m., Mother Lode Theatre. Free ticket vouchers available at the box office or online at buttearts.org

To list an activity or event, please submit your information by Fri., 4 p.m. previous to the week you would like your event listed. Submit to editor@butteweekly.com or butte.news@butteweekly.com

Local Sports Schedule

BUTTE HIGH BULLDOGS

Boys Basketball

Feb. 22 @ Billings Senior
Feb. 28-March 2 @ Divisionals GF
March 7-9 @ State in Butte

Girls Basketball

Feb. 22 vs. Billings Senior
Feb. 28-March 2 @ Divisionals GF
March 7-9 @ State in Butte

BUTTE CENTRAL MAROONS

Boys Basketball

Feb. 21-23 TBD Western A Divisional Hamilton
March 7-9 TBD State in Great Falls

Girls Basketball

Feb. 21-23 TBD Western A Divisional Hamilton
March 7-9 TBD State in Great Falls

MONTANA TECH

Boys Basketball

Feb. 21 vs. CARROLL COLLEGE (MONT.)
Feb. 22 vs. ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE (MONT.)

Girls Basketball

Feb. 21 vs. CARROLL COLLEGE (MONT.)
Feb. 22 vs. ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE (MONT.)

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The Right Insurance Can Meet Both Short- and Long-term Needs

If you're going to achieve your important financial goals, you'll need to build an appropriate investment portfolio. But that's only part of the story – because you also need to protect what you have, what you earn and what you'd like to leave behind. That's why it's a good idea to become familiar with the various types of insurance and how they can address short- and long-term needs.

For starters, consider life insurance. You may have important long-term goals, such as leaving an inheritance for your family and providing resources for your favorite charities. You may be able to fulfill some of these through the death benefit on your policy.

You can also purchase life insurance to help fill the gap between the amounts you have saved and what your family would need if you died unexpectedly. Thus, insurance can pay for liabilities (such as a mortgage, car payments, student loans and other debts), education expenses (such as college for your children) and final expenses associated with your passing.

Next, consider disability insurance. If you were injured or became ill and couldn't work for a while, the loss of income could be a big problem for your family members – in fact, it could disrupt their entire lifestyle. Even a short-term disability could prove worrisome, while a long-term disability could be catastrophic. Your employer might offer short-term disability insurance, and that could be enough – but do you really want to take that chance? To protect your income if you were out of work for an extended period, you might need to supplement your employer's coverage with your own long-term disability policy. Long-term disability insurance, which generally kicks in after you've used up your short-term benefits, may pay you for a designated time period (perhaps two to five years) or until you reach a certain age, such as 65. Long-term disability insurance likely won't replace your entire income, but it can go a long way toward helping you stay "above water" until you recover.

You may also want to think about long-term care insurance. Despite its name, a long-term care policy

could meet either short- or long-term needs. On the short-term end, you might need the services of a home health care aide to assist you in your recovery from an injury such as a broken hip. On the other end of the long-term care scale, you might someday need an extensive stay in a nursing home, which can be extremely expensive and which isn't typically covered by Medicare. But in either case, you might be able to benefit from a long-term care insurance policy, or possibly a long-term care rider attached to a life insurance policy. And the earlier you take action, the better, because long-term care insurance, in particular, generally becomes more expensive the older you get.

This list of insurance policies, and the needs they can help meet, is certainly not exhaustive, but it should give you an idea of just how important the right insurance coverage can be for you – at almost any stage of your life.

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Editorials

More good arguments emerging to continue Medicaid Expansion

By Robin Jordan

In the last few weeks, as we've been waiting to see proposals by Montana's Republican legislators for "fixing" the state's Medicaid expansion, we've been reading more and more reports, backed up by good statistical evidence, that the program is working just fine as is and doesn't require "fixing."

Apparently, there are two Republican bills in the works. The draft version of one, from Rep. Ed Buttrey of Great Falls, includes work requirements of 80 hours per month for certain enrollees, or as supporters prefer to call them, "community engagement." This could include hours worked on the job or hours spent in substance abuse treatment or other counselling. Full-time caregivers, people with disabilities, people over 65 and pregnant women in their last trimester would be exempt.

The draft legislation would also increase premiums for those enrolled more than two years and terminate 12-month continuous eligibility.

To help pay for the state's increasing cost for the program Buttrey's plan would set up a new fee on hospital revenues for outpatient services, as well as expand some insurance premium tax on health insurance companies.

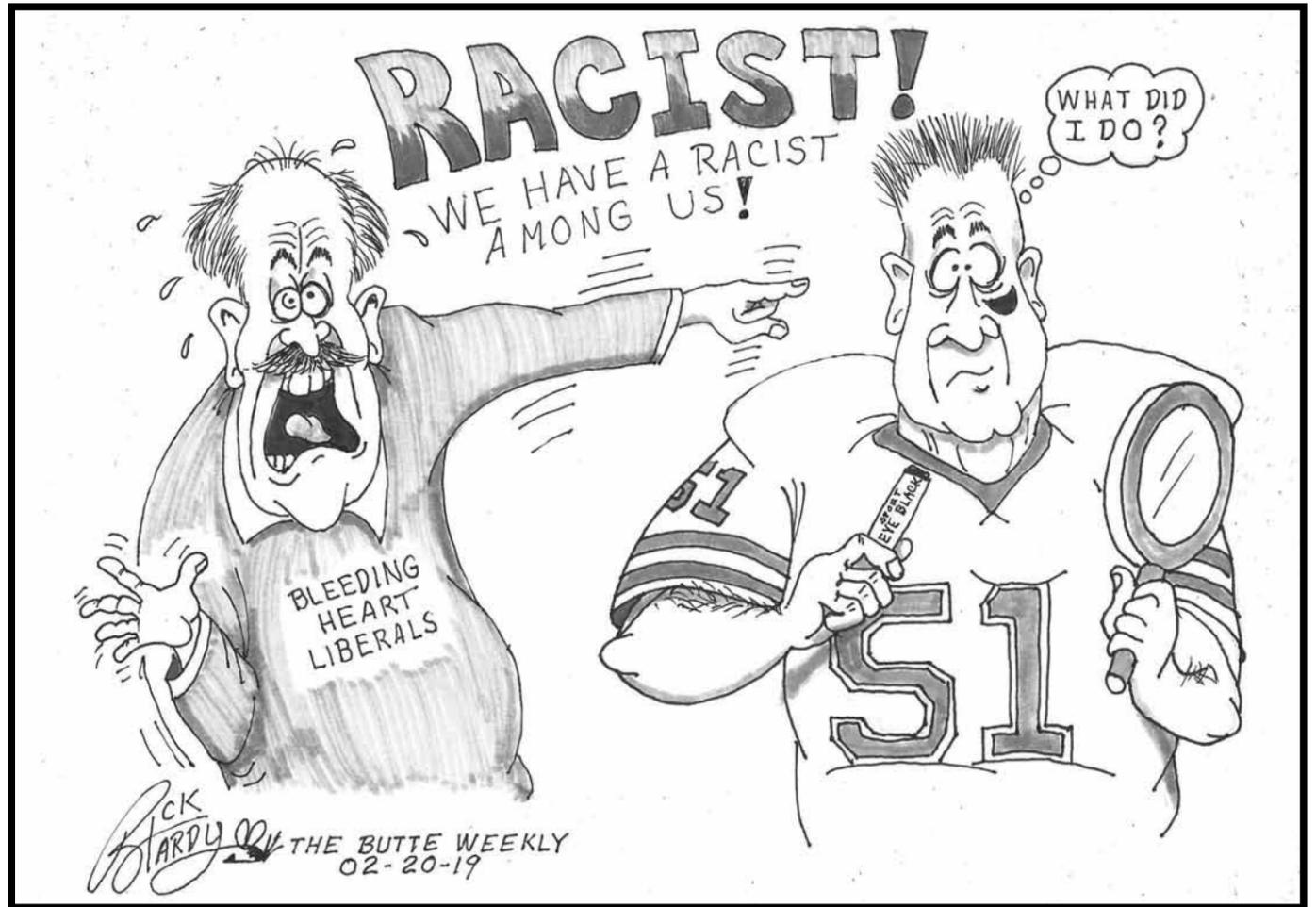
Last week, Republican Sen. Bob Keenan of Bigfork announced another proposal that would have the state increase its verification process on an enrollee's economic and state residency status. His plan would also include health risk assessments when people sign up for Medicaid expansion coverage and an "individual health plan" that would require them to take steps to improve their health.

Neither of these bills has been released in final form, so it's hard to know exactly what they will include or how the state would keep track of all the new information it would need to collect. Likely, the state would have considerable expense in setting up such tracking systems. And, some of the information collection and work requirements in these bills may not even meet the challenge of legality.

However, they both assume that there's a huge problem of people cheating the system to get health care benefits. We've not seen any evidence that this is the case.

We received a report on a study conducted by George Washington University's Milken Institute School of Public Health that said if work requirements are imposed, up to 45 percent of low-income Montanans could lose their health care coverage and another 5,000-7,000 could lose coverage due to higher premiums.

The work requirements will be a



burden for those Montanans in rural areas where there are fewer job opportunities. Enrollees will also be burdened with reporting their work hours to the state online. Internet access isn't universal in Montana by any stretch of the imagination, especially in rural areas. So, are enrollees expected to work their hours, travel to the nearest town with internet access to file their report at) the library? What if they don't know how to use the internet?

(Besides, if the state's online system for reporting for unemployment compensation is any example of the kind of system enrollees will navigate, most sane people will give up in frustration!)

Last summer, a report commissioned by the Montana Healthcare Foundation found that 78 percent of Medicaid expansion enrollees who were unemployed at the start of their coverage and went through the voluntary HELP-Link program have gotten jobs.

The report also showed that many people covered under Medicaid expansion already had jobs or are now working. Just over 81 percent live in families where at least one adult is working and 67 percent of enrollees are working themselves.

Don't even get us started on evidence that the expansion is benefiting the Montana economy, that it is helping rural hospitals stay in business and even expand services or that it is already reaping positive health outcomes for low income Montanans. We just hope our legislators are reading all the reports that we're getting.

We understand that Republican legislators are concerned that in future years, the state will bear a greater share of the cost of Medicaid expansion. However, we think their time could be spent more productively in supporting policies that grow the state economy than in making it harder for low income Montanans to get health care coverage.

Don't fix what ain't broke.

Rubin's Revulsion

By George Waring

In October 2017 Jennifer Rubin used her Washington Post column to reveal how Trump had conned his white evangelical base. She had just attended a "Values Voters Summit" celebrating Jerry Falwell, Jr.'s success in achieving total Republican Party control of government.

Rubin experienced Michele Bachmann's laudatory speech honoring Trump as a true "man of faith." Rubin considered this to be "the fable these voters tell themselves so as maintain their air of self-righteousness." She recounted the praise for Trump "as a God-fearing Christian who shares their evangelical determination to protect religion, which they actually believe is under attack in the United States."

Of course, Rubin continued, Trump's "overt behavior – his bullying, rudeness, nastiness, lying, excessive materialism (doesn't want poor people in his Cabinet) and total lack of empathy – was ignored."

Rubin's conservative friend at the National Review, David French, expressed his indignation that Steve Bannon, "chairman of the self-described home of the alt-right, Breitbart News" was a featured speaker at a "Values" Summit. Rubin endorsed French's question: "Why is a Christian organization hosting this vile man?" In her column, Rubin provided an answer she believed was "truthful and a real indication of what had happened to the leaders of white evangelicalism in the United States."

She wrote, "The conference organizers traded political influence for defense of true religiosity; they celebrate anyone who wages the culture war on their behalf, a war based on resentment, anger, self-pity and dishonesty."

Rubin referred to a lengthy

New Yorker article revealing "Trump's contempt for the views of conservative Christians."

She cited Trump's mocking of V.P. Pence for his praying and determination to overturn Roe v. Wade, and his views on gay rights. The author had revealed that when his conversation with Trump had turned to gay rights, Trump motioned toward Pence and joked, "Don't ask that guy—he wants to hang them all!"

Rubin expressed her outrage: "Mocking prayer? Denigrating the effort to overturn Roe v. Wade? Evangelicals would be horrified if a Democrat came close to that sort of conduct. Does Trump believe these things, or is he merely willing to humiliate a devout Christian for his faith?"

"Christian conservatives should give up the ruse," wrote Rubin, "they've made a bargain with the most irreligious and faithless president in history, a man who holds what they value in contempt."

Rubin expressed her wish that the "Values Voters' scam – that they and their candidates operate from some high, moral plane and are the true repositories of American values – should end with this president."

She concluded by describing these "Values Voters" as "nothing more and nothing less than an anti-abortion, anti-gay lobby group that seeks to enlist government to impose their ideological positions on others. In short, they are what their critics have always claimed." In 2018, the Values Voters Summit featured Pence, Bachman and Sebastian Gorka of Fox News. And all the usual suspects.

In January, the Washington Post published Joe Heim's interview with Jerry Falwell, Jr. president of Liberty University, and Trump's most influential white evangelical supporter.

Heim asked Falwell about his statement, following Republican

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Our Readers Write

Writer displeased that council gave \$11,000 to Starbucks developer

Why is a small community funding the building needs and business needs of a multi-billion dollar company? I am referring to the \$11,000 given to Starbucks by the Butte City Council.

There is a homeless shelter that is still waiting to be funded! There are empty buildings like Ace and Hastings to occupy; why build a new one? What a throwaway society! Parking problems? Could we possible walk a block or two? Even more ingenious, how about a real tram that goes up and down Harrison for the elderly and young who can't drive?

Where is the money for the people? Corporations do not need money from us; we buy their services and they are more than compensated. I want council members who truly have the needs of the people primary in their minds.

Why don't you fund some small businesses, and put some folks to work in their own business or for livable wages? That is how to build a strong city here; not chasing after international corporations who could care less about the community.

Time for new council members!

Deborah Sundahl, Butte

Waring

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defeats in the midterms, "that conservatives and Christians should stop electing nice guys. Aren't Christians supposed to be nice guys?"

Falwell replied, "Of course," but people shouldn't be confused. It's laughable when he hears "Democrats saying things like, 'Jesus said suffer the little children to come unto me' and try to use that as the reason we should open up our borders."

"It is a distortion of Jesus's teachings to say that what he taught us to do personally – to love our neighbors as ourselves, help the poor – can somehow be imputed on a nation."

Just because "Jesus taught love and forgiveness," it's wrong to say "the U.S. as a nation should be loving and forgiving, and just hand

over everything we have to every other part of the world. That's not what Jesus taught."

Jesus was "about the heavenly kingdom . . ., but when it comes to serving your country, you render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's."

When asked what about Trump "exemplifies Christianity and earns him your support," Falwell replied: "His business acumen. . . we needed someone who'd been successful in business to run the country like a business. That's the reason I supported him."

Falwell said the teaching of "treating others as you'd like to be treated" belongs only to the heavenly kingdom." We live in the earthly kingdom.

Carousel Corner

By Jim Ayres

It seems like winter is really sticking with us this year. Stodden Park looks like the Arctic, with wind swept snow drifts. You have to use four wheel drive just to get to the dumpster. Not to worry though access to the Carousel building is great thanks to the efforts of Butte Silver Bow in keeping the parking lot plowed and our crew keeping the sidewalk clean.

Our busiest days by far are the weekends, largely due to the popularity of birthday parties. If you don't follow us on Facebook you may have missed some of the very positive comments from folks that have had their child's party there. One mother commented "The staff went above and beyond to make sure we were taken care of and that we had a great time! I would recommend this place for a birthday party for kids of all ages!"

Teachers if you are looking for a place to hold an upcoming field trip don't forget the Carousel. We will happily fit your class into our schedule. Give us a call at 494-7775.

I was digging through some old carousel files the other day and I came across the list of folks who originated the idea of Butte having a carousel. Chuck Kaprich had already started building "A Carousel For Missoula" when this group, Jim Griffin, John T. Shea, Lee Guidoni, Gene Byrnes, Patsy Byrnes, Domingo Hernandez and Mark Reavis met to discuss

the project. Jim Griffin, Lee Guidoni, Domingo Hernandez, and Patsy Byrnes were very involved with the project. The others offered advice and help when needed. There were hundreds of volunteers in the beginning. Many whose names have been lost to time. We dealt with a lot of skepticism through the years. I don't blame people, there had been many false starts to putting some type of tribute or recreation of the Columbia Gardens together. We really appreciate all the folks who believed in the project. They donated both time and money with very little guarantee that we would get it done. The truth is it's not done yet. We still have to finish the murals on the boards that surround the mechanical parts. We call them the floor panels for lack of a better name. Marilyn Mason is working on those. She has completed three that I have seen and they look amazing. They will certainly add another element to the carousel. There is work to be done on the outside of the building as well, but the grip of winter has definitely caused a lack of enthusiasm for outdoor construction.

If you are interested in having a party, a field trip, volunteering or donating to the Carousel, we are located at 3105 Utah Street in Stodden Park. Our mailing address is PO Box 4133, Butte, MT 59702. If you have any questions please give us a call at 494-7775.

Butte's Deborah Revenaugh makes the Deans' List at Azusa Pacific University

Butte resident and Azusa Pacific University student Deborah Revenaugh made the academic Deans' List at APU. An English Major, Revenaugh is honored for a fall semester 2018 academic standing of 3.5 or better grade-point average. Revenaugh is joined by 1,976 other students receiving the same honor.

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sure. And other things in life can get in the way of looking for that purpose. While real-life struggles are big enough to take over our lives, we are unlikely to even think about our path. Our pur-

pose at that time is to get well or overcome our challenges.

At some point, we generally try to figure out what we were meant to do. It is fun to watch a college student begin school taking the basics and searching for what they really like, especially when they discover it and can get their degree in the perfect field for them. Some people, and I was one of these, realize well into their working life that their purpose isn't the field they are working in, and go back to school to prepare for a second career.

In order to be healthy and happy after retirement, it is important to continue to seek or carry out our purpose. It may be the same as when we were employed, or we may have different goals in mind. We may want to pursue interests that we didn't have time for while working. Goals may be carried out doing volunteer work or part-time work, or from home. Having a purpose and goals when we retire may increase life expectancy.

There may be risks, challenges and sacrifices that arise in the process of finding what we were

truly meant to do. Going back to school, leaving a secure job and incurring debt are not easy things to do. Most of us who have made these choices have been happy with the results. There are some that keep searching, but often doing new things and continuing the search process is what is necessary to find the right path.

Ask yourself, 'What would I do if I could do whatever I wanted?'. After some deliberation, you may decide you are already there. And once you know what it is you want, there is a process to figure out if you can carry out that purpose in your current position, or if you need training, school, a new job, or even a new location.

If you are exactly where you are supposed to be, share your story as it may inspire others. If you are in the process of finding your path,

ask questions of those you know who clearly know theirs. Most are happy to share. If you are not sure, do some soul searching. Maybe you have settled and deep down there is more for you in life. Whatever happens, you are likely to find the results and the process enlightening!

Sudoku answers

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Your Purpose in Life

When we are growing up, going to school and learning, we seldom have school-room lessons that involve what the purpose of our lives might be or how we go about discovering it. We know, as children, that we are to play and learn and follow the rules. Later, we are responsible for earning a living, taking care of others, including our own children. And that is certainly part of our purpose.

How do we go about discovering the real meaning of why we are put on earth? That is a difficult question, but still important. Mark Twain said, "The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why." I do think the realization of what your purpose is will most often occur to you more subtly, but there will still be that 'aha moment' when it becomes obvious and you can verbalize what it is.

We have all been around people who have known their purpose in life from the beginning. You may have a sibling, or friend, who knew from a young age that they were meant to teach or be a nurse, and always worked toward that goal. Most of us are not so

Butte and the Berkeley Pit subject of Archives presentation

The Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives will continue its Brown Bag Lunch series on Wednesday, February 27, with a presentation and book signing by Brian James Leech. Leech is the author of "The City That Ate Itself: Butte, Montana and Its Expanding Berkeley Pit,"

an exhaustively researched and passionate account of the history of Butte and its dramatic relationship with the Berkeley Pit.

Leech provides a social and environmental history using oral history interviews and archival finds to explore the lived experience of open-pit copper mining in Butte. As open-pit mining nibbled away at ethnic communities, neighbors faced new industrial hazards, widespread relocation, and disrupted social ties. Although the Berkeley Pit gave consumers easier

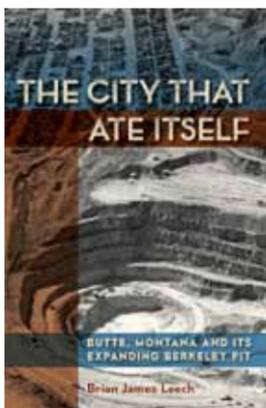
access to copper, its impact on workers and community members was met with celebration, protest, negotiation, and resignation.

Leech is Associate Professor of History at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, where he also serves as Coordinator of its First-Year Inquiry Program. He is currently Secretary of the U.S. Mining History Association. His award-winning research has been published in places like Montana: The Magazine of Western History and The Mining History Journal.

The presentation will begin at noon and run about an hour at the Archives, 17 W. Quartz.

Guests are encouraged to bring a sack lunch. Coffee and water will be provided.

Brown Bag Lunches are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month. Upcoming lectures will focus on topics of local interest. For more information, contact the Archives at 782-3280.



Water Line Repair

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within an hour of receiving the job to schedule a time for repairs. According to the company website, most repairs are completed in 24 hours.

Meston said USP accepts 98 percent of claims and has a 99 percent satisfaction rate. He said the company does not pay on claims where the landowner or another contractor, like a cable

company, has accidentally hit a line. The company will accept multiple claims on the same property, however, if there are recurring issues.

Commissioners referred the matter to Chief Executive Dave Palmer and Public Works Director Mark Neary, who are evaluating the proposal and will make a recommendation in coming weeks.



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New Report: Up to 36,000 Low-Income Montanans could lose Health Coverage if state imposes Medicaid work requirements

An estimated 26,000 to 36,000 low-income people in Montana would lose much-needed health coverage under a proposed bill to impose work requirements on Medicaid recipients, according to an analysis published last week by researchers at Milken Institute School of Public Health (Milken Institute SPH) at the George Washington University. In addition, 5,000 to 7,000 more could lose health coverage due to higher premiums.

Kentucky, Arkansas and other states are also trying to force Medicaid recipients to work – or lose their health coverage. A federal judge struck down Kentucky’s plan in June 2018 but the case is back in court. Public health scholars recently filed a friend of the court brief asking the judge to block Kentucky’s work requirements, arguing that they are illegal and run counter to the very purpose of the Medicaid program.

The Montana bill, called the Medicaid Reform and Integrity Act or MeRIA, would require 19- to 59-year-old Medicaid enrollees in the state to work 80 hours per month – or lose their health coverage after three months. The analysis is based on a February 5 draft of MeRIA. The draft legislation would also increase premiums for those enrolled more than two years and terminate 12-month continuous eligibility.

“If enacted, we estimate this bill would cause a total of between 31,000 and 43,000 low-income Montanans to lose their Medicaid coverage,” said Leighton Ku, PhD, MPH, lead author of the report and

a professor of health policy and management at Milken Institute SPH. “Many people likely to lose coverage are already working when they can or they live in rural areas and are unable to find a job.” Montana has already pioneered a successful voluntary work promotion program, called HELP-Link, which helps Medicaid enrollees find work, but does not threaten to take away their health insurance if they cannot find steady work. The proposed policies might cause many Montanans to lose insurance, but not actually help more people find work, Ku said.

Of those most likely to lose their health coverage, the report found:

- One out of four are parents of young children.
- One out of four have family members with a disability.
- One out of four are in school.
- One out of three have seasonal employment but not enough hours to meet Montana’s work requirements.
- More than a third live in rural areas of Montana – far from the economic hubs of the state where jobs are more plentiful.
- One-ninth are Native American. More than 3,000 could lose insurance coverage.

“Poor people understand that working more increases their incomes but may not be able to find steady work because of limited job opportunities,” said Ku, who is also the director of the Center for Health Policy Research at Milken

Institute SPH. The report said most job growth in Montana has occurred in urban areas such as Yellowstone, Missoula, Gallatin and Flathead Counties – but has stalled or declined in rural regions.

Montanans who lose insurance coverage under this bill will have reduced access to health care, which could worsen chronic health conditions and threaten their financial well-being, Ku said.

In addition, the report says hospitals, community health centers and similar medical facilities – particularly those in rural parts of the state – will lose Medicaid revenues but will also have to care for a surge of uninsured patients. That one-two punch will destabilize many medical facilities financially and increase the risk of cutbacks or even closures.

Even people who meet Medicaid work requirements or who qualify for exemptions would still be at risk of losing coverage because of the burdensome reporting requirements under the bill. For example, many people lack internet service or cell phone data plans and could have serious problems trying to report their hours or exemptions, the report said.

The proposed bill would also raise the monthly premium that recipients must pay in order to gain coverage. The report says many

low-income people in the state already have trouble paying their premiums and the increase would cause as many as 9 percent to lose coverage.

Ending the state’s 12-month provision for continuous Medicaid coverage would disrupt continuity of health care, according to the report. Such disruptions would be particularly dangerous for people with chronic health conditions. For example, without continuous health care coverage, diabetics might not be able to afford insulin and skimp on doses – thus putting themselves at high risk of serious complications or even death.

“Potential Effects of Community Engagement Policies in Montana’s Medicaid Program,” was authored by Ku and Erin Brantley, MPH, a senior research associate at the Center for Health Policy Research at Milken Institute SPH.

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What’s Cooking

Cherry Pudding Cake By Debbie Sorensen

Whenever February rolls around I like to think of cherry recipes because of George’s story about the cherry tree. We had a great time in grade school, decorating up our west or east or south facing windows, depending on which school we were attending. Cutting out hearts was a snap. But having to do silhouettes of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln was more challenging.

Sometimes we had enough scraps of paper that we could even create leaves and little cherries to glue onto the trees we’d pin on the bulletin board. The girls liked doing that. However, it seems like the boys really liked to get into making paper axes to add to the tree trunks. Imagine that.

I found this recipe in a Farm Wife News Magazine a long time ago. It comes from Brenda Parker of Kalamazoo, Michigan. It is a cross between a cake and a cobbler and is really delicious.

Cherry Pudding Cake

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| 2 c. all-purpose flour | 2 ½ c. sugar, divided |
| 4 tsp. baking powder | 1 c. milk |
| 2 T. vegetable oil | 1/8 tsp. almond extract |
| 2 cans (14 ½ oz. each) water-packed pitted tart red cherries, well drained | |
| 2-3 drops red food coloring, optional | |
| Whipped cream or ice cream, optional | |

In mixing bowl, combine flour, 1 c. of sugar, baking powder, milk and oil; pour into a greased shallow 3-qt. baking dish. In a bowl, combine cherries, food coloring if desired, extract and remaining sugar; spoon over batter. Bake at 375° for 40-45 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in the cake portion comes out clean. Serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream if desired. Yield: 10-12 servings.

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This Week In Labor History

"The Labor Movement means just this: It is the last noble protest of the American people against the power of incorporated wealth."
-Wendell Phillips, Abolitionist, advocate for Native Americans, Women's rights and the Labor movement

Wednesday, Feb 20:

Norway: Teacher's Union begins successful nonviolent strike against Nazification of schools. -1942

UMWA wins the Pittston miner's strike. 98 Union miners and a minister occupied a Pittston Coal plant in Carbo, Virginia, beginning a year-long strike. The company had terminated earned healthcare benefits for over 1,500 retirees, widows and disabled miners, ended contributions to a retirement trust established in 1950 and refused to bargain in good faith. While a month-long Soviet coal strike dominated US news broadcasts, the year-long Pittston strike garnered almost no mainstream press coverage whatsoever. -1990

Thursday, Feb 21:

A state law was enacted in California providing the 8-hour day for most workers, but it was not enforced. Companies capitalized on the lack of enforcement and workers had no choices but to work 12-18 hour days to maximize corporate profits. -1868
 United Farm Workers of America granted a charter by the AFL-CIO.
 UFWA is a labor Union created from the merging of two groups, the AWOC,

and the NFWA led by César Chávez. The group was originally a workers' rights organization that helped workers get unemployment insurance but rapidly became a Union of farmworkers. -1972

Friday, Feb 22:

Representatives of the Knights of Labor and the United Mine Workers meet in St. Louis with 20 other organizations to plan the founding convention of the People's Party. Objectives: end political corruption, spread the wealth, and combat the oppression of the rights of workers and farmers. -1892
 Education Secretary Paige calls the nation's largest teachers Union, National Education Association (NEA), a "terrorist organization" during a White House meeting with state governors. At the same time the Bush administration asserts the right to imprison citizens indefinitely without trial or access to lawyers, family members or journalists, if they are accused of being terrorists. -2004

Saturday, Feb 23:

The Journeyman Bakers' National Union receives its charter from the American Federation of Labor. -1887
 Association of Flight Attendants granted a charter by the AFL-CIO. -1984
 Following voter approval for the measure in 2003, San Francisco's minimum wage rises to \$8.50, up from \$6.75.

Their whole economy improves as a result. -2004

Sunday, Feb 24:

IWW organizer Elizabeth Gurley Flynn takes the lead in the "Bread & Roses" Lawrence Textile Strike of 20,000 women in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Police attack 150 children and women at the town railroad station in order to protect company profits. The women and girls were fighting to lower their work hours to 54 hours a week and were protesting low wages and work speedups. Women who worked in the mills had a life expectancy of less than 30 years, most dying of respiratory ailments caused by the hazardous working conditions. -1912
 Congress passes a federal child labor tax law that imposed a 10 percent tax on companies that employ children under the age of 16 working in a mine or under the age of 14 in a "mill, cannery, workshop, factory, or manufacturing establishment." The Supreme Court ruled the tax was unconstitutional 3 years later making child labor profitable for the capitalists again. -1919

Monday, Feb 25:

The Paterson, New Jersey silk strike began, with 25,000 textile workers walking out when mill owners doubled the size of the looms without increasing staffing or wages. The strike was organized by the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), but collapsed when

mill owners exploited divisions between skilled and unskilled workers, successfully getting the skilled workforce to agree to return to work. 5 strikers were killed on behalf of the mill owners in order to protect low wages and profits during the 208-day walkout. -1913
 A crowd 100,000 strong rallied at the Wisconsin state Capitol in protest of what ultimately was to become a successful push by the Koch backed Gov. Walker and the Republican majority to cripple public employee bargaining rights in order to crush the Union. The Republican's anti-worker/pro-business "Free Market" solution put Wisconsin in a race to the bottom, turned a budget surplus into a \$2.2 Billion deficit and cut all public services and spending on education. Wisconsin, a "right to Work" state, is now last in the nation for growth. -2011

Tuesday, Feb 26:

A coal slag heap doubling as a dam (to save costs) in West Virginia's Buffalo Creek Valley collapsed, flooding the 17-mile long valley. 118 died, 5,000 were left homeless. The Pittston Coal Co. said it was "an act of God" and claimed no responsibility. -1972
 A 20-week strike by 70,000 Southern California supermarket workers ends, with the Union claiming victory. -2004

Labor History is compiled by Kevin D. Curtis

The Great Outdoors

Permanent reauthorization of LWCF a game changer for public lands

By Paul Vang

For several years there didn't seem to be many good things going on when it comes to public lands, but Senate action last week seems to be a game changer.

The U.S. Senate voted 92-8 to advance the biggest public lands bill in years, demonstrating that Republicans and Democrats can actually get together and pass some legislation for the good of the nation.

As the Washington Post reported, the Senate action was a case study in how lawmaking is supposed to work. There were compromises that delivered a little something for just about everybody even if no senators got everything they might have wanted. It "harked back to a time when Congress worked," the Post concluded.

A significant part of the Senate's bill is that it permanently re-authorizes the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which lapsed last year. The LWCF uses revenue from offshore drilling to fund projects on national parks, wildlife preserves, even baseball diamonds and basketball courts. I should note, however, that Congress still has to appropriate funds annually, even if the LWCF be-

comes a permanent program.

Additionally, the bill establishes five new national monuments, plus makes expansions to some existing national parks. One of those new national monuments is called Jurassic and is in Utah. This indicates a split between Utah's senators. Utah's senior senator, Mike Lee, opposed the bill, saying, "This bill perpetuates a terrible standard for federal land in the West and particularly for Utah." Newly elected senator Mitt Romney defended the bill, saying, "This is the future our public lands need and deserve."

The bill would permanently withdraw mining claims near two national parks, including some 30,000 acres of Forest Service land near Yellowstone National Park.

Another part of the bill clarifies that all federal lands are open to hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting unless otherwise specified. Also, bow hunters would be allowed to bring their weapons through national parks when traveling to areas where it is legal to hunt.

The bill next goes to the House of Representatives for approval, and fast action is expected. With the wide bipartisan support for the bill, observers expect that the president will sign the bill into law.

Also, last week, the House Judiciary Committee reported out a bill

that would mandate background checks for all firearms purchases, essentially closing the "gun show" loophole.

This action is historic, as it's the first time in several decades that Congress has even considered any firearms legislation. It's too early to celebrate, however. As-



suming the House passes the bill, it would no doubt die a lingering death in the Senate where Majority Leader McConnell will likely bury it without ever allowing a vote on the issue. Still, it's a shot across the bow of the gun lobby groups, an indication that times are changing. Elections do have consequences. Changing topics, the cold, wintry weather we've had in recent weeks has gotten lots of discussion, in line with the old saying that "everybody likes to talk about the weather."

Seattle got slammed with several snowstorms, creating a mess of epic proportions. In Minnesota,

Senator Amy Klobuchar declared her presidential candidacy in a snowstorm prompting the President to tweet snide comments on climate change.

Of note, however, is that while we're having a cold and snowy February, and much of the country shivered from the impacts of the recent Polar Vortex, arctic areas of northern Alaska have been having abnormally high temps this month. On February 7, temperature readings soared some 30 to 50 degrees above normal across Alaska's North Slope.

Writing for the Washington Post, Ian Livingston, a Washington D.C. weather expert and researcher, reports that temperatures got above freezing in Utqiagvik (formerly called Barrow), a rarity for winter. There was even open water along the coastline.

In the arctic region, 2018 was the third warmest year on record, and was the second-warmest year for the state of Alaska. Meanwhile, southeast Alaska is having drought conditions in the area's temperate rain forests.

Weather science involves a lot more than looking out the window.

Paul Vang's book, "Sweeter than Candy, A Hunter's Journal" is available at Books & Books, Cavanaugh's County Celtic, The Bookstore in Dillon, or online at <http://writingoutdoors.com>.

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18. In pieces
19. "The Joy Luck Club" author
20. "Help!"
21. River in a Strauss waltz
23. Break
25. Calmly, quietly
27. Lentil, e.g.
28. The America's Cup trophy, e.g.
29. "Malcolm X" director
30. "Lohengrin," e.g.
33. Bologna home
36. Spinal cord defect
38. Sideshow spiel
40. Bungle
41. "___ we having fun yet?"
42. Black cat, maybe
44. Cantina cooker
48. Surprised, scared
51. Kickback
53. Salivates or slobbers
54. Oolong, for one
55. African antelope
56. Bequeath
57. Trick

60. Didn't dawdle
 61. Casting need
 62. Capital of ancient Chinese empire
 63. Live wire, so to speak
 64. Appear
 65. Delhi dress
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2. Anxiety
3. Attitude
4. Bar order
5. Pang
6. Bankrolls
7. A pint, maybe
8. Letter getter
9. Dead, as an engine
10. Rossellini of ?Blue Velvet?
11. Danger for sailors
12. Discharge letters?
15. Power or prestige
17. Death on the Nile cause, perhaps
22. Aimless
24. Assume
25. Cleaned a wound
26. Assent
28. Victorian, for one
31. Pandowdy, e.g.
32. Sign up
34. ___-tac-toe
35. Literally, "for this"
36. Magnesium _____
37. Carbonium, e.g.

38. ___ de deux
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LEGAL NOTICES

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Daniel R. Sweeney Attorney at Law PO Box 3725 Butte, MT 59702 Telephone: (406) 782-9222 Attorney for Applicant MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, SILVER BOW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Probate No. DP-19-03 GRANT H. MCCULLOCH, 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 Joe Tomich or Janice Casarotto, Co-Personal Representatives, and return receipt requested, at Daniel R. Sweeney, PO Box 3725, Butte, Montana, 59702, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. DATED this 29th day of January, 2019. DANIEL R. SWEENEY Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives 27, 28, 29

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: S.G.S. No. DN-18-75-BN Youth(s) In Need Of Care. CITATION THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS TO KAYLA LYNN WHEELER, BIRTH MOTHER OF S.G.S.: By Order of this Court, you are hereby cited and required to appear before this Court, in the County of Silver Bow, State of Montana, at the Court Room thereof at the Courthouse in said County of Silver Bow, on the 27TH day of February, 2019 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. of that day, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why judgment should not be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Permanent Legal Custody, Termination of Parental Rights with Right to Consent to Adoption and Request for Hearing, Re: Birth Mother filed by the Department of Public Health and Human Services in the office of the Clerk of this Court. WITNESS the Hon. Robert Whelan, District Judge of the State of Montana with the seal of said Court affixed this 31ST day of January, 2019. ATTEST: TOM POWERS - CLERK OF COURT By: Deputy Clerk 27, 28, 29

Ed McLean, 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: J.B. No. DN-16-58-BN Youth(s) In Need Of Care. CITATION THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS TO JUSTIN BURKE, BIRTH FATHER OF J.B.: By Order of this Court, you are hereby cited and required to appear before this Court, in the County of Silver Bow, State of Montana, at the Court Room thereof at the Courthouse in said County of Silver Bow, on the 27TH day of January, 2019 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. of that day, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why judgment should not be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Permanent Legal Custody, Termination of Parental Rights with Right to Consent to Adoption and Request for Hearing, Re: Birth Father filed by the Department of Public Health and Human Services in the office of the Clerk of this Court. WITNESS the Hon. Ed McLean, District Judge of the State of Montana with the seal of said Court affixed this 29TH day of January, 2019. ATTEST: TOM POWERS - CLERK OF COURT By: Deputy Clerk 27, 28, 29

Ed McLean, 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: V.M. No. DN-17-125-BN Youth(s) In Need Of Care. CITATION THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS TO LLOYD SHELTON, THE BIRTH FATHER OF V.M.: By Order of this Court, you are hereby cited and required to appear before this Court, in the County of Silver Bow, State of Montana, at the Court Room thereof at the Courthouse in said County of Silver Bow, on the 27TH day of February, 2019, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. of that day, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why judgment should not be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Emergency Protective Services, Adjudication of Child as Youth in Need of Care and Temporary Legal Custody filed by the Department of Public Health and Human Services in the office of the Clerk of this Court. WITNESS the Hon. Ed McLean, District Judge of the State of Montana with the seal of said Court affixed this 29TH day of January, 2019. ATTEST: TOM POWERS - CLERK OF COURT By: Deputy Clerk 27, 28, 29

William M. Kebe, Jr. Angie Hasquet Corette Black Carlson & Mickelson 129 West Park Street P.O. Box 509 Butte, MT 59701 Phone: (406) 782-5800 Fax: (406) 723-8919 MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, JEFFERSON COUNTY Robert J Whelan Judge Dept. II IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Probate No. DP-19-08 J. F. FINNEGAN, a/k/a JOSEPH F. FINNEGAN, a/k/a FATHER J. F. FINNEGAN, a/k/a REVEREND J. F. FINNEGAN, Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that LEO J. FINNEGAN and DAN FINNEGAN by and through their counsel of record have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives 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 either be mailed to the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at the law offices of Corette Black Carlson & Mickelson, P. O. Box 509, Butte, Montana 59703, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Corette Black Carlson & Mickelson By: William Kebe Attorney for the Estate I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. DATED this 26th day of January, 2019. LEO J. FINNEGAN and DAN FINNEGAN 27, 28, 29

William M. Kebe, Jr. Angie Hasquet Corette Black Carlson & Mickelson 129 West Park Street P.O. Box 509 Butte, MT 59701 Phone: (406) 782-5800 Fax: (406) 723-8919 MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, SILVER BOW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Probate No. DP-19-04 VIRGINIA L. KNOEPKE, a/k/a VIRGINIA LEE KNOEPKE, a/k/a GINGER KNOEPKE, Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that REED CALVIN PORTER and RITA LYNN PORTER by and through their counsel of record have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives 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 either be mailed to the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at the law offices of Corette Black Carlson & Mickelson, P. O. Box 509, Butte, Montana 59703, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Corette Black Carlson & Mickelson By: William Kebe Attorney for the Estate I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. DATED this 29th day of January, 2019. Reed Calvin Porter, Rita Lynn Porter 27, 28, 29

William P. Joyce JOYCE & MacDONALD Attorneys at Law, PLLP 100 E. Broadway, 1st Floor Butte, MT 59701 (406) 723-8700 Attorney for Personal Representative MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF SILVER BOW IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Probate No.: DP-19-07-KK SHEILA MARIE FRANEY, Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to MARY ELIZABETH BURK, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at WILLIAM P. JOYCE, Joyce & MacDonald, Attorneys at Law, PLLP, 100 E. Broadway, 1st Floor, Butte, Montana 59701, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. DATED this 29th day of January 2019. MARY ELIZABETH BURK, Personal Representative 27, 28, 29

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: S.G.S. No. DN-18-75-BN Youth(s) In Need Of Care. CITATION THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS TO ROBERT S. SAYLER AND ALL UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHERS OF S.G.S.: By Order of this Court, you are hereby cited and required to appear before this Court, in the County of Silver Bow, State of Montana, at the Court Room thereof at the Courthouse in said County of Silver Bow, on the 27TH day of February, 2019, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. of that day, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why judgment should not be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Permanent Legal Custody, Termination of All Unknown Putative Father's Parental Rights with Right to Consent to Adoption and Request for Hearing filed by the Department of Public Health and Human Services in the office of the Clerk of this Court. WITNESS the Hon. Robert Whelan, District Judge of the State of Montana with the seal of said Court affixed this 31ST day of January, 2019 ATTEST: TOM POWERS - CLERK OF COURT By: Deputy Clerk 27, 28, 29

Frank J. Joseph Joseph & Whelan, PLLP 2801 S. Montana Butte, MT 59701 Telephone: (406) 782-0484 Fax No.: (406) 782-7253 Attorney for Petitioner MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, SILVER BOW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Probate No. DP-18-151 DAVID FORREST TRUDGEON, Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be mailed to KELLIE HICKS, Personal Representative, and return receipt requested, at Joseph & Whelan, PLLP, 2801 South Montana Street, Butte, Montana, 59701, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. DATED this 7th day of December, 2018. KELLIE HICKS Personal Representative 28, 29, 30

Angela Hasquet Clark R. Hensley Corette Black Carlson & Mickelson 129 West Park Street P.O. Box 509 Butte, MT 59701 Phone: (406) 782-5800 Fax: (406) 723-8919 MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, SILVER BOW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CORY R. GENZBERGER, a/k/a CORY GENZBERGER, a/k/a CORY RAE GENZBERGER, Deceased. Probate No. DP: 19-15 NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that JANNA M. LEAF by and through her counsel of record 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 either be mailed to the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at the law offices of Corette Black Carlson & Mickelson, P. a Box 509, Butte, Montana 59703, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Corette Black Carlson & Mickelson Attorneys for the state I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. DATED this 12th day of January, 2019. JANNA M. LEAF 28, 29, 30

Frank J. Joseph 2801 South Montana Street Butte, Montana 59701 Telephone: (406) 782-0484 Attorney for Petitioner MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, SILVER BOW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF, Cause No: DG-18-30 L.J.N., A Minor. NOTICE OF HEARING FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT MAKAYLA GARLAND has filed in the above Court and cause a Petition for appointment as guardian of the above-named minor. For further information, the Petition, as filed, may be examined in the office of the Clerk of the above Court. Hearing upon said petition will be held in said court at the courtroom in the Courthouse at Butte, Montana, on the 5th day of April, 2019, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., at which time all interested persons may appear and object. Service of this notice is being made in accordance with the statute for publication. DATED this 7th day of February, 2019. Frank J. Joseph Attorney for Petitioner 28, 29, 30

Angela Hasquet Clark Hensley Corette Black Carlson & Mickelson 129 West Park Street P.O. Box 509 Butte, MT 59701 Phone: (406) 782-5800 Fax: (406) 723-8919 MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, SILVER BOW COUNTY ROBERT J. Whelan Judge Dept. II IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Probate No. DP19-16 NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTHER LORENZO, a/k/a ESTHER BILLIA LORENZO, a/k/a ESTHER B. LORENZO, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that VICTOR LORENZO by and through his counsel of record 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 either be mailed to the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at the law offices of Corette Black Carlson & Mickelson, P. O. Box 509, Butte, Montana 59703, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Corette Black Carlson & Mickelson By: Attorneys for the Estate I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. DATED this 5th day of February, 2019. VICTOR LORENZO 29, 30, 31

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: L.C. No. DN-18-10-BN Youth(s) In Need Of Care. AMENDED CITATION THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS TO TIELA LOCHRIE, BIRTH MOTHER OF L.C.: By Order of this Court, you are hereby cited and required to appear before this Court, in the County of Silver Bow, State of Montana, at the Court Room thereof at the Courthouse in said County of Silver Bow, on the 13TH day of March, 2019 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. of that day, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why judgment should not be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Permanent Legal Custody, Termination of Parental Rights with Right to Consent to Adoption and Request for Hearing, Re: Birth Mother filed by the Department of Public Health and Human Services in the office of the Clerk of this Court. WITNESS the Hon. Robert Whelan, District Judge of the State of Montana with the seal of said Court affixed this 12TH day of February, 2019. ATTEST: TOM POWERS - CLERK OF COURT By: Deputy Clerk 29, 30, 31

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: M.W. No. DN-16-73-BN Youth(s) In Need Of Care. CITATION THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS TO MANDY J. JACKSON, BIRTH MOTHER OF M.W.: By Order of this Court, you are hereby cited and required to appear before this Court, in the County of Silver Bow, State of Montana, at the Court Room thereof at the Courthouse in said County of Silver Bow, on the 13TH day of March, 2019 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. of that day, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why judgment should not be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Permanent Legal Custody, Termination of Parental Rights with Right to Consent to Adoption and Request for Hearing, Re: Birth Mother filed by the Department of Public Health and Human Services in the office of the Clerk of this Court. WITNESS the Hon. Robert Whelan, District Judge of the State of Montana with the seal of said Court affixed this 12TH day of February, 2019. ATTEST: TOM POWERS - CLERK OF COURT By: Deputy Clerk 29, 30, 31

Frank J. Joseph, P.C. Attorney at Law 2801 S. Montana Butte, Montana 59701 Telephone: (406) 782-0484 Facsimile: (406) 782-7253 frankjosephpc@gmail.com Attorney for Plaintiff MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, SILVER BOW COUNTY Cause No: DV-19-28 MARY ANN CAMP, Plaintiff, vs. MICHAEL BARBO, if alive, if dead, all unknown heirs and /or devisees of MICHAEL BARBO, OCCUPANT of 3512 Gaylord, Butte, Montana, LORI BAKER-PATRICK, TREASURER of Butte-Silver Bow County; DAVE PALMER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE of Butte-Silver Bow County; SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, an agency of the State of Montana; DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, an agency of the State of Montana; and, other persons unknown or claiming or who might claim and right, title, estate or interest in lien or encumbrance upon the Plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon the Plaintiff's title thereto, whether such claim or possible claim be present or contingent including any claim or possible claim or dower, inchoate or accrued, Defendants. THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS To: All persons claiming any interest in or lien upon the real property described in this summons or any part of the real property. You are required to appear and answer the Complaint of Mary Ann Camp with the Clerk of this Court within sixty (60) days after the first publication of this summons. This action is brought to quiet title to land situated in Silver Bow County, Montana, and described as follows: LEGAL DESCRIPTION Lots numbered Eight (8) and Nine (9) in Block 1 of the ST. PAUL ADDITION to the City of Butte, County of Silver Bow, Montana, on file and of record in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Butte-Silver Bow, Montana. TP 223800 You are further notified that, unless you appear and answer the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This action is being brought for the purpose of quieting title to the real property situated in Silver Bow, County, Montana. Reference is made to the Complaint on file in the office of the Clerk of the above-entitled Court for full particulars. WITNESS my hand and seal of Court this 7th day of February, 2019. Tom Powers CLERK OF COURT BY: Beth Parks Deputy Clerk 29, 30, 31, 32, 33

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- Ability to communicate in a professional manner, either verbally or written, with confidence and clarity.
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- Greet patients/visitors and direct to the appropriate department.
- General computer knowledge to include Microsoft Office programs, Outlook, and the ability to learn and use the RPMS database for Scheduling and Patient Registration.

Minimum Qualifications

- High school diploma or GED
- Working computer knowledge of Microsoft Office programs such as Word, Excel, and Outlook, along with ability to navigate the Internet.
- Must pass NCIC background check.
- Must possess a valid Montana driver's license and maintain auto insurance.
- Must obtain/maintain CPR card.

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NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN ALLIANCE

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Minimum Required:

- Certified Medical Assistant
- High School diploma or equivalent
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- Proficient in English and Verbal and written skills and computer skills required
- Must possess and Montana Driver's License
- Must adhere to all North American Indian Alliance confidentiality policies and procedures in the performance of all duties.
- Must pass Background check

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Community Calendar

Community Calendar is available to list events in Butte.
Email to: editor@butteweekly.com.
Put calendar in the subject line

The Butte America Foundation is proud to host the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Uptown Butte on Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 12:30 PM. The parade route will be the same as years past, beginning at the corner of Arizona and Granite, proceeding West on Granite to Montana, South on Montana to Park St., and then finally East on Park St. towards Arizona where the parade will finish. Parade entry and Grand Marshal nomination forms for the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade are now available by visiting butteamerica-foundation.org

Christopher Borton will hold his annual 8-class Winter Yoga Course in Butte at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1621 Thornton starting in January 2019. The course runs Mondays, Jan. 7 through Feb. 25. 6:00-7:30 p.m. New and returning students are welcome. The Hatha Yoga class is designed for the beginner and intermediate student and will help you increase flexibility and strength, as well as offer techniques for deep relaxation. Borton is yoga certified through the Sivananda Vedanta Center and has been providing yoga instruction for over 25 years. A portion of all proceeds is donated towards Aldersgate Church. Cost is \$80. Pre-registration only. Email cborton@sagemountain.org or call 494-9875. Space is limited.

Butte-Silver Bow Public Library announces One-on-one computer classes. Come meet with one of our tutors, personalize your courses, and work at your own pace. We welcome students who know little about computers to the more advance who just need help with a specific program. For more information or to schedule a consultation, call the library at 723-3361 or visit our website at www.buttepubliclibrary.info.

Every Thursday afternoon from 4 until 5 p.m., Butte Public Library offers our Manga and Anime Club in the Teen Zone on the second floor of the uptown branch. Enthusiasts of this art form get together to discuss their latest favorites, watch an episode or try their hand at drawing. Join us to hangout out with others who love Manga as much as you do

The Greater Butte Silver Bow Harmony In Our Community group is seeking volunteers to serve as community liaisons to encourage activities that will promote and foster harmony in personal, familial, communal, educational, spiritual, economical and governmental segments of our community. For details and/or to volunteer to serve as a liaison, contact Ed Banderob at (406)723-3736 or email Greeleyneighborhoodbutte@outlook.com

The Butte Public Library now offers Tech Tips in the community 3 times a month. Join our Nerd Herd for help with your technology questions! First Thursday of the month, 10 a.m.-12 Noon at The Belmont Senior Center; Second Thursday, 10-12 at Big Sky Senior Living and Third Thursday, 10-12 at The Springs. Everyone is welcome to drop in. Butte-Silver Bow public library offers walk in and appointments any time the library is open. Call the library at 723-3361.

Gates are closed at Thompson Park for the season. The park gates will reopen May 1 for the summer season. Visitors to this area may park at the highway entrances and continue to walk in for recreation purposes. During this time maintenance services will not be provided at any of the developed sites within the park boundary. Visitors should plan to "Pack In and Pack Out" everything they may bring with them. Park visitors are also reminded that the discharge of firearms or other implements inside the Park boundaries is prohibited. For more information about Thompson Park or to obtain a map of the trails, contact the Butte Ranger District at (406) 494-2147 or Butte-Silver Bow Parks Department at (406) 497-6408.

Family movie matinee: Every Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Children's Room at the Butte Public Library, with free popcorn. For more information, call 723-3361.

First Fridays is the Butte Public Library's series designed to enlighten us about our town, our state and our world. We meet on the first Friday at noon in the Big Butte room on the third floor. If you would like more information about this program, please contact Shari Curtis at 723-3361.

Week of Feb. 18 at the Montana Legislature

By **Leia Larsen,**
Montana Free Press

Lawmakers will debate e-cigarettes, internet speeds, rock 'n' roll and more as the 66th Montana Legislature starts its seventh week of the session.

All committee hearings are open to the public, and anyone can comment in favor or opposition to a bill. Alternatively, committee hearings can be streamed live on the Montana Legislative Branch website.

Here are our highlights of hearings to follow the week of Feb. 18.

Lawmaker looks to ban vaping in public schools

Teens used vaping devices in 2018 more than any year before, according to a national survey by Monitoring the Future. More than 20 percent of high school seniors reported vaping in the previous month. The trend has public health officials and educators around the U.S. exploring new strategies to curb the use of e-cigarettes, vape pens, mods, pods and e-juice devices among young people.

Rep. Fred Anderson, R-Great Falls, is carrying a bill that would address the issue by banning vaping at elementary and secondary schools. Montana state law already prohibits tobacco in public schools with students under 18, and House Bill 413 would add "vapor products" and "alternative nicotine products" to the list. The ban would apply in school buildings, on school grounds and on school buses. Violators would be subject to Montana Clean Indoor Air Act penalties, which include a warning for the first offense and escalate to a \$500 fine for multiple violations.

The House Business and Labor Committee will hold a hearing on HB 413 at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19, in Room 172.

Bills might give predatory animals more protection

Sen. Mike Phillips, D-Bozeman, is carrying two bills aimed at offering more safeguards to foxes, coyotes, wolves, and other predators that sometimes target livestock.

Individuals, clubs and other organizations are currently barred from offering contests or prizes for the capture or killing of game, fur-bearers and other protected animals in Montana. Senate Bill 186 specifically adds predators to that list. Violation of the contest law could result in fines up to \$1,000 and jail time of up to six months.

Senate Bill 187 limits how hunters can use motorized vehicles to stalk predators in Montana. The bill allows vehicles to pursue the animals, but they can't be used to deliberately injure or kill a predator. Violation of the rule would result in

loss of hunting and fishing licenses and could result in fines or prison time.

Both bills will have their first hearing at the Senate Fish and Game Committee at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19, in Room 422.

Bill channels tax incentives into faster internet speeds

Montana struggles with internet access, so much so that in 2013 Gizmodo called the state an "enormous internet hole." Despite efforts to bring more connectivity to the state, especially in rural areas, Montana remains among the worst states for internet download speeds, according to the most recent Speedtest national analysis.

Senate Bill 239 could encourage faster internet connections by offering tax breaks to businesses installing fiber optic cable. The bill would extend perks to facilities associated with fiber installation by exempting them from property taxes during construction and for five years after. Taxes then phase back in by 20 percent each year. Sen. Jason Ellsworth, R-Hamilton, is sponsoring the bill.

The Senate Taxation Committee will hold a hearing on SB 239 at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19, in Room 405.

Voters could get guaranteed time to visit the polls

Most Western states mandate paid time off for citizens to vote (and two states vote by mail), but Montana and Idaho remain outliers with no guaranteed time off on Election Day. House Bill 448 would require Montana employers to offer at least two hours of paid time so workers can cast their votes. The

law wouldn't apply to employers that already offer Election Day as a paid holiday or if an employee only works half the hours that the polls are open.

Rep. Moffie Fund, D-Helena, is sponsoring the bill. HB 448 will have its first hearing in the House Business and Labor Committee at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19, in Room 172.

Montana could get a state rock 'n' roll song

In the late 1950s, Robert Lee "Chan" Romero, a teenager from Billings, wrote a song called "Hippy Hippy Shake." The song caught the attention of a California record executive and later caught the attention of Paul McCartney. The Beatles made the song a regular part of their performance rotation.

Romero was inducted into the Rockabilly Hall of Fame for the hit in 2007. Now Rep. Jacob Bachmeier, D-Havre, wants to make "Hippy

Hippy Shake" Montana's official rock 'n' roll song. House Bill 392 honors Romero's achievements and recognizes that "Montanans shake it to the left and shake it to the right, and do everything with all of their might." The bill will have its first hearing in the House State Administration Committee at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 20, in Room 455.

Crossword Answers

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Feb. 9—Betty "Vera" Jane Mealey, 88

Josh Vires, 39

Jean Claire Sheehan, 87

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