

Spotlight on the Stockyards

Series on Glasgow Stock Hands Continues

**GINEVRA KIRKLAND
FOR FARM & RANCH**

Continuing in our series about the people behind the hard work at Glasgow Stockyards, we asked veteran cowgirl Hannah Lambrecht to give the Courier readership some insight into what makes the job tick for her.

Lambrecht got her start when her twin sister's mother-in-law mentioned that the stockyards was looking for an extra hand. She started with their Thanksgiving sale of 2011, one of the stockyards' biggest sales in history.

Lambrecht's first day was 22 hours long, cold, and she wondered what, exactly, she'd gotten herself into. However, she was asked to come back a few weeks later, and jumped at the chance. The rest, she said, is history.

When asked about who her role models were growing up, she mentioned her family. Her father taught her about the meaning of hard work, and her mother had great horse sense: both great examples for a young person who already had a fire to want to train and ride. Her mother-in-law, Kim Ferguson, is "a true cowgirl" and continues

to be a daily source of inspiration.

The current calving and foaling season is her favorite. "I'm a sucker for baby animals, and it only gets better with branding time and farming."

Every day at the stockyards is different. Accepting change, and the ups and downs of each day with good humor is what helps everyone at the stockyards has a good time while they work. The great people, and the atmosphere they create, are what make the stockyard a place Lambrecht has enjoyed working at for four-and-a-half-years.

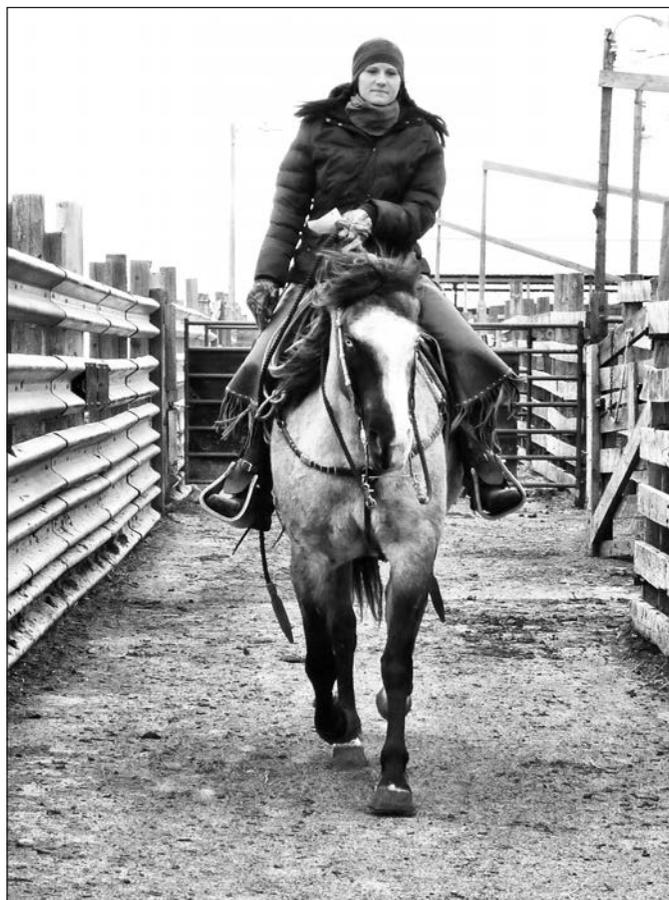
A bonus for Lambrecht is to get to work her own horses, which is, admittedly, more fun in the warmer weather that is coming up. Predicting what will go right, or wrong, in any season, is a waste of time, as ranching comes with enough stress on its own without adding more to the mix.

This no-nonsense approach also applies to Lambrecht's advice for young people looking to succeed in a similar field: she says that much know-how is learned on the job, but that if you work hard, you'll succeed, and you, "definitely learn fast from mistakes when it comes to cattle and horse-related work!"



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Hannah Lambrecht rounds up cattle bound for the sale at the Glasgow Stockyards on a chilly March 17.



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Vets Stand Proud at Civic Center Ceremony



Art Widhalm, VFW Commander (left), and Phil Wilson (right) present the colors during the Veterans Day Service. The service was held at the Civic Center on Nov. 11.



Glasgow's Corporal Kyke Mersen (Marine Corps, 1946-48) stands in recognition of his military service at the Glasgow Recreation Center on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

CARLOS VALLE / FOR THE COURIER

JAMES WALLING
THE COURIER

A sizable crowd gathered at the Glasgow Civic Center on Veterans Day to celebrate area residents who have served in the armed forces. The GHS band provided music, along with the EQ Singers. Joe Yeoman assisted as master of ceremonies and Jason Myers led prayers.

Mayor Becky Erickson delivered a noteworthy speech that covered the contribution of women in the military. Beginning with a general acknowledgement of the sacrifices of all American veterans dating back more than 230 years, Erickson went on to detail female contributions to national defense

and liberty; service, the mayor pointed out, that has often been offered in disguise.

"Women have been part of the war effort since the Revolutionary War," she stated, "but in the early days of our nation they had to cloak [themselves] to serve alongside men."

The mayor's comments went on to describe individual women who served their country, including Sarah Rosetta at the Battle of New Orleans, Deborah Sampson Gannett, who served in the Continental Army, and other names that ought to be taught more thoroughly in schools.

Still more compelling were statistics offered to remind us that women made up 24 percent of aviation plant workers in WWI and numbered in the hundreds of thousands in active military service during WWII. She also pointed out that over 50,000 women served in some capacity during the Korean War and went on to give a short history leading up to the 2013 lifting of the ban on women serving in combat roles and the more than 165,000 women currently serving their county today.

All branches of military service were recognized independently during an armed forces medley from the band. The sight of friends and neighbors standing in turn to be recognized by their community was easily the highlight of the occasion.

Erickson closed her speech with the recitation of poem titled It is the Veteran, by an anonymous author. The fitting text includes challenging lines such as, "It is the veteran, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion. It is the veteran, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. [...] It is the veteran, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote." And finally, "It is the veteran, who serves under the flag, to be buried under the flag, so the protester can burn the flag."

Courier Calls for Holiday Recipes

GINEVRA KIRKLAND
FOR THE COURIER

the subject line. Deadline is Nov. 30.

To contribute your recipes to our Holiday Gift Guide and Recipes section, bring them in to the office, mail them to 341 Third Ave. South (Glasgow, MT, 59230), or email to courier@nemont.net with "Recipes" in

Thanksgiving and a mercury drop set the stage for a perfect meal to fuel your post-Thanksgiving plans. Gumbo is a hearty, happy bowl of goodness, and it

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TESS FAHLGREN / FOR THE COURIER

Give the gift of functional art and help support creative education this holiday season! The Nashua High School Art Club will be selling hand glazed pottery at the AAUW Fall Bazaar this Saturday at the Rec Center. Ceramic to-go mugs, cozy hot chocolate mugs and cereal bowls beautifully glazed by members of the Art Club will all be for sale. Proceeds will help fund the Art Club trip to Missoula this spring, where the club will tour the university's School of Art, visit galleries and take a class at The Clay Studio of Missoula.

Law Enforcement Brief

GWENDOLYNE HONRUD
THE COURIER

The new generator is up and running at the courthouse, though testing continues. While callers should be able to reach dispatch, glitches may occur still. In the event of call disruptions, Sheriff Glen Meier says that callers on cell phones need to immediately relay their positions in cases of emergencies to assist in responses. Callers from landlines show up on caller ID, so the department is

able to more easily locate them. The cell phone number previously released by the Sheriff's Department, 263-4333, is still in use. Call this number if you are unable to connect with dispatch via 911.

The jail is currently full, with the addition of nine prisoners from Yellowstone County. The agreement to house prisoners from Yellowstone County mimics previous arrangements with other counties, generating funds for Yellowstone County.

Separated at Birth?

Glasgow's Long-Lost Cousin Lives in Kentucky

GEORGIE KULCZYK
THE COURIER

Located 1568 miles southeast from us is the community of Glasgow, Kentucky. That's not earth-shattering information, but there are a few similarities between our community and theirs that suggest we may be related on some level. Perhaps we're cousins.

Located in south central Kentucky, Glasgow has a population of about 14,000 – that's according to Wikipedia. It is located in Barren County, and like our Glasgow, is the county seat. The stereotypical coal mines of Kentucky are located in the eastern part of the state, while Barren County consists more of rolling hills and farm land. Although it is described as a rural community with farm land, farming is not a notable industry for them. A large part of their economy relies on a local paper manufacturing company. They also maintain a regional campus for Western Kentucky University located 32 miles away in Bowling Green.

Interestingly enough, for recreation, Glasgow is 20 minutes away from the Barren River

Lake and Dam. It is managed by the U.S. Corp of Engineers and advertises fishing, boating, hiking, wildlife viewing, and camping. In addition to the dam area, the nearby Barren River Lake State Resort Park boasts a resort complete with a restaurant, lodging, horseback riding, and an 18-hole golf course. With 141 miles of shoreline and claiming more than 10,000 volume acres, Barren River Lake is nothing to sneeze at. However, compared to our Ft. Peck Lake with more than 1500 miles of shoreline and a volume of 18,700,000 acres, Barren River Lake may not even deserve a mention.

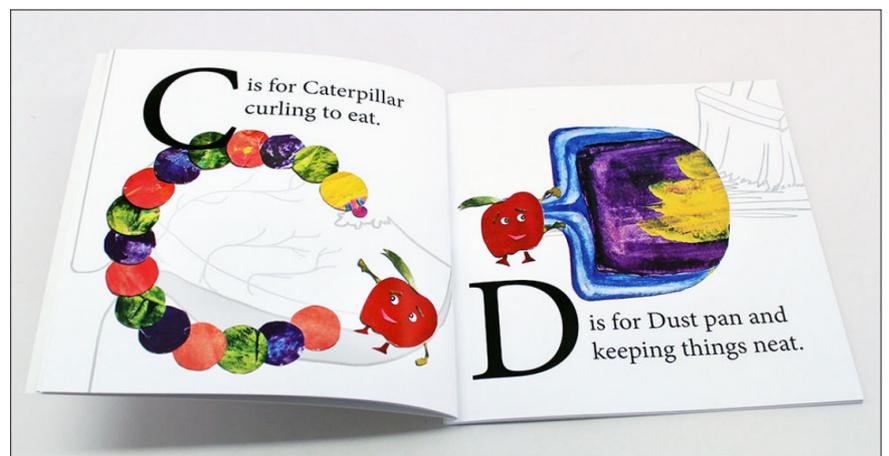
The community is large enough to accommodate two school districts. Glasgow High School (home of the Scotties) is in the smaller district with 650 students currently enrolled. The Scotties' major rival, Barren County High School is in the larger district. According to the high school's assistant principal, Mike Vaught, GHS is well known for their highly competitive band with several state championships under their kilts. Academically, according to a variety of test scores, they

are regularly among the very best high schools in the state.

As a class A school, their athletic program includes a larger variety of sports than ours, but the community is missing a few programs that are well represented here. In addition to their football, basketball, track, cross country, volleyball, softball, and golf programs, GHS also has tennis, baseball, soccer, and swimming as school sports. They have an extracurricular archery program and until recently had lacrosse as well. What's missing? Wrestling and hockey.

Glasgow is probably most known for its Highland Games, which are held each year around Memorial Day weekend. The festivities include a parade, competitions, entertainment, a golf scramble, and music, among other things. This event is a big deal, with Scottish Clans attending from Scotland every year. Compared to these Highland Games, our homecoming festivities may be a little tame. Although, Barren County in Kentucky is a "dry county" which means the sale

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Toni Lagree's self-published book, "A is for Arrowhead" is a visual alphabet book. The shapes used in the book, which was written and illustrated by Lagree, match real world objects. In the book, Abe the apple takes the reader on a journey through the alphabet making rhymes, finding objects that look like letters, and having a good time. The book can be ordered online at tonimarielagree.com. It will also be available for purchase at the AAUW Bazaar Nov. 21 and at the Sean R. Heavey Gallery Nov. 28.

Local Author Publishes Alphabet Book

TESS FAHLGREN
FOR THE COURIER

A is for Arrowhead by Toni Lagree isn't like any other alphabet book you have in your collection.

In Lagree's book, the letters look like the words they represent. When her children were learning to read, she realized how difficult it was for a young person to grasp the abstract concept of a letter.

"D is for dog," she says, "but a dog doesn't look anything like the letter D." Her solution? In A is for Arrowhead, D is for dustpan.

Lagree believes strongly in the power of visual communication. "We pick up instantly on vi-

sual cues. Even in conversation, visual cues give you meaning to the words," she says. To quote the book's back cover, "By starting with an alphabet that is visual in nature ... the child can recall and assimilate the abstract nature of language symbols faster and easier."

The idea was sparked years ago, but this September when Lagree's kids started school she found herself with time to concentrate on the project. The process went fairly quickly. She decided to self-publish and by Oct. 20 was in the final proofing stage. The book was published on Nov. 12 with a first printing of 500 copies.

Visually, Lagree's illustrations are similar to The Hungry

Caterpillar author and illustrator Eric Carle's. She says, "That style of artwork is very appealing to young readers because it's bold, clean and fun." For the illustrations in A is for Arrowhead, Lagree began with watercolored paper that she then cut and pasted together to "build" the letters before digitizing them.

The original watercolor letters will be on display on Saturday, Nov. 28, when Lagree will be reading and signing copies of A is for Arrowhead at Sean Heavey's gallery. Children of all ages are invited to enjoy the reading before the Parade of Lights. Books are \$11 and are available at The Loaded Toad. They will also be at the AAUW Fall Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 21.





GEORGIE KULCZYK / THE COURIER

A benefit was held at the Valley County Ridgerunners on Saturday, Nov. 14, for Stan Sonsteng, who is undergoing treatments for esophageal cancer. The evening included a roast beef dinner, silent auction, and music by Dudley and the Deadbeats. An estimated 200 people attended the event. Shown at the benefit (L-R) are Jennifer Fewer, former Glasgow Courier owner Joan Helland, and Sonsteng.

Recipes

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comes in as many varieties as there are opinions. All of which are made more wonderful by beginning with homemade stock built from your big bird skeleton, then spiffed up with hot links, rounded out with aromatic veggies, and mellowed with a dollop of white rice. Turkey bone gumbo hits the spot far better than that leftover turkey sandwich.

Turkey Bone Gumbo (serves 8)

3/4 cup vegetable oil
3/4 cup flour
2 cups chopped onions

1/2 cup chopped bell peppers
1/2 cup chopped celery
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cayenne
1/2 pound smoked sausage, such as andouille or kielbasa, chopped
3 quarts turkey broth
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
2 tablespoons chopped green onion
Combine the oil and flour in a heavy-bottomed cast iron pot or enameled cast iron Dutch oven, over medium-low heat. Stirring slowly and consistently for 20 to 25 minutes, make a dark brown roux, the color of chocolate.

Season the onions, bell peppers, and celery with the salt and cayenne. Add this to the roux and stir until soft, about 5 minutes. Add the sausage and cook, stirring often for 5-7 minutes. Add the broth and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer, uncovered for 45 minutes. Add the reserved turkey meat and cook for 30 minutes. Add the parsley and green onions. Serve in soup bowls over steamed white rice.

For much more on the subject, visit gumbocrazy.com. Pableaux Johnson's recipe is hard to improve upon, since he'll have gumbo going from now until Mardi Gras.

Cousin

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of alcohol is prohibited or restricted, so maybe not.

Also, located in the City of Glasgow, is the Veterans' Wall of Honor, which commemo-

rates and honors the citizens of Glasgow and Barren County who have served in the armed forces.

In 2007, Barren County was named the "Best Place to Live in Rural America" by Progressive Farmer Magazine. "Not exactly Mayberry, but a clean,

slow-paced place to be", said Vaught.

It may be worth a visit someday to see just how things stack up in comparison to our hometown... and maybe root for the Scotties on the gridiron or the diamond.

Montana SBA Looking for Small Businesses Who Deserve Recognition

CRYSTAL D. AHMANN
MONTANA DISTRICT OFFICE, HELENA
FOR THE COURIER

Helena – Nominations are now open for the SBA 2016 Small Business Awards. These small business awards recognize businesses and business owners across the state for their successes and contributions to their communities.

Join previous winners; Dean Folkvord of Wheat Montana, Tiffany Lach of Sola Café, Joe Billion of J.C. Billion, KC Walsh

of Simms Fishing Products, Sarah Calhoun of Red Ants Pants, and many more, who have been acknowledged with these awards.

This year the Montana SBA will recognize honorees in the following categories at an award event next spring:

- Small Business Person of the Year
- Small Business Exporter of the Year
- Woman-Owned Business of the Year
- Veteran-Owned Business of

the Year
• Millennial Entrepreneur – under 35

Winners in the Small Business Person and Small Business Exporter categories will represent Montana and go onto regional and national competition. Nominations in these two categories can also be submitted online at awards.sba.gov.

"Small businesses contribute to local economies by bringing innovation to their community, providing employment opportu-

nities, and attracting talent who invent new products or implement new solutions for existing ideas," said Wayne Gardella, Montana SBA district director. "We encourage our lenders, Chambers of Commerce, and local business leaders to nominate Montana-

based successful small business entrepreneurs," he said.

For 2016, the nomination criteria have been streamlined and simplified. In years past there were multiple forms, letters and documents required; now the nominees are only required to sub-

mit one form and questionnaire.

The deadline for submitting nominations is Monday, Jan. 11, 2016. Nomination guidelines and forms are available on Montana SBA's website, www.sba.gov/mt or via e-mail (no calls please) to crystal.baker@sba.gov.

Montana Neighbor Award Nominations Sought

FOR THE COURIER

Gov. Steve Bullock, along with a group of Montana-based organizations, is seeking nominations for the "Montana Neighbor Awards."

The awards give recognition to landowners who work collaboratively with their neighbors to enhance Montana's sense of community.

The group is seeking nominations of landowners from across Montana. Winners will receive specially printed and framed Montana Neighbor Award certificates signed by Gov. Bullock and awards committee members.

The Montana Neighbor group includes the Artemis Common Ground, The Nature Conservancy of Montana, Montana Council of Trout Unlimited, Montana Association of Land Tracts, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and the Office of the Governor.

"It's no secret that land ownership in Montana has been in transition," said Chris King, Winnett rancher and member of the Montana Neighbor Awards Committee. "There is tension out there between landowners, public resource agencies, and sportsmen. Those situations get press. But the fact is there are many new and long-time landowners who are

great neighbors in the Montana tradition. We want to give them recognition."

Award criteria include cooperation, neighborly land access, land stewardship and conservation ethic, and community leadership.

Nomination forms can be obtained from any office of the participating organizations and from FWP regional offices. Send nominations to: Montana Neighbor Awards, C/O Jennifer Bond; Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks; P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701; or email to: jebond@mt.gov, or to Brian Kahn at earthlink.net.

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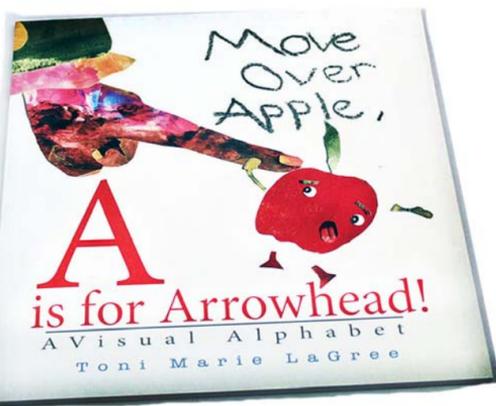
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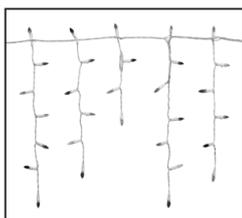
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2015 Nybakken Reunion and Birthday Party

FOR THE COURIER

The children of Carl and Gladys Nybakken gathered the end of September for a reunion and early celebration of their mother's 98th birthday. Gladys will turn 98 on Nov. 19. Carl passed away in August of 1981.

Carol Haag lives in Hendersonville, N.C.; Glenna Brusven in Genesee, Idaho; Linda Pederson in Vancouver, Wash.; Judi Ross in Battleground, Wash.; Donald Nybakken, north of Nashua; and Jeannie Bergstrom in Nashua.

Gladys is a resident of Valley View Nursing Home. She stays busy reading, doing word search puzzles, crocheting and playing bingo. Stop in and say "hello" and wish her a "Happy 98th Birthday."



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The family of Carl and Gladys Nybakken, front row, left to right, are Carol Haag, Gladys Nybakken and Donald Nybakken. Back row, Linda Pederson, Glenna Brusven, Jeannie Bergstrom and Judi Ross.

Out and About in St. Marie

FRANK A. AND LINDA VARGO III
COURIER CORRESPONDENTS

St. Marie veterans gave a stellar performance at the Glasgow Civic Center on Nov. 11, with the presentation of the colors with color guard members Wyatt Shipp carrying the flag of our country and surrounded on both sides by Art Widhalm, the VFW's commander and Phil Wilson, each carrying vintage military rifles that some of the veterans in the Civic Auditorium perhaps used during their time serving our country. All of the military branches were represented by a standing veteran in the audience. The Glasgow High School band did an outstanding performance with a medley of each military branch's song. Very well done, kids and band leader. Many of us, including Lin and myself, had to bring out our tissues to wipe away the tears as taps reverberated through the air. Remembering our times in the service and most particularly our fallen comrades and buddies, who are no longer with us. Taps is not a long musical rendition in minutes, but it brings up years that go through your mind as it is played. I recall a saying that I carry with me that was written in an article by a friend who I corresponded with during my tenure in the Air Force. His name is Corey Ford. He wrote:

Forsan et haec, olim meminisse invabit, Corey had it carved on his fireplace mantle. It is one of the most beautiful lines in Latin, and also one of the most famous. It means "A joy it will be one day, perhaps, to remember even this." It is about loss, about overcoming the worst, but the word 'perhaps' is important. It may not be a joy to remember. It may be a bloody misery. But someday you will be sitting in your chair, perhaps watching the setting sun outside your window, when your hand is nuzzled by your dog of many years and you will recall that horrible day that fate tossed at you and you survived. At the time you wondered if you could just get through this you would make amends and adjust your life. Somehow it works out. As my son-in-law always tells me, "This too shall pass."

Well, new siding had been put up in St. Marie and the Dan Thoeny Construction Company, with Dan Thoeny, and Jergin Johnson doing an excellent job. Dan told me he has been doing this type of work for 17 or so years and Jergin has been in Glasgow for 14 years. At times the St. Marie winds were causing problems but the work continued. They are very courteous and caring workers, along with a sense of humor. Well done, Thoeny Construction Company. We were stopped by Phyl-

ST. MARIE NEWS

lis Huston, our effervescent long-time resident of 40 or so years in St. Marie, and we were invited to meet the new pastor in town. Phyllis said that she finally has a "Cowboy" preacher who she enjoys listening to. So we checked him out by receiving an article from Terry Fuhrmann that produced the name of Pastor John Collins, who has been conducting services in the St. Marie church just down the street from the St. Marie Town Hall. Mr. Fuhrmann and Mrs. Huston recommend him highly and suggest that a visit to the church would benefit us all.

This from the St. Marie Newsletter: For those of you who are concerned about where the money came from for the new fence that surrounds the St. Marie fire station and garage, rest assured that it was government money. We have received a few calls about this, but all you had to do was read the Newsletter. If you do not receive one, they are posted on the Town Hall bulletin board. You have to pick up your mail anyway, so take a few moments and glance at the bulletin board.

Please take care of yourselves and stay safe.
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Tasters Trio: Opheim Outpost

**GINEVRA KIRKLAND,
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THE COURIER**

The Outpost Cafe in Opheim is definitely in the running for the official eatery of the Very Last Best Place. Located 10 miles from Canada in the quiet farming and ranching community, the cafe serves a local clientele consisting of working people, hunters and sportsmen, and the churchgoing crowd on Sundays.

Owner Coreen Dear took over the Outpost after working in restaurants in Great Falls and elsewhere for more than 15 years. She brings business experience to the role and experience in Opheim as well. Dear graduated from Opheim High School and daughter Morgan Schumacher also works at the restaurant. Her other employees include Samantha Floyd, Mariah Linder, Lori Pankratz, Sue Stahl, and OHS students Grace Carrol and Kira Rosencrans.

The establishment serves breakfast until 11 a.m. most days, and lunch items which could



The Outpost beckons to visitors on clear, chilly November day.
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JAMES WALLING / THE COURIER

Ryan D. Budde and his father Thomas K. Budde will be treating patients at their Glasgow location beginning Dec. 9.

Family Dentistry Set to Open Doors

**JAMES WALLING
THE COURIER**

A welcome addition to the healthcare landscape is slated to open Dec. 9 along Hwy 2 in Glasgow. Many residents have already seen the signs for Budde Family Dentistry at 120 1st St. N, but when the Courier visited Ryan D. Budde one Monday in mid-November, the interior space was still taking shape.

"We're really glad to be here," Budde said with obvious sincerity, adding that his roots in the area run deep. Budde, who graduated from Wolf Point in 1996, was a track and football star for the high school, and

his father and business partner, Thomas K. Budde, has worked as a dentist in the region for decades, both in Wolf Point and in Livingston, where the latter ranched cattle.

After a stint working in Alaska—together in Bethel, and then Dr. Ryan alone "out in the bush," as he put it, near Ketchikan—the pair set their sights on Valley County. The younger Budde and his wife Cara are pleased to be raising their children, Ava (3 years) and Jaxon (1), in a familiar community. "My wife and I were set on Glasgow," Dr. Ryan explained. "We moved here unemployed." Budde credits the caliber of the

people here as a major reason for the family's move.

Though still in preparations for opening day, the Buddes are currently taking calls and booking appointments. Starting as early as mid-December (and possibly as late as January), the dentistry will be accepting Medicaid, a crucial component of affordability, the absence of which currently leads many people in the area to seek services elsewhere.

Budde Family Dentistry is located at 120 1st St. N, 228-2211. Call for appointments or visit the Facebook page at facebook.com/buddefamilydentistry.

Smiling with Santa 2015 Christmas Stroll Hits Glasgow



GEORGIE KULCZYK / THE COURIER

Hunter Wilson shares a laugh with Santa Claus at Pehlke's Furniture during the 2015 Christmas Stroll festivities in Downtown Glasgow.

Block of Bucks Donations Sought

**GEORGIE KULCZYK
THE COURIER**

The Glasgow Soroptimists, along with Pacific Steel and Recycling and the Glasgow High School Student Council, will be collecting funds for the annual Block of Bucks Friday, Dec. 4, 2015.

The annual program provides clothing for Valley County children from infant to 12 years of age.

Donations are needed to fund the shopping event and volunteers will collect donations at two downtown locations from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Look for the volunteers at the spotlight between the post office and Western Drug on 2nd Avenue South, and at the intersection near Independence Bank and D&G, next to the Christmas tree.

In 2014, the program collected a record \$30,019 and provided warm clothing for 214

children.

Fortunately, Mother Nature may take pity on the volunteers collecting this year, as the forecast is calling for a high of 42.

Hopefully, the warm weather won't deter the community from their unfaltering generosity and the Block of Bucks can

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MARY ARMSTRONG / FOR THE COURIER

GHS Student Council members who will be collecting donations at the post office intersection Friday, Dec. 4 are pictured (l-r) Back row: Micah Tweten, Baylie Chappell, Rachel Sigmundstad, Julia Kolstad, Jordan Billingsley, Ellie Page, Khloe Krumwiede, Jesi Kennedy, Alex Franssen, Brett Glaser, Merlin McKean, Jazmine Foster-Shaw. Middle row: Logan Gunderson, Benji Phillips, Luke Breigenzer, Bryce Legare. Front row: Trevor Toavs, Trent Herbert.

Plaid Square Changes Hands, Keeps On Quilting

**JAMES WALLING
THE COURIER**

Hope Jones-Farr retired this year from her role as a special education and history teacher at Glasgow High School after 25 years of service. She soon began looking around for something else to do. For her, it was time to find another outlet—she also owns and operates the beloved Soma-Dis Deli on 2nd Ave. S. downtown—and the project she settled on was Della Gardner's quilting shop, The Plaid Square.

Established in 1999, the shop, re-dubbed Crazy Woman Quilts under Jones, offers an array of fabrics and quilting materials, designs, classes, piecework and finishing services. CWQ's Facebook page states that the business has, "3000 bolts of fabric to choose from and custom machine quilting."

Jones insists that she is not taking over a struggling business. "Della did a really good job of building up the clientele with high-quality fabrics," she says. Among the fabrics that she intends to focus on is the mysteriously appealing minky, a special type of plush fabric that is often used to make baby blankets and baby clothing, as well as other, more grown-up accessories and accoutrements. "If everyone had a yard of minky," Jones states flatly, "there would be no war."

Asked why she tackled yet another challenging business opportunity when she'd only just hung up her hat as an educator, Jones shrugs as if it were the obvious thing to do. Typically understated, she makes it clear without saying so outright that it isn't about the money. "I ran out of room for fabric in my upstairs," she explains, when pressed on the



GEORGIE KULCZYK / THE COURIER

Hope Jones-Farr poses with one of her creations at Crazy Woman Quilts.

subject. Underlying her choices is a quiet dedication to the welfare of the community (the deli is a staple for many area residents, to say nothing of teaching), but she doesn't go on about it much.

Jones is quick to point out that she has lots of help via her life and business partner, husband Kevin Farr. Her son, Keefe, who currently resides in Seattle, has also done his fair share of time at the deli, and son Jackson helped restart the business after its reopening in 2011. At CWQ,

her employees and cohorts in quilting include Evelyn Depuydt, Juanita Morehouse, Jan Swanson (who teaches beginning quilting) and Darcia Schindler, when the latter isn't too busy over at the BS Buzz.

An impressive addition to the shop's services was on display in the backroom while Jones talked to the Courier. Longarm quilting involves the use of an imposing sewing machine that

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Oddfellows Skeleton Buried



COURTESY OF VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Doris Tollefson and her grandson (L), stand with Rick Seiler and Bronwin Hanshew on Monday, Nov. 23. The group helped bury an unidentified skeleton at the Hinsdale Cemetery with help from the Valley County Sheriff's Department. The skeleton was discovered at the Glasgow IOOF Hall in November.

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Owner Coreen Dear seen during a rare slow moment at The Outpost Cafe in Opheim on Nov. 29.

Tasters

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easily pass for full dinners until 7 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, with abbreviated evening hours on other days. Prior to the arrival of the Tasters, Glasgow newcomer Ginevra Kirkland and I (James) stopped in for a bit of lunch, apropos of nothing. The fare was good enough to prompt a quick return the following morning with Georgie Kulczyk in tow.

Standard Breakfast: My own choice of breakfast foods was obvious enough—two eggs, over medium, with coffee (better than expected), hashbrowns and wheat toast. The selling point was the Reynold's patty sausage, though the bacon on my colleague's plate was very tempting. The eggs were perfect and the portions generous, as befits any establishment that caters to people who know how to work up an appetite. My lunch the previous day consisted of a Chicken Ranch Wrap. Built like a burrito, the wrap was delicious and benefitted from the fact that the dressing is made in-house.

—James Walling
Biscuits and Gravy: I've never been to the Outpost Café in Opheim before. I've been to and through Opheim plenty of times, but had never had a meal. Other than the curious stares and skeptical looks from the already-

there customers, the atmosphere was very welcoming. The dining room was clean and had a good amount of natural light. Coreen, the owner, waitress, cook, dishwasher, etc. was pleasant and eager to provide great service. The menu is small, but adequate. There are enough items on the breakfast menu that I did have some trouble deciding what to order. Eventually, I chose a half order of biscuits and gravy with scrambled eggs and hashbrowns.

Biscuits and gravy may seem the safe option on a breakfast menu, but not always. More than once, I've had some awful biscuits and gravy. Fortunately, Coreen uses her mother's recipe for the gravy. It was good. For me, the biscuits were baked perfectly. They had a light texture with a soft middle and just a little crunch on the outside. A person may also think that it's difficult to mess up making scrambled eggs, but I've had bad eggs, too. Honestly, the scrambled eggs were pretty. They had such a nice color, that's what I noticed first. They were cooked well, too ... not over-done or under-done. It maybe isn't fair for me to review the hashbrowns. Really, they are just shredded potatoes, so I'm rarely impressed with them, but they were okay. I would have liked them to be crispier, but I was thankful they weren't greasy. All in all, the meal was great, and

I wouldn't hesitate to stop in and have another meal. —Georgie Kulczyk

Breakfast Burrito: Bacon is always good, but good bacon is a great find. The side at Outpost is perfectly cooked and obviously not your typical generic variety. I'm planning to come back just to try the BLT. The breakfast burrito itself was a healthy portion without being an oversized monster; carefully plated with a mix of eggs, cheese, fresh grilled peppers and onions, with a side of both sour cream and mild salsa, which I spiked with a bit of Tabasco. The hash browns were a bit underdone for my liking, but I'm sure you could ask for them to be more well-done. That bacon, though. The previous day, I'd eaten the bacon cheeseburger, and the bacon was again spot-on, and the sides of fries and onion rings we ordered came out perfectly done. We even managed to catch some college football on an unobtrusive TV on Saturday. The other patrons were obviously just as pleased with the family atmosphere and home-cooked meal. —Ginevra Kirkland

The Outpost Cafe is located at 932 Main St. in Opheim, 762-3330. Winter hours are 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sundays. Check with Coreen for extended summer and spring hours.

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Monday, December 7

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, tri tater, peaches
Lunch: Traveling taco, corn, pineapple, chocolate cake

Tuesday, December 8

Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, PB&J sandwich, apple
Lunch: Chicken burger, dill spear, mixed fruit, rice krispie bar

Wednesday, December 9

Breakfast: French toast, sausage, juice
Lunch: Italian dunkers, breadsticks, salad w/ranch, banana pudding, pears

Thursday, December 10

Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, breakfast bar, mandarin oranges
Lunch: Sloppy joes, baked beans, corn chips, applesauce

Friday, December 11

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, cinnamon roll, juice
Lunch: Popcorn shrimp, sweet potato criss-cuts, bun w/jelly, grapes

NASHUA SCHOOL

All meals served with milk. Salad bar & fresh fruit are served daily at lunch. Meals subject to change w/o notice.

Monday, December 7

Breakfast: Bagels
Lunch: Potato soup, sandwich

Tuesday, December 8

Breakfast: Breakfast bake
Lunch: Super nachos

Wednesday, December 9

Breakfast: Pancakes
Lunch: Spaghetti

Thursday, December 10

Breakfast: Muffins
Lunch: Chicken fried steak

OPHEIM SCHOOL

Breakfast served with fruit, juice & milk. Lunch served with vegetable and fruit. Salad Bar is served every T-W-Th. Hot breakfast on Mon. & Fri. only. Menu subject to change w/o notice.

Monday, December 7

Breakfast: Waffles, breakfast meat, fruit, yogurt
Lunch: Beef stroganoff, noodles, fruit, veggie

Tuesday, December 8

Breakfast: Hot/cold cereal, fruit, yogurt
Lunch: Pizza w/toppings, veggie, fruit

Wednesday, December 9

Breakfast: Hot/cold cereal, fruit, yogurt
Lunch: Grilled cheese, soup

Thursday, December 10

Breakfast: Hot/cold cereal, fruit, yogurt
Lunch: Tater tot casserole, fruit

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Monday, December 7

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Tuesday, December 8

Beef pot pie

Wednesday, December 9

Cook's choice

Thursday, December 10

Swedish meatballs

Friday, December 11

Salisbury steak

Nashua Senior Center Menu

No menu available at press time

SACO SCHOOL

Breakfast includes cereal, milk, toast and fruit or juice. Lunch includes salad bar and milk.

Monday, December 7

Breakfast: Bagels
Lunch: Meatballs, potatoes, veggies, fruit

Tuesday, December 8

Breakfast: Ham/egg muffin
Lunch: French dip, potatoes, fruit

Wednesday, December 9

Breakfast: French toast
Lunch: Soup, sandwich, fruit

Thursday, December 10

Breakfast: Parfait
Lunch: Burger bar, potatoes, fruit

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	W	L
Sand Electric	4	0
Holy Rollers	3.5	.5
Pacific Steel & Recycling	3	1
Old Mill Light	2	2
Valley Bank	2	2
Markle's	1	3
Ezzie's	.5	3.5
Bye	0	4

Nashua Men's League 11-25-2015

	W	L
Hi-Line Ford	10	2
Tihista Construction	9.5	2.5
Dahl Aviation	8	4
Glasgow Stockyards Inc.	8	4
Vick's Lanes	3.5	8.5
Bergies	3.5	8.5
Farmers Elevator	3.5	8.5
E.G.T.	2	10

Bantam League 2015 11-21-2015

	W	L
Lord of the Rowdy Bowlers	21	6
Glasgow Pinbusters	18	9
Pinheads	16	11
Gutter Bombs	15	12
Team 8	14	13
Scottie Strikers	13	14
Mustache Pin Heads	10	17
Team 2	4	23

Get'er Done 2015/16 11-29-2015

	W	L
Team 6	27	13
The Pinheads	27	13
Team 5	24	16
Squade	17	23
We Don't Give a Split	14	26
Team 3	11	29

Team scr & hcp game and scr series:

Pacific Steel 1030 & 1208 and 2944. Team hcp series: Sand Electric 3500. Ind scr & hcp game: Spencer Marsh 247 & 286. Ind scr series: Jason Sillerud 682. Ind hcp series: B.J. Kemp 777.

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Thank You!

Quilts

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measures in at well over 10 feet in length. Through the application of layers of plastic and fabrics, the machine allows for speedier construction of quilts and other materials.

Upcoming classes at CWQ include the Not Your Mother's Quilt Club, which is held on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. beginning January 13, the PMS (Pretty Much Scraps) Club, also at 5:30 p.m. beginning in January, the Snack Shack Hot Pads class, set for December 12 from 9-11 a.m. (cost is \$10), a Minky Blankie class at the GHS cafeteria on December 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (cost \$15), and the In Focus class on December 5 from 9 a.m. to noon (\$10). Email Hope for further details at crazywomanquilts@nemont.net.

CWQ is located at 27 Hwy 2 in Glasgow, 228-9665. For more information, visit plaidsquare.com or check out the Crazy Woman Quilts page on Facebook.

Bucks

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look forward to another record year.

Prior to collection day, donations may be mailed to: Soroptimists of Glasgow, Box 961, Glasgow, MT 59230.

Volunteers are also needed to help families shop on Saturday, Dec. 5. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please call Mary Armstrong at 253-350-2070. Volunteers can also check in at the Elks Lodge between 8:30-8:45 a.m. Cooperating local businesses include Shopko, D&G, and Little Campers.

Film and Book Follow Adventurers from Border to Border

Plight of Wild Mustangs, BLM and Ranchers Featured Front and Center

**GINEVRA KIRKLAND
FOR FARM & RANCH**

Gorgeously filmed and chummily “cast,” *Unbranded* is a documentary about four friends who set out for an unusual post-collegiate trek: riding wild mustangs across a wide swath of American public land from Mexico to Canada.

We’re dropped into the trek without a lot of explanation or exposition, and the film moves along at a steady clip from there.

The film follows two tracks: the main event of following the foursome through their journey, and delving into observations with an intersection of ranchers, Bureau of Land Management employees, and activists.

Unbranded leaves most of the reality-show tropes of conflict and high drama by the way, aside from a foray into Jackson, Wyoming, for some much-needed R&R and a few heated disagreements among the pals. Considering the massive amount of footage taken, the challenge is, refreshingly, the completion of the journey, rather than stirring up of trouble between the travellers.

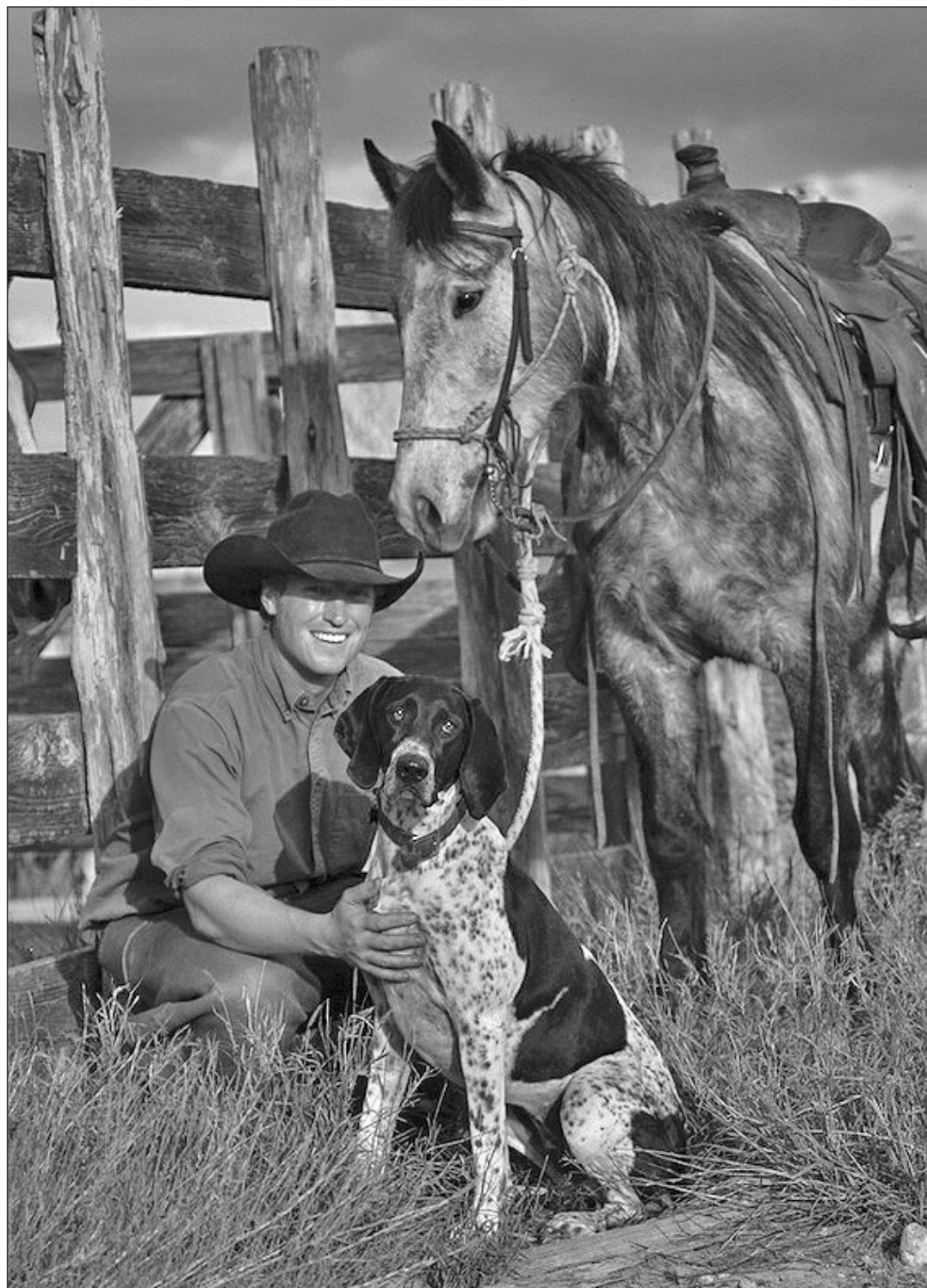
The troubled and overpopulated

wild mustang herds managed by BLM are treated as American icons as much as the land itself. The simple fact that the horses featured are trained and conditioned to handle a backcountry trek across five states in four months is no mean feat, and the small herd are quite the cast of characters.

The best “character” in the whole movie is, decidedly, the scenery, but a close second is Donquita, a donkey that rider Ben Thaymer says is, “the third most famous donkey in the history of the world, behind the donkey that carried Jesus Christ.” A close runner-up is a support staff that seems to consist entirely of a musical cowboy named Val.

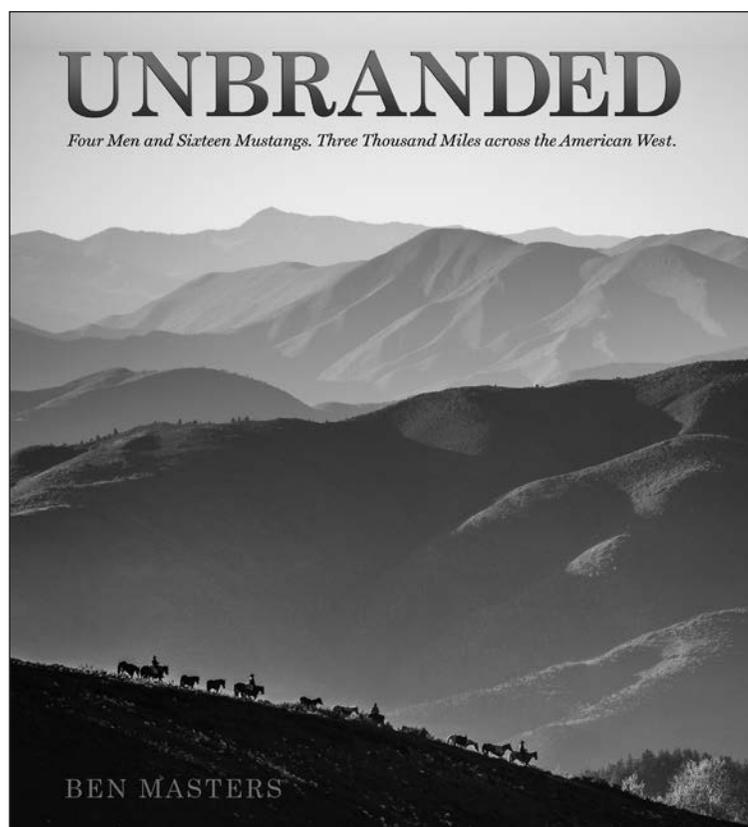
The documentary gives some nuance to the thicker issue of managing the mustang population and the importance of public land. Everyone in the film has diverse occupations and reasons for being involved, but the overarching goal seems consistent throughout: the importance of preserving both the land and the lives that depend on it, human and equine.

Unbranded is available on Amazon, Netflix, and via purchase at unbrandedthefilm.com



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Above: Ben Masters and dog Ruby pose with Chief, one of the horses he rode in the film. Bottom left: A book version of *Unbranded* has proven to be a bestseller. “Part of our focus at the press is conservation and wildlife management,” said Texas A&M University Press Marketing Manager Gayla Christiansen, who went on to explain that Masters’ proposal seemed an obvious fit for the publisher. The book is available in a cloth (hardback) edition and a flexbound (softbound) edition as well. Available at fine bookstores everywhere, or by visiting tamupress.com.



Shopping Squared

Online Options Add to Grocery Store Selection



COURTESY OF BLUE APRON

Blue Apron packaging may seem a bit excessive, but the portions are fair and the ingredients are fresh.

GINEVRA KIRKLAND FOR FARM & RANCH

It's my first winter in northeastern Montana. As someone who loves to cook, I enjoy that it's an easy run to the local grocery stores, and the quality of stores has been an unexpected delight. However, for the creative cook trying to eat healthy (ok, more healthy than fast food), it is difficult to get certain ingredients, and then, sometimes a challenge to be inspired to cook.

We all know that cooking for your family is better for us both physically and psychologically, and sitting down together sets good, healthy habits for ourselves and our families.

Grocery delivery services are nothing new, but complete meals-in-a-box are now vying for attention. These "meal kits" ship with all the measuring done for you, with recipes both on paper and easy to download from your computer, with all the ingredients you need in neat pre-portioned containers. (They do assume that you have basics like salt, pepper, and cooking oil.) I found it to be an interesting way to supplement a regular grocery shopping run with some new, different ingredients, and to inspire me to actually make a meal that was as satisfying as anything I'd come up with on my own.

I tried four different boxes so that you don't have to, and graded them on ease of recipes, the ordering process, and quality. With various coupons, each box feeds two people for

three meals at about \$70, or four people for three meals for about \$120. This breaks down to an average of \$8-10 per person per meal, depending on your grocery shopping habits. This may seem like a lot, but depending on your current grocery bill and what's going bad in your fridge right now, that may be enough to make sense for your family.

So how do they stack up?

Blue Apron, the best-known and least expensive, is the easiest to sign up for. The recipes are simple enough to please most picky eaters (it's simple enough to leave off onions or peppers, for example). The food itself tastes light and healthy, and they use and source organically when possible. The variety was more in the preparation: arugula on pizza, bean soups, mushroom quiches with a ready-to-use pastry base. Of all of the choices, this is the one I'd recommend for someone who is a bit more tentative in the kitchen. **Grade: A**

Hello Fresh and **Green Chef** were quite similar - both are focused first and foremost on quality organic ingredients and a bit more variety of recipes. Therefore, the level of difficulty is slightly stepped up. Hello Chef's biggest difference is that they have a celebrity chefsperson in Jamie Oliver, and the packaging seemed a bit more gourmet. A standout recipe was the pumpkin-stuffed pasta shells that were then baked in the oven with cheese. Ordinarily, I would have had a much heavier hand with the cheese, and shells aren't something I purchase on a regular basis. They would both be an A



COURTESY OF HELLO FRESH

A Hello Fresh box is unpacked and the contents laid out for display.



GINEVRA KIRKLAND / FOR FARM & RANCH

The contents of a PeachDish box turned out to be the runt of the litter.

but for the difficulty of using either of their websites to choose meals, and for a slightly higher cost. **Grade: B**

PeachDish has southern-style ingredients, and was the one I wanted to like the most. Unfortunately, it was a bad call. As a transplant, I know that the South's most famous dishes are, by their nature, cheap and easy to find. Paying \$8-10 a person for something that I've been making forever for

far less cost made me feel like a sucker. The PeachDish website is a mess, their recipes lackluster, the packaging was unlabeled and low-quality. Their customer service people were quite nice (they messed up my first, and thus last, order) and I do like the theory of bringing healthier Southern dishes to light, but this one is a miss. **Grade: F**

Overall, I'd recommend the top three ser-

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vices to anyone who loves to cook, doesn't mind a few shortcuts, and who finds prep work to be the hardest part of cooking. It's nice to mix-and-match recipes, and to have

odds and ends in the fridge that we just don't see often, like extra fresh thyme, arugula, or fresh mozzarella. The top 3 are also easy to try out for a one-shot effort at about \$30 a box. (Just don't forget to cancel your following orders, or switch to a by-the-month plan, or you'll end up with more than you bargained for.

Egan

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County Extension Agent Dan Picard, MSU entomologist David Weaver and a host of Montana farmers and crop consultants who volunteered to put pheromone traps in their fields began monitoring for the midge. MSU software engineer John Sully brought all the data together and created a live-tracking website, Montana Pestweb, that showed the spread of the midge. Six Montana Agricultural Research Centers and 26 MSU Extension offices worked with growers and crop consultants to place hundreds of traps across the state, Stougaard said. Extension agents trained local producers in the biology of the midge, how to track it, what insecticide was effective and, most importantly, when and when not to spray.

"Scouting and spraying were short-term solutions, and we didn't know what the future would look like," Stougaard said.

That's when producers asked MSU spring wheat breeder Luther Talbert if there was anything MSU's wheat breeding program could do. Thanks to colleagues at North Dakota State University, Talbert got ahold of the only gene in the world discovered that's resistant to the midge, called SM1. SM1 produces toxins that kills the midge. When the midge burrows into the developing wheat seed, it dies. Talbert started crossing the resistant line into Montana adapted varieties using traditional breeding techniques.

"We crossed this line with the SM1 gene with varieties that were suitable to northwest Montana and let nature derive progeny lines from that," Talbert said. "From there, we planted those lines in the fields and selected the ones with characteristics we like."

Six years later, Egan – named after the Egan slough in the Flathead where the midge was so prevalent – was born. According to Talbert, Egan also has high grain protein, strong yield potential under high-yield conditions and is resistant to stripe-rust, a wheat disease found in Montana that can also limit yields. On the other hand, Egan is a little taller than typical varieties grown under irrigation in the Flathead Valley, so lodging – bending over of the stems -- may occur under very high yield levels, Talbert said.

Because Egan with its SM1 gene is so potent to the midge, Canadian and MSU entomologists suggested it be blended with 10 percent of a non-resistant variety to prevent the midge from developing resistance.

"This gene works so well that it kills nearly every single midge," Talbert said.

"But those very few that survive may have a resistance to the SM1 gene that they can pass on to their offspring. As their generations progress, you'll end up with significant, resistant populations that won't be stopped by Egan."

The way to mitigate this problem is to allow a small population of "normal" midges to survive and breed with any potential resistant midges. This is accomplished by blending the Egan seed with seed that is susceptible to the midge population – about 10 percent of the susceptible variety. Growers can choose the susceptible variety to blend Egan with.

"In a way, producers are sacrificing a small portion of their crop so that the susceptible midges continue to persist and we never allow a significant population of resistant midges to develop," Talbert said. "We're sort of using nature's greatest tools against itself, so it's a natural form of resistance."

MAES has grown and tested Egan at seven research centers across the state. Last spring, MAES gave Egan to the Montana Foundation Seed Program for production and certification. Now, Egan is available to producers and is being sold as a certified blend – the first ever certified blend in the university's history. Purchasing the blend comes with a Certified Seed Only acknowledgement, binding producers to keep buying certified seed year after year, in an effort to ward off a population that is completely resistant.

Grey, who recently retired after 35 years, said the certified seed only and blend idea might take some education on behalf of growers and producers.

"It's important for all to understand how important the blend ratio is and a bit about the background, as the agreement is legally binding," he said. "This was a collective response for public good, and the certified seed only agreement is also dependent on a kind of handshake and agreement between neighbors across the state."

Dan Lake, owner and partner of Lake Seed Inc. in Ronan and certified seed grower, is selling Egan to area growers this spring.

"Our growers are really excited about Egan, and we're going to blend it with a hard red spring wheat we have," Lake said. "The entire process to get to this point is an extremely good example of MSU research centers working to identify, find solutions and solve a problem alongside producers. When you have research centers that are fixed, functional and modern, it's an investment statewide, and this is the kind of result you see."

Book Review: Go Set a Watchman

GINEVRA KIRKLAND
FOR THE COURIER

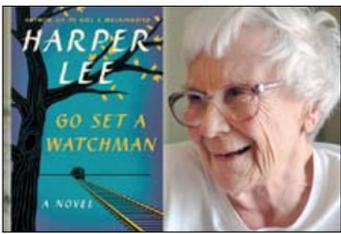
Isaiah 21:6: "For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth."

With the passing of Harper Lee last week, it's a thoughtful time to ponder her work, and what was her latest published book, *Go Set a Watchman*. For those unfamiliar, the author of the beloved *To Kill A Mockingbird* didn't start out of the gate as a revered writer. In fact, she put aside the draft of the Southern Gothic classic in 1957 and published instead *To Kill A Mockingbird* in 1960 to great acclaim. A gifted storyteller, she wrote "in words of no more than two syllables" about the power of family, race and class in the deep South, and the supposed blindness of justice under American law.

Both works stick with the central aphorism of when in doubt, do the right thing. Again,

we find ourselves in 1950's South Alabama, with the very familiar Scout, now a grown-up Jean Louise, Calpurnia, Jem, and of course: Atticus.

These are not the characters



COURTESY OF HARPERCOLLINS

we already know and love just because they have the same names and places. Atticus is shown not as the paragon of virtue we recall him to be, but as a calculating lawyer, a citizen's council-attending racist, yet still thoughtful and wise. The Scout of *Mockingbird* is an important light to have in the

reading minds of girls everywhere: a plucky tomboy who begins to understand the weight of responsibility. The hurt the older Jean Louise of *Watchman* suffers is greater, and felt deeply.

Her character, wiser. Instead of watching life swirl around her, she herself stands up for injustice.

Lee describes the frills and venom of "A Coffee" that Jean Louise's aunt holds in her honor with an inspired piece of onomatopoeia and amused observation. For those who think gossip a modern profession, let Ms. Lee enlighten you:

Southern women have been at gossip so long and so well that it is to have perfected the art. The ladies of Maycomb show themselves to be a master class in prim and proper acrimony.

As taken, *Watchman* not as a sequel, but a draft, there are holes in the plot that the more successful book fills in better. The end drags on. She also violates one of Annie Dillard's precepts: never quote dialogue you can summarize. Ms. Lee apparently suffered the plight of writers everywhere: where do you leave off?

To wit: *To Kill A Mockingbird* is justly venerated, as a book for the ages, speaking to themes of equal treatment under the law, and the responsibilities of our freedom. *Go Set A Watchman* explores in more depth and angst the hidden motivations of flawed but honorable citizens of America, and what unquestioned traditions mean to us even these sixty years later.



COURTESY OF JANET BAILEY
Back row (L-R): Kira Rosenkrans, Anastasiya Tokareva, Alyssa Shugart and Sarah Morgan. Front: Leah Shugart, Damian Cable and Raelee Dowden.

Opheim Students Perform Speed Dating Nightmare

JANET BAILEY
FOR THE COURIER

The Opheim Drama Class, under the direction of Ms. Sarah Morales presented the play "Speed Dating Nightmare," by Scott Haan, on Thursday, February 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Cindy, played by Kira Rosenkrans, finds out that speed dating is a great way for singles to meet other people. Each "date" lasts only a few minutes, and if it doesn't work out, she hopes the next one will be better. For Cindy, those minutes feel like an eternity as she is subjected to a seemingly endless parade of jerks and losers.

First there was Marcus, played by Anastasiya Tokareva, whose questions seemed more like an interrogation. As they were talk-

ing Cindy's mind went to what their child might be like as Raelee Dowden played that child and acted just like her father Marcus. Then came Trevor, played by Alyssa Shugart, whose career motivation extended only as far as getting the next new video game and again Cindy's mind wandered to their child played by Damian Cable and also acted just like his father Trevor. Third was Scissor, an artistic man with an inflated sense of ego and spiked blue hair who was played by Sarah Morgan. Their child played by Leah Shugart was a replica of his father Scissor. Scissor was followed by Ernest, played by Anastasiya Tokareva, a socially awkward guy who thinks sharing his Tums is a nice gift. Their child was played by Raelee Dowden who again acted just like her fa-

ther. The last date for Cindy was Dale, played by Sarah Morgan. He was loud and rowdy, hollering and climbing on the chair, and more than ready to move on to the next little filly. Their children were played by Damian Cable and Leah Shugart and caused quite a ruckus. To make matters worse, Cindy couldn't help but imagine what their children would be like, as they all display the worst qualities of their fathers. Will Cindy find a good match in Jason, played by Alyssa Shugart, or resign herself to staying single forever?

The stage Lights were run by Alyssa Shugart and Anastasiya Tokareva. The music, sound effects and curtains were done by Ms. Morales and Videography by Aaron Carlson.

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Film Shorts: Valley Cinemas, GCCL, The Worx

D.K. HOLM
FOR THE COURIER

Two new offerings make their debut at the Valley Cinemas this week. *Zoolander No. 2* is a film that didn't need to exist — except for once existing already previously in 2001 when the first film came out. That satire on the fashion industry was so popular



COURTESY OF 20TH CENTURY FOX

Ryan Reynolds is the titular hero in the hotly-anticipated *Deadpool*.

on video that many years later carrying on with the characters seemed like a profitable idea.

As heavily promoted in the media as *Deadpool*, *Zoolander No. 2* is silly and a whole lot dumber, and not just because the two male models at the center of the contrived and barely comprehensible tale are as dumb as dirt. In addition, the film suffers from the curse of *Saturday Night Live* — two former cast members appear and tarnish the already blighted film's humorless affect with a runway's worth of overstrutting.

Deadpool, on the other hand, is actually funny. Based on a Marvel comics character few outside a fantasy convention have heard of, what seems like years of pre-publicity and near constant manipulation of the media and through them the minds of teenagers, the film came into existence. Crude, vulgar, violent, and hilarious, it's an origin story with an R rating. Ryan Reynolds plays Deadpool, a former mercenary whose treatment for an illness leaves him both deformed and imbued with rapid healing powers. The bulk of the film concerns DP fighting on a freeway bridge with the forces that made him this way, as he severs heads and blows up things. The distinguishing characteristic of the film, however, is that it breaks through the fourth wall of the screen. This detachment from the genre manifests itself as talking to the camera and numerous jokes at the expense of the film and comic book stories, from the credits to the asides, to even a joke about Ryan Reynolds. The film is a juggernaut and anyone with demurals is left dead in the water, but you won't hear one here. Stay through all the credits for some amusing codas.

Over at the Glasgow City-County Library (408 3rd Ave S, 228-2731), we have the fol-

lowing (selected by Parker Kulczyk): *The King's Speech*, *The Book of Eli*, *Inception*, *The Hobbit 1, 2, and 3*, and *Blade Runner*. The first is a dull, Oscar-winning coffee table movie that flatters America's misplaced obsession with British royalty, while the second is a boring, confusing post-Apocalypse story with Denzel Washington. The others are something else.

There's a theory going around that Christopher Nolan doesn't know how to edit scenes. You wouldn't be able to tell, really, from *Inception*, his science fiction film about a team that invades dreams for profit. The premise allows the director to leap from one mind-blowing sequence to another, especially in a climax that represents the height of special effects. Well cast, *Inception* is also that unusual thing, a thoughtful big action picture from Hollywood.

Peter Jackson, on the other hand, was criticized for going to the J. R. R. Tolkien well once — or rather three more times — too often. Still, the library now gives local Tolkien fanatics a chance to binge on *The Hobbit*, the one book divided by Jackson into a trilogy. And this being a Peter Jackson production, the movies are longer than their screen representation, and the discs are loaded with extras.

Blade Runner had the misfortune to come out the same year as *E. T. : The Extraterrestrial*, a happy kids film that buried the thinking man's science fiction tale. *Blade Runner* is a beautiful combination of action, music, futurism, climate change protest, and romance, with great performances by Harrison Ford as the future's version of a private eye, Rutger Hauer as his nemesis, and Daryl Hannah as a gymnastical robot. Sink into this dystopian vision, and then decide if there really needs to be a sequel, which is

planned for 2018.

At the *Worx* (700 1/2 1st Ave N, 228-4474) come this week's helpings of DVD and Blu-Ray, including *The Good Dinosaur*, *Spotlight*, and *Knock, Knock*.

The Good Dinosaur is a happy kids animated film, which tells the same story that almost every Hollywood animated feature tells — a kid surrogate goes on a trip with a sidekick and "learns something." The good thing about the DVD release is that the parent can turn it on and walk away, unlike in a theater where they may well question the point of reproduction.

Knock, Knock is an effective horror film about a middle class guy played by Keanu Reeves who is terrorized by two young women. Horror maestro Eli Roth is adapting a cheap drive-in movie from 1977 called *Death Game*, which starred Coleen Camp as one of the two girls — she is a co-producer here. It's in that small genre that includes *Funny Games* and *Hard Candy*, and is funny, scary, and unnerving.

Spotlight now gives the home viewer a chance to decide if it's the best picture of the year — or if they prefer *Mad Max* or *The Revenant*. *Spotlight* tells the story of the *Boston Globe* reportorial team that exposed systemic suppression of pedophile cases in the Catholic Church. The tale is soberly told — there are no exploitative scenes of abuse, no romance subplots among the reporters, and no dramatic meetings in parking garages. Instead there are meetings and paper shufflings, and a condensed but accurate account of the case, which is more horrific for lacking the usual clichés. The film also features an excellent ensemble that includes Michael Keaton, Mark Ruffalo, Stanley Tucci, Rachel McAdams, and *Mad Men*'s John Slattery.

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Spotlight on the Stockyards

**GINEVRA KIRKLAND
FOR THE COURIER**

Agriculture isn't all about crops and livestock, it's also about the people who choose to pursue it as a career. Working at the Glasgow Stockyards is tough, and their established, experienced staff work all year long, in and out of all kinds of weather. To find out more about the people working at one of Glasgow's linchpin businesses, the Courier talked to some of their yard hands to get a better feel for their day-to-day lives. We caught up with Mary Abrahamson at Doc Z in Wolf Point on March 19 to ask her about her job.

Abrahamson started by working with Phillips County Vet Clinic's Patty and Dallas Maxwell as their babysitter, and was eventually asked if she wanted to pitch in and be a yard hand in Malta. Abrahamson loves her job, and always makes time in her schedule on Thursdays, no matter what else she is doing, to put in some hours at the stockyard.

Many variables are involved with the work, from the time of year to the people working the pens, and of course, the ranchers. It can also be dangerous. Asked about injuries sustained on the job, Abrahamson said, "Well,

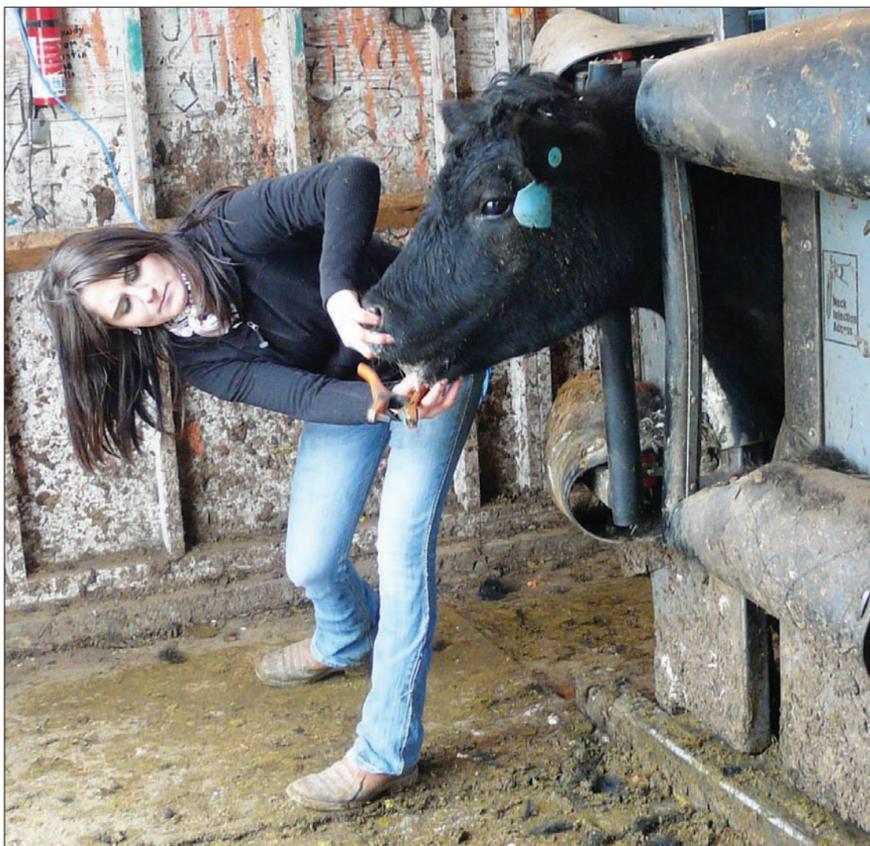
I chipped part of my jaw once. Thankfully, it was 40 below, so I couldn't really feel it."

She continued, "Usually the men rush over to make sure we're okay, but we wave them out of the pens. We're fine! We were all just raised this way. You have to be ready."

Abrahamson explained that the most dangerous part of the sorting process is in the "hole," or the spot where the livestock are pushed into the sale ring. The most dangerous animals are the wild cows, which she described as similar to "crazy people," adding, "You can't always tell what they're going to do."

When asked who her role models were, Abrahamson mentioned no one in particular but said she grew up with ranching and livestock, like many of her colleagues and friends. She emphasized that the people are the very best part of working in the Glasgow Stockyards.

Visitors are welcome to attend the auction market to see for themselves how livestock are handled and sold. Look for more Spotlight on the Stockyard in the upcoming edition of Farm & Ranch (available April 6). For more information about visiting or patronizing a sale, call 228-9306.



WHITNEY PAJU / FOR THE COURIER

Mary Abrahamson helps prep cattle for sale at the Glasgow Stockyards on March 17.

Plea Agreement in FPFAC Case

**BY GWENDOLYNE HONRUD
THE COURIER**

Mary Strand, her attorney Vernon Woodward, and Valley County Attorney Nick Murnion have reached a plea agreement in the embezzlement case involving the Fort Peck Fine Arts Council. The agreement will be heard by the Court at a date yet to be determined.

Per the agreement, Strand will plead guilty to five felony charges, four for embezzlement and one for money laundering. In exchange she will be sentenced to five years in the Montana Department of Corrections, with all five years suspended for each count, and 30 days in the Valley County Detention Center. She will also pay fines in the amount of \$5,000 (\$1,000 for each count) and court fees in the amount of \$800.

In addition, Strand will be ordered to pay over \$16,000 in restitution to the FPFAC. The restitution amount takes into account the balance Strand has already paid back to the Coun-

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Nashua School District Awarded Rural Community Grant from Northwest Farm Credit Services

**JENNIFER ROHRER
FOR THE COURIER**

Northwest Farm Credit Services has awarded the Nashua School District a \$1,500 Northwest FCS Rural Community Grant to help replace their playground equipment.

"Much of the playground equipment on our playground is outdated, thus becoming a safety concern," said Nashua School District Superintendent Jennifer Cunningham. "Our goal is to replace all outdated equipment with new, safer playground equipment that will be used

not only by our students, but also by families in our community."

In 2015, Northwest FCS awarded 62 rural grants totaling more than \$134,000. Since the program's inception in 2007, the company has presented 464 rural grants totaling more than \$948,000.

The next rural grant deadline is June 1, 2016. If you think your rural project may be eligible for a grant, visit northwestfcs.com/Stewardship/Rural-Communities for more information and an application.



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Nashua School's Superintendent, Jennifer Cunningham, accepts a donation from NWFC's Rebekah Abern.

Kompel Reminds Public on Fencing

**JAMES WALLING
THE COURIER**

City of Glasgow Public Works Director Robert Kompel asks the public to be aware of changes to the city ordinance on fencing, which took effect last summer. The changes listed in Ordinance No. 953 impact the construction of fences at corners and intersections within city limits. Kompel reports an uptick in fencing related calls to Montana 811, the national number designated by the Federal Communications Commission to help protect do-it-yourselfers, landscapers and contractors from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects. What he hasn't noticed is a corresponding uptick in applications for new fencing permits. In an effort to reconcile these figures, Kompel reminds builders that the permitting process is easy and affordable (permits cost \$5).

Applicants are encouraged to visit the city's main office and pick up a packet. For more information, call 228-2476 or visit cityofglasgowmt.com.

Abuse Victim Still Waiting for Restitution

**GEORGIE KULCZYK
THE COURIER**

In 2009, former Glasgow resident Dan Burns was found guilty – per plea agreement – of sexual abuse of children, a

felony, and was ordered to pay \$82,352.23 in restitution to his victim. Seven years later, even after the death of Burns while he was incarcerated for the crime, his victim is still waiting for

compensation.

Billings attorney Bill O'Connor explained that the state tried unsuccessfully for six years to collect the court ordered restitution from Burns.

O'Connor represents the victim and his interests via his mother, Maugeen McGrath-Stark.

Since Burns' death in 2014 and the appointment of Andrea Dobbs as personal representa-

tive of his estate, O'Connor has been trying to get the court order fulfilled.

"The victim is the only creditor of the estate," said O'Connor. "Criminal restitution should be

voluntary, as it is a court order, so any money the criminal makes should go directly to the victim."

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Hunter's Safety Graduates



FOR THE COURIER

For the 16th year Gifford Fjeld of Hinsdale has instructed youngsters firearm safety. Tyler Hillman has assisted Fjeld for 5 years and Douglas Jones is in his second year helping. (L-R): Douglas Jones, Tyler Hillman, Romeo Benifla, Dion Lefdah, Matea McColly, Robert Barche and Gifford Fjeld.

City Council: In Brief

**JAMES WALLING
THE COURIER**

Adam Morehouse was approved as a hire for a vacant position in the city's street department at the March 21 meeting of the Glasgow City Council, marking a return to the crew after a stint with the Glasgow Police Department. Also approved for rehire was Robert Webber, who is returning to the GPD after a stint with the Billings Police Department.

Mayor Becky Erickson took the opportunity to thank City Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Amundson for preparing an environmental report which was sent to Montana's Community Development Block Grant Program. The city is hoping to receive funding for a proposed slush fund to cover costs for demolition and development of properties deemed abandoned or severely dilapidated.



JAMES WALLING / THE COURIER

Officer Robert Webber was sworn in (again!) as a member of the Glasgow Police Department at the March 21 city council meeting.

The council invites interested members of the public to attend a meeting to be held in conjunction with the housing board on March 28 at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers.

During department head

reports, Chief of Police Bruce Barstad informed the council that the GPD has received a \$5,000 donation from BNSF to pay for needed upgrades to the department's Tasers and related equipment.



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Glasgow High School Performs The Wedding Singer

DESIREE JOHNSON
FOR THE COURIER

Glasgow High School will be presenting the hit musical *The Wedding Singer* with performances on April 8-9 and 11 at 7 p.m. and April 10 at 4 p.m.

Based on the hit movie, *The Wedding Singer* takes us back to 1985 when rock-star wannabe Robbie Hart is New Jersey's favorite wedding singer, the life of the party, until his own fiancée leaves him at the altar. Shot through the heart, Robbie makes every wedding as disastrous as his own until Julia, a waitress, wins his affection. As luck would have it, Julia is about to be married to a Wall Street shark, and unless Robbie can pull off the performance of a decade, the girl of his dreams will be gone forever.

This GHS musical comedy features Noah Schleimer, Lily Helland, Tayte Prewett, Trevor Toavs, Kyle Ross, Hunter Losleben, Amber O'Mara, Hannah Mickelson, and Rachel Mickelson. Rounding out this talented ensemble--and playing a variety of roles--are Aurora Chappell, Logan Gunderson, Mariah Holter, Ethan Jamba, Taylor Johnson, Trevor Johnson, Ellie Kent, Haleigh Law-



CARLOS VALLE / FOR THE COURIER

(L-R) GHS Students Trevor Johnson, Lily Helland, Taylor Johnson, Noah Schleimer and Tayte Prewett are only part of the cast of this year's school play: *The Wedding Singer*.

son, Lane Provencher, Natasha Sand, Kevin Schindler and Alex Simensen.

The Wedding Singer is directed by Desiree Johnson with musical direction from Luree Green-Chappell. Production

staff includes Heather Losleben-Zeller, Sierra Ciafordone, Morgan Miller, Autumn Gault, Keirsten Wethern, and Reece Hunsley. Members of the live rock band are Colin Jamba, Jenna Johnson, Ben Miller,

Zack Miller, Michael Mulligan, Brad Persinger, James Rickley, Josh Schack, Rachel Sigmundstad and Hailey Stone.

Tickets are available at the door: \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors.

City Council Brief

JAMES WALLING
THE COURIER

Some meetings of the Glasgow City Council are busier than newspaper reports in the Courier reflect. With various grants pending and the potential acquisition of the Valley Court Apartments in the works, this is one of those weeks. At the April 4 meeting, the council approved resolutions to advertise a call for bids for a new lawn mower to be used by the cemetery department, and authorization for the submission of the Community Development Block Grant program non-competitive grant application, as well as the release of police department

funds from a BNSF donation.

Also on the agenda was the pre-approval of up to six new hires for seasonal laborers. Those positions include two positions with the cemetery department, two with parks, one with the street department, and one TBD.

During department head reports, Street Department Foreman Karl Krause explained that his crews are approximately two-thirds of the way through the annual round of road patching, adding that they are currently, "well ahead of last year." Krause also noted that work at Candy Cane Park on Glasgow's north side is well under way and nearing completion.

Investigation Continues, Leads to Further Arrest

PARKER KULCZYK
THE COURIER

Valley County Sheriff's office, during their continued drug investigation, has arrested yet another on meth charges.

Rodney Carlton Harrell was arrested on criminal possession of dangerous drugs - metham-

phetamine - on April 1. KLTZ reported that Harrell has multiple drug offenses, as well as multi-state convictions, and a burglary charge in Valley County.

Harrell joins Joseph Jones, Jessica Taylor and Patricia Doney, who were arrested on drug charges last week.

A Penny for Your Thoughts

The Strommens School Grandchildren, Welcome Newcomers

JAMES WALLING
THE COURIER

It's hard to imagine a family less interested in publicity, but that didn't stop Penny Strommen and her husband Eliot from making time when we came calling. They opened their doors gladly for a couple of out-of-town scribblers and one of Glasgow's first-rate photographers during the past week.

When I drove into town to take the job as your new managing editor nearly a year ago, the Strommens' iconic white school house at the crossroads in Vandalia was the first place I made a point of visiting. At that time, Penny's Country School Gallery wasn't open, but it didn't lessen my pleasure at taking in the virtual ghost town. Since then, I've fancied tracking Penny down; assuming, falsely, that the inside

of the structure was collecting dust and possibly worse.

Entering the gallery on April 1 (no, this isn't a joke), Carlos Valle and I were greeted by a smiling Penny and room full of antiques, as well as art (Penny is an award-winning painter of original watercolors), historic artifacts, and wheel-thrown pottery (also Penny's). Along with the recent addition of a new roof, the Strommens are also installing new windows as part of an ongoing process of restoration and basic upkeep.

The history of the family and its impact on Vandalia's past is too varied and complex to recount here. See the Courier's Christmas Gift Guide circa 1997 for a more thorough treatment (it's on the wall at the gallery). The Strommens' current activities are what we were after this time around. On a return visit

to the gallery, Ginevra Kirkland and I were treated to a tour of the Strommen family home, or rather, *homestead*, during which Penny described making the couple's rural idyll accessible to their ten grandchildren, ages 1-13.

As the long summer days stretch out in a mix of sports and other activities, the family gathers on various weekends for "Camp Imagination." It's a doting, but dutifully educational summer camp. The focus is on teaching the children "life skills," such as cooking, sewing, and even how to sell their own handmade wares. There are nature walks, piano lessons, and lessons in painting, pottery and antiquing, among many other things.

This camp is not open to the public, nor are they adopting any new grandchildren anytime soon (we asked if they'd be our grandparents, too). Instead,



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The Country School Gallery and Vandalia Pottery welcome visitors by appointment.

Penny hopes that her blueprint can be a model and inspiration to other grandparents who have the resources and time to organize their own brood into a similar setup.

Needless to say, the afore-

mentioned homestead contains many intriguing stories and pieces of local history, but we promised Penny and Eliot a little bit of privacy. If you want to peruse the antiques, art and pottery available at the gallery,

you can do so by appointment.

The Country School Gallery and Vandalia Pottery are located at 105 Nelson Avenue in Vandalia. Call (406) 367-5211 for more information.

Glasgow High School Prom 2016



GEORGIE KULCZYK / THE COURIER

Reno Jondahl (left) and Lauren Kolstad (right) have fun on stage during Grand March for prom on Saturday.

Eugene's Pizza Does it Again

MICHELLE FRANK
THE COURIER

Eugene's has once again claimed the crown for the 2016 Montana Mint Pizza Bracket Championship. Voted Montana's Best, Eugene's Pizza has been a northeast Montana staple for over 50 years. On any given night, loaded pies issue nonstop from the ovens, while floury dough discs fly towards the ceiling of the dining room, providing both dinner and a show. What makes Eugene's pizza the best? Their thin cracker crust, premium ingredients, and house-made secret sauces set them apart from other Montana pizzerias. According to Jeff, very little has changed in the restaurant over the years, and

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MICHELLE FRANK / THE COURIER

Winner, winner, pizza dinner! The co-owners of Eugene's Pizza in Glasgow - Sam Knodel (left) and Jeff Knodel (right) - are proud of their award-winning establishment and being named the "Best Pizza in the State" for the second year in a row.

Fine Forgiveness Week at Glasgow's City-Country Library

FORTHE COURIER

April 10-16 is National Library Week and the Glasgow City-Country Library is celebrating by accepting payment for

library fines in the form of non-perishable food items instead of cash. There will be a drop box located at the library. The library is also offering limited

debt forgiveness during NLW if your overdue books are in good shape. Ask a librarian to see if your account qualifies. For more information, call 228-2731.



OPINION

& NEWS

More Government Waste

Just when I didn't think it could get any worse, here comes this story in the Washington Free Beacon about the National Institute of Health spending \$400,000 texting Latino men, telling them they're too fat and that they need to exercise more. Now, there's money well spent indeed!

VIRGIL VAUPEL

THANKS FOR LISTENING

However here's some more government waste that should be stopped completely. (Ya' listening Senator Daines and Representative Zinke?) It has to do with the Former President's Act of 1958. It deals with giving each former president a ton of money after they are gone from office. I realize that when the bill passed, wages weren't what they are today. That said, Harry S. Truman, in personal financial difficulties, was finally awarded a \$25,000 yearly pension.

You've come a long way baby from then til now. Here's why.

President Obama just requested that congress approve an 18 percent increase in the Former President's Act (FPA) payment for the fiscal year of 2017. Eighteen percent when congress has a hissy-fit every time social security asks ... begs for a 2 percent raise.

To put it in perspective, an 18 percent increase for the FPA would be about \$588,000. I guess I didn't mention the entire yearly stipend, with the increase, would be in the neighborhood of \$3,865,000 for fiscal year 2017. The former presidents also get allotments for such things as postage, office rental, staff wages (this is allotted at \$150,000 a year for the first 30 months and \$96,000 thereafter), secret service protection, pension (\$209,000 yearly), and medical care. All these things are for life. In 1970 the secret service protection was for life. In 1997 congress cut it back to 10 years after the president is out of office, but Obama reinstated the 'for life' thing in 2013 and said coverage will be for himself, George W. and all subsequent presidents.

It's common knowledge that if a president serves for eight years he will have earned about 3.5 million in salary. He gets free room and board, travel expenses, medical care for himself and his family, a fancy cook, and all the other perks afforded the president. When presidents get out of office they often go out

on the rubber chicken circuit doing talk shows and giving well paid for speeches to graduating seniors. Bill Clinton earned \$132 million speechifying and book writing in the years 2001 to 2015. Pretty good income, but one has to realize he is in possession of a fairly high-maintenance wife. Clinton also has an 8,300-square foot office in New York's Harlem District which costs you, the taxpayer, about a half a million per year.

Does Clinton really need to ding the taxpayers for ANY amount of money from the FPA? I think not.

And as for Obama, he'll likely make that much or more speaking to the hundreds of sororities around the country. Sororities are filled with 18- to 23-year-old idealistic SWF's who dearly love their president. Or so it would seem at the polling place these last two elections.

My feeling is this. If a person is destitute after making \$450,000 a year for eight years with room and board thrown in free, it's his own fault and the government taxpayers shouldn't have to foot the bill for his stupidity.

Here's another bunch of money going out. It's called the "transitional budget," which as I see [it], it covers the costs of transferring the residency of the White House from the out-going POTUS to the new guy. It also covers transitional costs for the vice-president incoming and outgoing. Fine and dandy by me to help them move, but should it cost \$8.5 million dollars? That's the amount Congress approved for the 2009 budget. It goes up every time there's a changing of the guard. Imagine that! For that kind of dough, I'll hitch the six-up to the freight wagon and move them myself! The White House comes fully furnished, so unless the Obamas are padding their retirement with some "borrowed" priceless antique stuff, there can't be that much to move.

I might have gotten off-track a little bit. I intended to rail at Obama's wanting to raise the already hefty yearly allowance for former presidents. It's ridiculous and a little obscene in my opinion. Sorta' like some professional sports figures. Jealous? Me? Ahh, kinda'!

That's it for now folks. Thanks for listening.



President Obama presents Joseph Medicine Crow with the Medal of Freedom at the White House in August of 2009.

Medicine Crow an Advocate for American Values

As was widely reported, Joseph Medicine Crow, a chief of the Montana Crow Tribe of Montana and a Native American historian, died in a hospice in Billings on April 3 at the age of 102.

Medicine Crow was raised on a Crow reservation near Lodge Grass, Mont. As part of the greatest generation, he served in World War II and reputedly wore war paint beneath his uniform and a sacred feather beneath his helmet. He earned the position of war chief by such acts of bravery as stealing enemies' horses and engaging in hand-to-hand combat with a German soldier, whose life he ultimately spared.

His grandfather was a scout for General George Armstrong Custer, and he was the last living person to have heard direct oral history of the Battle of Little Bighorn. In 1939, he became the first person in his tribe to receive a master's degree, followed by several honorary doctorates. He was honored by the White House with the Presidential Medal of

Freedom in 2009, the highest honor awarded to a civilian.

When on his book tour for "Counting Coup" with National Geographic, the author related a telling fact: In Crow culture, transgender people are considered "Two-Spirit," and Medicine Crow was proud of an adult grandchild who chose to live with two genders.

As The Associated Press reports, Medicine Crow became the official historian for the Crow Tribe shortly after returning from service in World War II.

Gov. Steve Bullock said Medicine Crow was an inspiration to his tribe and others. "Joe was a Crow war chief, veteran, elder, historian, author and educator. His legacy will forever serve as an inspiration for all Native Americans — and all Montanans."

In his book "Counting Coup," Medicine Crow wrote that "warfare was our highest art, but Plains Indian warfare was not about killing. It was about intelligence, leadership and honor."

Real Tax Relief for all Montanans

You sent me to Washington with a long list of Montana priorities. After about a year in the House, I'm happy to say we've accomplished a lot. My bill, the Resilient Federal Forests Act, passed the House with bipartisan support and was the first forest reform bill to pass any chamber of Congress in a decade. We passed into law the Every Student Succeeds Act, which rolls back common core and

puts more control at the local level. And, we finally lifted the Cold War-era ban on exporting oil — a critical accomplishment for energy growth and national security and a central promise I made to Montana. But one of my biggest accomplishments that impacts every Montanan is providing real tax relief for families, small businesses, farmers and ranchers.

Montana's farms, ranches, and small businesses are the bedrock of our communities, and working men and women are the heart and soul of Montana. For these families and their businesses to thrive, Congress needs to provide commonsense solutions. Last December, I was the only member of Montana's Congressional delegation to work across the aisle and vote for a package of tax breaks for Montana families, agriculture and small businesses. These tax cuts will benefit all Montanans because they will allow businesses to grow, innovate and provide financial security to hardworking families across the country.

One of the most important aspects was permanently extending Section 179 tax credits. This tax deduction is critical for small businesses across Montana, especially our ranchers and farmers who must invest in new equipment. You know as well as I do that just because the bank says you're worth x-amount of dollars, doesn't mean you have cash laying around to buy a new combine or auger. This permanent reform incentivizes Montanans to invest in their own future, knowing that the tax credit is permanent, rather than reauthorized last-minute or retroactive basis. I have already

heard from farmers that they were able to get a new piece of equipment and from equipment suppliers that their businesses were able to grow.

This tax credit package also provided much-needed relief for families struggling to make ends meet and for Montana's eight sovereign nations. We made the Earned Income Tax credit permanent so families have a little more of their hard-earned money in their pockets. And, it included my provision to extend the Indian Coal Production Tax Credit, which makes it easier and more affordable for the Crow to mine the coal on their own land.

I am proud of these hard-fought victories. But the fight isn't over. Now it's time to set our sights on new goals to help Montana thrive. I cosponsored H.R. 1105, the Death Tax Repeal act of 2015. This bill would repeal the estate tax, which jeopardizes the future of Montana family farms and ranches and thousands more of small family-run businesses. This is not a leisure class. These are hardworking Americans who spent their whole life — generations — building their future only to see it threatened. This tax punishes Americans who worked hard, played by the rules, and just want to pass that legacy on to their children. The death tax is a tax on the American Dream. This bill passed the House with strong bipartisan support. Now it's time for the Senate to take up my bill and provide this much-needed relief for Montana families.

From the farmer to the single working mom to the Crow coal miner, these folks are the heart of our state. I am proud to have been able to work with my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to deliver real tax relief to Montanans from every walk of life. I can't remember where I heard it first, but everyone seems to know this saying: Montana is just one small town with really long roads. I couldn't agree more. We are all in this together and we all do better when we prosper.

Ryan Zinke is the Republican congressman for Montana's at-large congressional district.

Trains Gone By

Being retired I decided to take in a 4-H Statewide shooting event. This event covered various classes of air rifles, pistols and archery. As a parent and grandparent, I have taken in my share of 4-H activities, but this was new and interesting to me. Of course having two grandsons involved sparked my interest, along with the fact I have never seen this part of 4-H. It was a great trip and fun experience.

I departed Glasgow via Amtrak. I had almost a three-hour wait at our Glasgow depot and had lots of time to process memories of train trips, both personal trips, and stories of others that enjoyed train trips. In the early days I remember, you purchased your ticket on the Empire Builder. Remember the conductors that worked these passenger trains? I can almost visualize the uniforms that they wore.

Many passengers making a train trip packed lunches to be eaten while traveling, but you also had the choice of eating in the Dining Car. To my young mind, this was the height of luxury. The meals served were not what most rural kids were used to, or maybe not even familiar with the names of items on the special menus.

Remember the waiters working the dining car? They even had towels over their arms. I do remember my mother telling me her uncle took her on a train trip as a graduation present and how impressed she was with the elegance of the dining area.

I never got to see a sleeper car,

but they did hold a lot of fascination for me.

"Red Caps" also come to mind. These were the people that graciously handled your luggage for you, most often taking it from the train to the depot.

While many things have changed in the train trips, the dining car still remains a great place to partake of meals, and of course there are now lots of services available for all of our modern technology. I am aware that Amtrak is now a separate entity from BN and probably accounts for the fact that not many changes have been made regarding décor or passenger comfort, however the big change I noticed was the new restrooms.

Remember the restrooms of the past? My knowledge is limited to the women's facilities of course. The stalls were actually wooden, and all but one had locks on the doors. You could access that stall by depositing coins. I am thinking the cost was a dime, but I wasn't making the deposit, so I may not remember correctly. I do know that youngsters often crawled under the door, therefore avoiding the charge and not having to wait to use the "free" one.

The depot was manned at one time and you purchased your ticket there. Were there bars on the ticket window like the ones we saw in the banks in front of teller windows? Changes are good and necessary, but it is disappointing to see all the glamour of those early day journeys disappear.

Why Trump is Successful

Republicans hate Trump. Democrats hate Trump. Social media hates Trump. The media pretends to hate Trump. Everyone hates Trump. Trump Trump Trump. Or do they? In Trump's case, the phrase "any press is good press" is becoming the most accurate statement ever made. Donald Trump could say that he wants to build a wall and make Canada pay for it and people would go crazy, both for and against. But it's not about his politics. It never was. Because Donald Trump isn't a politician. He is a rich guy. He doesn't think like a politician, and does he act like one. He acts like a typical American citizen. He disrespects every race other than white and every gender other than male. And it's working. People categorize him as a wealthy person fed

up with how government is handling issues, not a lying politician that is in it for himself.

Here is an excerpt of a comment from a user on Reddit, discussing Trump: "Have you

ever based your entire premise on being a loud mouth racist xenophobe and gotten the support of literally millions of people, in a country built on genocide and slavery of non whites literally right after the current holder of the position you're going after was elected because he was a minority and different from what is norm? The man is literally a genius, he is like Reagan on bath salts and a 10,000cc IV of Red Bull."

Do I think Trump is the best fit for America? No. Do I think he will destroy America? No, not that either. Do I think he will build a wall? Maybe, actually.

Montana Energy Jobs Under Assault

Made-in-Montana energy jobs that on average pay two to three times more than the state average. Montana's ability to create more good-paying energy jobs is immense — in fact, our state leads the nation in coal deposits. We are the nation's fifth-largest producer of hydropower, with 23 hydroelectric dams across our state, and fifth in wind energy potential.

Montana is at the center stage of the national energy debate and provides the nation a template of a true all-of-the-above energy portfolio — we have coal, natural gas and oil, as well as renewables such as hydro, wind, biomass and solar opportunities. What makes our state most valuable are the people who make our energy systems work, towns like Colstrip that build communities around livelihoods reliant on good-paying energy jobs: That is the good news.

The bad news: Montana energy jobs are under assault.

The past two weeks I've heard from thousands of Montanans about the future and importance of made-in-Montana energy and made-in-Montana good-paying jobs.

During my week-long tour across our state, I saw once again our vast natural resources and our true energy potential — from touring a wind farm near Baker — to seeing the hydropower facility at Helena's Hauser Dam — to hosting a town hall in Col-

strip — hearing directly from the community about the devastating effects President Obama's anti-coal regulations will have on hardworking Montanans.

My statewide energy tour culminated this week at Montana Energy 2016, where over 600 people gathered in Billings for a Montana family conversation about our state's energy future.

During the two-and-a-half-day summit, we heard a consistent and powerful message about the need to maximize our opportunity for growth and expand made-in-Montana energy and the good-paying jobs it supports.

Montanans are leading American energy innovation — Montanans' like Chrystal Cuniff, a Montana Tech engineer from Choteau, who's helped drill the deepest well in the Gulf of Mexico, or Ryan Lance, a Montana native, who's leading one of the largest oil and gas companies in the world. Ashley Dennehey from Colstrip highlighted how the boilermakers, operators and other hardworking labor groups in her community are working hard to keep the lights on in the face of adversity.

We must continue investing in our two-year colleges that provide training in trades like welding and heavy machine operations, so we can keep our kids here with good-paying energy jobs. And, we can't forget

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OPINION

& NEWS

Independence Day

This past Independence Day Weekend, I chose to spend the three days at home alone. This seems to come about as the years go by and we choose not to put on a swimsuit to enjoy the long weekend. Might be because most of us no longer have bikini bodies, but that is not the point.

Anyway, The evening of July 3 I found I was exhausted after a long, hot day outside. Coming to the house I decided that my choice of relaxation was a hot shower and a glass of ice tea. The lure of TV, Facebook, or the Internet didn't even suffice. I chose to sit with my refreshing drink and listen to the radio, which was an excellent choice for me. KLTZ's program at this hour was "Grassroots Gold" and it was recognizing our Independence holiday by playing a lot of Golden Oldies — songs written during our periods of war. Most of you reading this column would recognize

most of the tunes and remember what war was in progress when the particular song was written.

As these songs were played, one after another, it was almost like being at one of the memorial sites in DC or in our own back yard, Fort Peck. It made me remember my history lessons, as well as the many young men and women that gave their lives for our freedom.

Yes, my school history did cover all wars the US was involved in, both the good and the bad, and it makes me truly sad that so many of our younger generation do not get that schooling. We as the OLD generation need to remind our children and grandchildren that history can repeat itself and that it really is beneficial to and understand what led to our freedom and what has maintained it. This program ended with a song written by Canadian Gordon Sinclair titled "The Americans" What a tribute.

GWEN CORNWELL
REMEMBER WHEN

Fighting Fire with Water

“Where there is hatred, let me sow love,” the supplicant pleads in the Prayer of Saint Francis, “where there is despair, hope”. When faced with an onslaught of murders last week, people took to social media and to the streets to express their sorrow, outrage and the unhappiness with the status quo. An instant, human response is fear and distrust of the perpetrators and people who look like them. We are collectively mourning and wondering why the shooting deaths of so many people happened, and demanding change.

One of the most radical things you can do today to effect this change is to seek to understand rather than to be understood. Cultures such as the fraternity of police, a military family, or a protestor in a movement: when these people have the audacity to share what it's like to be them, believe them.

The Fraternal Order of Police's mission is to improve the working conditions of law enforcement officers and the safety of those they serve “through education, legislation, information, community involvement, and employee representation”. When five police officers are killed in the line of duty, there is outrage, an outpouring of support, and a community woken up in anger. That's what lives mattering looks like.

The Black Lives Matter movement is founded not because they think black lives are more important than, say, blue ones. Black Lives Matter is about addressing a second civil rights movement, one in which the hundreds of years

of slavery, lynchings, injustice and shootings are acknowledged. Black Lives Matter means treating that history with respect, and treating black people with dignity.

America is our own complex, mixed-up democracy, a proud country in which most people are

decent. The consequences and responsibility for our freedom and right to bear arms, though, means that disturbed, angry people have also access to guns. And yet, the Dallas Police Department laid down their lives for protestors, and protestors helped capture the shooter. The DPD shuttled protestors to safety.

No reasonable person wants to see innocent people die. So, what does effective change look like? More uncomfortable conversations about freedom, race, guns, and privilege. Putting the united back in the United States. The protestors in the movement can better express that the full sentence is “black lives matter, too”. New police recruits need more training to not be so skittish around guns and other perceived notions of danger. We can demand one nation with freedom and justice for all.

At last night's vigil in Dallas, the partner of fallen Dallas Police Department officer Sgt. Michael Smith spoke up. Sr. Cpl. Marcie St. John said that the attack had left the city sad, grieving, and also angry. She then called on the city and country to channel that anger into building hope:

“Instead, we choose to continue Mike's fight for good and not let the evil prevail.”

GINEVRA KIRKLAND
BLACK & BLUE

Why Nancy Russell

What makes an interesting living history portrayal?

An historic interpreter is an artist, creating a living portrait of a person whose life was worthy and meaningful in the context of the time in which that person lived, giving audiences a glimpse of the past. The living history artist makes choices about what will be interesting and what will sell; and a great deal of time, research, supposition and intuition are expended in the process.

Nancy Cooper Russell, wife and business manager of Montana artist Charles M. Russell, is hardly a household name. She was not an ardent feminist from the early years of women struggling for political and social equality, not the inventor of anything or the first woman to do something previously barred to her gender, the stuff of most first-person depictions. Many who know the story of Charlie Russell's rise to fame and fortune give her credit for his success. She was the woman behind the man, a wife, a partner, a companion — what sort of compelling story would hers be?

Finding Nancy Russell meant reading between the lines in the many books written about Charlie, talking with art historians and scholars, seeing her in a turn-of-the-20th-century context, and avoiding the tendency to project present-day sensibilities on her and her times.

From the back woods of Kentucky to the lawless streets of Helena's mining heyday, in poor health, with no education and abandoned as a teenager after her mother died, Nancy had little to recommend her for the role she would play when she married a young cowboy artist when she was 19 years old. Within a few years, she was in charge of Charlie's art enterprise and changed both of their lives.

Nancy was a keen observer of everything she encountered, a sponge for details, blissfully unaware of what she didn't know, im-

pervious to criticism. She attended no self-improvement seminars or “how to succeed in business” workshops, had no mentors, male or female. Prevailing sentiments of the times saw women who ventured into the world of business as unfeminine and unwelcome. With no social standing or network of contacts, she forged ahead anyway, the very definition of an entrepreneur long before the term was used in reference to individuals who create businesses and manage the risks themselves.

So much for what she didn't have. What did she have? She had grit: the perseverance and passion to achieve her goal of making Charlie into the successful artist she knew he could be. She didn't do it to get her name in the papers and advance herself. Of course, Charlie had to cooperate, and he did, knowing she possessed the qualities that he lacked. They needed each other. Had they not met and forged their unique partnership, we would not have the rich legacy of Russell art and stories that exists today.

Hers is a woman's story, and women relate to Nancy's endeavors. Women sacrifice their time and energy, they encourage and urge and require and expect and believe and hurry and worry, sometimes with mixed results and often with mixed appreciation. But they don't give up. Nancy never did — until the day she died she promoted Charlie and his legacy. A portrayal of Nancy's life is a celebration of women, as well an appreciation of the strength of heart and will that should never be underestimated when it comes to the people they love.

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MARY JANE BRADBURY

ACTING OUT HISTORY

On Guns, the Illusion of Control, and Deregulation

Since the early 1980's there have been over 200 major publications touting the number of gun laws nationwide at the 20,000 figure. Since the early 1980's lots of people have been killed with guns, singly or in bunches. No irreverence intended. Just the facts. And what good did all those early gun laws do? I suppose no one can say with any degree of certainty. If we had fewer gun laws would the killings have escalated? Would they have declined?

Seems to me that each new piece of gun-trol legislation is presented or written by folks in government who're not really interested in controlling guns. It's just a lame attempt to garner the possible swing votes of the hard core gun control advocates. And to show folks back home they are really 'doing something that matters.'

The number of gun control laws and regulations has been widely disputed across the country. Some ask “What is the strict definition of ‘gun control’”? Others ask “Who wants to control my gun and why do they want this control”? Still others, like myself, ask “Why the hell not simply enforce the myriad gun laws we already have”?

What I'm sayin' is why not dig up a simple law already on the books with some real teeth in it and enforce it to the maximum. No loop holes, no do-overs, and no plea of mental incompetency. No Bleeding Heart Liberals saying, “Oh he was always a good boy.” This just after the “good boy” gunned down 15 people in a movie theater.

In the case of this ISIS affiliated gunman who slaughtered 49 people in Florida, had he lived, I would have put him in solitary confinement. Then I would have sentenced him to death by firing squad. The next morning I would take him out, tie him to a post do the “ready, aim, fire” thing and he'd hear nothing but “click”. I'd say “Oops, misfire” and take him

back to his cell telling him we had a problem but it should be fixed by tomorrow morning. This would go for a month or so. Every day. Maybe a couple times there would be actual gun fire but the bullets would miss just by a hair's breadth while a dark stain would appear on his pants.

Then I'd tell him a lawyer was working on his case and he would be released in a week. Then drag that out as long as I could.

After a year or so of this mental torture I'd take him out to the very center of the Everglades and drop him in by helicopter...at night with hand cuffs and leg chains attached. I would do all of the above in a very public manner, video and all to show the public I was serious about dealing with people killing innocent people.

Too tough for you BHLs and ACLU? ‘Scuse me.

It's time to not turn the other cheek. Life behind bars is made too easy these days. It's not really like what you see on these scripted TV shows. Sure, it's no picnic in the Big House but some say it beats the death sentence alternative.

But I digress.

Back to the gun-trol thingie. The vast majority of gun laws have to do with the manufacturing, design, sale, purchase and possession of firearms. It's been researched by several or more outfits and most of them say there are just 300 or so “real” gun laws - federal, state and local - with teeth that deal with the criminal element. One with any sense at all would deduce that maybe...just maybe somewhere in the realms of paperwork involved there should be a law or regulation that would do justice all the way around. We do not need more regulations.

What we do need are regulations to un-regulate us from those who are trying to regulate us.

That's it for now folks. Thanks for listening.

VIRGIL VAUPEL

THANKS FOR LISTENING

Cowboy Cure

Editor's note: In the previous installment of Saco Stories, a character was misidentified as "Richard DePuydt." The actual moniker is simply "Richard," sans the last name (no relation). We apologize for any confusion.

It wouldn't be a regular day riding the range without dropping in at a secluded ranch house. In fact, not pausing for a neighborly greeting, cup of coffee, or whatever would have been a real insult to hospitality in the West. Settlers on the plains of Montana depended greatly on each other, and the virtue of hospitality was abundant.

Fighting hunger pangs, the lone cowboy decided that the sight of the distant log ranch house was quite inviting. A little rest and a cool drink of water would sure set well on this hot day on the prairie. Surely, his faithful horse deserved the same.

Rough terrain had been traveled. The Frenchman Creek breaks had been a pretty sight but danger often lurked in the form of hidden rattlesnakes and holes which would trip your horse in a split second. Earlier today, he had pondered on the strong possibility that few, if any, white men had traveled those breaks. They were too far north for Lewis and Clark to have seen on their expedition.

The rider's reverie was broken by the barking of a dog, protector of the ranch house and occupants up ahead. Directly behind the excited collie stood a slender woman wearing the usual garb of that era, a long printed dress topped with an apron. This was indeed a welcome sight.

“Take your horse around to the corral where there's a water tank. Then come in for a spell.”

“Thank you, Ma'am.” At the same time doffing his dusty hat. Cowboys traditionally had a great respect for the opposite sex. Any cowboy worth his salt, that is.

While his horse drank her fill, he washed the prairie dust from his neck and face. After the usual routine horse care, removing the saddle and placing it in the barn, he picketed her a distance from the windmill.

Already reeling refreshed, he walked toward the house. Perhaps there would be a cup of coffee available. Conversation with another human being would be very welcome also.

“Sit down, sit down,” the lady of the house motioned to the large round oilcloth covered table. It had survived many a meal you could see by the thin cracks around the edges, but it was very clean as was everything else within sight.

The lanky cowboy was soaking in every bit of this generosity. He was thinking that his mother back in Chicago would be mighty surprised at this Western hospitality. Here on the prairie, it was commonplace, taking care of neighbors and strangers. A Bible verse seemed to have crept into his consciousness. Something about bein' your brother's keeper.

A steaming bowlful of beans had been placed in front of him. A white mug filled with coffee sat at his right. He could hardly contain himself at the sight of thickly-sliced, homemade bread. It was nearly two weeks since he'd eaten such grub, and he intended to be a compliment to the cook who had now poured her own cup of coffee.

This morning, he had finished the leftover rabbit he'd cooked the night before. Washing it down with cowboy coffee, he remembered some dried fruit he'd placed somewhere in the bedroll. From slim pickings to ambrosia.

From the looks of the size of the kettle, there would be many more eating here before nightfall. He'd barely finished the last spoonful when the refilled bowl appeared. This lady sure knew the way to a man's heart.

He wiped his mouth with the back of his hand before he eased the chair away from the table. As if this was a signal for conversation, he cleared his throat. “Mighty tasty, Ma'am.”

“Thank you, kindly.” Everyone appreciated a compliment and this lady was no exception. “Now, young man—

“Jim's the handle, Ma'am.” “And mine is Melton, Mrs. Melton. Well, Jim, I'm a mite curious about your limp. I couldn't help but notice that you favored one leg.”

“Well, Ma'am, I've been lame for a couple of weeks.”

“Let's not be shy now. Take off your boot and show me.”

“It's my foot — plantar warts,” as he perched one leg up on the other. Bending over for a closer look, she nodded.

“I've heard they are very painful, Jim. What you need is a poultice.”

“Yes, Ma'am, but I find it impossible to get into town. Town being a couple days distance, and if he wanted to keep his job, which he certainly did, he wouldn't be taking

off to town for some darn plantar warts, painful as they were — it simply wasn't a life-threatening situation.”

“No, you won't need a drugstore for a poultice — you are surrounded by the best in the world!”

Jim's face showed his surprise. What on earth could this prairie possibly supply for a poultice/

Mrs. Melton explained, “Yes indeed, the very best ... calf manure. Jim, the young man from the city darn nearly fell off his chair. He was totally unprepared for this.”

“Jim, the sooner you get at it, the better. There must be an old bucket not being used around the corral. Check for leaks. Then get yourself a half bucketful of fresh calf manure.” Emphasis on the fresh.

“Oh, yes, I am a nurse.”

“Just spend the night in the bunkhouse. There'll be others around tonight. There's plenty of room.”

Greeting the sunrise the following morning, Jim meandered around the yard watering his horse and scratching her dark neck.

Deciding to refresh himself a bit, he removed his red kerchief from his tanned neck and proceeded to rub his face, ears and neck. Wringing out the wet kerchief, he put it around the saddlehorn. Smelling the smoke from the ranch house chimney, he eagerly ambled toward it. Life was at its best. Somehow he'd have to find a way to get a letter to his mother. He smiled as he thought of his mother's reaction to the last few days.

Jim rapped at the screen door out of courtesy. His presence had already been announced by the friendly collie.

“Good morning, Jim,” answering his cheery greeting. “Just use the washstand if you wish.”

After washing in creeks, pot-holes and water troughs with his horse and cattle, this was one of the most civilized acts he had been part of for a heck of a long time. A look in the small mirror showed a haircut and a shave were long overdue.

“You can sit up anytime. The other fellas will be coming shortly, but you may want to get on the trail early.”

“This is powerful nice of you, Ma'am.” The hot sourdoughs were the best. Buttered and topped with some sort of fruit syrup, perhaps chokecherry. He'd seen plenty of those bushes down in the coulees. He was hoping that there would be time to go berry picking before the snow came. Some of the older fellas who'd been around told tales of berry picking.

After the third cup of coffee, his host asked the expected question. “How was your night, Jim?”

Jim couldn't contain a deep chuckle. “I nearly got run out of the bunkhouse. The other men said they had seen everything and called me some uncouth things. They quieted down fast when I told them where the poultice advice came from. One of the guys claimed he'd heard of marinades but that was the best. Anyway Ma'am, would you like to examine my foot this morning?”

“You wouldn't be allowed to leave the place until I examined my patient you know.”

“Smiling, he pulled off his boot and sock displaying his foot with little dimples on the sole. You just don't know what a relief it is to walk normally again. Why this morning when I had washed the poultice off, those darn plantar warts came out like nails. Now my foot looks like -”

“Yes,” Mrs. Melton finished. “I know, just like a baby's behind!”

Helen DePuydt is a regular contributor to the Courier and a member of a homesteading family in the Saco area. All of her stories are true.

HELEN DEPUYDT

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Coloring Outside the Lines for a Good Cause

PARKER KULCZYK
THE COURIER

With last year's Paint Run/Walk being such a hit, Glasgow High School student council and G-club have decided they will continue it as an annual tradition. The 2nd Annual Paint Run/Walk will be on Aug. 20 at 9 a.m. Early registration will start at 8 a.m. and the run/walk will start at the Glasgow Civic Center. This year's proceeds will go to Warriors on the Water, an organization based in Miles City that takes combat veterans with PTSD out on fishing trips to Hell Creek.

John Morford, director of Warriors on the Water, says "What vets miss most is the comradery

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SEAN R. HEAVEY / FOR THE COURIER

Meagan Wersal (l) and her husband Shawn participate in the 2015 Paint Run/Walk. Along for the ride are Asher Wersal (l) and his cousin Ashlynn Dahl (r).

C.A.R.E. Holds Town Hall on County Health

DANE OSEN
FOR THE COURIER

The Valley County C.A.R.E. coalition recently held a townhall meeting at the hospital to discuss the results of a survey they conducted this April. The survey was conducted with the purpose of asking questions about health-care and how to improve access to it, as well as other questions about our general wellbeing. The survey was administered to a sample population, which means citizens were selected at random to participate in order to better represent the community of Valley County as a whole.

The results of the oral health section of the survey showed that people were either not very concerned with seeing a dentist or access to an affordable dentist was not always readily available. Since the time the survey was constructed, a second dental practice has opened in Glasgow.

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JAMIE SEYFERT / FOR THE COURIER

The Strides of Hope Team during the team lap at the 2016 NEMT Relay for Life. Holding the banner (left to right): Connie Boreson, Sandi Mason, Deb Heitman, and Chantaya Amundson. Walking just behind the banner are Becky Stein (l) and Mona Amundson (r). More Relay photos on page 1B.

Roger Rock Returns to Nashua School

JAMES WALLING
THE COURIER

It's looking like 2016-17 is going to be the 'Year of the Rock' at Nashua School. Beginning this fall, local educator and author Roger Rock will be teaching English to upperclassmen. His plan is to begin what many expect will be a challenging curriculum with an emphasis on study habits before moving on to grammar. "The key word," Rock explains with a glint in his eye, "is *habits*."

Turns out, the number of former students who credit Rock with being an important teacher in their lives is staggering. Following the announcement of Rock's return to teaching at the Aug. 11 Nashua school board meeting, your faithful reporter has yet to



KAITLIN CUSKER / FOR THE COURIER

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Photography aficionado Roger Rock appears on the other side of the lens near his Fort Peck home.

Regatta Set for Friday



RAFE SIGMUNDSTAD / FOR THE COURIER

Instructors John Cormack (foreground, back to camera), Caleb Gilliam (center, wearing blue) and Dan Hohman (in yellow) observe as Optimis Sailing School students learn the ropes at the marina on Aug. 16.

DANE OSEN / FOR THE COURIER

This year's Laser Regatta will kick off on Friday, Aug. 19, at the Fort Peck Marina. The festivities will begin with a dryland presentation on the water practices, fol-

lowed by dinner. The races begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday and will be held close to the dam, weather permitting.

The organizers are aiming to have around 30 races starting Saturday and concluding with the

final race at 2:30 p.m. The target course time is about 30 minutes each. John Cormack, a race officer from Alberta, Canada, has aided the club with supplying race supplies and boats and also recruited some experienced racers from north of the border.

This year marks the third year for the Laser Regatta and by all accounts, it has been picking up steam. The entries increased from seven for the last two years up to 14 for this year's event. If you are interested in seeing what it is like to sail on Fort Peck before the races, organizer Rafe Sigmundstad has uploaded several videos on YouTube, just search "Fort Peck Sailing."

As the race grows in size, there is also an increased need for help with race management and/or helping on a signal or safety boat. If you're interested in getting involved in the race or the sailing club, contact Rafe Sigmundstad at 406-263-2468 or Julie Burke at 406-939-0280.

Glasgow Middle School Welcome

MIKE ZOANNI
FOR THE COURIER

I would like to welcome students, parents, and staff to the upcoming 2016-17 school year. The middle school staff is committed to providing a safe, educational experience for all students. We strive to provide an environment that is conducive to

the middle level learner and take pride in our school.

I commend our janitors, Mike Molzhon and Nick Ciafardone, for all their hard work preparing our building and grounds to welcome back students and teachers. They have done another great job this summer.

Our staff would like to welcome Elizabeth Hoeksema to the

team. Hoeksema will be serving students grades 6-7 in the area of Math. Please see below the complete list of staff at the Middle School.

The office at the Middle School will be open beginning on Aug. 15 at 8:00 a.m. Feel free to stop in to take care of lunch

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SEAN R. HEAVEY / FOR THE COURIER

The artful neon sign at Sam's lights the way for area diners.

Summing Up Sam's Supper Club

COURIER STAFF

Sitting down to review Sam's Supper Club for this issue resulted in strong opinions from longtime Glasgow residents and recent transplants alike. The following is the straight scoop from the Courier's trio of critics.

Georgie Kulczyk: I remember when Sam's was Sam's. Every Wednesday night was prime rib night. Each table in the dining room had a relish tray for diners to enjoy while waiting for their meal, and they served breadsticks that were made at the Glasgow Bakery. The blue cheese dressing was homemade, and the customers were waited on by seasoned servers. The walls in the bar were covered in signatures from patrons who may or may not remember leaving their mark. As a kid, I remember thinking that the corner booth was the place to be, and I remember my dad ordering Buffalo Bangers to drink.

Sam's has changed quite a bit since those days, and although

some may be disappointed in the loss of the "Sam's" we all remember, things are good there. The atmosphere is casual, but not sloppy, and the bar still has some of its old charm. The staff are friendly and accommodating every time I'm there.

For our Tasters Trio, I ordered shrimp linguine alfredo. Pasta is always a good choice, and shrimp only makes it better. My meal began with a blue-cheese dressed salad. It was good, but homemade would have been better. Despite several tables of customers, our meals were delivered quickly. So quickly that I asked our waitress, "Did the cook already know what we were going to order?" The alfredo sauce in my dish was homemade, and the pasta was cooked al dente. The shrimp was perfect, although I was irritated that I had to take the tails off. I'm told that shrimp actually tastes better when the tails are left on, so the cook knew what he was doing. The dish was rich, but that's exactly what a person should

expect when ordering alfredo. Although the portion wasn't huge, I wasn't able to finish what was served to me.

James Walling: I've been noticing a funny thing about Sam's for some time now: Lots of people don't seem to know how good it is. Which is odd because the place is a Glasgow icon. The neon sign at the heart of Glasgow's highway-facing business district is well known and generally admired. Still, compared to other dining staples here in town, this perfectly pleasant eatery with great service and loads of history gets practically no love at all. It's a mystery. Under present ownership, the food is consistently good and fairly priced. And yet, the only person in Valley County who has ever actually invited me to Sam's is Mayor Becky Erickson. Of course she'd know.

I've personally invited at least a half dozen people to join me at Sam's in recent months and

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JAMES WALLING / THE COURIER

The National Weather Service Glasgow's Tanja Fransen reads to young people at the Glasgow City-County Library on Aug. 11. Her selection: Oh Say Can You Say What's the Weather Today, by the immortal Dr. Seuss.

Middle School

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money, activity tickets, update immunization records, or to ask questions. Please refer to the district website, www.glasgow.k12.mt.us, for other general information and follow the Glasgow Middle School Facebook page @GlasgowMiddleSchool for announcements concerning the middle school.

New this year will be an orientation day for all incoming sixth grade students as well as new students to the District in grade 7 or 8. Letters will be mailed to households Aug. 10 with details. The orientation day will be Aug. 24 from 8:10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Our goal is to help make a smooth transition to the middle school concept. Many of the staff will be present helping lead the activities planned. We strongly encourage attendance!

Parents and students can expect welcome back letters and schedules in the mail the week of Aug. 22. The office encour-

ages inquiry phone calls if you have not received a letter by Aug. 24. All students and parents are invited to our Open House, Aug. 30 from 4-6 p.m. The first day of school for students is Aug. 31. Our doors are open to students for breakfast at 7:45 a.m. School begins at 8:10 a.m. and ends at 3:29 p.m..

I am looking forward to another great year at the middle school and working to positively impact students and parents. Please enjoy the remainder of summer, and we will see everyone Aug. 31! If you have any questions call the office at 228-8268.

Respectfully,
Mike Zoanni
GMS Principal

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Roger Rock

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meet anyone under the age of 50 who knows the man's name and *doesn't* claim him as a mentor.

The current makeup of the board itself is typical of the Porcupine connection to our goodly English instructor: All but one of them are former students. The real surprise is the fact that the school was able to tempt the Fort Peck resident out of semi-retirement at all.

"I've got another year of eligibility," Rock told me over coffees at Stillwater Brew in Fort Peck this past week, as if that alone explains the man's willingness to hoist the gauntlet of language studies in a rural district once again. The blinking response Rock returned when pressed on the subject left me feeling slightly sheepish for having to ask about his motivations in the first place. "They need the help this year," Rock pointed out, adding, "Laura Wagner is going to come back as well."

At one point over the summer, the school was facing a staffing shortage of as many as 11 teachers and other faculty. The appointment of Rock to the English department and other key hires signals a commitment to students and student/teacher ratios generally at the school.

As mentioned above, Nashua resident Laura Wagner is also coming out of retirement to assist the school's deficit in teaching staff. With any luck, we'll be speaking with her as well. Stay tuned.

Tasters Trio

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nobody ever hesitates to join me twice. They've got booths, good drinks (I'm told), smiling faces and friendly clientele. It seems like a no-brainer. The place should be slammed all the time.

For this Tasters, I ordered a burger. Pretty simple (and hard to beat), the Sam's version involves ample amounts of meat, a variety of fries options and quality condiments and toppings. My only gripe about the burgers at Sam's is that it's pretty difficult to get one cooked rare. The good news: Nobody in Glasgow seems

to like their burgers rare in the first place. And anyway, from where I'm sitting, they can cook the patties as long as they want; the meal will still be worth every penny.

Ginevra Kirkland: Almost everything I've had at Sam's has been delicious, and the servers are always friendly and warm. The lunchtime sandwiches and burgers are made to order, and the larger entrees come with generously-sized sides. The fish and chips and the southwest chicken are my two favorites, and the curly fries are a nice change from the regular fries. Overall, I think Sam's is one of the best places to eat in Glasgow.

During our official visit, I tried Sam's taco salad, which is on the regular lunch menu. The ingredients were fresh, and while nobody was trying to reinvent the wheel here (why would they?), their crispy bowl of taco goodness was just what I'd had in mind. Expectations met: par for the course. Thank you, Sam's!

Sam's Supper Club is located at 307 Klein Ave., along Hwy. 2 in Glasgow. Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, and 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays. According to Brandy, the bar stays open as long as there are customers. They can be reached at 406-228-4614.



JAMES WALLING / THE COURIER

Cooks Matthew Phillips and Mho Hraback pause for a laugh after the dinner rush at Sam's on Aug. 15.

Coloring

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they had while enlisted, and have trouble adjusting when they get back. Eastern Montana is great because they are very apprecia-

tive of them and not everywhere else is like that."

Last year saw well over 100 participants, but there are less than half that number signed up as of now. The entry fee is \$25 and includes a t-shirt. Entry forms with more information are

available at B.S. Central, D&G Sports and Western, First Community Bank, Ezzies Midtown and West End, Flip Burgers and Treats, Glasgow Courier, Glasgow Chamber, Glasgow Recreation Department, Holiday and Taco Shack.

C.A.R.E.

FROM PAGE 1A

While the appearance of Budde Dentistry may help alleviate the concerns of some local residents, the results of the survey cite cost and lack of dental insurance as

the number one obstacle to care. Along with concerns about care related to mental health, access to exercise was also included in the questions given by survey providers. Some of those questioned were unable to exercise due to health conditions. For those who were physically active,

the top responses indicate that more parks, trails and improved sidewalks would help people to be more active, followed closely by access to a gym.

For more information about the C.A.R.E. survey, contact Connie Boreson at 228-6261.

Saco welcomes Wade Sundby as new Superintendent

BY PIERRE BIBBS
PCN / FOR THE COURIER

This time last year, the new Saco School Superintendent Wade Sundby was starting another year of teaching middle school math at Plentywood High School.

Sundby is a Glasgow native who graduated from Glasgow High School in 1994. From there Sundby chose to stay on the Hi-Line as he attended Montana State University Northern in Havre.

He graduated from MSU Northern with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education.

After graduation, Sundby and Brenna, his wife of seventeen years, moved to Gallup, N.M., where the couple taught at the local school.

"It wasn't a fit for us," Sundby said. "So we moved back to Montana."

Sundby was then hired at Hinsdale Schools to teach fifth and sixth grade for two years.

After that the couple moved to Absarokee, where Sundby taught middle school Montana history, geography while coaching football, basketball and track & field for ten years.

After his ten year run at Absarokee Schools, Sundby moved to Plentywood, where he taught middle school math and coached track for the past five years.

Though coaching has been a big part of his career, Sundby has no interest in coaching in any aspect at this time.

"It's not needed," Sundby said. "We have a great staff of coaches. With the co-op between Whitewater, Saco and Hinsdale,

we are able to obtain coaches within all three of our schools."

While at Plentywood, Sundby applied for the Superintendent position in Saco as former Saco Schools Superintendent Gordon Hahn was nearing the end of his eight year run.

Sundby knew since he first started in education that he wanted to become a superintendent, and as he continued throughout graduate school, he found even more reason to push towards his goal.

"I always thought that I would want to be a principal, superintendent somewhere," Sundby said. "It was just the last year when I started my master's degree in educational leadership. Through that, you visit with colleagues and they continually promote you and encourage you to become a superintendent, school principal and become that leader."

He hopes that by taking on his new position he can help to push students and the school towards success.

As of last June, Sundby finished earning his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership at Rocky Mountain College. He started at Saco School on July 5.

As far as the direction of Saco Schools goes, Sundby hopes to continue to push the school's motto.

"Our mission in our school is 'Education with tradition and technology,'" Sundby said. "So we're going to continue to provide our students and teachers with innovative ways of education, so that our students are ready to be successful in the

next step of their career once they graduate Saco School."

Sundby will continue the school's one-to-one technology program, where every student depending on age is provided an iPad or laptop that they hold onto throughout the whole school year.

"They are logging in, they are doing their homework assignments and utilizing that," Sundby said. "That's something that not a lot of schools have the capability to do."

The one-to-one technology program wasn't a shocker to Sundby, who knew about the program through word of mouth.

"For us and our teachers and students, it's a great way to utilize all of the information that's available to us through technology," Sundby said. "It's not shocking, it's encouraging, and it's exciting that we have this capability, we have this avenue for our staff and students."

As the school year starts, his wife Brenna will continue to commute to work at the Plentywood School as she continues to earn her master's degree. After completion she will also move to teach at the Saco School.

"I look forward to the school year, meeting the families in our community and to start the correspondence with them," Sundby said. "I already know a lot of folks around here so I just want to reconnect with those folks and develop a working relationship with them and help our school to continue to be as successful as we can in these upcoming years."

Sundby continued to say he was excited and ready to go.

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Friday, August 19th

- 2:00 pm - A Brief Dry-Land Presentation
- 3:00 pm - On the Water Practices
- 6:00 pm - Dinner

Saturday, August 20th

- 8:00 - 9:00 am - Registration and Breakfast
- 9:00 am - Competitors Meeting
- 10:00 am - On the Water
- 12:00 pm - Lunch On-Shore
- 5:00 pm - Last Race
- 6:00 pm - Dinner

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House Debate Projects Montana Values, Civil Discourse

A.J. ETHERINGTON
FOR THE COURIER

The hopefuls for Montana's sole House seat sought to contrast their visions for the Big Sky State at Frazer Public Schools on Aug. 29. Confronted with questions from panelists and audience members, the candidates, Congressman Ryan Zinke and Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau, set out to debate the finer points of their policies and to highlight their opponent's woes.

Yellowstone Public Radio's Jackie Yamanaka served as moderator, posing questions provided by the audience. Panelists Grant Stafne and Sierra Stoneberg Holt, P.H.D., also posed questions to the candidates. Stafne is a member of both the Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board and Frazer Public School Board. Holt hails from a ranching family of longstanding in the region, and holds a specialization in botany. The panelists represented the wide range of Valley County residents and Northeastern Montana voters.

The candidates met each other on stage for exactly one hour on topics ranging from refugees and immigration to "free-roaming" bison release efforts, along with education, coal, federal lands, water rights, sovereignty and the antiquities act all being addressed. The event was well-attended, with approximately



Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau (l) and Congressman Ryan Zinke (r) prepare to discuss a wide array of issues at Frazer Public School on Aug. 29. Juneau and Zinke are candidates for Montana's At-Large Congressional District.

A.J. ETHERINGTON / FOR THE COURIER

150-200 people in the audience.

Both candidates presented a civil atmosphere, in bold contrast to the national election stage. Andrew Richards of Frazer said, "I thought they were both well-mannered. Compared to the debates we've seen so far this

year this was pretty civil. They showed good Montana values." Courier correspondent Ginevra Kirkland of Glasgow echoed this sentiment: "It's refreshing to see people treat each other like human beings."

Others in the audience wanted

more from the candidates. Superintendent of Frazer Schools, Jim Decoteau, said, "I would prefer more on education. Like how to retain and recruit teachers in Northeast Montana. I mean our turnover is atrocious, and I hear a lot about how we have no moun-

tains or trees so no one wants to come here."

Panelist Stafne appeared pleased with the candidates' answers, commenting, "They answered all my questions. Denise is obviously more well versed in Indian Country issues," alluding

to his support for the candidate.

Holt was likewise pleased with candidate responses: "I certainly didn't feel like they were coming out of left field on any issue, which is good." Holt qualified her enthusiasm somewhat, stating, "It is difficult to have a well-reasoned opinion on an issue and to be disagreed with by both candidates, but I'm glad they had the gumption to not say what I wanted to hear. I was trying to make sure the agriculture voice was heard... we have to hand it to both candidates to come to Northeastern Montana and talk Ag issues."

Civility aside, the candidates did spend some time pointing fingers and making accusations. Zinke took on the theme of comparing his rival to Secretary Hillary Clinton, accusing her of outright lying and invoking the word "truth" by way of response multiple times throughout the debate. Likewise, Juneau mentioned multiple times that Zinke has spent time "stumping for Trump," or just generally attacking his support for Trump by saying, "It must be a very lonely place being the last man standing behind Trump."

A key contrast between the two candidates' views came when Juneau discussed the American Prairie Reserve's (APR) use of private land for Bison grazing,

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DANE OLSEN / FOR THE COURIER

Ed Sugg is pictured next to the new digital sign in front of Hinsdale Public School. The sign is part of the recent face lift the school in Hinsdale has acquired recently. Recent improvements to the grounds, coupled with new staff, is giving Hinsdale a fresh start in the 2016-2017 school year.

Big Things Happening at Hinsdale School

DANE OLSEN
FOR THE COURIER

Hinsdale Public Schools has a new superintendent this year: Ed Sugg. You probably know him as Coach Sugg from the Scotties' football team, or Mr. Sugg from the Glasgow Middle School. Gaining a heap of educational experience from the veteran educator, Hinsdale's school program has encountered many changes this year.

Sugg admits his first year in Hinsdale has definitely been a learning experience, however secretary Gwyn Funk and clerk Ernie Marinko have been helpful with the transition. Working with teaching staff, bus drivers, kitchen staff, and the maintenance crew is new to the former teacher. Believing that communication is key, Sugg draws from his 18 years of experience to relate to his teaching staff.

His open-door policy and prior experience make it easy for

him to recount his prior experiences and impart his knowledge with them because he has most likely been there before, and he can relate to what they are going through.

Sugg likens his new role to that of when he was coaching and, in a lot of ways, it is the same: looking at the situation as a team, letting them know his expectations of them, and giving them the motivation to do their respective role on the team.

Although he was able to pursue a position as a school administrator, one he has been qualified to pursue since acquiring the proper credentials in 2011, he abstained until now because he knew that he would be no longer able to coach. One day, Sugg hopes to make his return to coaching high school sports. For now, it seems Coach Sugg has found his new team, formed from the staff at Hinsdale public schools, the students, and their parents.

Sugg has all the same duties as a superintendent as he would at any larger school, including overseeing maintenance, preparing paperwork, forms and meeting deadlines. He must create school policies and prepare school handbooks for the students, not to mention filling teaching positions that have been left vacant like many other smaller school districts in the area.

He had a busy summer as he had to hire five new teachers, a daunting task that took up most of July and August. The new teaching staff includes: Josh McCrossin; science, Matt Gruener; fifth- and sixth-grade elementary, Kyle Volkman; English, Rachelle LaGree; math, and Hinsdale native Taylor Olson teaching physical education.

The school in Hinsdale has gotten a face lift recently. The front of the school is adorned with both a new bench surround-

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GPD Investigates String of Thefts

DANE OLSEN
FOR THE COURIER

Beginning Aug. 25, and continuing through the weekend, the Glasgow Police Department began receiving several reports of theft and illegal trespass to private structures and several vehicles. At this time, the police department has identified numerous suspects involved. They have executed searches on both homes and vehicles of the suspects, which has led to evidence of the crimes committed. Police Chief Bruce Barstead stated, "At this time, the case is currently still ongoing and when the investigation is complete, charges will be filed with the county/city attorney for prosecution."

If you have any information

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GEORGIE KULCZYK / FOR THE COURIER

Alison Flaten wheels along the course of this year's Fort Peck Triathlon on Aug. 27. Flaten took second place in the women's individual competition. See full story on Page 1B.

Vintage 406 Breathes New Life Into Johnnie Cafe Building

DANE OLSEN
FOR THE COURIER

Kevin James and Amanda Sergeant are developing a new store, Vintage 406, in the long vacant building that once housed Johnnie Cafe. The two entrepreneurs are starting something new while still giving a nod to the history of Glasgow's Front Street. The couple's plan plays perfectly into their business model of up-cycled, refinished vintage furniture, home decor and antiques. Along with the recent appearance of Shippwrecked (next to Oasis at 527 5th Street S.), we seem to be experiencing a minor trend of stylish entrepreneurs reclaiming found gems and retro goods.

One prominent throwback will be on display right on the wall at

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Glasgow's Kevin James utilizes his skills to fit the old Johnnie Cafe sign into the new home of Vintage 406 on Front Street downtown.



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	Dr. Trostel	Sept. 22	telemedicine
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	Dr. Kidd	Sept. 14	2nd Floor
	Dr. Kidd	Sept. 28	2nd Floor
Urology	Dr. Swanson	Sept. 14	2nd Floor
	Dr. Swanson	Sept. 15	2nd Floor
Neurology	Dr. Echeverri	Sept. 13	2nd Floor
	Dr. Echeverri	Sept. 21	2nd Floor
Orthopedic Spine	Dr. Dacre	Sept. 15	2nd Floor
	Dr. Dacre	Sept. 16	2nd Floor
Vascular	Dr. Bruen	Sept. 19	telemedicine
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WEEKLY MENUS
September 5 – 9
This menu is sponsored by the local businesses listed below. Thank you for your community support!

GLASGOW SCHOOLS
Food allergy alert: PB-Peanut Butter, WN-Walnuts, STR-Strawberries. Menus are subject to change. All meals served with milk & fruit.

Monday, September 5
No School
Tuesday, September 6
Breakfast: Cold cereal, muffin, peaches & milk
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, green beans, bun w/jelly, applesauce
Wednesday, September 7
Breakfast: French toast, sausage links, apple
Lunch: Chili w/cheese, corn, pears, cinnamon bun
Thursday, September 8
Breakfast: Cold cereal, pop tart, milk, mand. oranges
Lunch: Melted chz sand., tomato soup w/sunflower seeds, goldfish crackers, apple
Friday, September 9
Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, tri tater, juice
Lunch: Club sandwich w/lettuce & mayo, broccoli w/ranch, choc. chip bar, peaches

NASHUA SCHOOL
All meals served with milk. Salad bar & fresh fruit are served daily at lunch. Meals subject to change w/o notice.

Monday, September 5
No School - Labor Day
Tuesday, September 6
Breakfast: Hot & cold cereal
Lunch: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday, September 7
Breakfast: Biscuits & gravy
Lunch: Corn dogs w/mac & cheese
Thursday, September 8
Breakfast: Breakfast sandwich
Lunch: Lasagna

OPHEIM SCHOOL
All meals include milk. Salad Bar is served every T-W-Th. Hot breakfast on Mon. & Fri. only. Menu items subject to change.

Monday, September 5
No School
Tuesday, September 6
Breakfast: H/C cereal, fruit, yogurt
Lunch: Burritos with veg toppings, rice fruit
Wednesday, September 7
Breakfast: H/C cereal, fruit, yogurt
Lunch: Hamburger with toppings, fruit
Thursday, September 8
Breakfast: Smoothies, H/C cereal, fruit, yogurt
Lunch: Tacos with toppings, fruit
Friday, September 9
Breakfast: Baked oatmeal, fruit, yogurt, breakfast meat
Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, fruit

SACO SCHOOL
Breakfast includes cereal, toast, milk, fruit or juice. Lunch includes salad bar and milk.

Monday, September 5
No School
Tuesday, September 6
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza
Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, salsa/lettuce, fruit, cookies/bars
Wednesday, September 7
Breakfast: Breakfast wraps
Lunch: Burger bar, potatoes, cowboy beans, fruit
Thursday, September 8
Breakfast: Pancake/sausage
Lunch: Chef salad, veggies, fruit, bread stix/pizza sauce

SENIOR CITIZENS - GLASGOW
(5 Days a week) for reservations, call 228-9500 by 10 a.m. the day before. Each day's menu includes coffee, bread, butter & milk. Menu items subject to change without notice.

Hinsdale (Tues. & Thurs.) **Stoughies Bar & Grill**; **Nashua** (Mon., Wed. & Thurs. Only) **Fort Peck** (Mon., Wed. & Fri.)

Monday, September 5
Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday, September 6
Roast beef
Wednesday, September 7
Soup and sandwich
Thursday, September 8
Taco salad
Friday, September 9
Cook's choice

HINSDALE SCHOOL
Meals subject to change w/o notice. Breakfast includes: milk, juice and hot and cold cereal, Lunch includes salad bar, fruits, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Monday, September 5
No School
Tuesday, September 6
Breakfast: Pancake/sausage wrap
Lunch: Tuna noodle casserole
Wednesday, September 7
Breakfast: Biscuits & gravy
Lunch: Meatballs & mashed potatoes
Thursday, September 8
Breakfast: Ham & cheese omelets
Lunch: Sub sandwiches
Friday, September 9
Breakfast: French toast
Lunch: Cavatini

- DALE PLUMBING & HEATING, INC.
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- REYNOLDS MARKET
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FWP to Host Public Meeting in Vida Redwater Fish Passage Project

MARC KLOKER FOR THE COURIER

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks will host an open house at the Vida School to discuss the Redwater Fish Passage Enhancement Project on Wednesday,

Sept. 7 from 7-9 p.m.

FWP will present the project overview that plans to remove the existing culverts on the Nickwall Road and replace them with fish-friendly arched culverts. The project is scheduled to start on

Sept. 19 and will take up to 45 days to complete. Citizens that may be affected by the construction are encouraged to attend. Please contact Steve Dalbey at 406-228-3706 with any questions.

Hi-Line Retirement Center Faces Changes

MARK HEBERT / PCN

In a last ditch effort to keep the Hi-Line Retirement Center (HLRC) from shutting its doors, the center's board voted last week to decertify the nursing home and become exclusively an assisted living home.

"We are in the process of retiring our nursing home license and applying for an assisted living license," HLRC Board President Rick Mikkelson said in a letter. "This will be a most difficult transaction for some and will go unnoticed by others in our facility. We, ultimately in the next 60 days, will need to help find a new home for probably 10 to 20 of our more acute care residents and will need to qualify many others for assisted living."

Mikkelson said the HLRC Board is saddened by the failure to make the retirement center financially stable. Factors include: the expense of locums (rent-a-nurse), servicing a large debt and low Medicaid reimbursement. (Mikkelson's entire letter can be read on the Phillips County News website under "Hi Line Retirement Center to become an Assisted Living Center.")

According to Karl Rude, VP of Operations of Health Management Services, a firm out of Billings brought to Malta last August to manage the HLRC, the travel nurses brought to town to assist in the nursing home had become too much of a financial burden for the retirement center, costing \$944,000 last year.

He said that three weeks ago, when looking at the financial solvency of the HLRC, it was decided the center was no longer able to pay for the expensive travel staff. Rude said that when he arrived last August, the HLRC Board told him that their mission was to find local nurses to staff the center. He said "every effort we possibly could make" was extended to local nurses, but none came back to work at the Malta center. "When you look back at what has happened over the last two years, let's look back to January of 2015. This institution has had a rise from the

ashes, Phoenix moment, every four months," Rude said. "So if they didn't like leadership number one, and they were going to come back, they would have come back the first time. If they didn't like leadership number two, when he went away, they would have come back that time... at every single time that you had this reincarnation of management, whether it's new administration or new directors of nursing or new whatever, there was always this hope that we would open the doors one morning and nurses would come rushing in as though it was Black Friday and it just never happened."

Rude said after he arrived in Malta, his marching orders to the staff at the HLRC was to find local nurses. He said a list of names with the title of "nurse" next to their name was made to find and hire local nurses. "And we contacted, I can't even tell you how many people," he said. "I was satisfied at the end of that little venture to say there are not nurses. They just aren't there."

A letter from both Rude and HLRC Assistant Administrator Donna Handley, explained how the HLRC will proceed to decertify and become only an assisted living facility under categories A, B and C. "This licensure, when received, will allow us to evaluate our current residents to see if they are appropriate to receive care in the newly licensed facility," the letter states. "During this evaluation we will ensure that residents have the appropriate level of care for their needs." (The entire letter penned by Rude and Handley can be read on the Phillips County News website under "Assistant Administrator at HLRC Letter.")

Rude said that with the change to an assisted living center will come with a reduction in staff. Currently there are about 43 employees – in one capacity or another at the center – and that number will be down in the neighborhood of 30 employees. "The majority of that shift of going down is getting rid of LPN and RN staffing that will no longer be required," he said.

One complaint that Rude said he often hears is getting rid of

nurses is bad for resident care. "The truth of the matter is of my 43 residents on the skilled nursing side, it is not every one of them and it is not the vast majority of them, that need complex medical care," Rude said. "Most of them simply need help with activities in daily living. And once we have those new expanded licensures, B and C, we should be able to meet those needs."

Last year, the community of Phillips County helped raise nearly \$500,000 to assist HLRC during it's time of financial straits. Rude said last August that the money donated to the HLRC was spent on operations, to pay employees and "stop the bleeding."

As Mikkelson stated in his letter, somewhere between 10 and 20 residents will be forced out of the HLRC in the next 60 days, dropping the residents from 62 down to 40. Rude said with the change, HLRC will no longer be able to keep residents with a great complexity of care. "The ability to offshoot the expensive nurses that I can't afford versus the number of people we think we won't be able to service their needs for, should have a net-positive effect on the outcome of the institution," he said, "provided people still want to stay with us and they don't leave for whatever their opinions or reasons are, we should be able to be very stable."

Rude said the full-care retirement homes close to Phillips County are in Chinook, Glasgow, Havre and Lewistown. He said he doesn't expect that those facilities will be able to take all of the residents who will have to leave the HLRC and he will have to look across the state to find them new places to live. Rude added that though he is not happy with the changes to be made at the HLRC, he said he'd rather look forward to what can be gained with change rather than what will be lost. "What we were going to lose three weeks ago was everything," he said, adding that the HLRC's problems have been ongoing for the past five years and to not make a change would be to continue to "kick the can down the road."

Vintage 406

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the James/Sergeant venture. The neon sign that once adorned the outside of the building has been returned to its home and will be hung inside permanently, along with other relics from Johnnie's long and storied history.

Up-cycling furniture is all part of Sergeant's desire to have nice things on a K-Mart budget for sale in the store. She

first began fixing up items and reselling them on social media to area bargain hunters. James lends his own skills to repurposing items in interesting ways, such as turning the tailgates of old pickup trucks into benches. Realizing there was a demand, they decided that the next step was acquiring retail space. The old Johnnie Cafe was a perfect fit. Once a staple in Glasgow, the place has tons of history and fits perfectly into the couple's philosophy of repurposing.

Although the grand opening at Vintique 406 is still at least a month away, they have already begun to utilize the space, offering classes on painting and refinishing furniture. James is also interested in purchasing old Johnnie memorabilia, or simply putting it on display if your aren't willing to part with it. If you have anything that would fit, or are interested in classes, please call Sergeant at 263-7794 or James at 230-1536.

Thefts

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related to this case, or believe

that you may have been a victim of theft or a break-in over the weekend, the Glasgow Police Department urges you to contact them. They can be reached

by stopping by their headquarters located at 238 2nd Ave. S., by calling their office at 228-8050 or contacting dispatch at 222-4333.

Hinsdale School

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ing the bell and a new digital sign. A mill levy was passed last May for funding to build a new roof. Construction is to begin this Oct., and according to estimates should be completed for less than originally expected.

Most of Hinsdale's sports pro-

grams have been combined with neighboring towns, Saco and Whitewater, forming the Maverick co-op. Having the programs combined means that each town takes turns hosting practices and games, making an extra bus route during sports seasons. This created the need to hire an additional bus driver. This season, Hinsdale will get their share to host two home games for both basketball

and volleyball. Sugg still feels very much a part of the Glasgow community, but is excited to integrate his family into the Hinsdale community. He acknowledges the changes will mostly be on his kids, with smaller combined elementary classes. They will also be shifting from a five-day school week to a four-day school week running Monday through Thursday.

House Debate

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saying, "I don't feel the federal government has a place inserting itself in those contracts between private landowners," referring to APR's use of combinations of private and public land to graze bison. Zinke held that the federal government must intervene between neighbors who adversely affect each other, commenting on the wide array of negatives "free-roaming" bison release could pose to cattle ranching in the area. Communications Director for Congressman Zinke, Heather Swift, later commented, "If she (Juneau) thinks that there should be private free range bison at

APR, then she doesn't understand the issue."

Another intense moment came when discussing refugees, specifically women and children, to which Zinke expressed his opposition to immigration, citing concerns that refugees could not be adequately vetted. He reinforced his position of banning child refugees by commenting on the potential radicalization of children and their role in committing terrorist acts. He brought forth his own personal experiences, saying, "I am also horrified of what I have seen in war... I have had to engage children with weapons." Juneau would be far less restrictive on refugees, but made it clear that only vetted

refugees are acceptable, and that "American safety is first and foremost."

Although the civility was in keeping with Montana's values the contrast between the candidates was apparent, both offering visions for Montana that played to their particular audiences and objectives. The candidates did appear to be moderating the national political stage and its tone to a Montana audience. Fort Peck Tribal Chairman, Floyd Azure, said it best when he said to an enthusiastic applause, and only half-jokingly, that, "I think both candidates have Montana in their hearts, and maybe we should have these two running for President instead."

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Former HLRC Director of Nursing Speaks Out Concerns Raised About Hi-Line Nursing Homes

A.J. ETHERINGTON
THE COURIER

In a recent press release, Billings-based Health Management Services (HMS) announced that they would be reducing Malta's Hi-Line Retirement Center (HLRC) from a nursing home to an assisted living center in coming months. HMS also manages Glasgow's Valley View Home, which has also seen its fair share of recent budgeting woes, staffing concerns and questionable management under their watch. The change in status in Malta will almost certainly involve a reduction in current residents at the facility. In fact, the exodus to other regional facilities may already have begun.

Dorothy Johnson used to reside at HLRC until recently when

she left for Chinook's Sweet Home nursing home facility, along with another HLRC resident, out of fear of being asked to leave and being forced further from Malta. Johnson had the following to add to the HLRC story from her view as a resident:

"I never thought I would see the day when people would be reluctant to speak freely about an issue so close to their hearts, but this seems to be the case regarding what has been going on at Hi-Line. When one has raised dissatisfaction about one thing or another in the past, residents have been told they are free to leave. Someone from Butte is scheduled to come this week to evaluate each resident to determine who meets the criteria to be in assisted living and who doesn't. It sounds harsh but it reminds me of darker

days in history - the 1940's come to mind. That's why I moved as soon as I could."

In a recent interview on KMMR Radio in Malta, HMS Vice President Karl Rude cited an inability to recruit and retain local nurses as a major road block to HMS' success in maintaining a nursing home on the Hi-Line.

This past week, former HLRC Director of Nursing Becky Ewing spoke with the Courier, contradicting Rude's claims about staffing challenges. Ewing had worked in her capacity as director at HLRC since April when she was suddenly let go by HMS. She was told the reason was a failure to be a "team player." Ewing said, "I was terminated because I wouldn't go along with the staffing ratios HMS was trying to impose."

Ewing cited her own authority and accountability, as the Director of Nursing, to make those decisions, and her concern for the needs of residents, especially those who required multiple certified nursing assistants (CNA) and registered nurses for daily care. "You have to weigh the acuity of care," said Ewing, "Karl (Rude) has no clue what it's like to be on the floor." Ewing added that she could not sign off on reduced CNA numbers per wing as requested, despite the threat to her job.

According to Ewing, some of her fellow nurses and former HLRC board member Suzanne Koss stood up for her and her position to Rude: "When I was working there we had local nurses coming back... we had four local nurses and myself with about

seven to nine local CNAs."

Another employee who had worked at HLRC told the Courier, "It's like everyone who disagrees with him (Rude), or who wants what's best for the residents is forced out... It's really odd." The former employee chose to remain anonymous due to fear of retaliation from HMS. An additional anonymous source, who also fears for their job in the healthcare industry, claimed the environment at HLRC is terrible for both employees and residents.

Ewing had words of caution to HLRC's Board of Directors, "I would say to the board to do your homework, and don't take what he tells you for granted [...] I'm a nurse for a reason and I passionately care for my residents and it breaks my heart [...] there is no one left to advocate for them."

Bullock Unwilling to Debate in Northeast Montana

JAMES WALLING
THE COURIER

Governor Steve Bullock has declined an invitation from *The Courier* to debate in Northeast Montana, following a successful congressional debate between Congressman Ryan Zinke and challenger Denise Juneau held in nearby Frazer on Aug. 29.

Bullock campaign spokesman Jason Pitt released the following statement in response to follow-up requests on Sept. 2: "Steve looks forward to three debates that were carefully selected to be broadcast in Glasgow and across the state."

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JAMES WALLING / FOR THE COURIER

Cordell Younkin assists Berkley Hillman in Saco on Sept. 3 as she prepares to lay waste to a wrecked car for a small fee. The game was part of a fundraiser for band equipment and other supplies. To pitch in a few dollars of your own, write to cquinones@sacoschools.k-12.mt.us.

A Salute to Saco

JAMES WALLING AND GINEVRA KIRKLAND / THE COURIER

There was a lot of talk about the past at this year's Saco Fun Days. Former county commissioner Dave Pippin took us on an impromptu Fun Days tour after the parade on Sept. 3, pointing out properties owned by relations past and present. He detailed historic happenings from previ-

ous gatherings, including staged robberies, horse races and festivities that carried into the wee small hours.

He wasn't the only one with a bit of nostalgia on the brain. Amid the revelers at the well-attended parade along Hwy 2, there were grumbings about the decline of the local event. "It used to be better" is a quote that could be

attributed to at least three different Fun Days attendees we spoke to. Others, like Sid Simonsen and his sister Jean, seemed content to help themselves to the excellent food on offer and the pleasant company all around.

For our part, your *Courier* correspondents were touched by the present. Compared to 2015, which was also a treat, this year's

event seemed better attended and more energetic. Along with the usual suspects, Zora and Linden Holt of Hinsdale were out again with their wagon, dressed in period garb and sporting anti-Bison signage. The only differences that we could detect were bigger smiles on both of their faces. Here's to another good showing next year!



FOR THE COURIER

Tiger Morales (l) and Morgan Darlington (r) pose with gubernatorial candidate Greg Gianforte at Indian Days in Poplar recently, one of numerous appearances the candidate has made during regular visits to the region.

Sam's Supper Club Closes Its Doors

JAMES WALLING
THE COURIER

We were saddened to learn that Sam's Supper Club, the storied eatery on Hwy 2 near Reynold's, has closed its doors. Just before press time, members of Sam's staff confirmed that they had been informed about the loss of their jobs over the weekend. A sign on the door of the establishment reads "Sam's Supper Club is officially closed for business. We're sorry for any inconvenience this may cause." A post on social media echos similar sentiments, adding, "Thank

you to our loyal patrons, we truly appreciate your support!" Sam's General Manager Brandy Loran spoke on behalf of owner Scott Woodward, of Glendive, saying, "At the end of the month, we can't make ends meet. It's sad to say, but we did our very best and it just wasn't enough." Woodward could not be reached regarding the possible sale of the business. On a brighter note, regulars will welcome the news that Lynn Wagner's cheesecakes may still be available around town. Contact the Courier for inquiries.

Law Enforcement PSA

FOR THE COURIER

The Valley County Sheriff's Office would like to remind drivers using Hwy 117, between Nashua and Fort Peck, that they are required to follow posted instructions about pilot cars through areas currently under construction. Sheriff Glen Meier explained that drivers face expensive citations when they ignore posted signage. The resurfacing project is slated for completion this fall.

Washington Man Charged In Valley County With Drug Offense Stolen Merchandise Recovered

GEORGIE KULCZYK
THE COURIER

A 41-year old Lakewood, Washington man, Justin Hanson, has been charged in Valley County with criminal possession of dangerous drugs, and is being held in the Valley County jail.

The Montana Highway Patrol (MHP) executed a traffic stop Sept. 5 on Highway 2 near Frazer for an illegal pass. The vehicle was a rental vehicle out of Washington state, and was driven by Hanson.

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Rosendale and Lang Make Case at FES in Glasgow

A.J. ETHERINGTON
THE COURIER

Candidate for Montana State Auditor Matt Rosendale, and Candidate for Montana Senate District 17 Mike Lang met with potential voters at Farm Equipment Sales in Glasgow on Sept. 1.

FES' General Manager, Sarah Partridge, said, while introducing the candidates, "All too often the decisions that influence us here in Glasgow are not well represented. We don't have very many friends in Helena. So I'm always very appreciative, especially when a statewide candidate will come to Glasgow and listen to us."

Rosendale laid out his objective in running for State Auditor stating, "I'm one of your people. I understand the agricultural industry." He added that Montana is, "second highest in auto insurance rates and tenth highest in workers' compensation insurance," claiming that the rates, "hit businesses, hit workers and they



DANE OSEN / FOR THE COURIER

Representative Mike Lang (l) poses with Sheriff Glen Meier and John Brenden.

hit us really really hard." In addition to auto and workers' compensation insurance, Rosendale talked about health insurance and perceived failures in the Affordable Care Act. He also discussed his views on securities and investments that he believes are "between you and your financial consultant," when discussing the

State Auditor's role in overseeing those markets.

Rosendale also laid out his vision for the Auditor's role on the State Land Board, and its use in funding education through the use of State Trust Lands. Rosendale claimed, "The problem that

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HLRC Adds, Replaces Board Members in Malta

MARK HEBERT, PHILLIPS COUNTY NEWS/ FOR THE COURIER

Following a nearly two and half-hour meeting with over 20 members of the public, The Hi-Line Retirement Board of Directors replaced three current members of the board and voted in a new member to fill a vacant spot during a private, executive session.

Howard Hammond takes over a vacant spot on the board, Bob Ziegler replaces Bob Maxie, Susy Johnson replaces Rick Mikkelson and Michelle Smith replaces

Ken Wiederrick. Mikkelson said nothing else was decided at the executive meeting.

"Their goal, if I may say, is to do everything they can to keep the facility open and will immediately be looking at avenues to do so," Mikkelson said.

Mikkelson, who was the board president before the executive session, said a new board president will be voted on by the new-look committee. The meeting was held Sept. 19 at The First State Bank of Malta's Community Room with very little notice given to most of the public. The meeting started at

7 p.m. and ran until nearly 9:30 p.m. Following the public meeting, the executive session took place with new board members being added, ending at nearly 11:30 p.m. During the public meeting, the HLRC's Board and Health Management Services' Joe Rude talked with the audience about the current problems facing Phillips County's nursing home.

Rude said the problems started for nursing homes in Mont. when Brian Schweitzer was Governor and he "froze Medicaid reimbursement for the State," adding the problem has persisted under

current Montana Governor Steve Bullock. "Medicaid is 70-percent of the revenue the facility generates," he said. "That has not only had a significant impact on you, it has had a significant impact on facilities throughout the region." Rude said that Choteau's nursing home recently closed and said HMS has been working with the nursing home in Glasgow which has been having the same financial difficulties as HLRC.

"In fact, it was curious in the newspaper we were criticized for having a strong focus on money," Rude added. "If we don't have

enough funds to operate the facility and move forward then we are going to find that we don't have a facility." Rude pointed to the debt incurred following the remodeling and expansion of the HLRC and six years of frozen Medicaid payments that has placed the nursing home in a \$5.3 million hole. "The current loan payments for the facility are \$21,000 per month," he said of the USDA loan for the remodeling. "That is something that has to be paid every month whether we like it or not." Rude said some of the problems HMS was faced with when taking over

HLRC are a result of a lack of cooperation between HLRC and the Phillips County Hospital, including issues with Medicaid billing and proper response time for lab reports.

"When we came in here, the private pay accounts receivable were over \$400,000," Rude said. "We now have that down to around \$200,000...that's money that families didn't pay for the care that was delivered at the facility."

In a letter to the editor in last

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SEAN R. HEAVEY / FOR THE COURIER

GPD officer Brien Gault (far right) introduces his dog Lola to spectators at the 2016 Glasgow homecoming parade. L-R: Mary Lynn and Brantley Brunelle, Amelia Gilchrist (bottom), Ashley Pankratz, Tessa Stutheit (bottom), Gavin Pankratz, Denise Stutheit and Hannah Pankratz.



SEAN R. HEAVEY / FOR THE COURIER

2016 Homecoming King Brayden Ross (l) greets his subjects with Homecoming Queen Brinlie Nielsen. Also pictured at center: Kinsley Rasmusan (l) and Saunten Gamas.

Table for Six Expands Palettes, Dining Options

DANE OSEN FOR THE COURIER

Chef Dyan Carlson has been wowing clients and patrons at Table for Six for the past three years. Carlson offers appealing meals from a wide variety of culinary styles and traditions, complete with an informal lesson on how to prepare them at home. It's clearly a recipe for fun, as many local devotees can tell you. Relying mostly on word of mouth and social media, her classes have a tendency to fill up quickly. Fair warning: Carlson's classes are aimed at adults, and colorful language is pretty common.

Carlson has been living in Glasgow since 2012 and began leading classes in 2013. The best part of all of it, she states, has

been meeting new people and creating memorable experiences for each of her classes. Her expressed purpose for speaking to the Courier (we've been asking for ages!) was to make Table of Six accessible and inviting to newcomers. If you've never attended one of her meals, this article is aimed at you.

Since her first class, which was held at her home and attended by none other than GCCL Director Megan Haddix and FMDH's Nick Dirkes, was a menu featuring tilapia fillets over cous cous with a sesame sauce. Since that time, Carlson's business has grown, fueled largely by her reputation as a chef and host. It's not uncommon to hear Table for

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JAMES WALLING / THE COURIER

Local chef Dyan Carlson explains the concept behind Table for Six on Sept. 19.

Law Enforcement Brief

DANE OSEN FOR THE COURIER

The Glasgow Police Department is working together with the Billings Police Department in the ongoing burglary/theft investigation involving Adam Kelly. Kelly is currently being held in Musselshell County and GPD likely will be filing charges within the week. Citizens are urged to report any missing items from their homes and garages to the police, as only an estimated 20 percent of recovered items have been claimed.

The majority of the thefts occurred on the lower north side of town, but there were also reports on the 900 block of 3rd Avenue South. The bulk of the stolen goods included camping equipment,

tools, jewelry, and Native American art. Among the stolen goods there were also two bikes, an adult size mountain bike and a BMX bike.

Police Chief Bruce Barstad also would like to remind motorists that the season is changing and we need to make sure windshields are clear of frost. The presence of frost on a windshield coupled with driving into the sun can severely limit visibility. Barstad urges all motorists to allow vehicles enough time to warm up and completely clear windows and windshields of frost. Chief Barstad adds that Glasgow usually has a couple of accidents around this time of the year due to reduced visibility.

Grainery's Stockpiles of Wheat a Show of Low Prices

Strong Global Yields and Strong U.S. Dollar Hurt County Farmers

A.J. ETHERINGTON THE COURIER

If you have driven passed the EGT Grainery near Frazer recently, you may have noticed the large piles of grain being stored in an open field near the bins. According to Tracy Sibley of EGT the piles are the result of a low demand for wheat overseas causing them to stockpile the wheat rather than ship it to their facility on the west coast.

"Basically the worldwide market is flooded with wheat, and there is so much out there," said Sibley. She discussed the global wheat market's success with producing wheat this year commenting that usually someone has a bad year which offsets production. That, however, was not the case this year leading to an excess in wheat, and as a result dramatically low prices.

A source in the local farming community told the Courier that

very few local wheat farmers were going to be able to make a profit this year. "With the strong dollar we are failing to be competitive... but the cure for low prices is low prices," he added while speculating that production will slow down and that farmers will opt out of growing wheat next year. He also said Valley County Farmers have alternative crops available to them specu-

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City Council Brief

New City Fire Truck on Order

A.J. ETHERINGTON THE COURIER

Just following the opening and prior to the bustle of normal business at the City Council Meeting

on Sept. 19 the Council voted to approve the City Volunteer Fire Department's purchase of a 1997 Pierce Fire Truck for \$145,000. Chief Brandon Brunelle told the Courier that the truck is in

excellent condition and that the consulting mechanic they hired to look at the engine told him it was, "in immaculate shape."

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Elinor Lindsay (right), Regent of the Milk River Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, looks on as Mayor Rebecca Erickson signs a proclamation designating Sept. 17 - 23 as Constitution Week. Displays are planned for the City County Library in Glasgow and the Saint Marie Town Hall.

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Multiple generations kick up their heels at this year's picnic. Pictured: Marie Pippin (back to camera), Zora Holt (center, facing), and Leona Knutson (far right).

Good Times at Bjornberg Bridge Picnic

BY VIRGIL VAUPEL
FOR THE COURIER

The 2016 version of the 27th annual Saco/Hinsdale Community Picnic is in the history books and so it seems, a good time was had by all. We had singers and dancers galore, horseshoe pitchers (Lawrence Boucher [older guy] and John McColly [younger guy] beat Mike Johnson and his sister-in-law, Heidi Johnson for the championship), cooks, bottle washers, a pie-ano player on loan from a bawdy house, bull shippers and a couple hairy-legged guitar pickers of the finest quality in attendance.

That said, I'm gonna fill you in on the hows and wherefores of how this picnic (latter version) got restarted back 27 years ago. Seems Terry Korman and Richard (Bear) Eaton were thinking about how there used to be a picnic held there at the Bjornberg Bridge back in the day and decided to revive the tradition. Korman donated a yearling lamb, had Robert at the Pay'nSave in Saco cut it up into roasts and then cooked it in a backyard BBQ thingie. Eaton piled up some rocks in a ring and cooked the cowboy coffee. They called a few folks to come help them eat the meat, drink the coffee and visit and that's pretty much how it all got jump started again.

Music was added in about 1998 and a portable dance floor was built in about 2003 or so. People from Phillips and Valley counties (and a few welcome "outsiders") flock to the bridge on the third Sunday of every September. The picnic has only been rained out one time and

one year, when all the farmers and their wives were really busy with the harvest, the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce came out with hamburgers, hot dogs and a few other things to help keep the picnic going. It was greatly appreciated.

The next year things got back to normal with a potluck dinner provided by the many excellently good farm and ranch cooks along with a few townies who also know their way around a hot stove. (Some of them barefoot and preggers.) Awww quit it. I just joke a little.

There is always a well-attended Sunday morning church service provided by the combined Hinsdale and Saco Lutheran churches. Doris Tollefson of Hinsdale led the services this year. Music was provided by Dave Pippin with Leonard Swenson, Ruth Myhre and Colleen Thompson handling the singing. They also joined the jam session later.

Mac McIntosh of Saco delighted the listeners and dancers with several tunes from the 60s and 70s. Dave Pippin had his magic keyboard with a bazillion buttons, sounds and switches, the Abrahamson's, Warren and Bill were there with their guitars. Jason Holt kept good time on the electric bass, Tom Watson added a much-needed and very well played fiddle to the mix. Jessica Lacoock brought her mandolin (maybe next year she'll actually plug it in!) and last but certainly not least, guitar picker extraordinaire Gordy Faver did a great job of following and doing fill-work for a bunch of jam session musicians. (Only a musician will understand what I just said.)

Steve danced with his 3-year-old (or so) granddaughter, Jace, and by the pictures I took of them, it was difficult who was having the best time. When he wasn't dancing with Jace, he jitter-bugged and slow-danced with his wife, LaMae. Jerry and his wife, Loretta, danced, Stoney and Rose cut a rug and Sierra danced with Stoney. Lonnie (Swede) and his wife "Mrs. Lonnie" (Ice Cream shop in Hinsdale) were among the dancers as well. Then a passel or more kids hit the dance floor for the huckle-buck (I think). You know, "put your left foot in," etc.

I asked 94-year-old Sid Simonson about a rumor I heard that way back in the day there might have been a pavilion or dance hall at the picnic site. He kinda smiled and said, "Not much of a dance hall though." Well, friends if anybody knows it would be "Mister Sid."

Master meat cooker Jack Barnard, along with Lornie Boucher, Arnie Lefsdahl, Dale Plouffe and a host of others, helped prepare the roast beast, pork and lamb to a savory perfection. Mike Johnson, Paul McColly and that one other guy cut up the meat and served it to the 175 or so people who braved the high wind to come enjoy the virtually bug-less day.

Along about 4 p.m., the musicians packed it up, the community ladies gathered up their casserole dishes, left over cakes and cooking and the cooks and a couple hangers-on retired to the now near empty beer keg.

As I said at the beginning, "A Good Time Was Had By All."

That's it for now folks. Thanks for listening.

Table For Six FROM PAGE 1A

Six devotees describe Carlson's meals as hands-down the best food in town, but she's quick to distinguish between what she does and what she views as unfair comparisons to local eateries. "It's not a restaurant," she explains, adding that she feels it's like comparing apples to oranges to try and view her brand as competition for local eateries.

Patron Ginevra Kirkland explained the next-level usefulness of attending Carlson's events: "Not only does she teach a wide variety of cuisines, but she also helps you learn where and how to source different products for a variety of meals." Chef Carlson places a special emphasis on local ingredients, looking elsewhere

only when pressed. Kirkland added that locals looking to expand their culinary horizons often have as much trouble sourcing and purchasing a variety of ingredients. Dyan, she claims, can help.

Along with cooking and teaching, Carlson has lent her energies recently to various charitable efforts, with sales benefiting the Northeast Pet Rescue, Libby Webber's art class, and over \$2,000 dollars raised on behalf of Relay for Life.

Downtown Glasgow is experiencing a minor renaissance via a surge of new businesses on the southside opened by young entrepreneurs. The renaissance includes several new businesses like Shippwrecked, Vintique 406, The Loaded Toad, and the Sean R. Heavey Gallery, to

name a few. Table for Six has been a lynchpin business in this burgeoning scene, despite the by-appointment nature of Carlson's operation. She hopes the trend will be synergistic and ongoing, and plans to include increased retail sales, with a focus on kitchenwares and specialty foods, as part of her business model.

Upcoming classes offered can be viewed online at tableforsixglasgow.com. Some of the courses being dished up in Oct. include Mediterranean, Tex-Mex, Thai, and German. Her German course will include beers from Glasgow's own local brewery, The Busted Knuckle.

For more information on Table for Six classes, contact Chef Carlson at (406) 263-2433 or cookingglasgow@gmail.com.

HLRC Board FROM PAGE 1A

week's Phillips County News, Malta resident Noel Emond asked that a complete audit of the HLRC be conducted. At Monday night's meeting, Rude said the facility has been audited by Wipfli LLP and the report should be available sometime this month.

HMS' Karl Rude - Joe's son and operations vice president of HMS - told the Great Falls Tribune the HLRC has about 45 employees which include several traveling nurses brought to Malta to work and told the PCN in late August that those traveling nurses were paid \$944,000 last year.

At the meeting, Joe Rude reiterated the burden of having to bring in out of town nurses and pay them up to \$70 per hour plus room and board. Karl Rude also stated that an effort to recruit and retain local nurses has been unsuccessful in the past year. J. Rude stated, "Our goal was, and we thought we were heading in the right direction, that we would get the (traveling

nurses) out and get more local people in."

Rude said that he had prepared a letter of resignation and HMS would leave the nursing home. He said HMS has worked hard to fix the problems at HLRC and hasn't been paid for any of it. "The goal has always been to create a quality environment and have a facility that is beneficial," he said. "We have failed in that mission. We have failed in that mission because we don't have the staff and we are prepared to pay the consequences by stepping out of here."

Several current and former health care workers from Phillips County voiced their concerns of mismanagement of the HLRC staff by the higher-ups at the nursing home. They said there is bullying and intimidation and many nurses and CNAs would work at HLRC if they weren't "chased out the door."

"It was very hard for me to quit," said a woman who recently left her CNA position at HLRC after more than six years. "I worked there for a long time and that's what I love to do, but I

was through with the drama. It's overwhelming and those people need to leave. If they left, CNAs would come back... but people are favored there."

Another healthcare provider and Malta resident said she continuously sees good employees treated poorly and leave their jobs. "I'm sick of watching what is going on there," she said. "I have watched the bullying and intimidation. You would have a lot of staff up there still retained, but you can't put them in a hostile environment where you have little tyrants running them and making them leave."

Rude said he understands the concerns brought up and agreed people have had bad experiences working at HLRC. He added there are two sides to every story in personnel issues. "We are constrained by law and I'm not going to stand here and talk about every decision that was made," Rude said. He added he has made himself available to employees but there has been no structured evaluation or questionnaire taken by employees up to this point.

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Homecoming Festivities Highlight School Board Meeting Braaten Hired as Head Boys Basketball Coach

GEORGIE KULCZYK
THE COURIER

The Glasgow school board met for their regular meeting Sept. 21, with all trustees attending.

During the public comment period, after a brief introduction from GMS Principal Mike Zoanni, Bryon Gustafson spoke to the trustees. Gustafson identified himself as the youth pastor at

the Evangelical Church and explained that because he is active with the community youth and he often goes to the middle school and has lunch with the kids, he wanted to introduce himself to the board. Gustafson also noted that Sept. 28 they will be holding a "See You at the Pole" event at the high school prior to the start of classes.

The board next addressed the hiring of the boys basketball

coach for the 2016-2017 season. The position was originally expected to be filled at the Aug. 17 meeting. The action, however, was tabled after two members of the community expressed frustration with the lack of consideration for their applications for the position (See *Coaching Controversy*, Aug. 24 edition of the Courier).

At the meeting, Activity Director Brenner Flaten again

recommended the hire of Norm Braaten for the position, and that recommendation was verbally supported by Superintendent Bob Connors. The board unanimously approved the hire of Braaten.

Trustee John Daggett asked to clarify statements that were attributed to him in the Aug. 24 edition of the Courier. "It said in the paper that I said, 'There's something going on,'" said Dag-

gett. "I don't know if I said that or not, but I did not mean that there was something going on," he explained. "I just wanted more information. I am perfectly fine with the process."

Billingsley also referred to statements attributed to her in the same edition of the Courier ("What I've heard most from parents is, 'We need change,'" she said, although nobody that she talked to could really pin-

point what change was needed.) She said, "I think I was quoted correctly," but also wanted to clarify her thoughts. She explained that she was contacted by a parent who felt they were clear with her about what needed to be done, but she still stands by what she said. "There was no consensus on how to make a change," she stated.

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Countywide Literacy Project Takes Shape in Frazer

GEORGIE KULCZYK
THE COURIER

In a coordinated effort with the Valley County Friends of the Library, Courier editor James Walling and contributor Ginevra Kirkland selected Frazer to launch a new literacy project this past week.

Boxcar Road Books is aimed at serving Greater Valley County, which, according to Walling, "lacks even a single bookstore."

The pair set up the project's first distribution point at Tribal Express II in Frazer on Sept. 26. The shelf is the first of four planned for locations around the area. They will be stocked largely with donations from the Valley County library system.

"The project wouldn't be possible without the support and encouragement of Friends board member Mary Armstrong and GCCL Director Megan Haddix," explained Walling.

According to Walling, the selections currently for sale in Frazer include a whole shelf of kids' books, a shelf of novels and non-fiction for all ages, a variety



JAMES WALLING / THE COURIER

Frazer's Montana Clampitt (9) tries out Madeleine L'Engle's classic, *A Wrinkle in Time*.

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2016 Employer of Choice Award

BY LISA BAXTER
FOR THE COURIER

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Protecting the Pines Local Crews Take Preventative Measures at Beloved Recreational Area

DANE OSEN
FOR THE COURIER

In an ongoing effort to curb fire hazards at the Pines Recreational Area members of the Pines Community Project, along with Long Run Fire Department Chief Bob Hanson, hosted a meeting on Sept. 27. Approximately 20-30 people were in attendance.

The preventative measure was the brainchild of Hanson and Fire Warden Dan Carney, hatched to

mitigate the abundance of fire fuels. In the meeting, Hanson outlined what had been accomplished by local firefighters in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to help remove debris and other fire hazards to help minimize the fuel sources.

The project has been in the works for sometime, beginning in earnest in the summer of 2015. That year proved to be a difficult

one, as the fire season began early. This past June, Hanson organized a group of firefighters to help clear pine needles and trim trees adjacent to structures. It was not an easy task, as many of the properties are vacation homes and are not as well kept as some of those owned by locals. Many properties have become overgrown with grass and juniper bushes presenting a risk to fuel fires.

This project was a particularly large undertaking for the

crew. Hanson estimates they called about 1,540 pounds of pine needles by the third day of the eight-day project, and there is still much left to be done around the small community. The group's activity was focused mainly in the the Pine Cone Drive area, but they hope to get to Holiday Point next year if funding comes through.

Hanson stated that the goal of this project is to be like a show-

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DANE OSEN / FOR THE COURIER

Long Run Fire Department Chief Bob Hanson (l) and Fire Warden Dan Carney pictured here on Sept. 27, have been instrumental in getting the Pines Community Project up and running.



DANE OSEN / FOR THE COURIER

Valley Vet's Dr. Cassie Shipp (l) and Dr. Chelsie McAllister check out a wounded dog named Megs on Sept. 26. Read about the latest additions in staff and services at Valley Vet in the next edition of Farm & Ranch.

Valley View Home Discusses Recent Planning Session

A.J. ETHERINGTON
THE COURIER

In a press release provided to the Courier, Valley View Home's Karly Kruckenberg, administrator, outlined discussions from a retreat/strategic planning meeting held Sept. 17. The attendees included VVH board members and "key management staff" at the facility. The release focused on the attendees review of VVH history and reduced funding, which was caused, according to Kruckenberg, by reduced state Medicaid reimbursement.

Kruckenberg discussed the recent state survey of VVH without mentioning the three immediate jeopardies reported on previously in the pages of the Courier. The release reads, "Recent problems in the state survey process gave

rise to a discussion about the work culture and challenges of constructing a work force that was oriented toward quality of care."

In addition to employee concerns, the need to address maintenance and building improvements that had been deferred for a number of years was also discussed. The release did not specify what the maintenance and improvements would be, what they would cost, or how this was affecting operations at VVH.

Kruckenberg also discussed VVH's intent to limit further admission to the facility. The limit was needed, according to the release, "while the current staff are being trained and become focused on quality of care," and while VVH seeks to limit its use of traveling staff members. Kruckenberg stated, "The Board

and administration have set long term goals to recruit and train local staff to increase the resident census with less reliance on traveling staff and without compromising Valley View's reputation for quality care."

In recent weeks, Malta's Hi-Line Retirement Center, which is also managed by HMS, has been facing similar problems. Among other concerns, recent attendees of a hastily scheduled public meeting in Malta on Sept. 19 cited a lack of ability to recruit and retain local nurses as a cause contributing to HLRC's woes. According to former HLRC Director of Nursing Becky Ewing and other former employees of HLRC, the loss of local nurses has been due in part to an alleg-

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WEEKLY MENUS

October 3 – 7

This menu is sponsored by the local businesses listed below. Thank you for your community support!

<p>GLASGOW SCHOOLS Food allergy alert: PB-Peanut Butter, WN-Walnuts, STR-Strawberries. Menus are subject to change. All meals served with milk & fruit.</p> <p>Monday, October 3 Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage patty, peaches Lunch: Chicken taco w/lettuce & cheese, potato oles, pineapple cinnamon graham</p> <p>Tuesday, October 4 Breakfast: BBQ pulled pork, baked beans, corn chips, mixed fruit Lunch: Chicken burger w/lettuce & ranch, dill spear, oranges, chocolate pudding</p> <p>Wednesday, October 5 Breakfast: Egg & chz omelet, tri tater, juice Lunch: Macaroni & cheese, ham, peas, bun w/jelly, rosy applesauce</p> <p>Thursday, October 6 Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, pop tart, mandarin oranges Lunch: Melted chz sand., veg. beef soup w/crackers, peaches, harvest bar</p> <p>Friday, October 7 Breakfast: Bagel w/cream cheese, yogurt parfait, juice Lunch: Chicken burger w/lettuce & ranch, dill spear, oranges, chocolate pudding</p> <p>NASHUA SCHOOL All meals served with milk. Salad bar & fresh fruit are served daily at lunch. Menus subject to change w/o notice.</p> <p>Monday, October 3 Breakfast: Bagels Lunch: Fajitas, corn chips and fixings</p> <p>Tuesday, October 4 Breakfast: B'fast pitas Lunch: Tator tot casserole and buns</p> <p>Wednesday, October 5 Breakfast: Hot & cold cereal Lunch: Pizza casserole and breadsticks</p> <p>Thursday, October 6 Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls Lunch: Chicken wraps and rice pilaf</p>	<p>OPPEIM SCHOOL All meals include milk. Salad Bar is served every T-W-Th. Hot breakfast on Mon. & Fri. only. Menu items subject to change.</p> <p>Monday, October 3 Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, breakfast meat, fruit, yogurt Lunch: Sausage & rice casserole, fruit, veg.</p> <p>Tuesday, October 4 Breakfast: H/C cereal, fruit, yogurt Lunch: Breaded chicken sandwich w/ veggie toppings, fruit</p> <p>Wednesday, October 5 Breakfast: H/C cereal, fruit, yogurt Lunch: Chili, pretzels, fruit</p> <p>Thursday, October 6 Breakfast: H/C cereal, fruit, yogurt, smoothies Lunch: Pizza with toppings, fruit</p> <p>Friday, October 7 No School</p> <p>SENIOR CITIZENS - GLASGOW (5 Days a week) for reservations, call 228-9500 by 10 a.m. the day before. Each day's menu includes coffee, bread, butter & milk. Menu items subject to change without notice. Hinsdale (Tues. & Thurs.) Stoughies Bar & Grill; Nashua (Mon., Wed. & Thurs. Only) Fort Peck (Mon., Wed. & Fri.)</p> <p>Monday, October 3 Sweet and sour pork</p> <p>Tuesday, October 4 Baked potato bar</p> <p>Wednesday, October 5 Stroganoff</p> <p>Thursday, October 6 Meatloaf</p> <p>Friday, October 7 French dip</p>	<p>SACO SCHOOL Breakfast includes cereal, toast, milk, fruit or juice. Lunch includes salad bar and milk.</p> <p>Monday, October 3 Breakfast: Eggs/hashbrowns Lunch: Italian dippers, euro bread, veggies/fruit</p> <p>Tuesday, October 4 Breakfast: Biscuits & gravy Lunch: Burger bar, potatoes, cowboy beans/fruit</p> <p>Wednesday, October 5 Breakfast: Breakfast wraps Lunch: Chicken strips, potatoes, fruit</p> <p>Thursday, October 6 Breakfast: Pancake & sausage Lunch: Taco salad, salsa/refried beans, fruit/cookies</p>	<p>HINSDALE SCHOOL Meals subject to change w/o notice. Breakfast includes: milk, juice and hot and cold cereal, Lunch includes salad bar, fruits, vegetables, dessert and milk.</p> <p>Monday, October 3 Breakfast: Biscuits & sausage gravy Lunch: Fajitas</p> <p>Tuesday, October 4 Breakfast: Breakfast pizza Lunch: Spaghetti & garlic bread</p> <p>Wednesday, October 5 Breakfast: French toast Lunch: Lasagna</p> <p>Thursday, October 6 Breakfast: Pancake/sausage wrap Lunch: Cheeseburgers</p>
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Literacy Project

FROM PAGE 1A

of titles for men and women, and a few stacks of mysteries and romances. Pricing is donation-based. A sign at the Frazer location reads, "Pay what you can (even if it's a dollar or less!) and take what you like." A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Friends of the Library.

In addition to the location at Frazer, Walling plans to distribute shelves in Hinsdale at Sweet Memories, as well as the Outpost in Opheim, and a location in Glasgow (TBD). The first four shelves are scheduled to be in place by the end of October. Eventually, the pair hopes to set up a brick and mortar location for the project inside the Centennial railcar located at the intersection of Boxcar Road and Hwy 117 near Park Grove.

"After more than a year of receiving, sorting, and curating donations, the number of intriguing titles currently piled up in our basement at home tends to surprise visitors. We don't anticipate running out of books anytime soon." For more information, contact James at 406-942-0331 or jamesmichaelwalling@gmail.com.

Valley View

FROM PAGE 1A

edly hostile working environment purportedly fostered by

HMS staff members and HMS Vice President Karl Rude. Previous VVH employees have made similar assertions about Rude's management style in previous ar-

articles published in the Courier. Attempts to clarify HMS positions on these and other subjects via follow-up email were unsuccessful at press time.

The Pines

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and-tell of sorts. His goal is displaying to property owners what they can do to minimize fire risk by limiting fuel sources. Some things that can help minimize fires from spreading can be cleaning up pine needles, keeping all branches above shoulder length, and keeping grass trimmed. For some of the heavier work, the crew relied on a wood chipper acquired by BLM, which is one of three that they have available in the state. Burning the debris is currently not an option available to the U.S. Corp of Engineers,

and it cost roughly \$40,000 to transport the waste to the landfill. In an effort to minimize waste, the crew used wood chippings as ground cover to prevent erosion where juniper bushes had been removed. Larger trees that had died were also cut into firewood for locals to use. The Pines Community Project is a group venture, combining efforts from the Montana DNRC, Valley County, BLM, Fish Wildlife and Parks, U.S. Corp of Engineers, and the Pines Cabin Association. To contribute to the cause or inquire further, contact Bob Hanson 263-8625.

Employer Award

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School Board

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Moving on to the hiring of other personnel, the board approved the hire of the following classified and other extra duty staff: Lori Kennedy, accounts payable/receptionist; Janice Kaiser, substitute teacher/aide; Amie Peterson, substitute teacher/aide; Gil Johnson, head softball coach; Bryan Krumwiede, assistant softball coach; Greg Page, JV boys basketball coach; Elizabeth Hoeksema, 6-8 assistant drama director; Maureen Leech and Suzanne Flint, co-head speech and drama coaches.

tended. She also congratulated Trustee Mona Amundson for being awarded the Marvin Heintz Award. Zoanni gave a brief report of GMS happenings, noting that there was a 95 percent turnout for the sixth-grade orientation and that the open house was also well-attended. He thanked the high school student athletes that visited the middle school the week of homecoming and said participation at the middle school was very good. Enrollment at the middle school is at 185, and Zoanni said that 97 of those students are active in volleyball, football or cross country. In addition, he said participation is high in other activities like pep club, art club, student council and math counts. "We have a really active bunch," he said.

ing during his report. He noted that both the volleyball team and the football team were victorious in their games, the care parade, bonfire and homecoming dance were all well-attended, and the homecoming parade was exceptional. Touching on the participation by all schools during homecoming, Flaten expressed appreciation for the fall athletes as well as the cheerleaders and mascot that visited the schools for pep rallies and to speak to the kids. He shared a statement that the Saskatoon Police Pipes and Drums posted on Facebook about their appreciation for our community and the support they receive each year. Flaten also discussed the importance of "promoting our brand", which means promoting successes in everything including academics, athletics and other activities. He said, "When the kids do something exceptional, we need to appreciate it and inform the public." He added that as much as people view social media with negativity, it can be far-reaching and used positively. During the superintendent report, Connors discussed upcoming training for the principals, and professional development for the staff, and he noted that they are expecting an in-house therapist and a behavioral specialist to visit the school at no cost to the district. He explained to the board that enrollment is up by 25 students district-wide. Finally, Connors reported that the final phase of the playground equipment installation at the Irle School was scheduled to be finished Sept. 23 – weather permitting. The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Student attendance agreements were approved, and Billingsley shared a question about sending a bus to Nashua to pick students up. "No, we wouldn't do that," replied Connors. "It wouldn't be fair to their districts." It was noted however, that the town of Fort Peck is in Nashua's school district and Glasgow has a number of students that attend from there. Student Council President Benji Phillips arrived and was given the opportunity to present his report. He shared that the student body will be participating in their class competition again this year, which will result in a prize at the end of the year for the class with the most points. In addition to other upcoming events, the student council is getting ready for the state convention that will be held in Glasgow at the end of Oct. Following Phillips' report, Billingsley asked Flaten to remind coaches about the "early out" for students on Wednesdays. Laurie Enebo from the GEA thanked the board for a meal that was provided and expressed appreciation for those that at-

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Student Council Sponsors Remembrance Tree

A.J. ETHERINGTON
THE COURIER

The Glasgow High School Student Council is sponsoring their 18th Annual Remembrance Tree program to remember loved ones that have passed on and military service members. The tree, which will be filled with lights commemorating those who have passed on, will be on display at the Pioneer Museum through the holiday season. Certain bulbs on the tree will also represent those loved ones serving in the Armed Forces and those stationed around the globe.

If you would like to include a bulb for your loved ones, contact any high school student council member, advisor or the high school office at 406-228-2485. The deadline for acquiring a bulb or bulbs is Dec. 2, and the tree will be on display from Dec. 4 to Dec. 31. The official lighting

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At Irlle School, third-graders constructed turkeys to be used as table decorations for the Valley County Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Students in Mr. Doornek, Mrs. Siverly, Mrs. Bense, and Mrs. Swenson classes were happy to craft the centerpieces for the long standing tradition. Taking time from their busy school day to show off their handy work is Mrs. Bense's 3rd grade class (pictured L to R) Back row: Jordan Barnhart, Jacob Brown, Klay Cornwell, William Kirkland Middle row: Ellie Tryan, Avyiah Baadsgaard, Cash Nybakken, Kaylly Turner, Davis Tolzien, Ariel Ost, Dylan Williams Front row: Rebecca Nickels, Joely Chappell, Annika Smith, Lily Kelly, Connor Martell, Charlie Soper, Andrew Linder.



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Joy Guttenberg and her mother-in-law Mary Jo pose at the Apple Trolley on Nov. 18.

Soup's On at The Apple Trolley

DANE OSEN / FOR THE COURIER

The Apple Trolley, located next to Crazy Woman Quilts in Glasgow's Plaid Square, is now offering soups to add to their menu of sweets and other snacks. Owner Joy Guttenberg is preparing the soups from scratch, and will be switching up the shop's menu from week to week.

The idea came to Guttenberg while she was craving soup at work. She kept finding local eateries' stocks sold out. Admitting jokingly that her decision to offer soup was out of selfishness, she recognized the opportunity to expand the shop's horizons and lure customers in with her delicious cooking.

Guttenberg opened her business in the Flathead Valley nine years ago, first in the tourist town of Big Fork, and later relocating it to the city of Kalispell. The

story of bringing her business to Glasgow is somewhat like a fairy tale of sorts. It begins with her coming to Glasgow for a hunting trip with friends Dan and Darcie Fast. The hunting trip was guided by Tim Guttenberg, whom Joy would eventually marry. Her initial thoughts of Glasgow were that it was cute town and friendly.

After that initial trip, she decided to enter in the local AAUW bazaar with her candied apples. She prepared 250 apples for the bazaar and quickly sold out of them before noon, with several people asking her if she was going to start a business in Glasgow. Another friend in the area she was familiar with, Della Gardiner, helped her secure a spot to locate her shop, and she has remained in business in the area for the last six years.

Guttenberg has had plenty of help from her family in operating her business. After opening in Glasgow, her mother managed the Kalispell store until retiring three years ago. At the Glasgow shop her husband Tim and stepson Chase often lend a helping hand, and her three-year-old son, Joel, is always there to greet and assist customers. The Apple Trolley also takes orders through their online shop, shipping delicious treats across the country and have even had treats sent to troops in the Middle East.

To get your soup fix or to sooth your sugar tooth, visit the Apple Trolley located at 23 US Hwy. 2 East. The Apple Trolley is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 to 5:30, and on Saturday from 10:00 to 2:00. To place an order, call 406- 228-2915 or visit www.appletrolley.com.

Prairie Ridge Village Hosts 1950s Sock Hop

A.J. ETHERINGTON
THE COURIER

Since July, the Prairie Ridge Village community has been hosting community dances in partnership with Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital. According to Amber Swindler, director of Prairie Ridge, the dances are an effort to bring the residents and the community of Glasgow closer together.

The most recent edition of the village dances was a 1950s "sock hop" on Nov. 18 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Performing was the band Dave Pippen and the Guys, who according to Swindler, "Always just treat us great." Swindler also commented that over 80 people attended with about an equal blend of residents and community members, which Swindler described as being both great for the residents and great fun for the community as well.

"Some of the ladies went out and got costumes just for the sock hop, and the poodle skirts were definitely twirling," said Swindler adding that, "The energy was just fantastic... Its always heart-warming to me to see people, who probably haven't danced in years, get up and dance and have fun."

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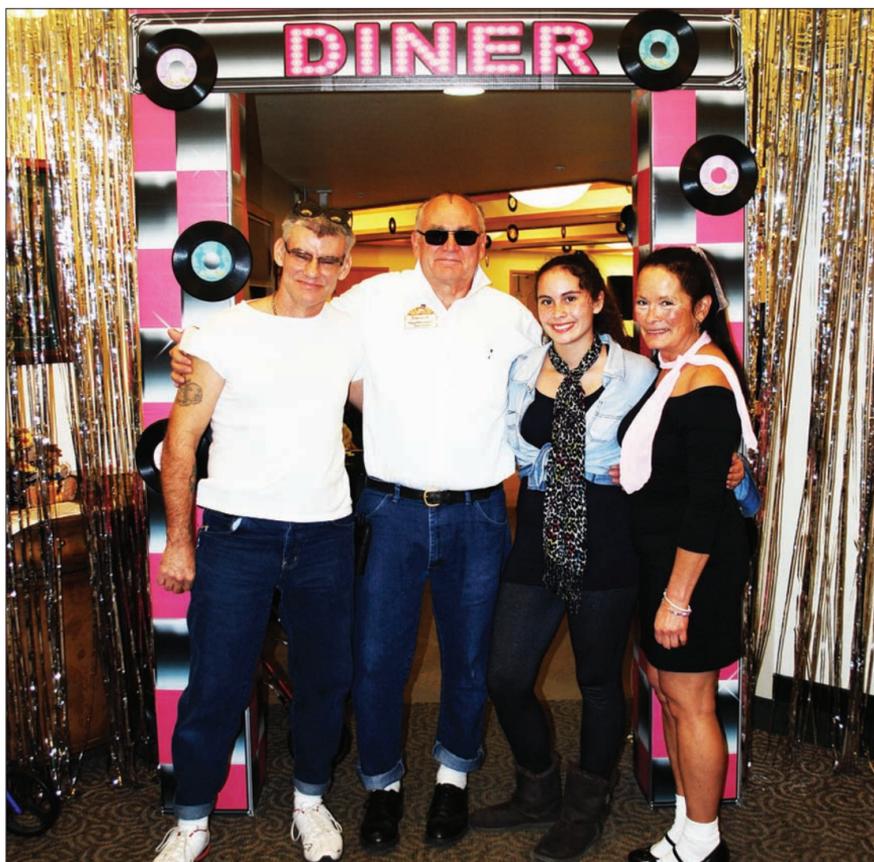


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Pictured L-R: Carl Dencausse, Dennis Garsjo, Isabel Montoya and Celia Montoya get into the spirit at Prairie Ridge.



COURTESY PHOTO

Courier contributor Ginevra Kirkland shows off a gold "Kids Books" bin beneath Jim Tollefson's book exchange in Hinsdale's Legion Park.

Literacy Project Teams Up with Tollefson

A.J. ETHERINGTON
THE COURIER

After launching distribution points in Frazer and Opheim earlier this fall (See *Countywide Literacy Project Takes Shape in Frazer*, Sept. 28), Boxcar Road Books has expanded to Hinsdale. Courier editor James Walling and contributor Ginevra Kirkland have joined forces with Jim Tollefson and his recently-constructed book exchange, located two blocks north of Hwy.

2 near Raiders Quick Stop. "We were planning on setting up a shelf at Sweet Memories on Montana Street," Walling said, "but Leonna [Knutson] closes soon for the winter, and Jim got there ahead of us anyway."

The idea for a box of kids' books arose when Walling and Kirkland noticed some young people investigating Tollefson's exchange. According to the pair, the children were obviously

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Wild Bunch members Pamela Harr (l), Larry Ochsner (center-right) and Connie Tveten (r) pose with Robert Tveten (center-left) at the Cottonwood Inn on Nov. 19.

Wild Bunch Event Attracts Local Art Hunters

DANE OSEN
THE COURIER

On Nov. 18-20, the artist collective known as the Wild Bunch transformed the conference room at the Cottonwood Inn into an impromptu art gallery for the weekend. This year's event featured the 11 area artists displaying mediums of all sorts including sculptures, bronzes, jewelry, photography, drawings, and paintings.

Connie Tveten is one of the original members of the collective, participating in the initial show 16 years ago. She works in multiple mediums and her display included some of her superb paintings, including several of her wood carvings of birds that look so life like you expect them to fly away. Tveten makes her home in the Idlewild development by Fort Peck, an area that allows her to regularly observe birds and perfect her realistic carvings.

Another Glasgow area artist, Whitney Paju, made her handiwork available at the gallery as well. Admitting to being "Horse Crazy," the artist's work features predominately equine models. She has contributed in Wild Bunch art shows non-consecutively seven times. Paju's display

featured a variety of different offerings, from coloring books and coffee mugs featuring her art work, to acrylic paintings on both canvas and leather as well as pastel drawings. Her coloring books and coffee mugs show her ability to think outside of the box in terms of marketable mediums. She also recognizes the attachment that pet owners have towards their own animals. Recognizing this niche she saw the opportunity to get involved with pet portraits, a venture that keeps her quite busy and funds her other projects.

Paju also stated that the shows are a social event as well, giving her the opportunity to socialize with clients and share wonderful stories. She enjoys the camaraderie she feels with the other artists, and looks forward to the events and spending time with colleagues in the group of which she is fond. If you missed her at the Wild Bunch show, she will be attending another event displaying her art at the Wolf Point Craft Show on Dec. 3, at the Wolf Point High School.

This year's event was very well attended, with a steady flow of foot traffic throughout the weekend. Wild Bunch artist Cathryn Sugg added, "Community support of local artists is

impressive. This is my first year with the Wild Bunch and it has pretty much been a non-stop flow of folks coming in."

St. Marie artist Leith DeWeese is another fantastic artist on the Wild Bunch roster. Her primary medium is water color and her paintings are quite astounding. Particular stand outs are her portraits of old buildings and nature that are exquisite both in detail and composition.

DeWeese also acts as the group's organizer and she is responsible for setting up events around the eastern part of the state and also in Great Falls. The next event the group will be participating in will be held in Malta at City Hall on Dec. 4, where a fundraiser and auction to benefit Art Spot Education Programs will occur. Some members of the Wild Bunch will be participating by composing quick draw paintings that will be auctioned off during the charitable event.

To get in contact with the Wild Bunch, find out about upcoming events, or if you are an artist wishing to future exhibits, contact Leith DeWeese at 406-524-3102. If you're interested in commissioning a pet portrait contact Whitney Paju 406-228-8002, or by email at whitneysoriginals@gmail.com.



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	Dr. Bennion	Dec. 15	OR & 2nd Floor
	Dr. Bennion	Dec. 16	2nd Floor
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	Amber Zito, PA-C	Dec. 8	2nd Floor
	Dr. Plank	Dec. 20	telemedicine
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	Dr. Trostel	Dec. 22	telemedicine
Oncology/Hematology	Kathryn Waitman, DNP	Dec. 1	2nd Floor
	Dr. Kidd	Dec. 14	2nd Floor
	Dr. Kidd	Dec. 28	telemedicine
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	Dr. Swanson	Dec. 15	2nd Floor
Neurology	Dr. Echeverri	Dec. 13	2nd Floor
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WEEKLY MENUS

November 28 – December 2

This menu is sponsored by the local businesses listed below. Thank you for your community support!

<p>GLASGOW SCHOOLS Food allergy alert: PB-Peanut Butter, WN-Walnuts, STR-Strawberries. Menus are subject to change. All meals served with milk & fruit.</p> <p>Monday, November 28 Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, breakfast bar, peaches Lunch: Chicken strips, green beans, mixed fruit, cinnamon graham</p> <p>Tuesday, November 29 Breakfast: Egg & cheese wrap, tri tater, apple Lunch: Melted cheese sand., tomato soup w/sunflower seeds, goldfish crackers, pears</p> <p>Wednesday, November 30 Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage patty, juice Lunch: Pizza hot dish, salad w/ranch, bun w/jelly, oranges</p> <p>Thursday, December 1 Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, mini bagel, applesauce Lunch: Pretzel w/cheese, taco soup w/ corn chips, mandarin oranges</p> <p>Thursday, December 2 Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, tri tater, juice Lunch: Corn dog, carrot sticks, banana, chocolate chip bar</p> <p>NASHUA SCHOOL All meals served with milk. Salad bar & fresh fruit are served daily at lunch. Menus subject to change w/o notice.</p> <p>Monday, November 28 Menu not available</p> <p>Tuesday, November 29 Breakfast: Breakfast burritos Lunch: Hot ham & cheese & potato soup</p> <p>Wednesday, November 30 Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls Lunch: Pizza & breadstick</p> <p>Thursday, December 1 Breakfast: Bagels Lunch: Chicken wraps and rice pilaf</p>	<p>OPHEIM SCHOOL All meals include milk. Salad Bar is served every T-W-Th. Hot breakfast on Mon. & Fri. only. Menu items subject to change.</p> <p>Monday, November 28 Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, yogurt Lunch: Meatloaf, potatoes, fruit, veggies</p> <p>Tuesday, November 29 Breakfast: H/C cereal, fruit, yogurt Lunch: Chili dog casserole, fruit</p> <p>Wednesday, November 30 Breakfast: H/C cereal, fruit, yogurt Lunch: Stew, biscuits, fruit, veg.</p> <p>Thursday, December 1 Menu not available</p> <p>SACO SCHOOL Breakfast includes cereal, toast, milk, fruit or juice. Lunch includes salad bar and milk.</p> <p>Monday, November 28 Breakfast: Oven omelet Lunch: Meatloaf, potatoes, carrots, fruit/bun</p> <p>Tuesday, November 29 Breakfast: Biscuits & gravy Lunch: Chicken, rice, stir-fry veggies, fruit</p> <p>Wednesday, November 30 Breakfast: Eggs & hashbrowns Lunch: Ham & cheese sandwich, potatoes, fruit</p> <p>Thursday, December 1 Menu not available</p>	<p>SENIOR CITIZENS - GLASGOW (5 Days a week) for reservations, call 228-9500 by 10 a.m. the day before. Each day's menu includes coffee, bread, butter & milk. Menu items subject to change without notice.</p> <p>Hinsdale (Tues. & Thurs.) Stoughies Bar & Grill; Nashua (Mon., Wed. & Thurs. Only) Fort Peck (Mon., Wed. & Fri.)</p> <p>Monday, November 28 Spaghetti</p> <p>Tuesday, November 29 Cook's choice</p> <p>Wednesday, November 30 French dip</p> <p>Thursday, December 1 Chicken breast</p> <p>Friday, December 2 Fish</p> <p>HINSDALE SCHOOL Meals subject to change w/o notice. Breakfast includes: milk, juice and hot and cold cereal, Lunch includes salad bar, fruits, vegetables, dessert and milk.</p> <p>Monday, November 28 Breakfast: Breakfast pizza Lunch: Enchilada casserole</p> <p>Tuesday, November 29 Breakfast: Biscuits & gravy Lunch: Chow mein</p> <p>Wednesday, November 30 Breakfast: Pancakes/sausage wrap Lunch: Pizza & birthday cake</p> <p>Thursday, December 1 Breakfast: French toast Lunch: Corn/ham chowder soup & buns</p>
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PHOTO BY KATHY JOHNSON / FOR THE COURIER
Nelene Hallberg and Dennis Garsjo cut a rug at Prairie Ridge on Nov. 18.

Sock Hop

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The events occur monthly and include refreshments such as cupcakes shaped like hamburgers and door prizes for attendees. Swindler emphasized that, "Cathy Johnson, our program coordinator, does an awesome job putting on the events."

The dances are open to all ages and all members of the community, and Swindler emphasized that the residents love hosting the community and incorporating more people into their activities. The next dance will be a masquerade ball on New Years Eve from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and all are invited to attend.

Remembrance Tree

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ceremony will occur on Dec. 4 at 4:00 p.m., and the GHS Student Council would like to invite the entire community to attend the ceremony at the Pioneer Museum. Refreshments will be served as part of the ceremony. The proceeds from the Remembrance Tree will be donated to the Blocks of Bucks program. In the past over \$23,000 has been donated to the program through the Student Council Remembrance Tree.

Tollefson

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interested in the small wooden structure, but found mainly grown-up titles to choose from. Walling explained, "We decided the better part of valor was to add to what he'd already begun."

In addition to efforts in Frazier, Opheim and Hinsdale, the literacy project will be coming to Glasgow early in December. According to Walling, Boxcar

Road Books will have a shelf set up at the Sean R. Heavey Gallery downtown in coordination with Open House festivities on Dec. 2 from 4-7 p.m.

Kirkland and Walling are also planning to have a shelf up at Hot Shots Espresso on Hwy 2 prior to the Christmas holiday.

Donations can be made to support the Boxcar Road Books program, a portion of which goes to the Valley County Friends of the Library foundation. For more information, contact Walling at 406-942-0331 or visit the Courier office.



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Happy New Year!

Free Rides on New Year's Eve

DANE OSEN
THE COURIER

For the past 20 years, Valley County Search & Rescue has teamed up with local wrecker services to offer party-goers a ride home after drinking on New Year's Eve. This year, the crew will begin to offer free rides home around 4:30 p.m. and will be calling it a night around 5:00 a.m. The DUI task force will be assisting with the funding for this event by donating \$15 per ride with a cap of \$500.

The rides are not limited to just Glasgow. Doug Cook will be offering rides home in the Fort Peck and Park Grove area and Stone Tihista will be offering rides in Nashua. Whether you live three blocks away or have a different zip code, don't be afraid to ask for a ride.

For a ride home on New Year's Eve, contact the following who are donating their time and services:

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Kenny Bryan, Search & Rescue, 263-5116

Jeron Wesen, Search & Rescue, 263-0265

Whisky Isakson, Search & Rescue, 263-2505

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Railcar Cleanup Effort Extends to Bonfires

A.J. ETHERINGTON / THE COURIER

The railcar at the intersection of Hwy. 117 and Boxcar Road near Park Grove has been the site of some festive bonfires lately. Currently, the property is home to one historic railcar and two giant piles of wooden debris that once graced our local short lines in railcar form.

Courier editor James Walling discussed efforts to clean up the property and make the piece of land and its resident artifact more appealing to passing traffic and local residents.

"We're in good-neighbor mode right now," Walling explains. "We really just want to get the piles of wooden debris along the new highway burned, sold, or given away by springtime."

In a Courier article dated July 8, 2015, Walling discussed his intentions of turning the car into a writer's retreat and bookstore. Both Walling and Courier contributor Ginevra Kirkland have been attached to a countywide literacy project named Boxcar Road Books, inspired by the railcar's physical address.

The centennial car once travelled the state and country loaded with gold, silver, and art in a 1964 attempt to draw attention to the state's massive appeal and scenery. The train, named in honor of

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SEAN R. HEAVEY / FOR THE COURIER

Pictured L-R: Glasgow's Ryan Brown, David Ahlstedt (Nashua), and photographer Carlos Valle gather around a fire at Boxcar Road near the Fort Peck Dredge Cuts on Dec. 10.



DANE OSEN / FOR THE COURIER

Outgoing Sheriff Glen Meier welcomes his replacement, Vernon Buerkle.

Buerkle, Fahlgren Sworn In

DANE OSEN / THE COURIER

Recent elected officials were sworn in on Dec. 27, with Justice of the Peace Christine Hillman presiding. County Commissioner John Fahlgren, County Attorney Dylan Jensen, and District Court Clerk Shelley Bryan all took the oath of office.

Retiring Sheriff Glen Meier broke from the expected protocol and took it upon himself to swear in his replacement, long time Undersheriff Vernon Buerkle

into his post as Valley County Sheriff. The passing of the torch was marked with a lighthearted quip from Meier to Buerkle, "Now don't you start crying on me!" and a quick chuckle, before getting down to brass tacks and taking his oath.

The ceremony was attended by family and friends, fellow officials, and those retiring their respective posts. The newly-sworn-in Fahlgren and Buerkle will assume their new positions on January 1, 2017.

Natural Death Involved in Christmas Day Crash

A.J. ETHERINGTON
THE COURIER

Outgoing Sheriff Glen Meier and Acting Sheriff Vernon Buerkle discussed the details of a Christmas Day crash along Highway 24 between Glasgow and St Marie: The driver was an 81-year-old Valley County resident, Terry Delbert Fuhrman.

The Sheriff's Office believes the individual died of a heart-attack prior to driving off the road. "It wasn't a DUI or anything like that," said Meier, stressing the cause was natural

and it's very likely the driver died before the crash.

According to Meier, the cause of death is still not officially confirmed, pending an autopsy in Billings, but Buerkle and Meier both confirmed that the Sheriff's office currently believed the cause was a natural heart-attack, based on the reports by the doctors in Valley County.

Fuhrman was driving alone and no other vehicles were involved in the crash. Emergency services did respond to the scene.

A Chance to Quit Smoking

BRITTANY ARCHAMBEAULT
FOR THE COURIER

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sation method. "According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, e-cigarettes are not an FDA-approved tobacco cessation medication. New FDA regulations requiring disclosure of e-cigarette ingredients have not yet come into effect. Currently, there is no way of knowing exactly what is being inhaled", says Tobacco Prevention Specialist Brittany Archambeault, with the Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program. The Quit Line and FDA-approved cessation medications, available through enrollment, are proven, effective ways to help stop tobacco use successfully.

To get started, call the Quit Line toll-free at 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669), or visit www.QuitNowMontana.com to enroll. American Indian callers can reach Native coaches directly by calling 1-855-372-0037. Set yourself up for success in the New Year, and call the Quit Line today!



SEAN R. HEAVEY / FOR THE COURIER

Golfers enjoy fair weather at Glasgow's Sunnyside Golf & Country Club this past summer. For more images from 2016, see Page 5A and 6A.



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Photo at left: Scout Troop leader Mike Carney serves desserts cooked over an open flame to cubscouts at Boy Scout Park this summer.

Bottom Photo: Jon Matfeldt and Clem Lemieux feed the masses from the goodness of their hearts on Aug. 11.

For more pictures from 2016, see Page 5A.



NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

National suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

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County Brief

DANE OSEN
THE COURIER

Topics on the agenda discussed Dec. 21 at the county commissioners meeting were general items put forth to ready the county for the new year.

First up on the agenda was appointing Bruce Peterson as the chairman. The position doesn't necessarily have a term limit and they typically try to change the chair about every two years.

The Commissioners also voted upon what day they would hold their meeting dates in the new year. It was passed unanimously to keep the day of the week the same.

Various rates and fees were discussed, including the daily incarceration rates. It was decided to keep the rate at \$65 for the men and \$70 for the females. Fees for the Sheriff's department was decided to be left the same, with a fee of \$85 being imposed for levying and serving each writ of attachment of execution on real or personal property.

A \$60 dollar fee is being imposed for the following: for ser-

vice of summons and complaint on each defendant; making a return of a summons for a person not found in the county; for service of attachment on the body or order of arrest on each defendant; for service of affidavit, order and undertaking in claim and delivery; for serving a subpoena on a witness; for serving writ of possession or restitution; for trial of the right of property of damages, including all services; for serving every notice, rule, or order; for taking bond or undertaking in any case authorized by law; for posting the first notice and advertising any property for sale on execution or under any judgment or order of sale, exclusive of cost of publication, additional posting \$25 each; for holding any sheriff's sale for personal or real property on execution or under any judgment or order of sale, except if a sale is ordered from the United States District Court, then the fee for conducting the sale, posting notice and publication shall be the same as charged by the United States Marshals pursuant to federal law; for cancellation or postponement

of sheriff's sale.

The Commissioners also discussed Beaver Creek Bridge. They voted to approve final design for the bridge west of Hinsdale. Commissioner Peterson expressed his desire to have a priority discussion and review the budget before voting on committing funds to acquire a final design on the project. Even with his concerns over the issue, it was brought to table and passed with an estimated cost to be around \$20,000 dollars at the time of the meeting. The measure passed as Dave Reinhardt and Paul Tweeten anticipate that getting the project ready to bid earlier will possibly keep the construction cost down, and increase the possibility of acquiring funding from the Treasure State Endowment Program.

The final item for discussion at the meeting was authorizing credit cards for transit and the road department. Commissioners voted in favor as these cards are from local banks and payments can be made directly to the issuing bank.

Silent Auction Celebrates Area Roots, Agriculture

DANE OSEN
THE COURIER

The Valley County Conservation District and NRCS are currently seeking donations to be sold at a silent auction. The charitable event proceeds will be used towards exhibits and games for children to explore at the Children's Museum of NE Montana. These exhibits will give children the opportunity to explore and learn about science and agriculture, which is vital to Valley County.

Valley County Conservation District and NRCS have been working on the project for well over a year, donating their own money and time at the museum

to make it happen. One of the goals of the exhibit is to connect children's present to the past. Our area has a rich heritage, many of the families in Valley County got their roots planted in the area during the homesteaded and when the area was first developed.

Another display that the group is developing is aimed towards teaching children about agriculture in a fun way. Utilizing science and games to entertain as well as educate children on how their food is made. The agricultural exhibit features an ant factory, which is similar to an ant farm but bigger, a talking microscope that describes what you are seeing, and a bee game that demonstrates and educates

children on the importance of a bee's role in agriculture.

The silent auction is due to take place during The Winter Grazing Seminar at the Cottonwood Inn which takes place Jan. 17 and 18.

Donations can be taken to the USDA service center located at 54059 US Hwy 2 West, during business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Organizers of the fundraiser suggest that donations be something you would give as a gift, and also they ask that you do not donate clothing. Monetary donations are also welcome. For more information about the event or how to donate contact Penny Shipp at 406-228-4321 ext. 101.

Free Rides FROM PAGE 1A

Stone Tihista, Search & Rescue, 263-8383 (Nashua Area)

To raise funds for future endeavors, the Valley County

Search & Rescue will be hosting a fundraising event at the VFW on Jan. 28. The event will include a silent auction, dinner, the 4th Street Band will be performing and there will be a raffle drawing for a 2016 Honda Pioneer 1000. Raffle tickets can be

purchased for \$25 from Scotts Track 'n Wheel, Stockmans Bar, the Glasgow VFW, or by any Search & Rescue Member. For more information on the Glasgow Search & Rescue or how you can help out, contact Randy Isakson at 406-263-2193.

Railcar Cleanup FROM PAGE 1A

Montana's Centennial celebration, ultimately made its way to the 1964 New York World's Fair and back again, carrying over 300

passengers; some of them among Montana's most distinguished residents, visiting over 18 states and the District of Columbia, where passengers rubbed elbows with the likes of President Lyndon Johnson.

This winter, the guest list is

comparatively modest. According to Walling and Kirkland, all comers are welcome, provided they don't mind feeding the fire from time to time. "If you notice a fire going," Walling adds, extending the invite generally, "feel free to stop by and say hello."

WEEKLY MENUS

January 2 – 6

This menu is sponsored by the local businesses listed below. Thank you for your community support!

<p>GLASGOW SCHOOLS Food allergy alert: PB-Peanut Butter, WN-Walnuts, STR-Strawberries. Menus are subject to change. All meals served with milk & fruit.</p> <p>Monday, January 2 NO SCHOOL Tuesday, January 3 Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, breakfast bar, peaches Lunch: Chicken strips, green beans, mixed fruit, cinnamon graham Wednesday, January 4 Breakfast: Waffles, ham, juice Lunch: Cheesy breadstick, ham & bean soup, corn bread w/honey butter, pears Thursday, January 5 Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, mand. orange, pop tart Lunch: Spaghetti, garlic toast, salad w/ranch, applesauce Friday, January 6 Breakfast: Bagel w/crm chz, yogurt parfait, juice Lunch: Corn dog, carrot sticks, watermelon, M&M bar</p>	<p>OPHEIM SCHOOL All meals include milk. Salad Bar is served every T-W-Th. Hot breakfast on Mon. & Fri. only. Menu items subject to change.</p> <p>Monday, January 2 NO SCHOOL Tuesday, January 3 Breakfast: H/C cereal, fruit, yogurt Lunch: Hamburgers with toppings, fruit Wednesday, January 4 Breakfast: H/C cereal, fruit, yogurt Lunch: Tacos with toppings, fruit Thursday, January 5 Breakfast: H/C cereal, fruit, yogurt Lunch: Pork, fruit Friday, January 6 Breakfast: Biscuits & gravy, fruit, yogurt Lunch: Creamed chicken, mashed potatoes, fruit, veg.</p>	<p>NASHUA SCHOOL All meals served with milk. Salad bar & fresh fruit are served daily at lunch. Meals subject to change w/o notice.</p> <p>Monday, January 2 Breakfast: Ham, eggs & hashbrowns Lunch: Taco soup Tuesday, January 3 Breakfast: Breakfast burritos Lunch: Pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy Wednesday, January 4 Breakfast: Sausage, egg and cheese bagels Lunch: Taco salad Thursday, January 5 Breakfast: Maple sticks Lunch: Chicken tetrazzini and breadstick</p>
<p>● MARCO</p> <p>● EZZIE'S MIDTOWN</p> <p>● VALLEY BANK</p> <p>● REYNOLDS MARKET</p> <p>● DALE PLUMBING & HEATING, INC.</p>	<p>HINSDALE SCHOOL Meals subject to change w/o notice. Breakfast includes: milk, juice and hot and cold cereal, Lunch includes salad bar, fruits, vegetables, dessert and milk.</p> <p>Tuesday, January 3 Breakfast: Pancake sausage wrap Lunch: Tuna noodle casserole Wednesday, January 4 Breakfast: Cinnamon buns Lunch: Tacos Thursday, January 5 Breakfast: Egg, sausage, cheese bagel Lunch: Chow mein Friday, January 6 Breakfast: French toast Lunch: French dip</p>	<p>SENIOR CITIZENS - GLASGOW (5 Days a week) for reservations, call 228-9500 by 10 a.m. the day before. Each day's menu includes coffee, bread, butter & milk. Menu items subject to change without notice. Hinsdale (Tues. & Thurs.) Stoughies Bar & Grill; Nashua (Mon., Wed. & Thurs. Only) Fort Peck (Mon., Wed. & Fri.)</p> <p>Menu not available at press time</p>
		<p>SACO SCHOOL Breakfast includes cereal, toast, milk, fruit or juice. Lunch includes salad bar and milk.</p> <p>Menu not available at press time</p>

YESTERDAY'S COURIER MEMORIES

No Trace Found of Missing Whitewater Man

COMPILED BY SANDY NELSON
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10 Years Ago
Wednesday, April 18, 25,
2007

• At its regular meeting Monday, the Glasgow City Council witnessed as Mayor Dan Carney conducted the swearing in of two new officials. Melanie Sorenson took the oath of office and assumed her seat on the council as alderman of Ward 2 and Dave Riggin raised his right hand and began his tenure as city judge.

• Nate Remmich was selected as the Hinsdale High School delegate to Boys State.

• Katie Barnard has been named valedictorian and Levi Lacock the salutatorian for the class of 2007 at Hinsdale High School.

25 Years Ago
Thursday, April 16, 23,
1992

• Enkeruds say windfall won't change lifestyle. Can you believe it? That's the way Sever Enkerud greeted friends who crowded around to shake his hand when he and his wife, Esther, returned from Helena Monday after verifying the winning Lotto America ticket that will pay off to the tune of \$2 million before taxes. The federal government will take a cut first, with the couple to get \$80,000 a year for 20 years, adding up to \$1,600,000. Somewhere along the line, the state will be taking its share.

• Time to bring out the Western lookin' duds and mosey on down to the Glasgow Livestock Sales Co. to adopt a wild horse on April 23. The wild horses, coming from a South Dakota sanctuary, can be adopted for a \$75 fee. Each horse has a four-inch freeze brand on its hip which identifies it as a sanctuary horse.

• Kayla Larson, 6-year-old junior member of Opheim's American Legion Auxiliary Unit, won first prize for signing up the most junior members in the state. She will receive a \$50 Savings Bond.

Thursday, April 30, 1992

• The only live project and perhaps the most popular at the Science Fair, was Kimberly



A wood pile sits ready to heat an office in Wheeler, near the Fort Peck Dam construction site. Date unknown.

Hovland's pet rat, Cameron. She is trying to teach him to play basketball, but he preferred to crawl in and out of the hoops. Cameron, a light tan, was purchased in Havre two months ago.

• Charles Brocksmith was honored on his 90th birthday during a Bank of Montana open house last week in Glasgow.

50 Years Ago
Thursday, May 11, 1967

• Ben Redekopp of Lustre had the misfortune of breaking a leg this week while riding a horse. The horse slipped and fell on a hillside. Not that breaking a leg is such an unusual thing for Ben, but for him it meant the same leg, the same bone, riding the same horse as last fall.

• James Sheldon Williamson is valedictorian and Rocky Zimdars, salutatorian, of the Nashua High School graduating class of 1967. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Williamson of Nashua and Rocky is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Zimdars of

Fort Peck.

75 Years Ago
Thursday, April 30, 1942

• The country's farmers soon will have to return to using the old-fashioned steel-wheeled wagon. Because of the critical rubber situation, the War Production Board has ordered production of farm machinery and equipment requiring rubber tires discontinued after April 30, except for combine threshers. Production of combines requiring rubber tires must be stopped after July 31.

• The War Production Board has reduced the amount of elastic fabric that may be used in corsets, girdles, combinations, brassieres and similar women's garments in order to make supplies now on hand last as long as possible. In addition, production has been curtailed 25 percent.

• Fishing tackle manufacturers have been ordered by the War Production Board to stop using metals, plastics and cork

in non-commercial fishing tackle manufactured after May 31. Fishing hooks, however, may be manufactured for three months, beginning June 1, at a rate of 50 percent of 1941 production.

• Facts to remember when you register for sugar rations: One adult member of each family unit should register for all members. Those registering for all members of their family must have the following information about each member of the family: height, weight, color of eyes and age. They must also state the amount of white and brown sugar in any form which is in possession of the family unit. Each of the first four stamps in the book will be good for one pound of sugar within a specified period — roughly two weeks.

• To prevent crowding and save time in consumer registration for sugar rationing next week, R. L. Irlle, superintendent of schools, requested today that Glasgow people register if pos-

sible on designated days, such as people with last names that begin with A to D, are asked to register Monday, E to J on Tuesday, etc.

• Larslan Postmaster O. J. Jevne returned Monday morning from Helena where he went to meet Crown Prince Olav and Crown Princess Martha of Norway, who were there on a lecture tour. Prince Olav, in an address to 2,000 people at the Helena Civic Center, said that Norwegian people look forward to the day of their liberation from Nazi rule. Prince Olav gave an authentic account of the invasion of Norway and said the Norwegians held out against the Nazis for 62 days, Mr. Jevne said. The prince and his wife escaped separately from Norway, sailing from Tromso and another northern port.

• Robert S. Adams, aged man who lived for years in a one-room shack on the bank of the Milk River near the city water plant, left an estate valued at \$13,000. Not only that, but almost \$2,500

in currency was found in a black suitcase in the cabin. Adams had four sons, who requested that C. H. Roberts, Glasgow attorney and for many years a friend of Adams, be appointed administrator. The estate inventory shows that besides the money found in the cabin, Adams had a checking account of \$1,994 in a Glasgow bank, three federal farm mortgage notes aggregating \$6,610 signed by Valley County residents and farmland north of Nashua.

Glasgow Times
86 Years Ago
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Vallandigham. Subscription
Price \$2 a year.

Friday, May 22, 1931

• No trace has been found of Norman Tabbgut, rancher of Whitewater, who disappeared from his home a month ago riding a roan horse branded with a Box-X on the right shoulder.

• Sneak thieves bored holes in granary walls of the McKee-Stenehjem Land Company at Plentywood and stole 20 bushels of registered Bison seed flax.

Friday, May 29, 1931

• Bonanza, hoax or fraud? That is the question that is stirring in the minds of hundreds of Saskatchewan and Montana citizens who have followed the lure of gold on a much-heralded "strike" in the Fife Lake country of southern Saskatchewan. The site of the purported gold strike, which attracted hundreds of prospectors, promoters, sight seers and farmers to the sleepy little villages of Fife Lake and Coronach, only a few miles across the Canadian border from Scobey and Plentywood, is on Goose Creek, which is understood to be a tributary of the east fork of the Poplar River. All the excitement of an old-time gold rush is said to have featured the first influx of gold seekers into the two communities last week when word quickly spread that a strike had been made.

• Every foot of the dry creek bed has been staked, according to the Daniels County Leader (Scobey), and many local farmers find carloads of motorists tramping over their wheat fields, setting up stakes, wiring off choice hoped-to-be mines.

Invasive Mussels Detected; Public Meetings Scheduled

MICHELLE BIGELBACH
THE COURIER

In October 2016, aquatic invasive mussel larvae were detected in Tiber Reservoir and suspected in Canyon Ferry Reservoir.

The Missouri River Conservation District Council is holding public meetings to find out what these findings mean for central and eastern Montana. All meetings will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the following locations:

- May 15 at the Eagles Club in Lewistown
- May 16 at the Great Northern Lodge Room in Malta
- May 17 at the Fort Peck Interpretive Center in Fort Peck
- May 18 at the Summit Corral in Jordan

The detection of mussels affect all citizens including agricultural producers, boaters, and recreationists.

The public is welcome to attend these meetings to find out what threats these mussels pose, how they can impact the community and way of life as well as how to prevent their spread in Montana. For more information call Rachel Frost at 406-454-0056.

Hanson to be Honored at Montana Western's Commencement

MICHELLE BIGELBACH
THE COURIER

Montana Farm Bureau president Bob Hanson will receive the University of Montana Western distinguished service award during their commencement on May 6, at 11 a.m. The university's 120th annual commencement will be held in the Straugh Gymnasium on the Montana Western campus.

A 1970 graduate of Western Montana College (now the University of Montana Western) with a Bachelor of Science degree in physical science and chemistry, Hanson first taught school in Anchorage, Alaska where he also coached football, track and cross country skiing. In 1972, he returned to the family ranch where he became active in the community and with numerous county and state agricultural groups and organizations.

"Bob Hanson has been a life-long proponent for Montana Western and our students. His service to his community and the university is unparalleled. We are very proud to honor Bob and his significant contribution to higher education," said Director of Alumni Relations

Roxanne Engellant.

She cited Hanson's many contributions to the University of Montana Western including lobbying the Montana legislature when the college was threatened with closure; working closely with Montana regents to restore the previously canceled football program; supporting the rodeo program and Community Rodeo Banquet; and, most recently, assisting the university's Young Farmers Young Ranchers program, providing financial support to help students attend their national convention.

Hanson has a long history with the Montana Farm Bureau serving in a number of capacities before being named president in 2008. He also serves on the national board of directors for the American Farm Bureau. In addition to the Farm Bureau, Hanson is active in the Montana Stockgrower's Association, National Cattlemen's Beef Association and Society of Range Management. He is also the owner of the Montana Horse Company, and has a family ranch in White Sulphur Springs, which includes diversified horse, cattle, grain and timber operations.

Valley County Pioneer Museum Unveils New Displays



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Ginevra Kirkland (l) explores some of the new exhibits at the Valley County Pioneer Museum with Rivers Sugg (center) and Cathryn Reitler on April 20.

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THE COURIER

The Valley County Pioneer Museum is now open for summer with the following hours: Mondays thru Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There are many special fea-

tures including a new display by the members of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, depicting the history and special memorability of the organization. The caboose has been being completely refurbished and can be viewed from the inside to imagine what life was like as a conductor or brakeman.

The Niederinghaus Center is currently still under construction however is open to viewing the street scene and individual businesses. The Quast House, a farm house from Glentana, is all furnished and set up. There is also a collection of wooden shoes in the entrance display case.

The museum has other additions such as events during the summer and new books have been added to the bookstore. The museum welcomes school and family tours as well.

For further information or to schedule a special event, call the museum at 406-228-8692.



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