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On a musical mission

Festival to feature six acts at Creekside Marketplace Aug. 6

By KATHERINE SEARS | Managing Editor

A leap of faith – that’s how organizer Renee Rummans describes what it’s taken to bring six musical acts to Lewistown to perform for “Centerfest,” a one-day music festival to be held Saturday Aug. 6 at Creekside Marketplace and Pavilion.

“It’s been a lot of planning and connecting with people who believe in the long-term goals of what a music festival can do for the Lewistown community and Central Montana,” said Rummans, whose company, Stone City, is producing the festival.

The day includes music, food and drink vendors, demonstrations, and several activities to partake in. Some demonstrations include how to make herbal infusions and furniture making with hand tools. Attendees will also be able to participate in making festival bandanas with the Lewistown Art Center, face painting, and virtual reality.

While there is a cost to attend the festival, the activities and demonstrations are free.

“The mission behind Centerfest is to promote inclusion, generate connection, foster creativity, and share in collective joy,” said Rummans. “It’s kind of a celebration of that with all of the music on stage and the many different vendors.”

Americana Roots Folk Rock band “The Steel Wheels” will headline the festival. Based out of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, the band boasts “an exciting and original take on folk, folk rock, and Appalachian roots music with a modern twist.”

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Renee Rummans, festival producer, Sarah Smith, volunteer and outreach coordinator, and Cathy Barta, safety coordinator, stand at Creekside Park last week. The trio is ready to host a day of music on Aug. 6, along with the help of nearly 60 volunteers.

LASSOING IN LEWISTOWN



Corbin Fisher from Ashland leaps off his horse to tie down a calf in front of a sold-out crowd during the Central Montana Fair PRCA Rodeo on Thursday. See results on page 10.

Photo by Matthew Strissel

From the lab to the field: College students search for small fossils in Missouri River Breaks

By MAGGIE FULBRIGHT | Student Reporter

“By coming out to the Upper Missouri River Breaks for the past 19 years, I have gained a true appreciation for this place.”

At 19 years old, Lucy Rogers has spent part of every summer in the Upper Missouri River Breaks since she was four months old with her parents, Ray and Kristi, looking for fossils and small fossils (fossils measuring between 0.001mm and 1mm). Ray Rogers and Kristi Curry Rogers are both professors at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., and have been bringing students out to the Breaks for over two decades as part of the Keck Geology Consortium.

Keck Geo, based out of Minnesota, is a group of schools that support undergraduates who want to go into the field of geology.

This year, 11 students traveled to the Breaks to search for fossils. Most students have finished their first year in college, but some are further into their college careers. The students spent three weeks in a lab at Macalester and then made the trip to the Monument and spent five days, July 15- July 20, camping on the Missouri River.

“We take our students to the Breaks because it is a spectacular place to learn both geology and paleontology, and history of the West too.”

– Ray Rogers, professor

“We take our students to the Breaks because it is a spectacular place to learn both geology and paleontology, and history of the West too,” Ray said. “There are great exposures of rocks and abundant fossils. Also, the rocks in the Breaks are Late Cretaceous in age, and we study Cretaceous rocks in Montana and in other parts of the world. It is just plain beautiful and wild out there.”

The group found many different types of fossils, small bits and pieces of dinosaurs, crocodiles, turtles, fish, and many more. Ray said they found the site many years ago, but traveled back to make new collections.

“It’s probably good to note that the fossils we collect are

curated at the Science Museum of Minnesota,” Ray said. “That way they can be protected and studied by us and other students.”

Students inspired by discoveries

Katya Nicolayevsky is going into her second semester of sophomore year at Colorado College with geology as her major. Katya heard of the summer program through school, but was unsure if she would apply at first. After her acceptance to the program, she doesn’t regret the decision.

“I really enjoyed just being able to go out there and be in the field for the first time,” Katya said. “Going up to the outcropping and seeing what we’ve researched in the lab out in the field was so cool.”

Nicolayevsky had not declared a major until recently, and shared why she chose to declare a geology major.

“Everyone I’ve met that works in the geology department is so happy,” she said. “It lets you go outside, but you have time in the lab, there’s just this perfect balance.”

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Fair season in full bloom

A look behind the curtain at this year's floral contest and exhibition

By WILL BRIGGS | Reporter

A lot of time and work goes into putting on the Central Montana Fair each year, including that of the people who host and participate in its many different open competitions, from agriculture to baking to photography. This year's floral contest was no exception.

Judging took place Tuesday when, over the course of three hours, Marie Hoyer, the contest's National Garden Club-certified judge, and Floral Show Superintendent Kathryn Baldwin examined entries in around 100 different categories at the Ag Building at the Fergus County Fairgrounds. Entries were divided into two classes: horticulture, consisting of flowers and other plants grown by the contestants; and designs made up of different flowers, plants, and materials based on different themes, whether homegrown or purchased.

Within these classes, entries of the same type were judged against one another, with first, second, and third place awards given out based on a variety of judging criteria.

Hoyer started with the horticulture entries, examining entries alphabetically by plant name, with Baldwin on hand to answer any questions about the entry or to clarify the guidelines for each category. This being a county fair, Baldwin said the judging process was a little less formal.

"At professional flower shows, entries have to stay on the shelf, but with this being a fair, we're a little



Floral show superintendent Kathryn Baldwin (left) and judge Marie Hoyer examine a fern in the horticultural division.

Photos by Will Briggs

more relaxed to try to get close to the flowers if need be," she said.

As they went, Hoyer and Baldwin commented on each

submission.

"Having leaves underwater is a big no-no," Baldwin remarked while looking at a stem of delphiniums.

Underwater leaves were just one part of "grooming," the fine art of cleaning and preparing entries for show.

"If there's pollen on flower petals or there are petals growing askew, you can brush off the pollen or use tweezers to remove a petal," Baldwin said. "It's basically anything people can do just for presentation - as long as they're not breaking the natural shape of the plant. I try to catch that kind of stuff when people drop off their entries so they can fix it, but I don't catch everything."

Groupings of multiple flowers in the horticultural section were also required to have flowers resemble one another as closely as possible.

"These look like clones," Hoyer said of a group of three day lilies. "This other entry has one that doesn't match the other two. It's amazing how many flowers you have to pick to get three that look like clones."

Even plant height was considered during judging, with Baldwin and Hoyer laughing that they both brought a tape measure in case they needed to verify a sunflower's height. Allowances, however, were made for factors beyond contestants' control.

"There's some leaf damage, but with this weather, I



Proceeding through the exhibit, judge Marie Hoyer marked the top three entries in each category, including for these brightly-colored marigolds.

won't even think about counting off for that," Hoyer said.

Once they reached the design entries, additional judging criteria became necessary. With design themes ranging from Western to movies to Halloween and Christmas, submissions were judged based on composition and adherence to the theme.

"It's not a design if you just put flowers into a container," Hoyer said. "The colors need to go with the container. The underlay needs to match the design both in

color and in theme. Accessories have to be proportional to the plants and container. And you don't have to use every flower in the garden. Less is more. The eye should be drawn naturally around the design rather than needing to jump from one spot to another."

The winner is...

After completing judging in every category, Hoyer needed to decide on "best in division" for both horticulture and design.

"It's hard because there are so many flowers," she said. "A lot of work goes into these entries."

Ultimately, Shirley Barrick's calle lily was chosen as best in horticulture, earning her a gift certificate from Krings Greenhouse.

"It's an unusual plant for the area and therefore a challenge to grow," Hoyer commented. "It's made of good material."

Best in design went to Linda Blakemore for her Western-themed design of dry flowers. She received a

gift certificate from Alpine Floral. Awards also went to youth entrants Arianna Howard for her parallel design and Korbin Simpson for his Harry Potter-themed design.

While Baldwin and Hoyer were obviously pleased with the winning entries, they were even more proud of the high quality of the Central Montana Fair's flower show in general.

"We've been told our show is better than the one in Great Falls," Hoyer said.

They'd still like to see more entries, especially from newcomers.

"Design is a bit of a dying art," Hoyer said. "A lot of people see mass-produced designs and think that's what floral design is and it's not."

"That's why we try to relax our barrier to entry," Baldwin continued. "We want to get as many people as possible to participate. I can also answer any questions people have when they bring their flowers in. A couple people did that this year, which I was pleased with."



Linda Blakemore won best in division for her Western-themed floral design.

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BLM issues final decision on bison grazing proposal for AP allotments

The Bureau of Land Management issued a final decision July 28 for a bison grazing proposal involving seven allotments in Phillips County, Montana, held by American Prairie, which allows for bison grazing on six of the seven allotments.

The Telegraph Creek, Box Elder, Flat Creek, White Rock, French Coulee, Garey Coulee and East Dry Fork allotments – a total of approximately 63,500 acres of BLM-administered lands – currently provide 7,969 animal unit months of permitted use.

One common allotment grazed with another livestock operator would remain approved for cattle-only grazing. Four of the allotments are approved for seasonal grazing with pasture rotation. Year-round grazing is approved for three allotments; two of which had been previously authorized for bison grazing. There is no change in animal unit months on any of the allotments. Most allotments will be managed under a pasture rotation grazing program.

The final grazing decision, which describes the terms and conditions for each of the seven allotments, is based on existing laws, policies, and management plans, and supported by the analysis brought forward in its associated environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact, released on March 30, 2022.

The release of the final grazing decision initiates a 30-day BLM appeal period. Certified letters of notification have been sent to qualified interested publics, as defined by federal grazing regulations. More information regarding the appeal period can be found within the final grazing decision.

The final grazing decision and related documents are available on the BLM's ePlanning website <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/103543/510>.



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Health Board grants septic variance, approves resolution for burial of persons on private property

By KATHERINE SEARS | Managing Editor

The Fergus County Board of Health met for the third time on Monday, July 25. The five-member board previously met in March and May after the county commissioners voted last year to leave the Central Montana Health District. The new board is responsible for providing guidance and setting policy for the Fergus County Health Department.

The board consists of Laurie Ray, Courtney Moline, Jordan Robins, Lisa Robinson, and Donna Van Tassel. Ray, Robins, Van Tassel, and Interim Health Officer Heather Thom were present at the meeting, along with Marlo Thomas, medical support assistant for the county; Amanda Rouse, county public health nurse; Danielle Reddish, tobacco prevention specialist for Family Planning; County Commissioner Sandy Youngbauer; and Fergus County Planner Pam Vosen.

While still working through processes and adopting policies, board members took action on a few items at the Monday meeting.

The board approved granting a variance for a residential septic system on Antler Lane in Moore. The system is located 91 feet from a creek, but the state requires a setback of 100 feet. County Planner Pam Vosen explained that the drain field is higher than the creek, therefore the creek should not influence

the drain field.

"I don't see any issue with approving this variance," said Vosen.

Barb Kingery, a contract sanitarian for the county, attended by phone and also advised the board to approve the variance. The item then went to the county commissioners on Tuesday, who ultimately approved granting the variance.

The board also approved a resolution dealing with the burial of persons on private property. A resolution was in place when the county was part of the Central Montana Health District, but the board of health needs to adopt its own for Fergus County. The resolution sets forth the rules related to the disposition of bodies on private property. The resolution will be forwarded on to the county commissioners for a vote.

A delegation form was also approved, which grants authority for someone to make decisions in the event the health officer is away or unable to act quickly to make decisions. Heather Thom with the Fergus County Nurse's Office is the interim health officer for the county. The board is still looking to fill the role of the health officer. Those interested can apply with the county. The officer cannot be a member of the Board of Health. In the event a board member applies and fills that role, they would need to resign from the board.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 24.

Dorothy Gremaux appointed to 911 Advisory Council

By KATHERINE SEARS | Managing Editor

Central Montana 911 Center Supervisor/Coordinator Dorothy Gremaux has been appointed to the Montana 9-1-1 Advisory Council. The council is made up of 18 members appointed by the governor.

Gremaux's appointment fills the qualifications of a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAPS) Manager Serving a population of less than 30,000. According to state code on the 911 Advisory Council, two such professionals must serve on the council, one that serves an area less than 30,000 and one that serves an area greater than 30,000.

Gremaux brings two decades of experience in emergency response to the council.

"I have sat on this council as an alternate for smaller PSAPS for quite a few terms," said Gremaux. "I was chosen by the governor this year."

The 9-1-1 Advisory Council provides 9-1-1 stakeholders the opportunity to participate in the development, implementation, and management of the State of Montana's 9-1-1 Program. The Council advises the department on the allocation and distribution of 9-1-1 fees, makes recommendations on grant awards, provides advice on the statewide 9-1-1 plan, and gives guidance on other significant matters concerning 9-1-1 systems development and 9-1-1 services in the state of Montana.

The Council held its first meeting in June and will meet quarterly. Gremaux's term will run through August 31, 2025.



Dorothy Gremaux

City Commission to meet Monday evening

A regular meeting of the Lewistown City Commission will be held Monday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Central Montana Community Center, located at 307 West Watson.

Committee of the Whole will begin at 6 p.m. with a review of the 2022-23 annual budget.

On the regular agenda is the airport annual report; discussion and action on authorizing the City Manager to enter into the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Montana Trail Stewardship Grant Program Project Agreement and sign the agreement; and discussion and action on approving a resolution requesting distribution of Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Program Funds.

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Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks' Lewistown Area Resource Office will be closed from Aug. 1 to Aug. 5.

Beginning on Aug. 8, the office will be temporarily housed at FWP's field station at 205 Aztec Drive in the Lewistown Airport grounds. Office hours will remain the same, open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Customers will still be able to purchase licenses either online or in-person at Lewistown's other license provider, The Sport Center downtown. Questions and phone calls may be directed to FWP's Region 4 Headquarters in Great Falls at 406-454-5841.

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Dellie Finnkeiner

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A GLANCE BACK



Teri Trask and her lamb, Rusty, representing "Mary Had a Little Lamb", took third place honors in the miscellaneous division of the annual Kiddie Parade held in Lewistown Saturday morning. This photo was taken by Delores J. Hill, Lewistown Daily News staff member, and was in the Tuesday, August 22, 1972 edition of the Lewistown Daily News.

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GUEST OPINIONS

Always leave them with hope

By Lee H. Hamilton

Many years ago, I was in the audience when the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the legendary civil rights activist and election mobilizer, gave a speech. He often used the catchphrase, "Keep hope alive!" when he spoke, and he did so that day. The audience picked it up as a chant. It was a memorable bit of political showmanship.

A few years later, I gave a speech at a small college in Iowa. I used it to analyze all the challenges our country faced, domestic and foreign, and finished thinking I'd done a pretty good job of laying out our problems.

Afterward, a young student came up to me. "That was a marvelous speech, Congressman," she said. "I've just got one question: Is there any hope?"

I realized then that, far from rising to the occasion, I'd failed. Jesse Jackson was right: You always have to leave your listeners with hope, and I had not done that.

This is very hard to pull off, of course. We face a long list of seemingly intractable problems, from climate change to mass shootings to threats to our democratic processes to overseas rivals willing to test us at every turn. It's easy to give in to despair. But Jackson and that student were right. We constantly need reminding that we can change things for the better.

The reason is straightforward. The

backbone of our system of representative democracy is its faith in ordinary Americans to step up to their responsibility as citizens to improve their corner of the world. If you rob people of hope, then you rob them of a reason to be involved.

In decades of talking to people all over the country, I've been repeatedly impressed by the strength of citizens' desire to improve their communities. They are solidly pragmatic and want the process to reflect fairly where people stand. I think that, without articulating it, they understand instinctively that keeping the process fair is crucial to keeping hope alive.

I believe it can do just that—if it's allowed to work, and if citizens are allowed to fulfill the basic responsibility of being involved. That's why the hope of changing things for the better is so crucial. We may face serious, difficult problems, but if we allow ourselves to become discouraged—or even worse, to be discouraged from tackling them—then progress really will be impossible.

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Lee Hamilton

Putting Montana's money to work

By Kim Abbot, Senator Pat Flowers, Senator Shannon O'Brien, and Representative Mary Caferro

When legislators meet in January for the 2023 session, we'll be walking in the door with well over a billion dollars in the bank. Not from new taxes or debt—this is money that hardworking Montanans have already paid in taxes but is just sitting idle. As the costs of basic necessities rise, it's critical that we put that money to work to lower costs for working Montanans. There is plenty of grain in the grain bin, and it's time to give that grain back to the people who put it there in the first place.

And we have a plan to do just that. We can put \$1 billion to work right away to address the biggest crises that are hitting us in our wallets: the high cost of finding a home, rising property taxes, the lack of affordable child care, and the scarcity of mental health services. These are daunting challenges, but with bold solutions, we can overcome them.

In Missoula and Bozeman, working Montanans are living out of cars and RVs because they can't find an affordable place to live. In Kalispell, Helena, Billings, and many other communities across our state, rising housing costs are locking young Montanans out of homeownership and making it nearly impossible to find a place to rent. We know that the heart of this crisis is that demand for housing outpaces our housing supply. In 2019, Democrats passed a bill to put \$15 million into building over 250 new apartments guaranteed to be affordable for working folks. We want to turbocharge this successful model by putting \$500 million more into it and dramatically increase the supply of housing that Montanans looking to rent or own can afford.

But for many Montanans who are already lucky enough to own their home, skyrocketing property values are driving property taxes through the roof. We can tackle this problem with immediate relief through a one-time property tax refund targeted to working families, not millionaires. For the long run, we can protect Montanans from rising property taxes through a measure that keeps property taxes from exceeding a certain portion of folks' income. In total, we can put \$250 million back in Montanans' pockets through

property tax relief.

As housing takes up a bigger portion of our paychecks, child care is eating up another chunk of families' budgets. Child care is a necessity, not a luxury, for working families, but it costs as much to put a kid in daycare as it does to send a kid to college. Meanwhile, child care spots are so scarce that we're meeting less than half of the demand in our state. That means there are communities where families cannot even find providers, even if they could afford them. We want to invest \$125 million in getting new providers up and running in child care deserts, helping child care workers earn a living wage, and reducing out-of-pocket costs for families by expanding existing child care scholarships.

Unfortunately, almost all Montanans have been touched by the impacts of our state's mental health crisis. Montana has the 3rd highest suicide rate in the country, and one in five of our kids has seriously considered suicide. We took an ax to our community-based mental health infrastructure in 2017 and never built it back. We want to put \$125 million towards rebuilding community- and school-based mental health treatment, including substance use treatment for those who need it. Folks need to be able to access care close to home where their friends and family are nearby to help them through their struggles.

Every Montanan should be able to afford to live where they work, but that's becoming harder and harder for folks to do. Montanans have already sent an extra billion dollars to Helena in the form of taxes, and we think it makes sense to put that money back in their pockets so they can live—and thrive—in their own communities.

Make no mistake—this money won't be coming out of your paychecks; this money won't dip into our rainy day fund or our wild-fire fund. The money to pay for these critical cost-cutting policies is sitting in a bank account in Helena. You've already put it there. Now, it's about time you got some of it back.

House Minority Leader Kim Abbott (D-Helena), Senator Pat Flowers (D-Bozeman), Senator Shannon O'Brien (D-Missoula), and Representative Mary Caferro (D-Helena) serve in the Montana State Legislature.



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Digging the past: Archaeology team continues work on Reed and Bowles Trading Post site



Archaeological crew members Emily Askey and Tristan Huxtable work within a grid to scrape tiny layers of soil away, exposing artifacts as they work down to the original floor level of what was the Reed and Bowles Trading Post.

Photo by Deb Hill

By DEB HILL | Reporter

After several years of digging, the excavation of the historic Reed and Bowles Trading Post north of town is coming to a close...at least in terms of work within the trading post building itself.

Project Archaeologist Steve Aaberg and his crew started this year's dig Wednesday, and plan to finish up in about 10 days.

"By the end of this season we will have the floor completely excavated," Aaberg said.

The team of archaeologists is carefully digging down through what was the earthen floor of the log trading post built along the banks of the lower Spring Creek in 1874 by Alonzo Reed and Jim Bowles.

Working centimeter by centimeter back through time, the archaeologists scrape up the dirt and place it into buckets, which are then emptied into large hanging screens that filter tiny artifacts out of the soil.

"Within the first two minutes of excavating today, we were finding nails and glass from windows and old bottles," said Emily Askey, one of the crewmembers working with Aaberg.

The group has been working at the site since 2017, and has uncovered a wide variety of artifacts, from Native American arrowheads to square nails to animal bones to old coins. Excavated artifacts are labeled, recorded and studied. All eventually will be housed at the Central Mon-

tana Museum.

In the first year of the dig, Aaberg's team located remnants of the original "sill" logs – the bottom layer of logs forming the walls of the trading post.

"The logs are white pine and Douglas fir," Aaberg said. "The story is that Reed and Bowles purchased them from Fort Sherman, a trading post that briefly operated near Casino Creek. When Fort Sherman closed, they floated the logs down Spring Creek to build their business right on the Carroll Trail."

While called a trading post, Aaberg said what Reed and Bowles ran was really more like a public house. That means archaeologists could find remnants of what people ate and drank, what they smoked, what they used for currency and what they traded for.

The reconstructed trading post building now sits off to the side of the original site, which is being mapped layer by layer as the dig continues. Yet to be excavated are the original well, what seems to be a blacksmith's shop and a long ditch suspected to be the edge of a stockade built of upright logs planted in the earth.

Aaberg welcomes visitors to come out and watch the work going on at the Reed and Bowles site, which is located off Joyland Road a short distance past the Carroll Fishing Access site. Turn right on Poor Farm Road and park at the fence near the trading post.

Elk management citizens committee approves final recommendation

By DEB HILL | Reporter

After 10 lengthy meetings, most lasting four to five hours, on Tuesday the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Elk Management Citizens Advisory Committee wrapped up its work with a final recommendation on how to better handle elk populations and elk hunting across Montana.

The committee spent most of its time Tuesday hammering out their final suggestion, titled "manage elk where they are not." The focus is primarily on elk numbers on the west side of the state, which had historically been much higher than they are now.

Ideas to increase elk populations that are under objective include updating FWP data with more current elk counts, basing elk population objectives on the capacity of the range and not on recent history, improving habitat and better managing predators.

Predator management was a key discussion item, with several committee members suggesting options ranging from aerial hunts for wolves to using hounds for bears and lions.

According to Deb O'Neill, FWP manager of special projects, predator management is very regulated, especially with regard to endangered species such as grizzly bears. Some predator management options are no longer available to the department, she said.

"Wolves are very hard to hunt individually, which is one reason so few are killed each year," O'Neill said. "In the past when



we could use poison, it was more effective [at bringing the wolf numbers down]."

After much discussion, the committee decided to focus their recommendation on improving elk numbers in hunting districts

where they are under objective, including through predator control, but leaving the details up to FWP. The recommendation joins over 10 others the committee has forwarded to FWP administration.

Near the end of the meeting, FWP Director Hank Worsch joined to thank all 12 committee members for their work.

"I really appreciate everyone who took their time to do this," Worsch said. "I wanted people who were free thinkers and would try to come up with solutions based on your own ideas and not on data from the department."

Worsch said the group had done exactly what he'd hoped it would.

According to O'Neill, the next step is to submit the group's recommendations for fiscal and legal analysis. She said she hoped all would be publicly available by the end of August. Some of the recommendations will be submitted to the legislature and some can be directly implemented, if FWP decides to do so.

Stephanie Prater of Lewistown said she felt it was an honor to be a member of the advisory council.

"The Elk Management Citizens Advisory Group was a truly diverse group that worked well together. We all listened to each other's viewpoints and learned a lot from one another. We may be on different sides of the fence on some issues surrounding elk, but hopefully our group will be a model for other vested interests on how to work together and find some common ground and compromise. We hope some of our recommendations will help improve elk management and quality hunting experiences for generations to come," she told the News-Argus.

Fossils

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Brooke Noonan will be a senior at Macalester College this fall, and was the near peer mentor this summer, meaning she is close to the age of the students on the trip, but posed more as a teacher's assistant than a student. This was her first research opportunity involving small fossils in Montana, and she enjoyed canoeing for the first time and seeing small fossils outside the lab.

"Picking it up yourself made it seem more of a real life experience than in a lab," she said.

Irene Mendez made the longest travel to the Breaks out of anyone in the group. Irene is a rising junior pursuing a major in geology at the University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez. She knew she wanted to do something with geology and/or paleontology this summer, and as she was researching, Keck Geo popped up. Looking to do some sightseeing, she applied for the program.

"I liked working in the field looking for small fossils," she said. "It

requires patience and is very peaceful."

Mendez also had some advice for anyone who may be looking to go to college to study geology.

"You're going to have so much stuff to do and do stuff you never thought you'd do," she said. "You will also find new things about yourself you didn't know."

Marisa "Zuul" Luft will be a sophomore at Macalester College this fall. Luft got the nickname "Zuul" from the Zuul dinosaur, a fossil discovery in the Judith River Formation near Havre that was named after the "Ghostbusters" demon. A dinosaur class taken with Kristi Ray inspired Luft to pursue majors geology and neuroscience.

"I used to pick up rocks all the time," said Luft. "I got to college and saw that I can actually do something with it."

Ray and Kristi Rogers look forward to bringing more students out into the Breaks and watch them realize that "this is the real thing."

When asked what his favorite part of bringing students into the Monument, Ray said, "I love watching them make their own discoveries and connect what they learned in the lab to what they find in the field."

gus High Jazz Band, and Supaman.

"There is purpose behind who we chose because at least three of the acts are Lewistown natives who have moved away to pursue music in other cities," said Rummans.

While Rummans is excited about the entire lineup, she's particularly proud of the jazz band for stepping up to play.

"They agreed as a group to play Centerfest," said Rummans. "They've given up their whole sum-



The Keck Geo group canoeing down the river takes a picture at Woodhawk Bottom before launching. Front Row left to right: Jim Mitchel, Lucy Rogers, Marisa Luft, Kristi Curry Rogers, Autumn Jester, and Rebecca Flowers. Back row left to right: Irene Mendez Curbello, Ray Rogers, Katya Nicolayevsky, Sophia Esquetet, Breanda Gomez, Peyton Lewis, Lily Zugschwert, Brooke Noonan, and Jeff Thole.

Photo courtesy of Kristi Curry Rogers

Music

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The Steel Wheels are slated to play at 8 p.m. on the Creekside stage next Saturday. But, the day begins at 1 p.m. with "The Calista Band." The opening act will be followed by "The Hasslers," Jeffrey Foucault, the Fer-

mer to commit to practice two days a week for this festival."

The venue, Creekside, right along Main Street will set the stage for a delightful day of music.

"Creekside seems to be built for something like this," said Rummans. "It's right in the heart of downtown – it's the perfect place to begin."

The event is largely dependent on the 60 volunteers who have committed to help. With several other

major events slated for Lewistown that weekend, Rummans said each group has worked together to work out logistics, including where everyone will stay.

"We have farmers and ranchers who are opening up their property for people who are hauling campers," said Rummans. "The response from the community has been so great."

With this year's event just a week away, organizers are already

setting sights on the long-term goal.

"The long-term goal is being discussed," said Rummans. "Ultimately, we want to make it a three-day festival where people come to our community to stay for the weekend. We're already in negotiations for next year."

Lewistown residents should be aware trail access behind the Creekside stage will be blocked off for the day, along with a portion of High Street.

OBITUARIES

Edward Dale Landa

Edward Dale Landa, 83, passed away peacefully on June 24, 2022, in his home in Temple, Texas. A graveside service with Military Honors will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6, at 1 p.m. in the veterans section of Lewistown City Cemetery.

Edward was born on March 1, 1939, to Emil and Dorothy Dean (Foster) Landa in Lewistown. He was the first born out of five children. He was raised on the farm in Hilger until his father moved the family to Roy to work for the Milwaukee Railroad. At that time, Edward began his love for farm equipment, especially tractors and trains.

After graduating from Roy High School in 1957, Edward enlisted in the Army. He served in many units throughout his career along with spending many years in Vietnam as a Helicopter Crew Chief. He had received numerous medals, awards and unit presidential citations throughout his career.

After retiring from the Army, he made a home for himself in Temple, Texas, where he remained there until his death. He was a member of the D.A.V., Temple VFW, and a volunteer at the VA Hospital in Temple.

Among his many interests and hobbies, he enjoyed photography, aeronautics, collecting scale sized tractors, trains, and automobiles.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Dorothy (Sally) Steinke, Margaret (June) Zowada; two infant siblings; nephew, Rodney Sand; and great nephew, Roger Lee Sand.

He is survived by his nephew, Roger Sand and his wife, Rochelle of Great Falls; twelve great nieces and nephews; and twelve great-great nieces and nephews.

Creel Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. Please share memories and condolences at www.creelfuneralhome.com.



Jeanette Tilzey

Jeanette Tilzey, 78, of Moore, passed away on July 27, 2022. Jeanette was born on Sept. 6, 1943, in Lewistown, the daughter of Ray and Regina Wichman. She grew up on the family farm north of Moore and graduated from Moore High School in 1961. On Sept. 21, 1962, she married her high school sweetheart,



Ron Tilzey, in Moore. In their 59 years of marriage, they welcomed six children, 11 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Family was everything to her.

She was employed at Central Montana Medical Center for 27 years and worked as a CNA and later as a ward clerk. She was a member of St. Mathias Church and Moore Modern Matrons.

She liked to bake for her family, gardening, playing cards, reading, doing crossword puzzles, and attending her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren's sporting and school events. She will be remembered for her kind personality and loving spirit.

Jeanette is survived by her spouse, Ronald Tilzey; children, Connie Olsen (Todd), Ron Tilzey (Tammy), Dennis Tilzey (BaLinda), Tom Tilzey (Jennifer), Sara Peterson (Todd), and Mike Tilzey (Amber); grandchildren, Jodi Cundiff (Travis), Jeremy Olsen (Jessi), Kala Jewett (Matt), Derek Tilzey, Taylor Grady (Trevor), Vanessa Tilzey, Kylee and Bree Peterson, Aidan, Mason, and Sadee Tilzey, Shaina Ceclre, Ashlynn Rodgers, and Adrian Wilson; great-grandchildren, Adysen and Ben Cundiff, Lucas, Rilee and Jade Olsen, and Dana Tilzey; siblings, Joan Flesch and Teresa (Tom) Stokes; brothers-in-law, Gary Nesson, Don Lippman, and George Geraets; and sisters-in-law, Patty Wichman, Barb Wichman, and Lou Tilzey. She is preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Regina Wichman; sisters, Betty Dexter and Donna Nesson; and brothers, Kenneth and Ron Wichman.

Parish Vigil Service will be held at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Lewistown on Sunday, July 31, at 7 p.m. with viewing from 5 to 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Leo's Catholic Church on Monday, Aug. 1, at 10 a.m. Right of Committal to follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to CMMC or St. Mathias Church. Arrangements are under the care of Creel Funeral Home. Please share memories and condolences at www.creelfuneralhome.com.

Augusta Pauline 'Polly' Siebenaler

Augusta Pauline "Polly" Siebenaler, 92, passed away Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at the Central Montana Medical Center in Lewistown.

Polly was born June 26, 1930, in Bercail, Mont., to Frank Gothard Nilsen and Bertha May (Leslie) Nilsen. Polly lived in Bercail until she moved to Judith Gap with her family in approximately 1937. Polly married Michael Siebenaler on May 21, 1949, in White Sulphur Springs and then moved to Wyoming. Polly and Mike moved back to Judith Gap in 1951 where they raised their children and Polly worked as the postmaster until she retired in 1990. Polly and Mike moved to Lewistown in 2005.



Polly enjoyed playing pinochle, talking and laughing with her family and friends, and riding around on the roads of Central Montana.

Polly spent her life loving her family, God, and her community. She was a remarkable woman and brought joy to many with her kindness and sense of humor.

Polly was preceded in death by her husband, Mike; parents; and her six siblings.

Survivors include her children, Kathi Peccia of Eugene, Ore., Mary Ann (Tyrone) Robinson of Great Falls, Kenny (Shirley) Siebenaler of Sidney, and Joe (Becky) Siebenaler of Victor; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and five step-grandchildren and their families.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making contributions to Council on Aging.

Viewing and visitation will be held at the Creel Funeral Home Chapel, Monday, Aug. 1, from 1 to 7 p.m., with the family receiving guests from 5 to 7 p.m. There will also be viewing at the church, one hour prior to the service. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Leo's Catholic Church of Lewistown on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at 11 a.m. Rite of Committal will follow at the Judith Gap Cemetery, with a luncheon for family and friends at the Community United Methodist Church in Judith Gap.

Services are under the care of Creel Funeral Home. Polly's family and friends are invited to share memories and condolences at www.creelfuneralhome.com.

Blood donors needed now to help prevent a seasonal blood shortage

Chance at gas for a year for those who come to give in August, plus \$10 e-gift card

Just as most cars need to be refueled constantly, so does the nation's blood supply. The American Red Cross has faced a concerning drop in blood donations this summer. Donors are needed to make an appointment to give in August to help prevent a blood shortage.

The decline in donations has caused the Red Cross blood supply to shrink nearly 20 percent in recent weeks. The availability of blood products will continue to decline if donations do not increase. People should not wait until they hear there is a blood shortage to give. Type O negative blood donors are especially needed now.

"This is a concerning trend that may soon make it tougher to keep blood products stocked on hospital shelves," said Paul Sullivan, Red Cross senior vice president of donor services. "By choosing a time to give now, donors can help pump up the blood supply for those in immediate need of lifesaving care and those who rely on transfusions for treatment."

Donors can schedule an appointment to donate using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, by visiting RedCrossBlood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Fuel up on us

As blood donations drop, gas prices have reached all-time highs in the U.S. As a thank-you, all who come to give Aug. 1-31 will be automatically entered for a chance to win gas for a year, a \$6,000 value. There will be three lucky winners. Every-

one who comes to give blood in August will also receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice.*

Upcoming blood donation opportunities

Fergus County:
Denton
 • Aug. 2: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Denton Town Hall, 515 Broadway Ave.

Lewistown
 • Aug. 1: 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., First Christian Church of Lewistown, 103 12th Ave. S.
 • Aug. 2: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., First Christian Church of Lewistown, 103 12th Ave. S.
 • Aug. 3: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., First Christian Church of Lewistown, 103 12th Ave. S.

Blood drive safety

The Red Cross follows a high standard of safety and infection control. The Red Cross will continue to socially distance wherever possible at blood drives, donation centers and facilities. While donors are no longer required to wear a face mask, individuals may choose to continue to wear a mask for any reason. The Red Cross will also adhere to more stringent face mask requirements per state and/or local guidance, or at the

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.



American Red Cross

Fish kill in Milk River and Rock Creek north of Hinsdale

Fish, Wildlife and Parks fisheries biologists investigated a report of a fish kill on Rock Creek and the Milk River north of Hinsdale. According to the concerned landowner, who reported the kill to FWP on July 13, "Lots and lots" of dead fish were observed in the Milk River around the

confluence with Rock Creek. Upon investigation, biologists first observed dead fish downstream of the confluence of the Milk River and Rock Creek. Further searching found dead fish 9.5 miles from the mouth of Rock Creek up to the Rock Creek Dam, although the full upstream extent was not

determined. No dead fish were observed in the Milk River upstream of the confluence with Rock Creek. "Whatever killed these fish was highly toxic as it killed carp, bullheads, catfish and a host of warm water fish species that are tolerate poor water quality," says regional fish manager Steve Dalbey. Species observed include walleye, northern pike, carp, catfish, goldeye, bullhead, shorthead redhorse, river carpsucker, white sucker, freshwater drum, and buffalo.

Although the source of the fish kill was not determined, the timing and rate of decomposition of the fish suggest that the kill may have occurred July 9-11. The kill may be related to the high intensity rain events that occurred on July 8 and 9. According to the National Weather Service, 0.5 inches of rain fell the evening of July 8 and another 0.25 to 1.0 inch of rain fell the evening of the July 9. Live fish were collected in the area at the time of the investigation indicating that

the event was acute in nature and no abnormalities were observed.

"All of this points to a toxicant that may have entered Rock Creek above the Rock Creek dam during the rain events of July 8 and 9 and moved through the river," added Dalbey. "It's dif-

ficult to pinpoint where this occurred unless more fish are found in and around the affected reach of river," adds Dalbey.

FWP will follow up with fish collection from the affected area to look at possible contaminants in the fish tissue. Currently there

are no fish consumption advisories.

If members of the public have any information on what may have led to this fish kill or have other questions or concerns, please call your local FWP office: Glasgow: 406-228-3700, Havre: 406-265-6177.

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FUNERAL MASS
St. Leo's Catholic Church
Sat., Aug. 6th, 11:00 a.m.

Edward Landa
Edward Dale Landa, 83 passed away June 24, 2022

GRAVESIDE SERVICE
Lewistown City Cemetery
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Jeanette K. Tilzey, 78 passed away July 27, 2022

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Polly Siebenaler
Pauline "Polly" Siebenaler, 92, passed away July 27, 2022

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Level: Advanced

Central Montana producers attend first session of MSGA M Bar Academy

By KRIS DESCHEEMAER
Special to the News-Argus

Three area cattle producers have been chosen for the inaugural class of the Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) M Bar Academy. Stan Olson of Hobson, Leoma Wells of Roy, and Amber Sitz of Lewistown attended their first class for the M Bar Academy in Butte the second week in June along with 12 others from across the state of Montana.

The Academy will foster and grow leaders in the Montana ranching industry and provide individuals with the opportunity to improve leadership skills, gain understanding of industry issues and develop the expertise needed to provide leadership in the Montana Stockgrowers, its partner organizations, in public service and in the cattle industry.

Olson grew up in Mount Vernon, Wash., where his family worked in the dairy business selling DeLaval milking equipment and milking Jersey cows. After college, he and his parents owned and operated a retail ag supply business, specializing in hitensile fencing materials and high-quality livestock hay.

Olson married a Montana ranch girl and moved to Montana where he bought into the family ranch near Hobson. Stan and Audrey now run a custom grazing program in the summer and fall months where they contract

with neighboring ranches to run cow/calf pairs. They manage the herd's movements and pasture usage, which enables the Olsons to pursue their interests in regenerative agriculture.

"The M Bar Academy is a great opportunity to train future leaders and key communicators in the cattle industry," said Olson. "We need more people in our profession to confidently and clearly articulate how we positively contribute to feeding the world."

Olson is hoping his attendance at the academy will increase his understanding of the beef industry and help him articulate both the benefits and challenges the industry faces.

Leoma Wells has been a resident of Roy for a short time and is grateful to be in a smaller community, similar to where she grew up in central California. She had spent the last 16 years in Bozeman, where she worked for the American Simmental Association up until 2015 when she created her own business, Data Genie LLC. In 2018 she started working for NEOGEN as a strategic account manager and continues in that role along with the Data Genie business.

Data Genie LLC is a cattle data management service that takes care of the reporting and or registering process for registered cattle operations. Wells can assist with implementing data collection meth-

ods, offers DNA testing guidance, and targets the needs and goals of individual operations. In her role at NEOGEN, Wells works in the bovine genomic division managing beef breed association business across the U.S.

"I would like to become more involved with the Montana Stockgrowers long term and am always interested in expanding my network and working together on ways we can advocate and promote our industry," said Wells when asked why she applied for the M Bar Academy. "The Academy will provide the tools and training necessary to empower us to step into roles, either on the ranch or off, and lead from a place of confidence and self-awareness."

Wells looks forward to learning about the legislative process, and how she can assist with securing the future of agriculture and helping others navigate through the many disruptions facing the agriculture industry.

Amber Sitz grew up on a registered angus ranch in Dillion. She attended Montana State University-Northern, where she obtained her nursing degree and has been working at the Central Montana Hospital while also doing social media work for her family ranch.

"I make it back to the ranch as much as I can to help out my family," said Sitz.

She will be moving back to Dillion to help more on the family ranch and will continue her nursing career at Barrett Hospital and healthcare in Dillion.

"I applied for the M Bar Academy because I am interested in networking with like-minded individuals who are interested in the agriculture industry," Sitz said. "I also applied to gain knowledge about how I can become a better leader in this industry while also learning about the industry itself."

The first session of the M Bar Academy started with the process of getting to know fellow participants. Karen Eddington from the Under Pressure Project led the group in a mental health discussion and provided tools and methods to incorporate into everyday life to help with conflict and workloads. Jim Bishop from Conjunction Leadership reviewed a personality and strengths assessment test each participant had completed before the start of the academy.

Sitz noted that after one session, she feels like the program is pushing her out of her comfort zone and will help her be a more confident advocate for the agriculture industry.

"I believe that it will help encourage people to get more



Leoma Wells, M Bar Academy participant, collecting a DNA sample from a calf born this spring. Photos courtesy of Kris Descheemaeker

involved in the agriculture organizations, including Stockgrowers," explained Sitz.

On the docket for future sessions of the Academy

include attendance at the 2022 and 2023 Montana Stockgrower annual conventions held in Billings in December, the 2023 legislative session in

Helena and the 2023 MSGA summer meeting, ranch tours and more working sessions held in various cities around the state.



Amber Sitz, MSGA M Bar Academy, takes a break from working cattle on her family ranch to snuggle "Millie."



The inaugural class of the MSGA M Bar Academy meet in Butte in June. A meet and greet for class members, mental health discussions and personality test results were on the agenda for the two day session.

MSU Extension, GoatMT to host public field days about meat goats

The organizers of a new program to educate Montanans about meat goats as an income opportunity are hosting two free, public field days that will focus on meat goat production, marketing, predation, regulations and related topics. Registration is required by Wednesday, July 27, for both events.

The workshops are the initial offerings from GoatMT, a two-year collaboration between Montana State University Extension and Bar 88 Consulting and Livestock. The goal is to provide training and support for Montana meat goat producers and those interested in starting, expanding or diversifying their operations.

A commercial meat goat workshop is scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, July 29, at the Mountain View Co-op Feed Store, 1111 Smelter Ave. NE in Black Eagle. Topics include general production information and a producer panel that will compare production of meat goats to hair goats and production of wool sheep to hair sheep.

A second workshop is set for 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday, July 31, at 150 N. Frontage Road in Park City. Directional signs will be posted. Topics at this workshop include prescriptive grazing considerations, health protocols, a tour of the Hollenbeck ranch facilities and a goat barbecue with tips on how to prepare goat meat.

Speakers at both events include Reid Redden, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension sheep and goat specialist; Carl Whitworth, a Texas rancher and meat goat producer; and representatives from Wildlife Services, MSU Extension, the American Goat Federation and the Montana Wool Growers Association. Goat pro-

ducers will host a marketing and production panel at both workshops.

Over the next two years, program leaders plan to hold workshops, webinars and on-farm trainings, as well as provide mentoring across the state to address the need and growing demand for information about goat production, said Brent Roeder, MSU Extension sheep specialist.

"Goat production has expanded over the past 20 years, from the traditional production areas of the desert southwest into almost all areas of the U.S.," Roeder said. "Small-acreage producers and larger cattle operations are now adding goats for weed control and income diversification."

Meat goat kids are selling for \$3 to \$4 per pound, he added, leading producers to explore adding goats as another source of revenue.

"The same markets fueling the strong demand for lamb are

now also leading the demand for more goat meat than the U.S. can supply," Roeder said. "In the past, the U.S. has been the world's largest importer of goat meat at 50 million pounds per year, mostly from Australia, but with proper genetics and management, goats can be successfully run in Montana."

To register for one or both workshops or for more information about the workshops, email Denise Hoepfner at denise.hoepfner@montana.edu. For more information about Goat Montana, visitgoatmt.org.

Lewistown Precipitation	
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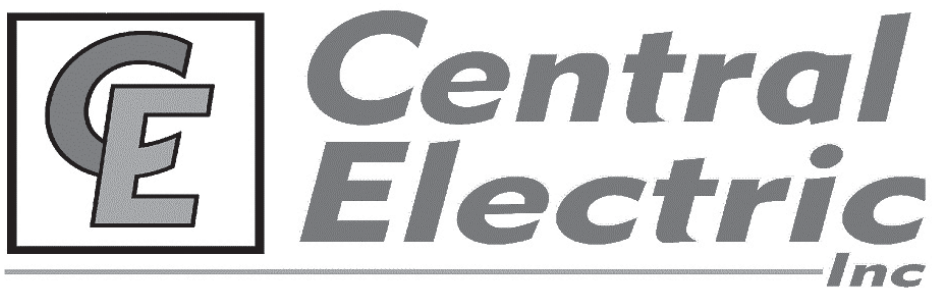
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Sellout crowd at the Central Montana PRCA Rodeo

By MATTHEW STRISSEL
Sports Editor

The Fergus County Fairgrounds stadium was packed on Thursday as the second night of the rodeo was sold out this year at the Central Montana Fair. While Wednesday's crowds were a little smaller, it was still a good showing of fans.

Several cowboys and cowgirls traveled near and far to vie for the top spot in their respective competitions. The following are the results of the two-day event.

Bareback riding

1. Caleb Bennett, 89.5 points on J Bar J's Yum Bugs, \$2,507; 2. Clay Stone, 88, \$1,922; 3. Waylon Bourgeois, 86.5, \$1,421; 4. George Gillespie IV, 84, \$919; 5. Trevar McAllister, 83, \$585; 6. Rocker Steiner, 82.5, \$418; 7. (tie) Mike Solberg and Tucker Zingg, 81, \$292 each.

Steer wrestling

1. (tie) Brady Boyce and Ty Erickson, 4.6 seconds, \$1,744 each; 3. Dirk Tavenner, 4.7, \$1,250; 4. (tie) Kris Anderson and Kolby Bignell, 5.0, \$757 each; 6. Bridger Chambers, 5.3, \$329.

Team roping

1. Levi Simpson/Ryan Motes, 4.6 seconds, \$2,508 each; 2. Garrett Rogers/Justin Davis, 4.9, \$2,181; 3. Kolton Schmidt/Cole Davison, 5.0, \$1,854; 4. Aaron Tsinigine/Kasper Roy, 5.2, \$1,527; 5. Radley Day/Jared Bilby, 5.4, \$1,199; 6. Sid Sorge/Taner Sorge, 5.7, \$872; 7. Caleb Berquist/Teegan Leno, 6.3, \$545; 8. Cadee Williams/Landon Williams, 7.2, \$218.

Saddle bronc riding

1. Jake Watson, 87 points on J Bar J's In The Lu, \$3,220; 2. (tie) Isaac Diaz and Q Taylor, 85, \$2,147 each; 4. Jake Burwash, 84, \$1,181; 5. Brody Wells, 83.5, \$751; 6. Damian Brennan, 82.5, \$537; 7. Blaise Freeman, 82, \$429; 8. Zeke Thurston, 80, \$322.

Tie-down roping

1. Caleb Berquist, 8.6 seconds, \$1,967; 2. (tie) Zack Jongbloed and Benny Mosley, 8.8, \$1,582 each; 4. (tie) Haven Meged and Jason Smith,



J.C. Crowley of Poplar chases down a calf during the Central Montana Fair PRCA rodeo on Thursday night.

Photos by Matthew Strissel

8.9, \$1,069 each; 6. Clayton Smith, 9.1, \$684; 7. Tyler Boxleitner, 10.0, \$428; 8. Shane Smith, 10.5, \$171.

Breakaway roping

1. (tie) Callahan Otoupalik and Tiffany Schieck, 1.9 seconds, \$2,695 each; 3. Elizabeth French, 2.0, \$2,040; 4. (tie) Peggy Garman and Sammy Taylor, 2.1, \$1,603 each; 6. Lynn Smith, 2.2, \$1,020; 7. Lari Dee Guy, 2.4, \$729; 8. (tie) Bryana Lehmann and McKinnon Little, 2.5,

\$546 each; 10. (tie) Mandy Newman and Dusti Stockton, 2.6, \$401 each; 12. (tie) Meghan McGinley and Kaycee Sherrard, 2.7, \$146 each.

Barrel racing

1. Maggie Poloncic, 17.35 seconds, \$2,069; 2. Hailey Garrison, 17.37, \$1,773; 3. Alexis McDonald, 17.40, \$1,478; 4. (tie) Ashley Day and Tia Murphy, 17.44, \$1,133 each; 6. Heather Crowley, 17.46, \$788; 7. Tisha Larsen, 17.58, \$591; 8. Rene Cloninger, 17.61, \$394; 9. (tie) Abigail Knight

and Heidi Schmid, 17.72, \$246 each.

roping and team roping.

Bull riding

1. Tristan O'Neal, 83 points on J Bar J's Loaded Dice, \$1,963; 2. Logan Hansen and Jake Lockwood, 81, \$955 each; 5. McCoy Morton, 77, \$514; 6. Jared Parsonage, 72, \$388; No other qualified rides. (all totals include ground money).

All-around cowboy

Caleb Berquist, \$2,513, tie-down

Total payoff: \$73,882. Stock contractors: J Bar J and Pickett Pro Rodeo Co. Rodeo secretary: Marlene Dreesen. Officials: Del Nose and Matt Weishoff. Timers: Jan Marshall and Paige Oveson. Announcer: Will Rasmussen. Clown/barrelman: Donnie Landis. Flankman: Sparky Dreesen. Pickup men: Ben Wrzesinski and Ryan Hanna. Music director: Jaycee Searer. Photographer: Mary Peters.



Jake Lockwood from Volborg rides the bull named Hard Case at the rodeo. Lockwood scored an 81 on the ride, tying for third place and winning \$955.



Cierra Erickson charges her horse toward the second barrel in the barrel racing competition at the rodeo.



Whitney Levine lassos a calf during the breakaway roping competition on Thursday. Levine scored a 4.3 during the event.



Dustin Morigeau of Kalispell gets bucked off the horse named Blonde Lizard during the saddle bronc riding competition at the Central Montana Fair rodeo on Thursday night.

Barrels and Poles event draws 184 contestants

The action was fast and furious at the "It's Showtime" Central Montana Fair Barrels and Poles event at the Fergus County Fairgrounds held Sunday, July 24. Event producer, Candi Zion stated, "Despite high fuel prices, we had an increase this year in entries which totaled 184. Contestants came from all over the state, including the Hi-Line, Billings, Helena, Bozeman, Cut Bank, Great Falls, and Polson. Some even came from Wyoming."

Zion said contestants were drawn by the increased added money, the WPRA approved barrel race, the \$1,000 added Barrel Breeders Incentive, the Futurity for 4-5 year old horses and the Derby for 6-8 year old horses. The event was also sanctioned by the Montana Barrel Horse Association and UBRC. Members who entered and/or won money qualified for those association finals and standings.

Besides running at more added money and events this year, barrel racers received random draw awards and prizes from services available on site. MBHA District 4 gave away GutX equine products, Candi Zion donated rodeo tickets, Donna Johnson donated Seacret brushes, the mobile Tack Store gave away \$25 gift certificates, and Jennifer Shields (acuscopie) and Paige Raty (equine massage therapy) donated several sessions to the barrel racers.

Fairgrounds staff worked diligently to groom and water the arena making the conditions perfect for good footing and fast times.

"The barrel racers have been telling me how much they appreciated having such great ground," said Zion. "I anticipate an increase in participation over the coming years as the word gets out about how good it is here."

But it isn't just the ground and increased added money that attracts contestants. Zion said they come for the 4-H food, the nice stalling accommodations, the warm-up arena, and beautifully manicured lawn, shade trees and gorgeous mountain ranges.

"There isn't any other place like this in Montana that offers all of these things," said Zion.

The following are the results of the event.

Peeweews

1D: Marlee Granell on Chuckles, 44.956, \$26.

2D: Presley Probert on Bonvester Grande, 50.363, \$16.

3D: Keira Hinebauch on Smarty, 53.507, \$11.



Raelene Konzak of Geyser races for a win in the WPRA Barrel Race with a time of 17.901.

Photo by Dory Waid Photography/Courtesy Candi Zion

Peeweews, open

1D: 1st Emma Hershberger on Gus, 24.479, \$22. 2nd Abby Lowe on Little Miss Ty, 25.714 \$15.

2D: 1st Mesa Granell on Chuckles, 28.092, \$22.

3D: 1st Cooley Miller on Spook, 30.303 \$9. 2nd Bristol DeSavuer on Chex, 35.189 \$6.

Youth 3D Barrels

1D: 1st Aislinn Handy on Grey Devils Express, 18.743, \$103. 2nd Kyla Burchard on Bugmeawave, 19.079, \$69.

2D: 1st Aislinn Handy on Hope, 19.583, \$62. 2nd Kyla Burchard on Uptowns Foxy Star, 19.703, \$41.

3D: 1st Jacey Chromey on Texas Jacks Cricket, 20.253, \$41. 2nd Cadence Lehman on Anney, 24.287, \$27.

Open 4D Barrels

1D: 1st Jessica Desavuer on Missin Nothin, 17.808, \$444. 2nd Missy Givens on Fabs

Gone Native, 17.827, \$342. 3rd Tayla Moeykens on PC Constant Fame, 17.893, \$256. 4th Raelene Konzak on TS Perks Sugar Bean, 17.901, \$205. 5th Una Ford on TS Queens Shake Em, 17.922, \$171. 6th Valee Miller on Playful Ichi, 17.941, \$154. 7th Carmel Wright on The Real Version, 18.041, \$136.

2D: 1st Jessie Marreel on Lady Quigly, 18.337, \$381. 2nd Rachael Stevenson on Dashin Divas Doll, 18.345, \$293. 3rd Candi Zion on Streakinwithfury, 18.380, \$220. 4th Donna Johnson on Lil Grey Booger, 18.405, \$176. 5th Stacey Yost on Lady Galo Rojo, 18.418, \$146. 6th Jessica Bliss on Dance With Me Bug, 18.434, \$132. 7th Daine McLean on Tivios Golden Sasha, 18.493, \$117.

3D: 1st Nicole Grice on Monster, 18.810, \$254. 2nd Jodi Klind on Docs Miss Hzida, 18.842, \$195. 3rd Maisie Ford on Irish Darby, 18.868, \$146.

4th Traver Rains on Bonvester Gemma, 18.917, \$117. 5th Kristy Vander Vort on Little Ochoa, 18.921, \$97. 6th Donna Johnson on DDJ Candle, 18.926, \$88. 7th Danielle Wright on Edge, 18.932, \$78.

4D: 1st Raelene Konzak on TS Boodles Of Fame, 19.846, \$190. 2nd Kim Eickhoff on Moons Prophecy, 19.854, \$146. 3rd Krissy Vander Vort on Cracker Jack, 19.858, \$110. 4th Nicki Knerr, on Hooda, 19.878 \$88. 5th Mikell Hougen on Bad Addiction, 19.885, \$73. 6th Kyla Burchard on Uptowns Foxy Star, 19.885, \$66. 7th Deb Entz on DW My Guys Magdalena, 19.909, \$58.

Futurity 2D Sidepot

1D: 1st Kava Huestis on FN Famous Best Yet, 18.500, \$63. 2nd Valerie White on Reddy To Get Fancy, 18.786, \$42.

2D: 1st Rachael Stevenson on Cats In The Bar, 19.687, \$42. 2nd Raelene Konzak on

TS Boodles of Fame, 19.846, \$28.

Derby 2D Sidepot

1D: 1st Lexi Bagnell on CS All American Guy, 18.176, \$82. 2nd Candi Zion on Streakinwithfury, 18.380, \$55.

2D: 1st Starla Annis on Perks Treasured Lynx, 19.283, \$55. 2nd Paige Raty on RPH Blue Jean Night, 19.360, \$36.

Senior 4D Barrels

1D: 1st Missy Givens on Fabs Gone Native, 17.827, \$97. 2nd Karen Boyd on Tripper, 18.182, \$64.

2D: 1st Candi Zion on Streakinwithfury, 18.380, \$83. 2nd Daine McLean on Tivios Golden Sasha, 18.493, \$55.

3D: 1st Larry Kelly on MS Dash Ta The Moon, 19.051, \$55. 2nd Starla Annis on Perks Treasured Lynx, 19.283, \$37.

4D: 1st Deb Entz on DW My Guys Magdalena, 19.909, \$41. 2nd Larry Kelly on Hill

Finishline Dash, 19.948, \$27.

WPRA Sidepot

1st Raelene Konzak on TS Perks Sugar Bean, 17.901, \$268.25 2nd Una Ford on TS Queens Shake Em, 17.922, \$222. 3rd Valee Miller on Playful Ichi, 17.941, \$175.75 4th Tayla Moeyken on Dash of Blue Sky, 18.142, \$129.50. 5th Rebecca Eliasson on Bud, 18.221, \$83.25 6th Jessica Bliss on Noble Sunday, 18.301, \$46.25.

Open 2D Poles

1D: 1st Sage Henderson on Kitty Lena, 20.795, \$103. 2nd Daine McLean on Tivios Golden Sasha, 21.975, \$62. 3rd Bryar Taylor on Stormy, 22.099, \$41.

2D (Poles): 1st Brady Drummond on Platinum Rambo, 23.133, \$69. 2nd Kaitlyn Carter on Shesa Calypso Dream, 23.519, \$41. 3rd Kyla Burchard on Uptowns Foxy Star, 23.866, \$27.



Sage Henderson of Lewistown won the Poles with a time of 20.795.

Photo by Dory Waid Photography/Courtesy Candi Zion

GUN-A-MONTH

The July, 2022, Gun-A-Month raffle was held at the Sport Center on July 26. Malcolm Johnson of Lewistown did the honors of drawing the winning ticket.

The July winner is: Storfa's Service (Ike Waltari) of Lewistown, MT Winner of the Remington 870 12ga. Shotgun. Congratulation Storfa's Service (Ike Waltari) and thanks for supporting the Redbirds.

Also, thank you to John and Colby Tognetti and staff for continuing to be great supporters of the Lewistown Redbirds.

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Friday	9 a.m.-noon, 1:15-5:50 p.m.
Saturday	None
Sunday	None

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Pickleball	Mon.-Fri., 8:15-10:30 a.m.
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Noon Rec.	Mon.-Fri., Noon-1:15 p.m.
Private group/parties	Mon., Tues., 1:30-5:30.
Walk and Jog	Tues.-Fri., 7-8:15 p.m.
Strong Women	Tues., Thurs. noon-1 p.m.

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Little Eagle flag football registration is taking place at the Civic Center on Monday, July 18 through Friday, July 29. Registration slips can be picked up and returned to the Civic Center. It is for any youth from first grade through sixth grade. Questions, call the Civic Center.

For most of the summer, the Civic Center will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays except for special occasions.



Anglers cap Montana Walleye Circuit season at Tiber

Tognetti, Vine take second overall on Circuit

By KATHERINE SEARS | Managing Editor

Central Montana had a good showing on the Montana Walleye Circuit this year. The season kicked off with the Crooked Creek Classic in May, followed by Fresno and Canyon Ferry in June.

The team of Colby Tognetti of Lewistown and Kyle Vine of Vida finished 12th at the Crooked Creek Classic and first at Canyon Ferry, while Kennie Williams of Lewistown and Travis Scott of Harlowton shattered the weight record and snagged first place at Fresno. The team of Dakota Wahl of Lewistown and Brock Pyrah of Roundup also did well at the Crooked Creek Classic, placing ninth.

Anglers capped off the Circuit season at Tiber the weekend of July 16. Once again, a Central Montana team fared well, with the team of Dan Peterson of Lewistown and Lance Kresge of Bozeman finishing in fifth place.

Pre-fishing for Tiber was tough, according to Peterson, and the pair struggled to catch big fish. Despite being their first tournament fishing together, they seemed to have it figured out come game time.

"We had success fishing the thick weeds," said Peterson. "It was flat and hot, which makes it really tricky."

The team ended the weekend with 21.67 pounds of fish, with the winning team of Matt Fischer of Helena and Ty Hinderager from Fort Shaw banking 59.76 pounds.

"It was our first time fishing together, but we might do it all next year," said Peterson. "He's committed and you need that if you want to be successful."

Fifty-two teams turned out to fish at Tiber, which included several teams from Central

Montana.

Tognetti and Vine finished in 14th with 14.05 pounds of fish; Dave Snyder and Randy Snyder of Lewistown reeled in 10.95 pounds for spot 23; and Williams and Scott ended the weekend with 6.62 pounds of fish for 36th place.

After combining scores from all tournaments, Tognetti and Vine finished in second place overall, just behind the team of Matt Fischer and Ty Hinderager. Tognetti and Vine also came in second to Fischer and Inderager as the Iron Man Team of the year. Teams who fish all four tournaments with the same partner qualify for the Iron Man team award.

Successful season

Although there were a few changes to the Circuit this year, organizers and anglers had a good season on the water.

"It was a great year and a lot of fun," said Peterson. "Tammy [Pyrah] keeps it all together and does a great job."

Don and Tammy Pyrah of Lewistown have served as Circuit directors since 2014, with Don managing the most of the Circuit's 35 sponsors, and Tammy organizing and overseeing each tournament and tournament director.

"Numbers were down a little bit across the board this year, I think because of the gas prices," said Tammy. "Gov Cup [on the Fort Peck Circuit] is the only tournament that actually filled up this year."

With a new process in place for weighing fish, Tammy said they will continue to tweak that system for next year. The process was introduced last year, and anglers must photograph and release their fish rather than transport them to an official weigh boat. Between the 2021 and 2022 seasons, the process has



Dan Peterson of Lewistown holds up a nice walleye he caught pre-fishing on the circuit this year.

Photo courtesy of Dan Peterson

been utilized at six tournaments.

"I do think it's helped prevent fish kill," said Tammy. "It's been good, but do we need to tweak some more? Absolutely."

Anglers should expect to see a few changes

on that end come the 2023 Circuit season, according to Tammy.

Those who are interested in participating in the 2023 Circuit season should contact Don or Tammy.

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Having a 'Fair'ly Good Time



4-ers Ellison Hughes, Briahna Pond, Hannah Eike, and Kimberly Murnion show their poultry entries in front of judge Desiree Roth during the intermediate poultry showmanship exhibition at the Central Montana Fair on Tuesday. Photo by Will Briggs



Judge Jeremy England speaks with a 4-H member during the large animal round robin held Friday at the Central Montana Fair. Photo by Will Briggs

Head, Hands, Heart, Health



Elizabeth Dygert with the Creative Critters 4-H Club shows her pig during the Central Montana Fair Market Swine Show. Photo by Will Briggs

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★ Help Wanted

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TELEPHONE: (406) 538-2623
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
MONTANA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, FERGUS COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE

ESTATE OF ENOLA LAMBEFF, Deceased. Probate No. DP-2022-40
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the undersigned, to all persons having claims against said deceased, to present said claims within four (4) months after the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred.
Claims must either be mailed to the undersigned, Return Receipt Requested, at the

address below, or filed with the Clerk of Court, Courthouse, Lewistown, Montana.
DATED this 26th day of July, 2022.
/s/ Michele Barkhoff, MICHELE BARKHOFF
c/o Sarah Aamold, Attorney at Law, STOGSDILL & BIRDWELL, P.C., 224 W. Main Street, Suite 511, Lewistown, MT 59457
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MONTANA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, FERGUS COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS DANIEL JOST, deceased. PROBATE NO. DP-22-31

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named Estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.
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DATED this 19th day of July, 2022.
(s) Judi Lofquist, Personal Representative
(Publish: July 23, 30 & August 6, 2022)
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INVITATION TO BID
Sealed bids will be received until the closing time of 2:00 p.m. on AUGUST 16, 2022, and will be publicly opened and read aloud in the offices of the Architecture & Engineering Division, 1520 East Sixth Avenue, P.O. Box 200103, Helena MT 59620-0103, for: LEWISTOWN READINESS CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT / DEPT. OF MILITARY AFFAIRS / LEWISTOWN, MT / A&E #2022-33-19
Bids shall be submitted on the form provided within the Contract Documents. Contract documents may be obtained at the offices of: BSPARK ARCHITECTURE 410 CENTRAL AVENUE STE. #506 GREAT FALLS, MT 59401 406 453-0001 keith@bsparkarch.com
An Electronic copy of the Contract Documents will be provided at no cost. A refundable deposit of \$25.00 is required for a hard copy of the Contract Documents.
A PRE-BID WALK-THROUGH IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022, AT 10:00 A.M. PARTICIPANTS SHOULD MEET AT LEWISTOWN READINESS CENTER LOCATED AT 863 WEST AIRPORT ROAD, LEWISTOWN MT 59457. ATTENDANCE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.
Bids must be accompanied by a bid security meeting the requirements of the State of Montana in the amount of 10% of the total bid. After award, the successful bidder must furnish an approved Performance Security and a Labor & Material Payment Security each in the amount of 100% of the contract.
No bidder may withdraw his bid for at least thirty (30) calendar days after the scheduled time for receipt of bids except as noted in the Instructions to Bidders.
The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any and all irregularities or informalities and the right to determine what constitutes any and all irregularities or informalities.
This project is funded in whole or in part by funds received from the Federal Government, and the contract award is wholly contingent on the state's appropriation authority for the federal funds and actual receipt of the federal funds.
ARCHITECTURE & ENGINEERING DIVISION DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION STATE OF MONTANA (Publish: July 30, August 6 & 13, 2022) MNAXLP

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MONTANA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, FERGUS COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SAM L. SHORT, Deceased.
Probate No. DP-2022-37
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the undersigned, to all persons having claims against said deceased, to present said claims within four (4) months after the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to the undersigned, Return Receipt Requested, at the address below, or filed with the Clerk of Court, Courthouse, Lewistown, Montana.
DATED this 20th day of July, 2022.
/s/ Darrel Short, DARREL SHORT, Personal Representative, c/o STOGSDILL & BIRDWELL, P.C., 224 W. Main Street, Suite 511, Lewistown, MT 59457 (Publish: July 23, 30 & August 6, 2022) MNAXLP

SLETTEN CONSTRUCTION REQUEST FOR FIRE SPRINKLER BIDS
From ALL qualified FIRE SPRINKLER INSTALLERS. Interested parties are invited to submit hard bids for the Lewistown Public Schools Lewis and Clark Classrooms Addition Project Phase 1 in Lewistown, MT. All relevant bid information can be obtained at the plans exchanges or from Sletten Construction for plans, specifications, instructions to bidders, and bid forms.
The entire scope of FIRE SPRINKLER for the project known as:
LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS LEWIS AND CLARK CLASSROOMS ADDITION, PHASE 1
Bids must be hand delivered, mail or UPS/FedEx on or before: **August 5th, 2022 before 12:00 pm**
Attn: Alec Pinero
Sletten Construction Company 1000 25th St. N. Great Falls, MT 59403
Ph.: 406-761-7920
www.sletteninc.com
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
NorthWestern Corporation
Project No. 2188-274
NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND PROTESTS
(July 21, 2022)
Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:
a. Application Type: Non-capacity Amendment of License
b. Project No: 2188-274
c. Date Filed: July 14, 2022
d. Applicant: NorthWestern Corporation (licensee)
e. Name of Project: Missouri-Madison Hydroelectric Project
f. Location: The project consists of nine hydroelectric developments located on the Madison and Missouri Rivers in Gallatin, Madison, Lewis and Clark, and Cascade counties, in southwestern Montana.
g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a - 825r
h. Applicant Contact: Mary Gail Sullivan, Director, Environmental and Lands, NorthWestern Corporation, 11 East Park Street Butte, Montana 59701, (406)497-3382, marygail.sullivan@northwestern.com and John Tabaracci, Senior Corporate Counsel, NorthWestern Corporation, 208 North Montana Avenue, Suite 205, Helena, Montana 59601 (406)443-8983, john.tabaracci@northwestern.com
i. FERC Contact: Jeremy Jessup, (202)502-6779, Jeremy.Jessup@ferc.gov
j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: August 22, 2022.
The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866)208-3676 (toll free), or (202)502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P-2188-274. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.
The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.
k. Description of Request: The licensee proposes to replace the Black Eagle Development's Unit 3 turbine and refurbish the generators for Units 1 and 3. The proposed upgrade will result in a 2.1 megawatt (MW) increase in the authorized installed capacity of the development, to 23.90 MW, and will result in an increase to the hydraulic capacity of the development of 11%, from 5,691 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 6,342 cfs. The licensee also proposes to replace the Cochrane Development's Unit 2 turbine and rewind its generator. The proposed upgrade will result in a 11.0 MW decrease in the authorized installed capacity

of the development, to 48.90 MW, and will decrease the hydraulic capacity of the development 20%, from 10,800 cfs to 8,640 cfs. The proposed actions will result in the total authorized installed capacity for the project decreasing from 327.37 MW to 318.47 MW. The licensee states that the upgrades will have no measurable effect on the operation of the project and only a minor effect on hydraulic flows.
l. Locations of the Application: This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202)502-8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.
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Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.
p. Filing and Service of Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.
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Spotlight on Winifred

No loss for words



By M.K. NOL
News-Argus Staff Writer

Winifred has been a part of the Lewistown community for over 50 years. She is a retired teacher and has been a member of the Lewistown Community Center for many years. She is a very active person and enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She is also a member of the Lewistown Senior Center and enjoys going to the movies and the library.

Spotlight on Grass Range

High-schoolers' awards all set

By MERYL RYGG-MASKINA
News-Argus Staff Writer

The Grass Range students at the Grass Range School are preparing for a special event. The students will be receiving awards for their achievements in various subjects. The awards will be presented by the school board and the community. The students are excited about the opportunity to be recognized for their hard work and dedication.

Spotlight on Denton

A 'Sea'ttle-faring group



By ALICE NEAL
News-Argus Staff Writer

The Denton group is a 'Sea'ttle-faring group that has been active for many years. They are a group of people who enjoy traveling and exploring new places. They have been to many different parts of the world and have had many interesting experiences. They are looking forward to their next adventure.

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- Assess passengers' physical condition.
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How to make camper travel more comfortable

The open road beckons millions of people across the globe every year. People's idea of the ideal getaway varies depending on the individual, but few can deny the appeal of a road trip that allows travelers to move at their own pace.

Camper can give road trips a more liberating feel. When taking to the road in a camper, drivers are not beholden to checkout times or many of the other restrictions that can govern how people spend their time on vacation. Campers may not have all the creature comforts of a five-star hotel room, but travelers can take steps to make their campers more comfortable.

• **Furnish the floors.** Few drivers give much thought to the floors in their cars and trucks. But camper floors deserve a little more attention. Camper rugs and runners can ensure your first step out of bed in the morning isn't a frigid one. Many camper carpets and runners are built to withstand heavy traffic and take on all the dirt your hiking boots track in after a day enjoying the great outdoors. Custom-made carpets and runners may be a tad expensive, but budget-conscious travelers can find durable mats to warm their toes each morning

for around \$20.

• **Take stock of the mattress.** Much like that fold up cot that only comes out of the closet when your in-laws visit, a camper mattress is an afterthought until drivers go to bed on the first night of their trips, only to remember their factory-installed mattress is less than welcoming. Upgrading a factory camper mattress won't cost as much as replacing the mattress on the bed inside your home. In fact, the most popular RV mattress sold by the custom mattress retailers at MattressInsider.com will cost travelers less than \$1,000. That's an investment well worth making for the promise of a more restful night's sleep on the road.

• **Warm it up.** Weather is unpredictable, and that can make nights in a camper uncomfortable. A portable camper/RV space heater can help travelers combat cold nights when the mercury unexpectedly dips. Most portable electric space heaters are compact, meaning they won't take up much space inside the camper cabin. The market for portable camper heaters is flooded, so drivers may want to spend some time researching all their options before purchasing a new heater. Some heaters feature an adjustable



thermostat. Safety features like over-heat protection and cool-touch exteriors can provide some added peace of

mind when going to bed at night.

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ous steps to make their campers more comfortable prior to hitting the open road.

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