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HOME SERVE AWARDS 20 APPRENTICE AND TRAINING GRANTS TO SUPPORT SKILLED TRADES WORKFORCE

City Press release By HomeServe: April 1, 2025 - Norwalk, Ct



Company Photo - Left to right: Naomi Abbott (Office Manager), Mike Wadsworth (Owner/Master Plumber), Jayce Olsen (Laborer), Andrew Hansen (Apprentice), Dustin Raprager (Journeyman) Photo credit HomeServe

HomeServe is proud to announce the winners of its first ever Apprentice and Training Grant Program, an initiative designed to support workforce development in the skilled trades industry. The grants, totaling \$50,000, were awarded to the top 20 applicants, all of whom are contractor companies that are a part of HomeServe's network. The funds will be used by

each winning company to invest in apprentice training and employee upskilling programs during the year.

"At HomeServe, we know the incredible value skilled tradespeople bring to our business and to the communities we serve. We also recognize the challenges associated with the skilled trades gap where not enough

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PET PAW-SEE PREPARES FOR THIRD ANNUAL CINCO DE MEOW MEOW

**Community
Action**

By Karen Anderson: April 6, 2025 -
Great Falls, Mt



Pet Paw-See is preparing for their third Annual Dinner Fundraiser, Cinco De Meow Meow. This event is scheduled for Saturday, May 10th, at the University of Providence, located at 1301 20th St S. The doors will open at 4:30 PM, with the event program and a buffet-style Mexican dinner commencing at 5:00 PM.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the door, for \$20 for adults and \$12 for children under 12 years of age. Individuals interested in sponsoring the event or donating items for the silent auction are encouraged to contact Pet Paw-See at

petpawsee.mt@gmail.com.

The Cinco de Meow Meow fundraiser supports the Pet Paw-See, a non-profit cat rescue organization. Proceeds from this event are allocated to cover the medical expenses of the cats they rescue, the majority of whom come from challenging circumstances and often have significant medical issues. Last year, the medical expenditures surpassed \$100,000, with all funds raised being directed strictly toward the care of these animals, including their food and medical needs.

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CRIME REPORT FROM MARCH 30TH TO APRIL 5TH

Great Falls Police crime data report
from March 30th to April 5th
includes 59 records.

- 2 - Aggravated Assault
- 9 - All Other Larceny
- 2 - Burglary/Breaking & Entering
- 1 - Credit Card/Automatic Teller
Machine Fraud
- 5 - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of
Property
- 13 - Disorderly Conduct
- 4 - Driving Under the Influence
- 6 - Drug/Narcotic Violations
- 5 - Shoplifting
- 7 - Simple Assault
- 5 - Theft From Motor Vehicle

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by **ions**, which are
negatively-charged
particles in the air
produced by the pound-
ing surf. A beach can
have as much as 2,000
negative ions per cubic
centimeter, as opposed
to a crowded city that
may have less than 100.
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that exposure to nega-
tive air ions is linked to
reduced depression,
lowered anxiety and
improved feelings of
well-being.

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2025 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS SOON

Press release By City of Great Falls: April 4, 2025 - Great Falls, Mt



Registration for 2025 Summer Camps held at the Scheels Aim High Big Sky Aquatic and Recreation Center (SAHBS) will open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April

15th. For a full list of camp dates, ages, and weekly themes, visit the Great Falls Park and Recreation website at <https://fpc-go.com/bku>. The cost for an all day camp is \$190.00 per week. When registering, 50% of the cost will be due. Camps are split into two age groups. "Rugrats" camps are for those entering 2nd and 3rd grade, and "Explorers" camps are for those entering 4th and 5th grade. SAHBS is offering 10 weeks of both

age group camps this summer. Registration can be completed online or in person at the SAHBS.

For more information on the summer camps, community education classes, and other program opportunities, visit Park and Recreation's website at <https://fpc-go.com/bku>, call SAHBS at 406-727-6099, or email parkrequests@greatfallsmt.net.



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PUBLIC WORKS' STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE: APRIL 7TH THROUGH APRIL 10TH

By Karen Anderson: April 5, 2025 - Great Falls, Mt



The City undertakes the sweeping of approximately 300 miles of streets annually to uphold cleanliness, enhance roadway safety, and improve the overall aesthetic of neighborhoods and business districts. Street sweeping effectively eliminates debris, leaves, and dirt that can obstruct storm drains, contribute to air pollution, and create hazardous driving conditions.

In the spring, street sweeping is performed daily to ensure that residential streets are comprehensively cleaned following the winter months. In addition to the scheduled spring sweeping, residents may request additional street cleaning as needed.

Collector streets, which accommodate higher traffic volumes, are swept multiple times throughout the year as circumstances require. The streets within business districts are routinely cleaned after business hours to minimize disruptions to both businesses and traffic flow.

Public Works' spring street sweeping schedule for April 7th through April 10th is as follows. On the day your street is scheduled for sweeping, please remove vehicles from the area from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please be advised that this schedule may change or be canceled due to weather conditions.

Monday, April 7, 2025:
(All Streets) from Park Drive North to 9th Street North from 2nd Avenue North to 8th Avenue North. Also Streets from 10th Street North to 13th Street North and from 8th Avenue North to Central Avenue. Also, 9th Street North from 8th Avenue North to River Drive North.

Tuesday, April 8, 2025:
(All Avenues) from Park Drive North to 13th Street North from 3rd Avenue North to River Drive North. Also, 12th Avenue North from 15th Street North to River Drive North.

Wednesday, April 9, 2025:
(All Streets) from 16th Street North through 27th Street North from Central Avenue to 8th Avenue North. Also, 25th Street North from 8th Avenue North to River Drive North.

Thursday, April 10, 2025:
(All Avenues) from 13th Street North to 27th Street North and from 8th Avenue North to 3rd Avenue North.

For inquiries related to street maintenance or to report street issues, individuals are encouraged to contact the PAR-TNER line at (406) 727-8637, the Public Works Operations Office at (406) 771-1401 or to submit a request through the online Street Maintenance Notification Form available at <https://fpc-go.com/bld>.

THIRD ANNUAL CINCO DE MEOW MEOW (Continued from page 1)

Pet Paw-See incurs no overhead costs as the cats are housed in the homes of volunteers or boarded at facilities. All financial contributions are dedicated solely to rescuing cats and facilitating their adoption into permanent homes.

The event will feature a buffet-style Mexican dinner, silent auction and a raffle. Presentations will be shown that will highlight inspiring stories related to their rescue efforts.

Pet Paw-See also conducts a low-cost spay-neuter clinic several times each month in an effort to

mitigate cat overpopulation in the Great Falls area. While the proceeds from this dinner fundraiser do not directly support this program, they will briefly discuss its significance during the event, as it plays a vital role in their ongoing mission.

For more information, please contact Pet Paw-See at

petpawsee.mt@gmail.com, call (406) 231-1132, or find them on Facebook.

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HOMESEERVE AWARDS 20 APPRENTICE AND TRAINING GRANTS

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workers are going into these important fields,” said HomeServe CEO Tom Rusin. “This grant program is part of HomeServe’s larger skilled trades initiative to ensure our contractor companies have the next generation of skilled labor ready to fill these rewarding careers that keep our country moving forward and our homes running smoothly.”

Recipients were selected through a competitive review process that evaluated their proposed training initiatives and the anticipated impact on their business and workforce.

One of the winning contractors, Cedtronics Wire Service of Memphis, Tennessee, shared their gratitude about the grant and the impact it will have on their company. “So excited for your help and what this is going to do for my company – now I won’t have to do all the teaching, training and basic work alone, and that’s needed in this industry. [This grant] is helping me to build a strong team and to be able to fulfill a dream.”

Another winning contractor, Doc’s Electric LLC from Tulsa Oklahoma, also shared their excitement about the news. “Thank you for the wonderful news! We are very pleased to accept the 2025 HomeServe Apprenticeship and Training Grant for \$2,500. We appreciate HomeServe recognizing Doc’s Electric LLC’s dedication to growing our workforce and advancing our business.”

The Apprentice and Training Grant Program is a key component of HomeServe’s broader Skilled Trades Initiative, aimed at strengthening and expanding the skilled labor force. HomeServe currently partners with more than 2,600 vetted, local contractors that

the business relies on to serve its homeowner customers across the country. In addition to this Grant Program, in the coming months, HomeServe will announce strategic partnerships with leading professional trade associations that share a commitment to promoting and sustaining careers in the skilled trades.

2025 HomeServe Apprenticeship and Training Grant Winners

ACC Plumbing and Backflow - Charlotte, NC

ACE Home and Commercial Plumbing Services LLC - El Paso, TX
Air Butler HVAC - Powell, WY

Alpha Electrical Services - Edmonton, AB

Anchor Plumbing & Drain Services LLC - Youngstown, OH

Blands Mechanical LLC - Indianapolis, IN

Campo Heating & Air - Carriere, MS
Cedtronics Wiring Service - Bartlett, TN

Doc’s Electric, LLC - Tulsa, OK
Done Right Contracting LLC - Palm Bay, FL

Dynamic Plumbing - Cartersville, GA

Flash Electrical LLC - Winifrede, WV
Infiniti Electric LLC - Commerce City, CO

KEDA HVAC LLC - Aurora, CO
Master Tech Appliance Care, LLC - Chesapeake, VA

McClerklin’s Electrical Services - Elgin, SC

MW Plumbing DBO 911 Plumbing and Heating - Great Falls, MT

Patriot One Enterprises LLC - Newport News, VA

Premier Plumbing Services LLC - Baltimore, MD

Vector Services - Brooklyn Park, MN

The skilled trades are experiencing significant labor shortages due to

a variety of factors including an aging workforce, reduced vocational programs and reduced interest from younger generations. In fact, there was a shortage of about 500,000 skilled trades workers in 2024 and it remains 2025, causing project delays and increased costs. This highlights a pressing need for investment in training and development within the skilled trades, which HomeServe is committed to providing through the Grant Program and larger Skilled Trades Initiative.

About HomeServe USA

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2025 MIGRATORY BIRD STAMP ANNOUNCED

Press release By FWP: March 31, 2025 - Helena, Mt



Photo credit FWP

A trio of tundra swans winging their way through a gray sky in the shadows of Rocky Mountain peaks is captured brilliantly in the 2025 Montana Migratory Bird Stamp.

The winning artwork is by Florida artist John Nelson Harris. His painting of a three tundra swans was selected from among more than 50 submissions from artists around the United States. Harris is the designer of more than a dozen conservation prints and stamps, including duck stamps for California, Oklahoma and Washington. He's been the winning

artist for the Montana Migratory Bird Stamp for two years in a row.

FWP launched the Migratory Bird Stamp contest in 2024 to help raise additional awareness and appreciation for wetlands conservation and the benefits of intact wetlands to people and wildlife. The Montana Wetlands Protection Advisory Council selected the winner in of this year's contest in February.

"Intact wetlands are critical pieces of habitat for wildlife and they're important for landowners," said FWP Director Christy Clark. "Water is critical and therefore wetland conservation is an important part of what we do as an agency."

Wetlands are critical for many wildlife and aquatic species, as well providing critical ecosystem functions like flood control, groundwater recharge and water purification. FWP's Migratory Bird Wetland Program helps landowners and other conservation partners develop and fund projects that

protect, conserve, enhance or create high-quality wetland habitat.

The 2025 Migratory Bird Stamp is not required to hunt migratory birds in Montana.

This year, all hunters who purchase a Migratory Bird Stamp will be sent an email with the winning artwork and offering them a sticker sheet.

Additionally, people want to support wetland conservation but don't hunt, they can purchase a sticker sheet and other promotional items through Montana's Outdoor Legacy Foundation.

For winning the 2025 Migratory Bird Stamp contest, Nelson receives a \$2,000 prize paid for by contributions from Montana's Outdoor Legacy Foundation, Montana Audubon and Ducks Unlimited.

For more information on the contest and to view the submissions, visit <https://fwp.mt.gov/migratory-bird-stamp>.

FWP TAKING COMMENT ON SHOOTING RANGE PROPOSAL NEAR LOGAN

Press release By FWP: March 25, 2025 - Helena, Mt



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is conducting a public scoping effort on a proposal to build a shooting range on state trust lands near Logan.

The proposed shooting range would include a rifle range with

targets out to 600 yards, separate lanes for pistol and short-range shooting, and shotguns. This proposed shooting range would require an easement for land managed by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation located along the Interstate 90 corridor approximately two miles outside of Logan.

The land is currently under a grazing lease, which would be purchased by FWP as part of this project.

This public scoping provides an opportunity for the public to share

concerns or questions while the project is still in the planning phase. These comments will help determine public interest, identify potential issues, and illuminate options for the project moving forward.

The public can comment through April 23. Comments can be emailed to Sam Hoggatt at Samuel.hoggatt@mt.gov, or mailed to FWP, care of the Logan Shooting Range Proposal, 1420 E. 6th Ave., Helena, MT 59601.

The entire public scoping notice can be found online. at <https://fwp.mt.gov/>



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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

South dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 10 9 4
♥ Q 5 3
♦ 9 4
♣ A Q 8 6 3

WEST

♠ Q 8 6 3
♥ K 9
♦ K Q J 10 3
♣ K 4

EAST

♠ J 7 5 2
♥ J 8
♦ A 8 6 2
♣ J 10 7

SOUTH

♠ A K
♥ A 10 7 6 4 2
♦ 7 5
♣ 9 5 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	2 ♦	2 ♥	3 ♦
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Every once in a while, declarer finds himself struggling in a seemingly hopeless contract. This

situation might be caused by overbidding, misbidding or any number of other good -- or bad -- reasons.

Whatever the cause, declarer must nevertheless try to find a successful resolution to his predicament. A contract that appears impossible to make can sometimes be brought home by applying just a little bit of extra effort.

Consider this deal where South is in four hearts. Looking at only the North-South cards, it seems declarer must lose two diamonds, at least one club and at least one trump. Yet, despite this prognosis, South can make the contract if he pays close attention to the task at hand.

West leads the king of diamonds and continues with the ten to East's ace. East shifts to a spade,

won by South with the ace. Declarer sees that he must lose a trump trick regardless of how he approaches the suit, so he devotes all his thoughts to avoiding a club loser. This results in his adopting a line of play that -- with some luck -- will cause his seemingly inevitable club loser to vanish into thin air.

Declarer begins by finessing the queen of clubs at trick four, then leads a spade to his king and a club to dummy's ace. Next, he ruffs dummy's remaining spade.

The ace and another trump are now played, West winning with the king. Since West has no more clubs, he is forced to return a spade or a diamond, allowing declarer to ruff in dummy while he discards his remaining club, and the "impossible" game is home.

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1. Who wrote and released "What in the World's Come Over You"?
2. Did Rare Earth ever have a U.S. chart-topper hit?
3. Which artist wrote and released "Ashes to Ashes"?
4. What was the title of Neneh Cherry's first album?

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Do my dreaming and my scheming, lie awake and pray, Do my crying and my sighing, laugh at yesterday."

Answers

1. Jack Scott, in 1959. It came out on his 1960 album of the same name and has been covered by numerous others over the years, including Tom Jones, Sonny James and Jim Reeves.
2. No. "Get Ready" in 1970 was closest, hitting No. 4. The song went to No. 1, but that was in Canada.

3. David Bowie, on his "Scary Monsters (and Super Creeps)" album in 1980. The music video came in at No. 44 on the Rolling Stone list of the 100 greatest music videos of all time.

4. "Raw Like Sushi," released in 1989.

5. "In My Room," by the Beach Boys in 1963, released on their "Surfer Girl" album. The song only made it to No. 23 on the Hot 100 chart that year, but ended up in the Grammy Hall of Fame in 1999.

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JULIA'S BIRTHDAY IS APRIL 9TH
NOT APRIL 8TH)**

OBITUARIES



Obituary of Doris Hodges

Doris Jean (Nichols) Hodges
December 10, 1932 - March 29, 2025

Doris Jean Hodges, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 29th at Peace Hospice in Great Falls, surrounded by her loving family. She was 92 years old.

Born on December 10, 1932, in Great Falls, Montana, Doris was the eldest daughter of George and Dorothy Nichols. A few years later, her sister Nancy joined the family—her lifelong best friend.

Doris was raised and educated in

Great Falls. During her senior year at Great Falls High School in 1951, she left school to marry the love of her life, Gene Hodges, who had been drafted into the Korean War. The newlyweds made their first home together in Camp Pendleton, California, where they lived for two years before returning to Great Falls to settle down and start a family.

Together, Doris and Gene raised four children—Jerry, Brian, Cheryl, and Melissa—and in 1962, they purchased their forever home on Wilkinson Lane. Gene doted on Doris for 65 years, taking immense pride in caring for the love of his life. His devotion to her was unwavering and deeply felt by all who knew them.

Gene taught Doris how to groom dogs, and with his support, she opened her own grooming business in their home, which she successfully ran for over 40 years. Her children fondly remember the blessing of having a hardworking mom who was always just a few steps away.

Doris was a woman of many talents. She had a keen artistic eye and impeccable style. A gifted seamstress, sculptor, and painter, her creativity touched every corner

of her life. Doris and Gene shared a deep love for animals—especially dogs—a legacy that left a lasting mark on the community. For years, they could be seen side by side, with a furry friend never far behind. Now, they are together again—just as they should be.

Doris is preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband Gene, her sister Nancy, and her son Jerry.

She is survived by her son Brian, daughters Cheryl and Melissa (Richie), and her cherished grandchildren: Cody, Tiffany, Kara, Zach, Nicole, Krissy, and Kailey. Doris also leaves behind her great-grandchildren: Eden, Quintin, Benita, Carissa, Carter, Elijah, Treven, Haiden, Bella, Dugan, Markus, Mia, Juliette,

Jayde, and Elliot; as well as her great-great-grandchild Eliza Ruth. For a brief and beautiful time, five generations of her family shared this earth.

A Graveside Service will be taking place Tuesday, April 8th, 2025, at 2PM, at Highland Cemetery, with Doris being buried beside Gene.



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Tuesday A 20 percent chance of rain before noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Breezy, with a southwest wind 9 to 14 mph increasing to 21 to 26 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 39 mph.

Tuesday Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. Breezy, with a southwest wind 17 to 22 mph decreasing to 10 to 15 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 36 mph.

Wednesday A 20 percent chance of rain after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. Breezy, with a southwest wind 11 to 16 mph increasing to 19 to 24 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 37 mph.

Wednesday Night Mostly clear, with a low around 42. West northwest wind 15 to 20 mph becoming southwest 7 to 12 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 31 mph.

Thursday Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. South southwest wind 6 to 9 mph.

Thursday Night Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40.

Friday Partly sunny, with a high near 72.

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@ - @ - @

Live Karaoke

Concert Event

April 10th, 2025
7:00 - 9:30 PM
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@ - @ - @

City Commission Meeting

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April 15th, 2025
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@ - @ - @

Commission Work Session

Commission Council

April 16th, 2025
2:00 - 3:30 PM
<https://fpc-go.com/blc>
@ Commission Chamber

HIIT Class

Health Event

April 10th, 2025
5:30 - 6:30 PM
<https://fpc-go.com/bkw>
@ Falls Fitness

@ - @ - @

Clint @ the Beacon

Concert Event

April 11th, 2025
8:00 PM
<https://fpc-go.com/bkz>
@ Beacon Icehouse

@ - @ - @

Nighborhood Council #7

Nighborhood Council

April 10th, 2025
7:00 PM
<https://fpc-go.com/bkx>
@ 1st Church of the Nazarene

April 14th, 2025
6700 PM
<https://fpc-go.com/bla>
@ Civic Center Gibson Room

Submit events to
events@gfgazette.com

All Public Events
Welcome

Remember to verify
times and location as
they may change without
notice!

The civic events are
compiled from
published events
provided by the City
and County.



Is there a previous issue you really enjoyed and would like to see again? We have digital archives of all previous issues that can be reprinted upon request. Call us at (406) 952-3021 or email us at info@gfgazette.com for more information.

FUN-E-PAGES

STICKELERS [sic] by Terry Stickels

Below is a common word known to all.
See how long it takes to unravel it.

E	T	I	N
A	I	E	N
L	M	I	S
T	S	E	T

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Puzzle
answers
can be
found on
the next
page.

MINI SUDOKU

	6			1	
		4			
					3
			6	4	
6	1		5		
5	4				

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 6-box square contains all of the numbers from one to six.

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Come see us at the Gun and Antique Sale, April 25th, 26th, 27th

Falls Dolls Sales

We can reserve a table for those with Dolls, Doll accessories, and other related items so that you can be in the 20+ tables of related sales.

Linda: 406-799-1572 Sue: 406-465-5961

We also will market your table if you are interested in someone selling your items on your reserved table.

We are a group of Appraisers, Restorers, and Collectors with over 60 Years of Experience.

GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

	-		×		= 16			
-		+		-				
	+		÷	4	= 2			
×		÷		×				
	-		+		= 13			
=		=		=				
24		5		36				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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"Why don't you run along home while I
do some _____?"

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Echo

PARTEE

Usual

OUTERIN

Walk

EPISTAR

Zero

THUGA

TODAY'S WORD

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Stickelers Answer

The word is "sentimentalities."

Go Figure!

answers

5	-	3	×	8	= 16
-		+		-	
1	+	7	÷	4	= 2
×		÷		×	
6	-	2	+	9	= 13
=		=		=	
24		5		36	

MINI SUDOKU

Answer

3	6	5	4	1	2
1	2	4	3	5	6
4	5	6	1	2	3
2	3	1	6	4	5
6	1	2	5	3	4
5	4	3	2	6	1

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Repeat
2. Routine;
3. Traipse;
4. Aught

Today's Word
SHOPPING



Robin Fleek - Administrator
Ashley Blank - Manager

MT Gems

Assisted Living

Specialized Dementia Care

Ruby & Sapphire House

office: 406 453-0607

fax: 406 761-2091

email: mtgemsinc@gmail.com

website: mtgemsinc.com

811 2nd Ave. S.

Great Falls, MT 59405

HAL FOSTER'S



BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

... VAL HIMSELF STRUGGLES TO FIND A WAY PAST THE SIREN ARROWS AND SPEARS THAT KEEP HIM FROM RUSHING TO THEIR AID.



AT LAST, FRANTIC, HE MAKES A CHOICE AND RACES FOR THE STEEP RAVINE. "KILL ME IF YOU MUST, BUT I WILL NOT BE HELD PRISONER WHILE MY FAMILY IS SLAUGHTERED!"

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MORE SIRENS EMERGE FROM THE MIST TO IMPEDE HIS PASSAGE, BUT AS HE HAD HOPED, NONE LOOSE SHAFTS AT THE "CHOSEN ONE." THEY WANT HIM ALIVE.



THEN CALYPSO VOICES A WILD, WEIRD CRY - ONE THAT IS ANSWERED FROM THE DARKNESS...



...AND IS FOLLOWED BY A GREAT HULKING SHAPE! "POLYPHEMUS!" CRIES CALYPSO, "HERE IS ULYSSES, YOUR TORMENTOR! CRIPPLE HIM!"

NEXT: An epic battle

FOXY'S MARKET

Farm and Animals

Pets For Sale

Schnauzer - Cocker

Male Schnauzer - Cocker
Puppies 16 weeks old - Shots-
dewormed, \$300. Text for Pics
(406) 750-0562

Papitese

Papitese puppies for sale. First
shots and wormed, \$650. Call
or text (406) 476-3026.

King Charles Cavaliers

Both parents AKC. colors
available: Ruby, Blenheim and
Tri. Smart, playful cuddle
babies. Raised in my MT home
as family. UTD on shots,
worming vet checked.
\$1500.00. (208) 770 7786



Place your ad in Foxys Market!
The first 30 words are only
\$5.00, and 15¢ per word
thereafter for a limited time!
Include a picture for just \$1.50
each (some limitations apply)
Ads run all week long in Foxys
Publishing Papers. One price for
three papers (Tuesday,
Thursday, and Sunday) for one
week!!! Clean out the closets
and get some money for it! Call
(406) 604-8929 and ask for Ad
Sales for more information!

Employment

Health Care

Live-in Caretaker

WANTED: Live-in caretaker in
Great Falls for a 75 year old lady
with multiple sclerosis.

No license, bonding, or
insurance required. Must be
able to provide assistance for
activities of daily living,
including meals, dressing,
and personal hygiene.
Room and board in a very nice
two bedroom, one story, brick
home in the Meadowlark
subdivision near the golf course
is provided as part of the
compensation package.
Job will start early this spring.
For inquiries call Dennis at 406-
799-1789

Vehicles

Motorcycles

2009 Kawasaki Vulcan VN900

Trying to clear out the garage.
\$3000(**price updated!**) or Best
Offer.
Great condition Vulcan 900 with
just under 19K miles. Single
Saddlemans seat, Windshield,
saddlebags, Bubba dual exhaust,
and a PowerCommander 5
installed.
Call Scott @ (406) 781-9288



Employment (cont)

Misc

Houseparent

The Great Falls Children's
Receiving Home is hiring! We
are a 24-hour shelter home that
takes children that have been
removed from their homes for
reasons of abuse and/or neglect.
We also accept children that are
currently in the foster system
with no other placement
options. The hours that we
currently have open are
Wednesday-Sunday 10pm-6am,
and Fri-Mon 2PM-10PM The
duties for this shift include bed
checks on residents, cleaning
common areas of the facility,
and laundry. If you are
interested in applying for this
position, our application is on
our website at

www.gfcrh.org. Please feel
free to call or text Staff Manager
Caitlyn Korin at 406-870-0378
with any questions!

Real Estate

AugustaMontanaRealEstate.com

For classified and display
ad sales: 406-604-8929
\$5 first 30 words, 10cent
per word thereafter.

No one will buy it if you don't tell them it's for sale!

CRIMESTOPPERS MOST WANTED

Great Falls/Cascade County Crimestoppers, the Great Falls Police Department, and the Cascade County Sheriff's Office make every effort to keep the Most Wanted list current. We cannot guarantee the currency of the information. If you have reason to believe that any of the information contained on the list is inaccurate, call the Cascade County Sheriff's Office at (406) 454-6820 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

If you have any information to report, please call (406) 727-8477 (TIPS) or go to P3TIPS.COM (For a situation in progress, call 911). All callers remain anonymous and a reward can be paid for tips leading to an arrest. Help keep our community safe by sharing this information.



Hoops, Natasha Marie: 36 yoa, Native American female, 5'6", 140#, brown hair, brown eyes, wanted on 2 warrants, Violation of Bail Condition on Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs, felony, and Contempt-Material Witness, no bond



Dunlap, William Thomas: 58 yoa, white male, 6', 160#, brown hair, blue eyes, wanted on: Fail to Abide on Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs, felony, Criminal Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, misdemeanor, total bond \$10,000

TICK SEASON SHIFTS INTO FULL GEAR--ARE YOU READY?



DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My dog "Happy" and I went hiking this weekend, and when we got back to the car, I did the usual check for bugs and burrs on his long coat. I was shocked to find 12 tiny ticks clinging to his fur. I brushed them off and found five more scurrying around my boot laces. These are baby ticks, right? Should I be

worried about tick bites for both of us? -- Karl M., Roanoke, Virginia

DEAR KARL: You should continue to be vigilant over the next few days, but don't worry too much -- unless Happy shows signs of illness. Doing a "tick check" after each trip outdoors is important, and you did exactly what you needed to do.

Over the next few days, brush through Happy's coat frequently to dislodge any additional ticks. Newly hatched ticks are indeed tiny and hard to see. Run your hand through Happy's coat so that you can check his skin for visible bites or lodged ticks. If you notice a bull's-eye rash around an area, contact the veterinarian.

If you haven't treated your hiking

boots or clothing with permethrin yet, now is the time to do so. Spray the treatment outside, away from Happy or any other animal, and do not let Happy near those clothes until they have dried completely. The permethrin will stay effective through a few washes.

To keep ticks out of the house, follow similar procedures to flea prevention. Give Happy a regular flea and tick preventative; vacuum and mop the house regularly, and terminate any ticks you find.

A new edition of "Fighting Fleas" is coming, and 10 lucky readers will get a free, signed copy! To enter, email ask@pawscorner.com.

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