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OFFICERS RESPOND TO REPORTS OF GUNSHOTS FIRED IN THE VICINITY OF 11TH ST S AND 4TH AVE S

City By Karen Anderson: April 10, 2025 - Great Falls, Mt



Photo credit Great Falls Police Department

At approximately 8:40 AM on April 9th, 911 dispatchers received multiple calls from community members reporting sounds resembling gunshots in the vicinity of 11th St S and 4th Ave S. Officers from the Great Falls Police Department were dispatched to investigate. Officers conducted an investigation for several hours, which included flying a drone over the area, gathering evidence, and interviewing witnesses and individuals involved. The Cascade County Sheriff's Office deputies assisted by searching for two

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THE GREAT FALLS AUTO PARTS SWAP MEET GEARS UP FOR 55TH YEAR

**Community
Action** By Karen Anderson: April 11, 2025 -
Great Falls, Mt



Photo courtesy of Great Falls Auto Parts Swap Meet

The Great Falls Auto Parts Swap Meet is strongly about keeping this tradition alive. The swap meet is not just about vendors selling parts and people purchasing vehicles, it's also a time for socialization among people who share the same interests. This swap meet was originally started in 1970 by the Skunk Wagon Antique Car Club, which organized the event for 48 years. The last one held by the Skunk Wagon Antique Car Club alone was in 2018.

Since then, Jim and Annette Terry approached the club and expressed their interest in reviving the event as they felt

The Skunk Wagon Antique Car Club is one of the host clubs alongside Altered Classics Car Club and The Other Guys

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NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS - APRIL 13TH

By Staff: April 11, 2025 - Great Falls, Mt



Neighbors helping neighbors is a local listing where you can find ways of assisting others in your local community. By working with local non-profit organizations, we can reach out to people in need safely and help insure people's needs are met.

Great Falls Gazette is committed to helping local organizations to help the less fortunate in the local community. If you manage a non-profit organization or know of one, you can post your listing here by emailing The Great Falls Gazette at info@gfgazette.com or calling us at (406) 604-8929.

My Neighbor in Need - Elderly grandmother on a very low fixed income is temporarily taking care of her two grandchildren. However, she is in great need of the removal of months of garbage, old broken furniture, etc. Her age and health has kept her from maintaining the cleanliness of her home and now it has become a hoarder situation. The good news is that we have a group of professional volunteers who have agreed to completely clean out the house, however, they need a large dumpster to dispose the items. The City of Great Falls can provide us with a 30-yard dumpster for \$441. The team of professional volunteers is standing by to help but until we have enough pledges to cover the cost of the dumpster, they cannot begin the clean out. Therefore, we are asking for donations/pledges of any amount up to \$441. You are not required to provide the entire needed amount; rather just tell us how much you wish to provide to help this family. If you can help, please call our office at 406-750-2542. This is a life changing need request and YOU

can be part of the solution! Thank you so much. The identification number is: Great Falls #20717

Great Falls Children's Receiving Home - The Great Falls Children's Receiving Home is in need of items for Easter, including baskets, candy, and miscellaneous items for teens. Any and all items are greatly appreciated. Please call (406) 727-4843 to arrange to have items picked up.

Great Falls Community Food Bank - The Great Falls Community Food Bank is in need of jelly, chili, canned chicken, canned corn, canned green beans, granola bars, any kind of chunky soup. They are also seeking volunteers for the May 10 letter carriers food drive. Teams of two—one driver, one runner. Any and all items are greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at 1620 12th Ave N between 7 am and 3:30 pm or call (406) 452-9029.

YWCA - The YWCA is in need of laundry soap, dryer sheets, bleach, brushes, toilet paper, dish soap, paper towels, nail clippers/files, nail polish, sun block, cleaning rags, tampons/pads, trash bags, diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, batteries, razors, shampoo/conditioner, personal hygiene products, batteries, baby bottles, alarm clocks, makeup, flashlights, coffee/tea, sheet sets, sugar/creamer, blankets, strollers, play pens, towels, washcloths, paint, and paint brushes. Any and all items are greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate, please call (406) 452-1315 or stop by 220 2nd St N.

Family Promise of Great Falls - Family Promise is in need of toilet paper, paper towels, bottled water, dish soap, Lysol or other antibacterial cleaning wipes, general cleaning supplies, toilet bowl cleaner, glass cleaner, sugar, and creamer. Any and all items are greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at 1019 Central Ave, or call (406) 564-5267.

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APRIL EVENTS AT FIRST PEOPLES BUFFALO JUMP STATE PARK

Press release By FWP April 7, 2025 - Great Falls, Mt



First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park (FPBJ) has many opportunities to enjoy our park this April! Spring has finally arrived on the prairie. We invite you out to our park to participate in one of our many events happening to enjoy the season.

Full moon hike, Saturday, April 12:

Join us for one of our popular guided full moon hikes. Learn about the history of the park and how the Buffalo Jump was used for hunting. The hike will begin at 7 p.m. at the FPBJ visitor center. Hikers will watch the sunset during the hike up to the top of the Buffalo Jump with plenty of time to stop and take photos. The moon will rise about 8:15 p.m. as we arrive at the

top. The hike will end around 9 p.m. after hiking back down to the visitor center. There is a \$4 fee per hiker for this event with 25 spaces available. Please arrive at the visitor center 15 minutes early to pay the fee and prepare for the hike. It is a three-mile loop and is a moderately strenuous hike with about 400 feet of elevation gain to the top. Dress for the weather with hiking boots, jackets, snacks, and a water bottle. Call 406-866-2217 or email firstpeoplesbuffalojump@mt.gov to register.

Bear aware program, Saturday, April 19:

Join us for a bear aware program with FWP staff to learn about bears and how to recreate safely in bear country. Bears are a fact of life here in Montana and knowing what to do during a bear encounter is important for everyone that enjoys Montana's outdoors. This program will be at the First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park Visitor Center on Saturday April 19, 2025, starting at 10:30 a.m. and lasting until noon. This program is free, and no registration is required.

Star gazing, Friday, April 25:

Visit First Peoples Buffalo Jump for an open star gazing event from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the park's visitor center. The Great Falls Astronomy Club will be present to assist in this event. Bring your own telescope or look into the night sky through one of the park's telescopes. This will be an informal program with most of time dedicated to viewing a variety of night sky objects. There is a possibility that this event may be cancelled due to clouds or inclement weather. Contact the park if you have any questions. Please bring a red tinted flashlight or headlamp for use and dress warm for an evening looking at stars.

The park is 3.5 miles north of Ulm, just off Interstate 15 at Exit 270. For more information, visit www.stateparks.mt.gov/first-peoples-buffalo-jump. To contact the park, call 406-866-2217 or email firstpeoplesbuffalojump@mt.gov.



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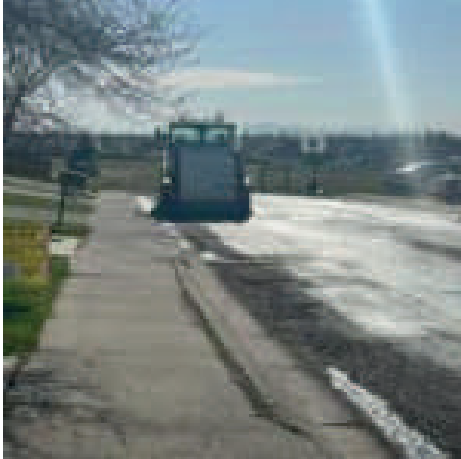
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PUBLIC WORKS' STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE: APRIL 14TH THROUGH APRIL 17TH

By Karen Anderson: April 11, 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 14th through April 17th 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 14:

(All Streets) from 28th Street North to 38th Street North from River Drive North to Central Avenue.

Tuesday April 15:

(All Avenues) from 27th Street North to 38th Street North from

Fairway Drive to 3rd Avenue North. Also North Park Addition.

Wednesday April 16:

(All Streets) from River Drive South through 8th Street South from 1st Avenue South to 10th Avenue South and Streets from 9th Street South to 13th Street South from Central Avenue to 10th Avenue South. Also 3rd Avenue South from 2nd Street South to River Drive South.

Thursday April 17:

(All Avenues) from 2nd Street South to 13th Street South from 3rd Avenue South to 9th Avenue South and 1st and 2nd Avenue South from 9th Street South to 13th Street South.

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>.

THE GREAT FALLS AUTO PARTS SWAP MEET (Continued from page 1)

Cruising Association. Together, these three clubs have made the event happen since 2022.

This event is held in the Heritage Building of the Great Falls Expo Park. Approximately 60 vendors inside and over 60 outside provide a wide variety of opportunities to find those perfect parts that you may be looking for.

The Great Falls Auto Parts Swap Meet has become the first car-related event of the year, and everyone looks forward to it after a long winter. They have consistently had a large turnout, attracting people from all over the

state, as well as out of state, including visitors from Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, and even Canada.

Vendors sell a variety of items, including vehicles and parts, with a mix of antique and modern options. Most vendors focus on older cars, as many attendees are restoring classic vehicles, but some also provide newer car parts.

The event will be held on April 25th from 12 pm - 7 pm and April 26th from 8 am to 5 pm. Admission for shoppers is \$5 per person, which is good for both days, and children 16 and under can enter for free.

This swap meet offers a fantastic opportunity for car enthusiasts to share information and shop for parts. Even if someone doesn't find a specific part they need, they can make valuable connections and potentially arrange to locate or sell parts in the future. It's a great time for networking, especially for those looking for classic parts, as not everyone can simply ask for what they need.

For more information about the Great Falls Auto Parts Swap Meet, please contact Annette or Jim Terry at (406) 454-1155 or email gfautoswapmeet@gmail.com.

GREAT FALLS MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 10 YEARS IN PRISON ON DRUG CHARGES

By Keri Leggett, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Montana: April 10, 2025 - Great Falls, Mt



A convicted felon from Great Falls who possessed guns and drugs was sentenced today to 128 months in prison to be followed by 5 years of supervised release, U.S. Attorney Kurt Alme said.

Michael Shawn O'Neill, 59, pleaded guilty in December 2024 to possession with intent to distribute controlled substances.

Chief U.S. District Judge Brian Morris presided.

The government alleged in court documents that on September 4, 2023, Michael Shawn O'Neill, a convicted felon on state supervision, possessed thousands of fentanyl pills for redistribution, as well as four firearms and some methamphetamine and heroin. The guns and drugs were found during a probation search and the subsequent execution of a search warrant in Great Falls, Montana. On September 14, 2023, O'Neill told interviewing agents that there was no one above him in the Great Falls area. He drove to Spokane to get his supply and he believed he was one step away from the cartel through a third party. He distributed drugs to smaller users who purchased less than 100 pills at a time. He said he just spent \$12,000 in Spokane on the drugs found on September 4, 2023, and told agents: "I was moving about 500-800 pills a day, plus an ounce of heroin, plus an ounce of meth - I wasn't moving that much."

The U.S. Attorney's Office prosecuted the case and the investigation was conducted by the ATF, Russell County Drug Task Force, and Montana Probation and Parole.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and gun violence and to make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. On May 26, 2021, the Department launched a violent crime reduction strategy strengthening PSN based on these core principles: fostering trust and legitimacy in our communities, supporting community-based organizations that help prevent violence from occurring in the first place, setting focused and strategic enforcement priorities, and measuring the results. For more information about Project Safe Neighborhoods, please visit <https://www.justice.gov/psn>.

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juveniles suspected to be associated with the shooting.

Officers confirmed in a press release that a 16-year-old male sustained a minor foot injury, likely caused by a bullet. The victim received care at Benefis Emergency Department and was subsequently released. Additionally, officers located two vehicles that showed fresh damage consistent with bullet strikes.

The individuals involved in the incident have been

identified, and it is believed to be an isolated occurrence rather than a random act of violence. Current findings suggest that the incident stemmed from a conflict among a group of juveniles who are familiar with one another.

The investigation is ongoing. Due to the ages of those involved, no further information regarding the investigation is expected to be released to the public.



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PARIS GIBSON SQUARE MUSEUM OF ART AWARDED 2024 PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT IN NEW EXHIBIT PRESENTATION FOR WITHIN: LOUIS STILL SMOKING AND JOHN ISAIAH PEPION

Press release By Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art: April 10, 2025 - Great Falls, Mt



Nicole Maria Evans accepts the award for 2024 Professional Accomplishment in New Exhibit Presentation next to a photo of the late Kevin Kooistra.

Photo courtesy of Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art

On March 20, 2025 at the annual Museums Association of Montana (MAM) Conference in Bozeman, Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art (The Square) was awarded the 2024 Professional Accomplishment in New Exhibit Presentation for WITHIN: Louis Still Smoking and John Isaiah Pepion.

The Exhibition award is dedicated by the MAM to the memory of Kevin Kooistra, Executive Director of the Western Heritage Center (1961-2024). Kevin was a bright

light with a great passion for storytelling, he was often found researching, giving public presentations, walking tours and planning exhibitions. His time at the Western Heritage Center, as well as his constant involvement in various Montana organizations (the Extreme History Project of Bozeman, the Southeastern Tourism Board, the Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board, and the Museums Association of Montana), made him a recognizable and beloved figure in

the community.

"We are grateful to all who nominated the museum for WITHIN: Louis Still Smoking and John Isaiah Pepion under the category of Kevin Kooistra Award for Best New Exhibition; and to The Museums Association of Montana for making it a point to honor museum exhibition work by recognizing outstanding new exhibits that debuted in 2024. We also congratulate Blaine County Museum for receiving first place honors in this category for their exhibit Fort Belknap's Patriot Chief: The Extraordinary Service of Gilbert Horn, Sr." said Nicole Maria Evans, Interim Executive Director/Chief Curator & Director of Curatorial Affairs.

The Square dedicates this accomplishment first and foremost to artists Louis Still Smoking and John Isaiah Pepion who commit themselves to artmaking to teach the public about Blackfeet life ways and culture. WITHIN: Louis Still Smoking & John Isaiah Pepion was an onsite artist-led two-week residency and installation-based exhibition. WITHIN featured large-scale murals, sculptures, paintings, a buffalo robe, and ledger art by two celebrated Native American

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WITHIN: Louis Still Smoking & John Isaiah Pepion, the artists, staff of The Square, and visitors to the exhibition in 2023 and 2024. Photo courtesy of Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art

artists representing the Blackfeet Nation in Browning, Montana. The exhibition was featured by and originated at The Square from October 20, 2023 through March 17, 2024.

In an artist statement for the exhibition, Still Smoking and Pepion stated, "We, Louis Still Smoking and John Isaiah Pepion, are Indigenous artists that have a history of working together on murals and exhibits that display

our artistic talents and educate people about our art using personal content, styles, and mediums. We used the entire exhibition space at Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art to incorporate a mixed installation of mural works that visually create a unique experience for the viewer...This project gives authenticity to our contemporary artwork and gives a voice to us as Native artists and Native scholars of this region today."

The museum recognizes the importance of the supportive efforts needed to bring this exhibition to fruition. The artists' creative genius and collaborative work with Nicole Maria Evans as well as the entire museum team, made the exhibition installation and presentation a success. The Square also acknowledges the important critically written works put forward by our guest lecturers and catalogue authors Sean Falcon Chandler EdD. and Jennifer Néso'eóó'e Woodcock-Medicine Horse, PhD. The photo essay created by photographer Jacob Cowgill and the catalogue designed by Eric Heidle serve as a permanent published record of the exhibition.

"We thank the museum Board of Directors, museum sponsors, and the community of Great Falls and the state of Montana for supporting the important, critically thoughtful, contemporary, and art historical exhibitions at The Square," said Evans.



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OBITUARIES



Obituary of Mark Moberley

Mark Allen Moberley, age 66, of Great Falls, MT, passed away on April 1, 2025, at Benefis Peace Hospice House after a hard-fought battle with metastatic small cell carcinoma. He was surrounded by the love of family and friends in his final days.

Mark was born in Lewistown on October 21, 1958 to Arod and Jacqueline Moberley. He was raised in Lewistown and attended Fergus County High School. A few years after high school, he attended the Montana Law Enforcement Academy, graduating in 1981.

Mark began his law enforcement career working as an officer for The Department of Transportation Motor Carrier Services. During his early days in law enforcement, he also worked for the Fort Benton Police Department. It was in Fort Benton that he met his wife of 36 years, Rachel, while she was working at the Chouteau County Sheriff's Department as a

dispatcher. They went on their first date on November 27, 1987, and were married on June 27, 1988.

Mark and Rachel lived and raised their family in Fort Benton while Mark continued his career with the Department of Transportation. Most of his career was spent as a Motor Carrier Services officer. He was well respected, both by his colleagues and the drivers whose trucks he inspected, and was known for being knowledgeable, thorough, and fair. During his service, he received a Silver Star for Bravery and an American Hall of Fame Legion of Honor Award For Line of Duty Injury. His last few years with the Department of Transportation were spent as a Bureau Chief before retiring in 2010 after nearly 30 years of service.

A few years after retiring, Mark and his wife moved to Great Falls to be closer to children and grandchildren. He enjoyed attending his grandchildren's school programs, sporting events, and birthday celebrations. He made many trips to Lewistown to visit family, and sometimes everyone would meet in the middle at the Oxen Yoke in Utica for a burger and good company.

There are few things Mark loved more than his family and the Montana outdoors. By far, his favorite place was the family cabin in the Little Belt Mountains. Mark enjoyed hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, chopping firewood, scenic drives, and time spent around the campfire, all of which were best enjoyed in the company of family. He was partial to Ford pickup trucks, Wrangler jeans, and cowboy boots.

When he wasn't spending time with

family or in the mountains, Mark enjoyed lending a helping hand to a neighbor in need. He loved mowing lawns and shoveling snow, especially for an ailing or elderly friend or neighbor. Even as recently as this past winter, amid his own health challenges, you could find him out in the early mornings shoveling snow for a neighbor.

Mark is survived by his mother, Jacqueline Moberley of Lewistown, sister Donna Paulson (Steve) of Lewistown, brother Gordon Moberley (Lana) of Kalispell, wife Rachel (Mousel) Moberley of Great Falls, son Chris Hahn (Heather Cassell) of Great Falls, son Jonathon Moberley (Kyna) of Belton, TX, daughter Amanda Taggart (Kevin) of Great Falls, son Matthew Moberley (Kelsey Haun) of Great Falls, 12 grandchildren, 2 great-granddaughters, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Arod Moberley, in 2021.

Cremation has taken place, with arrangements being handled by Croxford Funeral Home. A celebration of life will be held on April 21, 2025, at Croxford Funeral Home at 10 am. A reception for family and friends will immediately follow the service. Per Mark's wishes, his ashes will be spread during a more intimate family gathering in the mountains when Montana weather allows.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Mark's name to Benefis Peace Hospice or the Montana Police Protective Association Foundation (MPPAF) or simply do a good deed for a neighbor in his honor.



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Obituary of Douglas Dean Dubois

Douglas Dean Dubois passed away on April 8, 2025. He was born March 4, 1943, attending grade school in Windham, Montana and graduating from Stanford in 1962. He attended Northern Montana College for animal husbandry and served in the US Army Reserve from 1962-1969.

Dean was married to his wife Carol for 60 years! Dean adopted Carol's daughter Tami, and two years later their son Lee was born, in April, 1966. They all lived on the farm/ranch in Windham until 1975.

Dean was hired as ranch hand and foreman by the Willow Creek Ranch in Belt in 1975. In 1987, he transitioned to ranch manager of the Dearborn Ranch, overseeing 1800 head of cattle alongside a crew of cowboys. Then, in 1989, Dean was hired as manager of 6C Cattle Company in Gold Creek. There he managed three ranches - Gold Creek, Wisdom and Great Falls - plus 2800 head of cattle, a small herd of buffalo and elk, plus 20 employees.

In July 1993, Dean became a sales representative for Quality Supply in Missoula. He started as a road salesman and, when a new store was built in Butte, then worked in the store. He was well known for his knowledge in agriculture, finally retiring in 2009.

Dean and Carol spent as much time as possible camping in the Middle Fork of the Utica. When they moved to Butte, they camped almost every weekend. Dean was often seen cutting wood, fishing

with his paddle boat, which he put many miles on, and hunting.

After moving to Choteau, Dean spent many years at hunting camp with his daughter Tami, her husband Greg, his grandson Dillon, and his dear friend Mike Taylor.

Dean is survived by his loving wife Carol, his daughter Tami and her husband Greg, plus their son Lee, Theresa and family.

Dean, and his perennial laughter, will be sorely missed.

There will be no services held for Dean. Instead, memorials may be sent to the Choteau Senior Center, POB 1103, Choteau 59422.

A special poem for Dean is shared from his daughter Tami:

In God's Eyes

Now, we're not a church-going family. One Sunday, when I was helping Dad clean the barn, I said, "Let's go to church," thinking maybe the barn cleaning could be put off until the next morning. Well, we kept cleaning and Dad said, "I always felt, no matter where I was or whatever was going on each Sunday, the Good Lord was with me and my family."

"It might be rising before dawn Sunday morning, saddling Roany and looking at that hump in his back, praying to the Lord. Roan and I need to come to a better understanding, for the trail ahead of us is a long one before we reach greener pastures."

"I might be on a swather on a hot Sunday. The Good Lord knows I need to make hay. When harvest rolls around, I am on the combine and Mom is driving the truck."

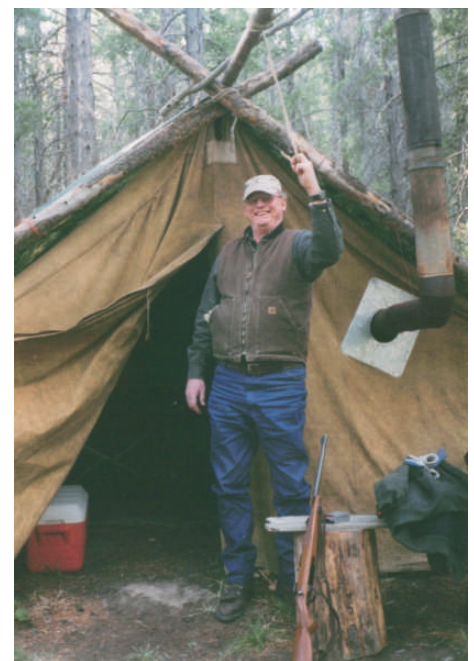
Then he said, "You kids color and play with toy trucks and tractors on the floor of 'ole red'. At lunch time, we eat the spread Mom makes in the shade of the truck bed. Lord knows it's been family time well spent."

He added, "Seeding comes and kids are in school, we're burning both ends, but summer is fading and it's getting cool. Rain soon, we ask the Lord. Maybe one good year and we can buy that used Ford. Then, shipping time and our big pay day."

"Sorting on Sunday, the Lord says it's okay. Snowing, blowing - 40 below and struggling to calve. Feeding, doctoring, spreading straw, suckling a heifer and newborn calf. One is born in the creek, and you're just in time. With the help of the Good Lord, now he's doing fine.

"The Lord knows it's not all work every day. Why, when there's a break, your Mom and I will take you kids fishing or go up South Fork and camp a night or two. Maybe we'll ride through the herd and do some chokecherry picking. Maybe we'll go out on a full moonlight night on the snowmobile, even start a campfire. We'll let you roast marshmallows, with the coals hot and bright. There's so much to do!"

"Lord knows we do our best. And there's time He can put us through quite a test. When Sunday rolls around, I know He's with me, no matter where I am found."





Obituary of Joseph Anthony Butler

Joseph Anthony Butler, aged 67, passed away from natural causes in Shelby, MT, on March 26, 2025. Joe was born on June 25, 1957, at the old Columbus Hospital. He attended St Joseph's grade school, St Leo's High School, CMR, then moved to Wheaton, IL before graduating from St Francis High School class of 1975. He joined the Marines at 18, graduating basic training in San Diego, CA (March 1976). He was stationed in El Toro, CA; Okinawa, Japan; and Memphis, TN serving through 1979. Returning to Montana, he joined the Montana ANG serving 28 years. He deployed to Uzbekistan and Afghanistan in support of operation

Noble Eagle and Operation Enduring freedom. He retired in 2007. He also served as a Reserve Deputy in Cascade County. Once fully retired, he journeyed across the country to visit family. Whether by train or driving, he cherished every moment spent with loved ones. He was the proudest Papa to his grandchildren, traveling thousands of miles over the years to ensure time with them. His pride in his grand babies was evident to all who knew him. As children, they were blessed with countless adventures thanks to his love for camping, fishing, and the outdoors. His enthusiasm for fixing and working on vehicles was another area where he spent many years with his sons.

Joe was the family historian. He had a story for every occasion, each one delivered with a flair that captured the essence of the moment. His tales were a source of joy and amusement, bringing warmth and laughter to family gatherings. He was more than just a parent, he was a guide, a mentor, and a friend. He worked tirelessly to ensure that his family's needs were met, willing to sacrifice his personal desires for others. He was the epitome of a positive role model. He demonstrated a natural ability to lead and guide others with a gentle, yet firm hand. He exhibited his leadership through his actions. Always listening, understanding, and supportive

while knowing when to take a step back and let others take the lead. His legacy is one of inspiration, and his impact continues to be felt by those who had the privilege of knowing him. He inspired them to be better, to strive for greatness, and to lead with our hearts and minds. His laughter was infectious, and his encouragement heartfelt, making him the pillar of the family.

He is survived by his three sons, John Hampton, Cody Butler, and Donovan (Mercettes) Butler; daughter, Rebecca Butler; grandsons, Bentley and CJ; granddaughters, Marley and Ayiita; brothers, Pat (Sheila) and Bob; sister, Mary (Jack) Munger; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Betty Butler, and ex-wife, Dorthea Butler. Though divorced, Joe and Dorthea remained close friends until her passing in 2020.

Mass will be held in Great Falls at St. Ann's Cathedral on May 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. with burial and military honors at Mount Olivet cemetery at 1:00 p.m.

Condolences for the family may be shared online at www.SchniderFuneralHome.com.

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Obituary of Patricia Giard

On March 19, 2025 the world lost a wonderful Mom, Grandma, Great-Grandma, and recently Great-Great Grandma. Patricia Ann Giard passed peacefully at Peace Hospice in Great Falls, Montana after a weekend filled with love and family.

Pat grew up on her family's farm with her five siblings outside Conrad, Montana. She loved the farm and learned how to work hard which greatly helped her later in life when she was raising 10 children. Pat never was one to sit around unless she was fishing. She was so handy that if she wasn't baking yummy treats like homemade bread and her famous pies, then she was canning strawberry jam, sewing her kids' clothes and making quilts and baby blankets.

Pat's greatest love was her family. She was inseparable from her

darling husband and loved to go hunting, fishing, and camping with him and their large brood. During the summer, she would have the car, food, and gear ready to go on a Friday night so they could enjoy a fun weekend in the great outdoors. As the matriarch of the family, naturally, she had everyone organized so they did not forget anything. Not only was it a way to feed all those kids but it was also a way to enjoy life. This love of the outdoors has continued with their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Everyone has wonderful memories of Pat cooking her famous cheesy bacon potatoes and frying up the day's catch of fish.

Jason and Pat met when Pat's mom, Grandma Florence, set up a picnic for her girls and some of the eligible Minnesota bachelors. There were a group of farm hands that had moved from Minnesota for higher paying jobs in Montana. Fortunately for us, Pat met and fell in love with our dad. They celebrated 66 years of marriage and were blessed with a huge family of 5 boys and 5 girls.

Pat was famous for her card playing skills. She loved to play with family and friends. She and Jason were a formidable team and a lot of the family memories are around a table playing Hearts, Pinochle or Michigan Rummy.

In her retirement years Pat worked on her crafts, she loved to sew, and made many blankets for her family. She started to create baby blankets, aprons, and many other

sewed crafts that she would take to craft shows where she loved to socialize and share her talents with the world. Over the years, she donated many receiving blankets to the hospital for newborn babies. She also loved being part of the "Red Hat" group and enjoyed various social activities alongside her sisters Maxine and Marcella.

Patricia is survived by all of her 10 children - Jason (Alice) Giard, Homer (Mary) Giard, Eva (Wayne) Smith, Amy Storle, Earl (Julie) Giard, Sarah Giard, Julie Palmer, Steve (Kimette) Giard, Joe (Deanna) Giard, and Alice (Larry) Johnson; 26 grandchildren and 35 great Grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, her husband (Jason Joseph Giard), her three brothers, Leonard Armstrong, Darwin Armstrong, and Walter Armstrong, her sister Maxine (Armstrong) Schlosser and her son-in-law's Craig Storle and Scott Palmer. She leaves behind her baby sister Marcella (Armstrong) Rodriguez.

Her funeral will be held on April 26, 2025 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Conrad, Montana at 1:00 p.m. There will be a procession to the Hillside Cemetery in Conrad. A reception will follow at the Conrad Community Center. Please join us to celebrate the life of our beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great, great grandmother. You will be greatly missed and never forgotten.



Here's what to watch and where to watch it for the week of March 31, 2025.

ON NOW: "Number One on the Call Sheet" (Documentary) -- AppleTV+
ON NOW: "Queer" (R) -- Max
ON NOW: "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Roadtrip" (PG) -- Disney+
31-March: "Gone Girls: The Long Island Serial Killer" (Docuseries) -- Netflix
31-March: "Truelove" (Limited Series) -- Acorn TV

1-April: "Nimesh Patel: Instant Karma" (Comedy Special) -- Netflix
2-April: "Love on the Spectrum" (Season 3) -- Netflix
3-April: "The Bondsman" (Limited Series) -- Prime Video
3-April: "Pulse" (Season 1) -- Netflix
4-April: "Dying for Sex" (Limited Series) -- Hulu
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Obituary of Richard Quinn

Richard (Dick) Quinn, 70, of Great Falls, MT passed away April 2, 2025 at his home. Cremation has been entrusted to Croxford Funeral Home and a Celebration of Life will be planned for a later date by his family.

He was born in Great Falls, MT, to Donald and MaryAnn Quinn on August 15, 1954. Dick attended Great Falls High School, where he met the love of his life, Sheryl Stone. The young couple married on May 8, 1976, sharing 45 years and two children together before Sheryl's passing in 2021.

Dick spent his working years selling automotive parts at several places around Great Falls. His big personality made it easy to make friends and he was known by everyone.

He was preceded in death by his father Donald Quinn, and his loving wife Sheryl.

Dick is survived by his son Justin (Mendy) Quinn; daughter Shannon Quinn; grandchildren Leyton, Maxwell, Liam, and Claire; his mother MaryAnn (Jake) Schoendaller; brothers Bill (Cathy) Quinn and Mike Quinn; sister Donna (Jim) Brady, as well as many beloved nephews and nieces.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to your local food bank or the charity your choosing.



Obituary of Casey Sullivan

Casey James Sullivan entered eternal rest on the afternoon of April 4th, 2025. A Memorial Service for Casey is being held on Thursday April 17th at 1PM at Croxford Funeral Home.

He was born on February 26th, 1978, to Malinda Sullivan. Casey grew up in Great Falls and graduated from Great Falls High School in 1996. After graduating, Casey began his career working at R+R Good Time Charlies as a prep cook and an extraordinary employee, he spent 16 years there. Casey then went on to work at FedEx where he worked hard loading up the delivery trucks.

Casey was a sports enthusiast and was a sports stats guru especially when it came to football. He was a lifelong Minnesota Vikings fan and was easily spotted around town sporting his favorite Minnesota Vikings varsity jacket. WWE Wrestling was another sport Casey enjoyed, he was a big fan of the Rock, and The Honky Tonk Man. Casey was also known to be a gamer, loved fishing, and was a movie collector, specifically John Wayne movies and westerns. He was a big history buff and knew everything there was to know about the Civil War and WWII.

Casey cherished his family and any time he got to spend with them, and he loved family gatherings, especially at Christmas time. He will be remembered by his family and friends for always giving the best gifts. Visiting the town of Bannack, MT was something Casey loved to do, because that is where his family was raised.

Casey is survived by his mother, Malinda Schmidt; his son, Brent Michael Bloese; daughter, Megan Rose Torkelson "The CJ"; brother, Eric Scott Schmidt; grandmother, Kathleen Rae Westmoreland; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He also leaves behind his two beloved cats Bonnie and Clyde.

He is preceded in death by his dad, Clifford "Red" Schmidt; grandfather, Frank Westmoreland; uncle, Rick Sullivan; aunt, Teresa Sipes; and cousin, Travis Sipes.



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KUDOS TO FIRST INTERSTATE BANK

By Sandra: April 8, 2025 - Great Falls, Mt



I would like to give a shout-out to First Interstate Bank for giving me the best customer service support I have ever received.

Recently, First Interstate converted its business online banking platform, and as luck would not have it, I ran into a glitch setting up my new username and password. Within a half hour of calling their Client Contact Center, which was experiencing high call volumes related to this conversion, I received a call from a lady who was easy to understand and knew

exactly what she was doing. After giving me easy-to-follow instructions, she stayed on the line to make sure everything was in working order. When I expressed concern that my situation was taking too much of her time, she said, "Not a problem. This is what we are here for." If I didn't know better, I would have thought I was speaking with someone in Great Falls. Thank you, First Interstate Bank, for caring enough about your customers to give us customer service like the old days!

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Moments in time

* On April 21, 1966, a bar crawl in New York's West Village led to what became known as the "Sip-In," when Dick Leitsch, Craig Rodwell and John Timmons publicly identified as gay and demanded to be served regardless, defying an unofficial but widespread practice of banning gay customers from bars.

* On April 22, 1992, dozens of sewer explosions caused by a gas leak, the warning signs of which were ignored by both the government and the national oil company in Guadalajara, Mexico, killed more than 200 people and damaged 1,000 buildings.

* On April 23, 1937, Richard Nixon, then a soon-to-be law school

graduate, applied for a position with the FBI, but was turned down for reasons that remain unclear. Later, FBI director J. Edgar Hoover would comment that "the FBI's loss would become the country's gain."

* On April 24, 1863, the Union army issued General Orders No. 100, which provided a code of conduct for Federal soldiers and officers in their dealings with Confederate prisoners and civilians. The orders were developed by Prussian immigrant Francis Lieber, whose three sons served during the Civil War.

* On April 25, 1983, the German news magazine Stern announced the discovery of Adolf Hitler's diaries. They were, however, later exposed as forgeries. Experts believe that Hitler never actually kept a diary.

* On April 26, 1986, nearly a decade after they met at a

celebrity tennis tournament, television news reporter Maria Shriver and former bodybuilder Arnold Schwarzenegger were married at St. Francis Xavier Church in Hyannis, Massachusetts. They went on to have four children, but in 2011, it was revealed that Schwarzenegger had fathered another child with the family's housekeeper, and the couple announced their separation and eventual divorce.

* On April 27, 1913, 13-year-old Mary Phagan was discovered murdered in the basement of the Atlanta, Georgia, pencil factory where she worked. Two notes next to her body attempted (unsuccessfully) to pin the crime on the night watchman, but eventually the factory owner, Leo Frank, was lynched and hanged for it despite a complete lack of implicating evidence. He was posthumously pardoned in 1986.

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RIFLE RANGE AT LOGAN MONTANA

By Randy Knowles: April 8, 2025 - Great Falls, Mt



This is a reply to FWP regarding their Proposal to build a Rifle Range at Logan Montana:

Sam, you know my thoughts, and you have visited the FWP property in Great Falls (a tail of Public / Private partnership). It is a waste of FWP resources until FWP identifies the organization that is going to be responsible for the day-to-day management of the range. It would be entirely different if this was a shooting club-driven project vs. FWP driven.

There is a wonderful range at Trident that will meet all of the needs of the surrounding public. It costs money to run a range. Example: the cost to change the indoor filters on a state of the art Indoor Range runs about 300K - Roads cost money, target backers have to be changed about 4 times

per year, weeds have to be sprayed and mowed. Mowing is 3-4 times per summer to reduce fire hazard (we have had fires in great falls), then you have security lighting, cameras, website, and other tools to reduce vandalism and maintain community information.

Sam, it is NOT about the MONEY, it is about the man power to get all of the above tasks scheduled, bidded, and completed and maintained.

Who is going to run the membership Safety trainings, most insurance companies require range safety trainings for ALL shooters.

Who is going to keep shooters from dragging their old washers, dryers, computers, TVs etc for shooting practice?

All of this management and maintenance costs money and man power and the Logan project has not identified the NON-FWP citizens who are going to wrestle this project.

AND, with the shortage of grazing land available in Montana it is a Crime against Agriculture to turn good grazing land into a field of lead.

The great falls range kept 95% OF THE farmland and used the Non-farm land for shooting.

Great Falls has a team of about 20 who do 90% of the work; out of a membership of 600.

If FWP has their heart set on a NEW range, in MT, then Great Falls can use about 7 new shooting lanes and a NEW indoor range for rifle and archery. We have the land and man power, we have the engineers and environmental scientists, we have the shooters, Great Falls just needs the money.

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1. ANATOMY: What is heterochromia?

3. GEOGRAPHY: What is a chain of islands called?

4. FOOD & DRINK: What is Canada's national dish?

5. HISTORY: When was Facebook launched?

6. MEASUREMENTS: What is the shortest wavelength in the visible light spectrum?

7. U.S. STATES: Which state has the most miles of interstate highway?

8. MOVIES: What type of fish is Nemo in the animated film "Finding Nemo"?

9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which month is designated as National Ice Cream Month in the United States?

10. SCIENCE: How long does it take for the International Space Station to orbit the Earth?

Answers

1. Richard Simmons.

2. When the colored part of the eyes (irises) are two different colors.

3. Archipelago.

4. Poutine (French fries, cheese curds and gravy).

5. 2004.

6. Violet.

7. Texas.

8. Clownfish.

9. July.

10. 90 minutes.

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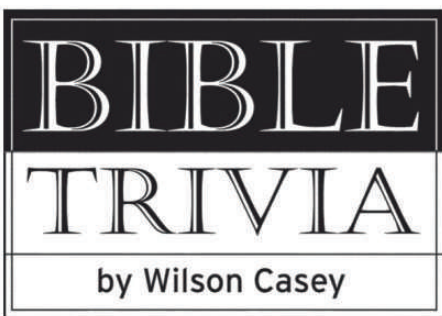
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that the divine being is
like gold or silver or stone -
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and skill. In the past God over-
looked such ignorance, but now
He commands all people everywhere
to repent. ACTS 17: 29, 30*

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1. Is the book of Haggai (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Where does Jesus speak of separating the sheep from the goats? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
3. Who told Saul that rebellion was as bad as witchcraft? Moloch, Mamath, Marduk, Samuel
4. From Proverbs 18, "Whoso findeth a wife findeth ..." Himself, Life, Good thing, Family
5. How old was Moses when he died? 100, 120, 160, 190
6. How many sons did Judah have? 3, 5, 6, 12

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Matthew (25:31-33), 3) Samuel, 4) Good thing, 5) 120, 6) Five
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* Two things your garden should have: a rain barrel and a compost pile. Both are relatively easy to set

up, and pay big dividends. You can get a book at your local library on how to set up a compost pile. Some cities will give away rain barrels or hold workshops. Find out today!

* "To keep track of what is planted in your garden, you use garden markers. Make your own by writing the type of flower, plant or herb on a brick or large flat stone. Use permanent marker and cover with clear acrylic if you want it to last longer. You can even use both sides for different seasonal items." -- Z.M. in Georgia

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're doing better on the flexibility issue, but you still need to loosen up a bit to show that you can be less judgmental and more understanding about certain sensitive matters.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your personal aspect continues to dominate this week. But try to make time to deal with important career-linked matters as well. A change of plans might occur by the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Excuses are not really needed for much of the confusion that occurs this week. However, explanations from all parties could help in working things out to everyone's satisfaction.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A surprising (but pleasant) recent turn of events continues to develop positive aspects. But be prepared for a bit of a jolt on another issue that needs attention.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Creating a fuss might bring you the attention that you want. But are you prepared for all the explaining you'd have to do? It's better to use more subtle ways to make your bid.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With education continuing to be a strong factor this week, this could be the time to start learning some new skills that can later be applied to a bid for a potential career move.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might do well to reconsider some of your current time priorities before you get so deeply involved in one project that you neglect meeting a deadline on another.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) With an important decision looming, you need to be careful about the information you're getting. Half-truths are essentially useless. Get the full story before you act.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Find out what everyone's role is expected to be before accepting a workplace proposal. Getting all the facts now could prevent serious problems later on.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A flexible position on a workplace matter could be the best course to follow during the next several days. A personal issue also benefits from an open-minded approach.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Involving too many people in your workplace problem can backfire. Remember, allegiances can shift. Ask trusted colleagues for advice, but don't ask them to take sides.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Before submitting your suggestions, take more time to sharpen the points you want to make. The clearer the presentation, the more chance it has to get through when submitted.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your clear sense of who you are gives you confidence when you need to tackle difficult situations.

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| 1. Combat | ___ A ___ | Baby feeder | ___ O ___ |
| 2. Defeated one | ___ S ___ | Hermit | ___ N ___ |
| 3. Household task | ___ R ___ | Selected | ___ S ___ |
| 4. Concierge | ___ R ___ | Wanted sign | ___ S ___ |
| 5. Movement | M ___ | Idea | N ___ |
| 6. Smallest amount | ___ T | Fido's rope | ___ H |
| 7. Bates of "Psycho" | ___ N | Customary | ___ L |
| 8. Persuade | ___ J ___ | Tapestry creator | ___ R ___ |
| 9. Acquire knowledge | L ___ | Ache for | Y ___ |
| 10. Rupture | ___ S | Charred | ___ N |

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



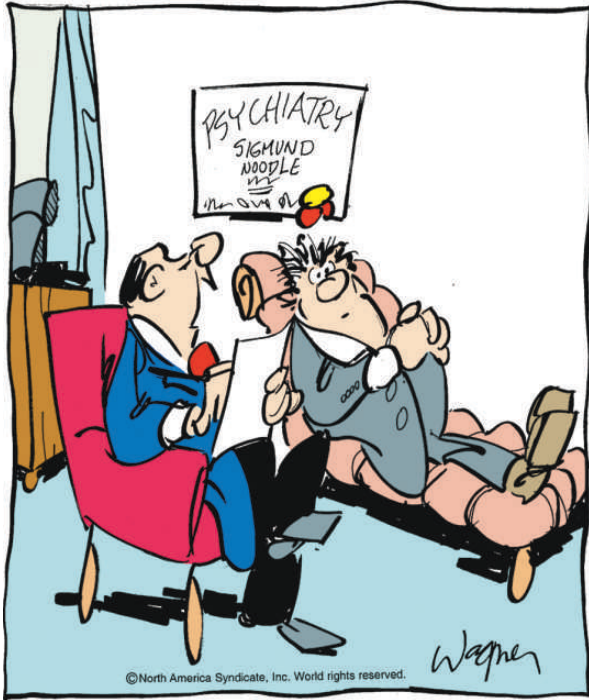
Differences: 1. Tree is moved. 2. Hat is reversed. 3. Man is thinner. 4. Glove is missing. 5. Fence is shorter. 6. Window is moved.

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GRIN and BEAR IT



"You have April madness."

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH – IT'S EASTER!

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **Why should you never tickle an Easter egg?**

APRIL
BRUNCH
BUNNY
CANDY
CHOCOLATES
DYED EGGS
EGG HUNT
FLOWER
GRASS
HAM
HAT
HOLIDAY
LAMB
MEAL
PARADE
PARTY
SPRINGTIME
TULIP

C	H	O	C	O	L	A	T	E	S
L	A	M	B	S	S	A	R	G	P
H	C	N	U	R	B	M	G	G	R
I	T	M	D	I	G	E	H	H	I
B	U	N	N	Y	D	A	T	U	N
F	L	O	W	E	R	L	L	N	G
H	A	M	Y	C	R	A	I	T	T
Y	A	D	I	L	O	H	R	C	I
K	U	T	U	L	I	P	P	P	M
Y	T	R	A	P	A	R	A	D	E

Riddle answer: _____

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Celebrations

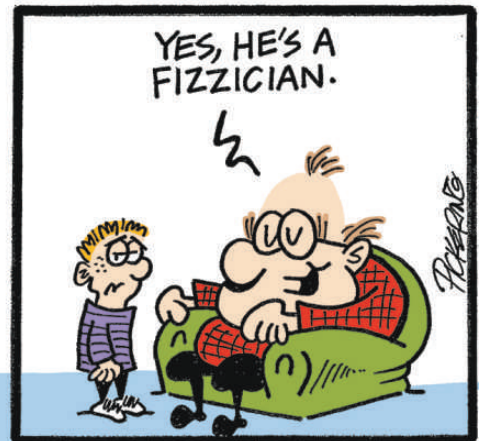
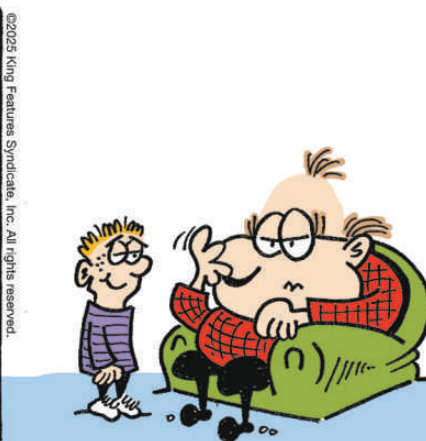
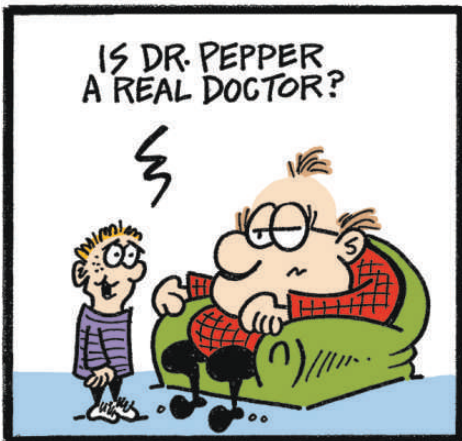
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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Super Crossword

Wishing Well®

6	4	7	8	6	4	7	5	2	8	4	8	6
U	L	C	A	S	E	H	S	B	L	T	O	E
7	6	4	6	2	5	7	5	7	4	5	4	6
E	L	T	E	E	E	E	T	R	E	N	R	I
7	8	4	3	5	4	5	4	3	4	3	5	8
I	V	A	E	E	R	W	R	X	I	P	G	E
2	7	4	7	4	5	8	5	8	6	5	8	6
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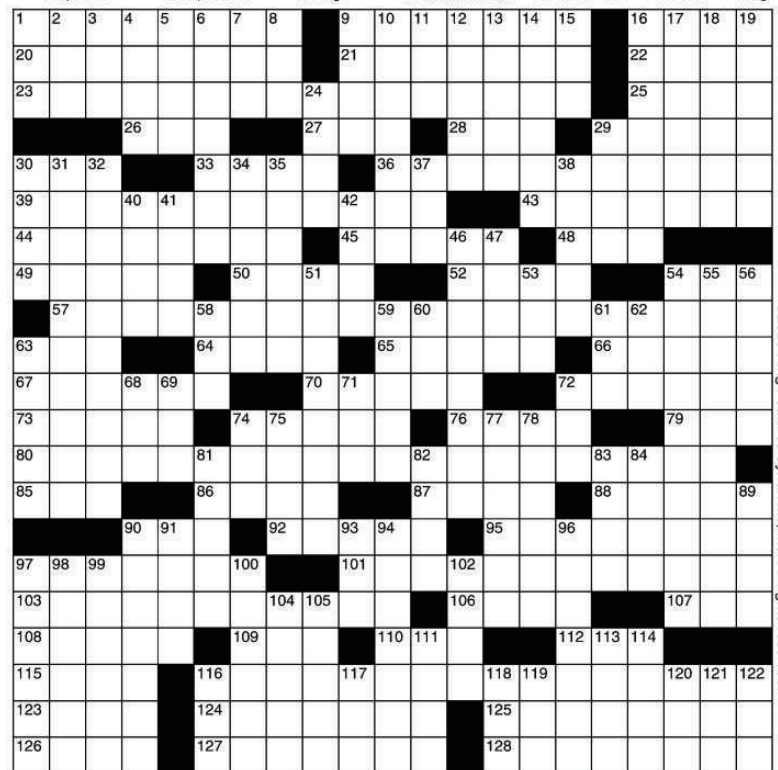
HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Complaints to otologists
9 Foreboding
16 ESPN datum
20 Feelings
21 Alternative to chocolate
22 Rev gauge
23 Ailment
27 Tooth
28 Scarf down
29 Cantata's kin
30 "The Chi" airer, in brief
33 Alpo alternative
36 Things people run on racetracks in Switzerland's capital?
39 Coke and Pepsi's business?
43 Collide with
44 Robots in human form
45 "Fer cryin' out loud!"
48 Barkeeper on "The Simpsons"
- DOWN**
- 49 Audio game from Hasbro
50 Soothsayer
52 Off-limits
54 Farrow of film
57 Storytellers' leagues?
63 The "A" of ETA: Abbr.
64 Tech sch.
65 Some raptors
66 Vinaigrette alternative
67 Team letdowns
70 Apple tablets
72 Mild
73 Actor Koteas
74 Thighbone
76 Watering tube
79 Earth's star
80 Bivalve mollusk that's neither anxious nor perturbed?
85 1040 ID
86 Sock fillers
87 Instant, in some brand names
88 "— come to save the day!"
90 Blubber
92 Suburb of Buenos Aires
95 Etched computer components
97 Eight-note spans
101 Monty Python member wearing no jewelry or fancy clothes?
103 Topmost point on a perfume bottle?
106 Alan of "Tower Heist"
107 Blast source
108 Lindsay of "Machete"
109 Barney Miller player Linden
110 Sue Grafton's "— for Evidence"
112 Sallie —
115 Gung-ho
116 Like a shutter so shabby there's no point in putting in a new louver?
123 Head, in Nice
124 Attacks like a bird
125 Tombs for pharaohs
126 Greek strife goddess
127 In a very similar way
128 Cliffhanger feeling
- DOWN**
- 1 Conger, e.g.
2 Docs' org.
3 Decompose
4 Working hard
5 Quote
6 Magician Harry
7 Call a halt to
8 Atlanta-to-Miami dir.
9 Exiled Roman poet
10 Gruesome
11 Ballpoint fluid
12 S.F. NFLer
13 City in southwest New York
14 Long, loose overcoat
15 Airline to Sweden
16 Snitching sort
17 Kilt pattern
18 Say "yes" to
19 "No kiddin'?"
24 Lip off to
29 Interoffice note
30 Wound cover
31 Academic A-lists
32 Ancient cuneiform language
34 Attaches
35 Deep thinkers
37 Retina locale
38 Home of Pago Pago
40 Seed case
41 Wee amount
42 TV host Banks
46 Arctic boot attachment
47 Pawn
51 Approximate
53 U.S. soldiers
54 One of the Leeward Islands
55 Contained as a part of
56 Very pale
58 "— a pity"
59 Pottery piece
60 Downcast
61 Uno + due
62 Spy novelist Fleming
63 Smart — (wise guys)
64 Actor Elliott
69 PC key abbr.
71 "Pick up the Czech," e.g.
72 "Well, I'll be!"
74 Antagonist
75 Grades K-6: Abbr.
77 Longtime bud
78 Like cut bread
81 Many times
82 Gator's kin
83 Karate blow
84 Blue-green
89 Has no life
90 False appearances
91 Maker of Skin So Soft
93 Apt. units
94 True-to-fact
96 Finger-pointing people
97 Recently
98 Four-leaf —
99 One of the Windward Islands
100 "Dr." of insoles
102 Diner grub
104 Sine, for one
105 Actor Cary
111 Eensy
113 "Flight away!"
114 "Game of Thrones" actress
116 Packers' and Panthers' gp.
117 Sugar suffix
118 Co — (some apartments)
119 Sch. in Manhattan
120 "Hamilton" composer — Manuel
121 TV plugs
122 Mao — -tung



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Out on a Limb

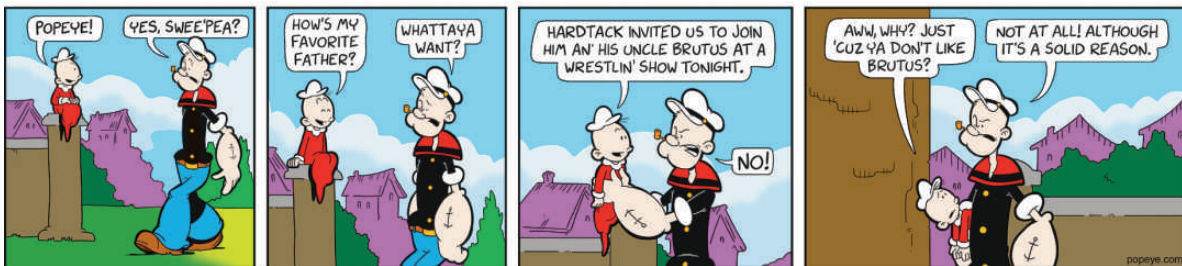
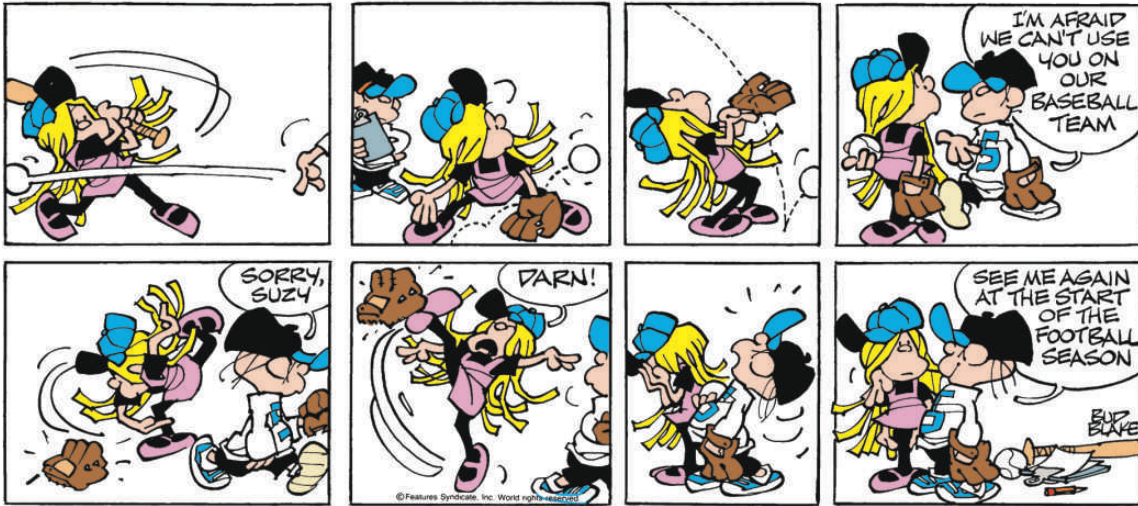


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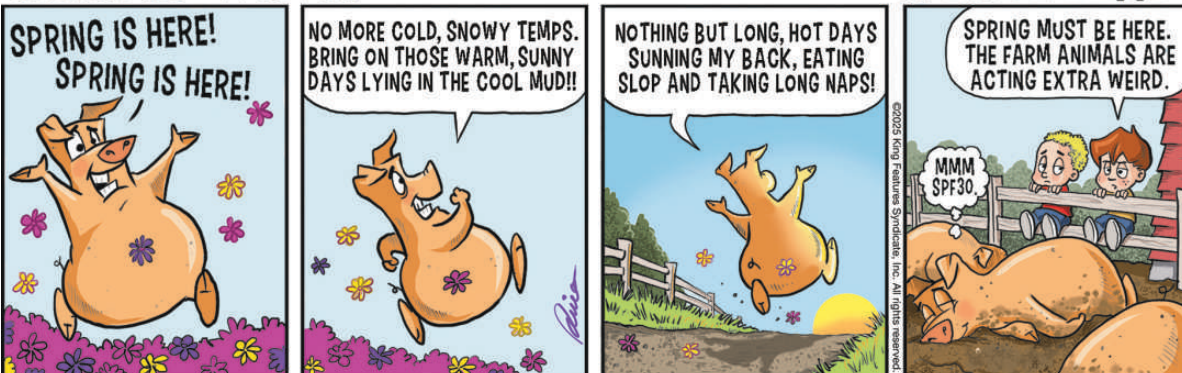
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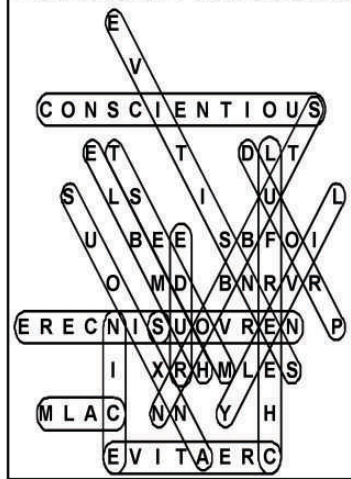


Super Crossword

Answers

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PERSONALITY ADJECTIVES



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

Even Exchange

answers

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Battle, Bottle | 6. Least, Leash |
| 2. Loser, Loner | 7. Norman, Normal |
| 3. Chore, Chose | 8. Cajole, Carole |
| 4. Porter, Poster | 9. Learn, Yearn |
| 5. Motion, Notion | 10. Burst, Burnt |

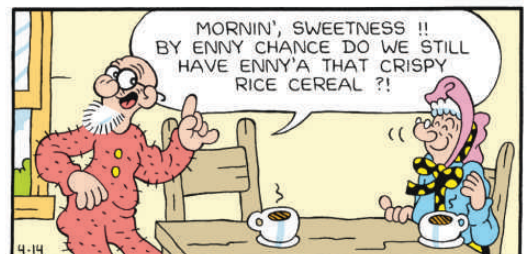
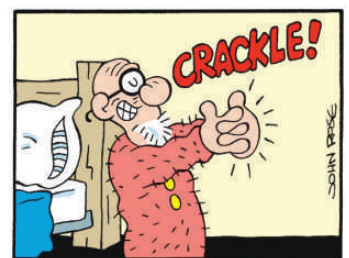
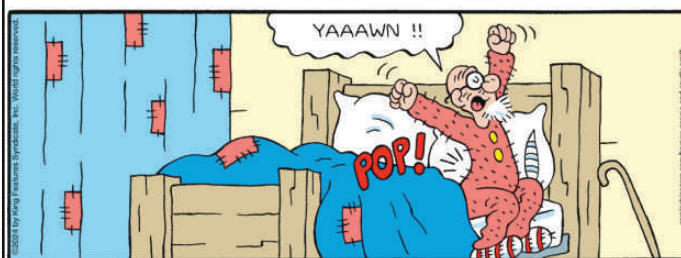
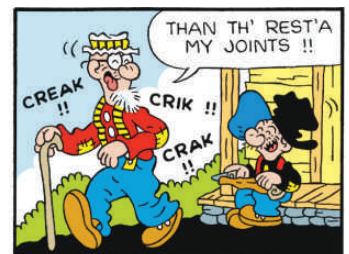
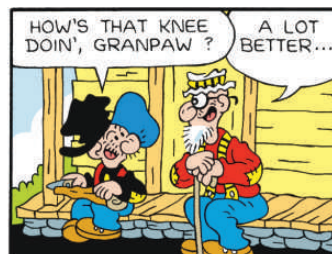
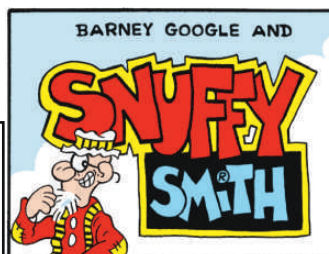
Puzzles4Kids

Answer

C	H	O	C	O	L	A	T	E	S
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H	C	N	U	R	B	M	G	G	R
I	T	M	D	I	G	E	H	H	I
B	U	N	N	Y	D	A	T	U	N
F	L	O	W	E	R	L	L	N	G
H	A	M	Y	C	R	A	I	T	T
Y	A	D	I	L	O	H	R	C	I
K	U	T	U	L	I	P	P	P	M
Y	T	R	A	P	A	R	A	D	E

Riddle Answer:

It might crack up.



LOCAL WEATHER FOR GREAT FALLS

NWS Forecast for: Cascade County below 5000ft
Issued by: National Weather Service Great Falls, MT
Last Update: [2:10 pm MDT Apr 8, 2025]

Sunday A 30 percent chance of snow showers before noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 50. Northwest wind 11 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 22 mph. Little or no snow accumulation expected.

Sunday Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 27. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable after midnight.

Monday Sunny, with a high near 60. Southwest wind 3 to 7 mph.

Monday Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. South southwest wind around 7 mph.

Tuesday Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. South southwest wind 6 to 16 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Wednesday A chance of showers after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 59.

Wednesday Night A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35.

Thursday Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.

Thursday Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Friday Mostly sunny, with a high near 72.

Keep an eye on the weather all week long, you can get a monthly subscription to Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday of the Gazette for about the price of three large latte's!



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Legal Notices

Notice of Hearing

RE: Change of Name of a Natural Person

Notice is hereby given that a hearing to change the name of a natural person, Melissa Marie Mills, shall occur on April 30th, 2025 at 9:00am at the Cascade County District Courthouse, 415 2nd Avenue North, Great Falls, MT, 59401 in the Montana Eighth Judicial District Courtroom of the honorable Judge Grubich.

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Events and entertainment in our area!

Commission Work Session

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

@ - @ - @

Peer Grief Group

Public Support Group
April 16th, 2025
6:00 - 7:00 PM
<https://fpc-go.com/blg>
@ Alliance For Youth

@ - @ - @

Housing Authority Board

Housing Authority
April 17th, 2025
12:00 - 2:00 PM
<https://fpc-go.com/ble>
@ Housing Authority

@ - @ - @

CCHD Updates with Abigail Hill

CCHD Meeting
April 17th, 2025
3:30 - 4:30 PM
<https://fpc-go.com/blh>
@ Commission Chambers

HIIT Class

Health Event
April 17th, 2025
5:30 - 6:30 PM
<https://fpc-go.com/bli>
@ Falls Fitness

@ - @ - @

Live Karaoke

Concert Event
April 17th, 2025
7:00 - 9:30 PM
<https://fpc-go.com/blj>
@ Elevation 3330

@ - @ - @

Easter Buffet at Meadowlark!

Holiday Event
April 20th, 2025
10:30 AM
<https://fpc-go.com/blk>
@ Meadow Lark Country
Club

@ - @ - @

Neighborhood Council #5

Neighborhood Council
April 21st, 2025
7:00 PM
<https://fpc-go.com/blf>
@ GF Clinic Specialty
Center

Commission Meeting

Commission Council
April 22nd, 2025
9:30 - 10:30 AM
<https://fpc-go.com/blj>
@ Commission Chamber

@ - @ - @

ExpoPark FY25 3rd Quarter Review

ExpoPark Fiscal Year Meeting
April 23rd, 2025
2:00 - 3:30 PM
<https://fpc-go.com/blm>
@ Commission Chamber

Submit events to
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**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.



1. A Working Man
(R) Jason Statham, Jason Flemyng
2. Snow White
(PG) Rachel Zegler, Emilia Faucher
3. The Chosen: Episode #5.1
(NR) Shahar Isaac, Ali Alsaleh

4. The Woman in the Yard
(PG-13) Danielle Deadwyler, Okwui
Okpokwasili
5. Death of a Unicorn
(R) Jenna Ortega, Paul Rudd
6. Princess Mononoke
(PG-13) Yoji Matsuda, Yuriko Ishida
7. Captain America: Brave New
World
(PG-13) Anthony Mackie, Harrison
Ford

8. Black Bag
(R) Michael Fassbender, Gustaf
Skarsgard
 9. Mickey 17
(R) Robert Pattinson, Steven Yeun
 10. Novocaine
(R) Jack Quaid, Amber Midthunder
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Farm and Animals

Pets For Sale

Schnauzer - Cocker

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Papitese

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Employment

Insurance

Mountain West Farm Bureau Insurance Claims Field Representative

Mountain West Farm Bureau Insurance is currently hiring a full-time Claims Field Representative to assist with investigating, analyzing, and determining extent of liability for personal, casualty or property loss or damages. Full-time position located onsite (not a remote position) in Great Falls, MT office. Starting wage of \$4,058 - \$5,175 per month, depending on experience. \$2,500 sign-on bonus available! Applications must be submitted through company website: <https://mwfbic.com/careers/>

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 Saddleman 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

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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.



Melanson, Corie Ann: 45 yoa, white female, 5'6", 150#, brown hair, brown eyes, wanted on: Fail to Abide on Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs, felony, total bond \$5,000



Manchester, Charles Michael: 32 yoa, white male, 5'11", 250#, blonde hair, wanted on: 2 counts Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs with intent to Distribute, felony, Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs, felony, Driving Under the Influence (1st offense), misdemeanor, Driving while Suspended/Revoked, misdemeanor, total bond \$50,000

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.



Lopez, Richard Willard: 41 yoa, Native American male, 6', 185#, black hair, brown eyes, wanted on: Fail to Abide on Driving Under the Influence, 4th or subsequent offense, felony, Careless Driving, misdemeanor, Driving while Suspended/Revoked, misdemeanor, Habitual Offender Operating Motor Vehicle, misdemeanor, Failure to Carry Proof of Liability Insurance, 1st offense, misdemeanor, Driving while Suspended/Revoked, misdemeanor, total bond \$7,500



Wienke, Shadey Ann: 28 yoa, Native American female, 5'11", 180#, brown hair, hazel eyes, wanted on: Violation of Terms of Deferred Sentence on Forgery, 1st offense, felony, total bond \$10,000