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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL WELCOMES NEW CADETS

State By Karen Anderson: April 13, 2025 - Great Falls, Mt



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The Montana Highway Patrol recently welcomed 21 new cadets to its headquarters to begin training. Among them, twelve cadets are entering the 82nd entry-level academy and will start their training at the Montana Law Enforcement Academy next month. The remaining nine cadets are coming from other law enforcement agencies.



Photo credit Montana Highway Patrol

TWO INDIVIDUALS ARRAIGNED ON IMMIGRATION CHARGES

Crime By Karen Anderson: April 12, 2025 - Great Falls, Mt



Carlos Alexis Ponce-Lopez, 33, a citizen of Honduras, also pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging him with re-entry of a removed alien. If found guilty, Ponce-Lopez could face up to two years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and three years of supervised release.

U.S. Magistrate Judge John Johnston presided over the arraignment. Mitchell was released under specific conditions, while Ponce-Lopez was detained pending further proceedings.

Two individuals accused of harboring illegal aliens and re-entering the United States appeared for arraignment this week, according to U.S. Attorney Kurt Alme in a press release.

Kristin Louise Mitchell, also known as Kristin Louise Short, 41, from Shelby, pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging her with attempted harboring of illegal aliens. If convicted, Mitchell faces a potential sentence of five years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, and three years of supervised release.

Count 1 of the indictment alleges that on March 4, 2025, near Shelby, Mitchell attempted to conceal, harbor, and shield from detection three illegal aliens and took significant steps toward committing this offense. Count 2 charges Ponce-Lopez with the illegal re-entry of a removed alien near Billings on February 21, 2025. The indictment

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CITY

CRIME REPORT FROM APRIL 6TH - APRIL 12TH

Great Falls Police crime data report
from April 6th - April 12th includes
70 records.

- 5 - Aggravated Assault
- 13 - All Other Larceny
- 1 - Arson
- 2 - Burglary/Breaking & Entering
- 2 - Credit Card/Automatic Teller
Machine Fraud
- 13 - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of
Property
- 6 - Disorderly Conduct
- 2 - Driving Under the Influence
- 1 - Drug Equipment Violations
- 3 - Drug/Narcotic Violations
- 1 - False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence
Game
- 1 - Liquor Law Violations
- 3 - Motor Vehicle Theft
- 1 - Purse-snatching
- 4 - Shoplifting
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- 6 - Theft From Motor Vehicle

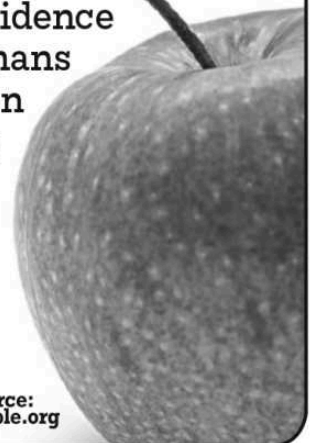
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Apples float because
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temperature, apples
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than when refrigerated.
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PUBLIC WORKS' STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE: APRIL 15TH 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.

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>.



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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.

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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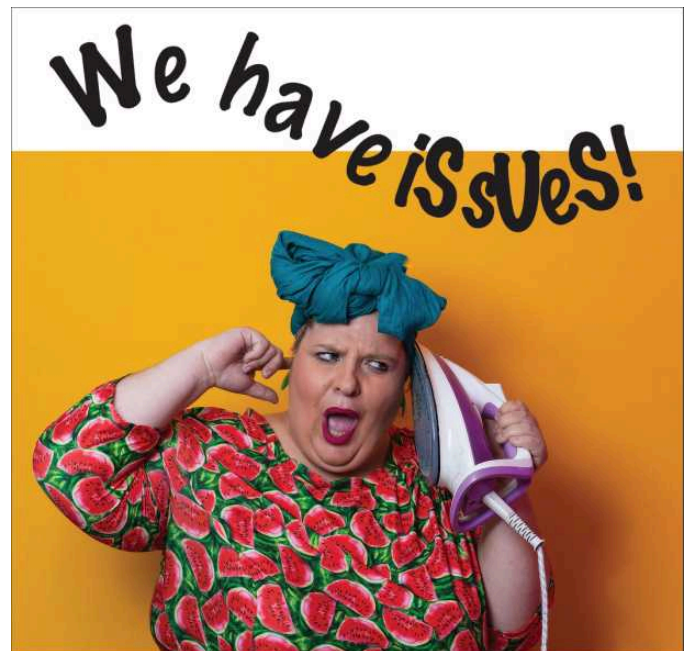
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BOZEMAN MAN SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON ON DRUG CHARGES

By Keri Leggett, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Montana: April 9, 2025 - Missoula, Mt



A Bozeman man who possessed methamphetamine and fentanyl was sentenced today to 120 months in prison to be followed by five years of supervised release, U.S. Attorney Kurt Alme said.

Rene Montenegro-Virrey, 51, pleaded guilty in December 2024

to possession with intent to distribute controlled substances.

U.S. District Judge Dana L. Christensen presided.

The government alleged in court documents that in August 2022, drug investigators learned that Rene Montenegro-Virrey was planning a trip to Bozeman to deliver 7,000 fentanyl pills and five pounds of methamphetamine. Over the next several months, drugs were purchased from the defendant through undercover purchases and controlled buys. In August 2024, Montenegro-Virrey met with undercover officers for another transaction. Four pounds of methamphetamine was seized from his vehicle.

The U.S. Attorney's Office

prosecuted the case and the investigation was conducted by the Missouri River Drug Task Force.

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>.

INDIVIDUALS ARRAIGNED ON IMMIGRATION CHARGES (Continued from page 1)

states that Ponce-Lopez is a citizen of Honduras who was removed from the United States in August 2014 and subsequently re-entered the country without permission from the Attorney General or the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

The U.S. Attorney's Office is prosecuting the case. The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Border Patrol, Montana Highway Patrol, and the Toole County Sheriff's Office.

This case is part of Operation Take

Back America, a nationwide initiative aimed at utilizing the full resources of the Department of Justice to combat illegal immigration, eradicate cartels and transnational criminal organizations (TCOs), and protect communities from violent crime. Operation Take Back America consolidates efforts and resources from the Department's Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETFs) and Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN).

It is important to note that the charging documents are merely

accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

For reference, please see PACER case number 25-34. You can monitor the progress of cases through the U.S. District Court Calendar and the PACER system. To establish a PACER account for electronic access to review documents filed in a case, please visit <http://www.pacer.gov/register.html>. To access the District Court's calendar, please visit <https://ecf.mtd.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/PublicCalendar.pl>.



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GEORGIA MAN SENTENCED TO OVER FOUR YEARS IN PRISON FOR BANK FRAUD AND AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT

By Keri Leggett, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Montana: April 7, 2025 - Billings, Mt



An Atlanta, Georgia man who defrauded banks in multiple states was sentenced today to 57 months in prison to be followed by 5 years supervised release, U.S. Attorney Kurt Alme said. The defendant was also ordered to pay \$161,401.17 in restitution.

Stanford Wilvin Lightfoot, 33, pleaded guilty in November 2024 to bank fraud and aggravated identity theft.

U.S. District Judge Susan P. Watters presided.

The government alleged in court documents that for approximately 5 months in 2023, Stanford Lightfoot was a member of a large fraud ring that had been defrauding banks in Montana, Maine, and Missouri. In each location, Lightfoot and other co-conspirators would travel to the state from the base of operations in Atlanta, Georgia. Once there, they would recruit local homeless individuals who possessed valid ID cards. They would then take these homeless individuals to local banks and provide them with fraudulent

checks from real accounts. These checks all possessed forged signatures of real people and were, therefore, means of identification. The homeless individuals would then attempt to cash the checks and, if successful, would provide the money to Lightfoot and his co-conspirators. If the homeless individuals were caught by police, they would be abandoned to take the blame. In Montana, Lightfoot hit multiple banks in Belgrade, Bozeman, and Livingston, utilizing local homeless individuals to forge checks in excess of \$20,000.

The U.S. Attorney's Office prosecuted the case and the investigation was conducted by the FBI, Livingston Police Department, Belgrade Police Department, and Bozeman Police Department.



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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A SOPHISTICATED DEFENSE

North dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K 6
♥ J 10 8 3
♦ A Q J 10 7
♣ K 5

WEST

♠ Q 10 3
♥ 5
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ 10 9 8 6 2

EAST

♠ 9 8 7 4
♥ A 6 4 2
♦ 6
♣ A Q 4 3

SOUTH

♠ A J 5 2
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ K 5 3
♣ J 7

The bidding:

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

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

Assume you're East, defending against four hearts, and your partner leads a club. You cash the Q-A, South playing the jack on the second round. What would you do next?

It's not easy to find the right play even if you see all four hands. However, there is no doubt about the correct move at this point if you consider the matter carefully. You should play another club at trick three!

This might seem to be a dreadful play, since it has been drummed into every player that a defender should never present declarer with a ruff-and-discard, and every thoughtful player sooner or later learns that in bridge, words like "never" and "always" don't mean exactly what the dictionary says they mean.

In the present case, it should be fairly obvious -- from looking at dummy and taking South's bidding into account -- that there is no real chance of defeating the contract unless declarer has only four trumps.

You should therefore shape your defense to fit that circumstance. If you "play safe" by returning a spade, a heart or a diamond, declarer will force you to win the first, second or third trump lead and will easily score the rest of the tricks.

But if you return a club at trick three, intentionally giving declarer a ruff-and-discard, he cannot make the contract whatever he does. He can ruff in either hand and lead two rounds of trump -- both of which you'd refuse to win -- but he would then have no effective continuation. If he led a third trump, you would win and force him to ruff a club, establishing your last trump as the setting trick. And if he stopped playing trumps, you'd eventually ruff a diamond to beat the contract.

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BRIDGER LUTZ PRESENTS 'BIGFOOT IN THE BIG SKY' AT GREAT FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY•ON APRIL 17TH

By Jake Sorich, Great Falls Public Library: April 11, 2025 - Great Falls, Mt



Bridger Lutz

Photo courtesy of Great Falls Public Library

Is Bigfoot in Montana? Have you ever seen him? Do we have legitimate proof of his existence?

Bridger Lutz, Director of Education and Programming at the C.M. Russell Museum, discusses these questions and more at the Great Falls Public Library on Thursday, April 17th, from 6 to 7 pm in this free program in the Cordingley Room.

In the forest primeval ... we are not alone. From the rocky shores of the Pacific Northwest to the ancient and equally arcane woodlands of Appalachia, rumors of a large bipedal creature roaming the dark edges of the American imagination existed long before Europeans reached the continent.

Despite countless photographs, innumerable encounters, and

eyewitness accounts, the truth of Bigfoot remains elusive. Is it real? Is it a North American ape? Is it an emissary from the aliens? Or is it simply a case of mistaken identity? From early settler reports and Native American folklore to modern-day sightings right here in the Big Sky Country. Listen as he pieces together the story of Bigfoot in Montana, starting with the fundamental question: what is Bigfoot? This program was originally slated as a program in conjunction with help from Humanities Montana.

For more information, contact Jake Sorich at jsorich@greatfallslibrary.org or 406-453-0349 ext. 220.



1. Name the theme song from the film "Same Time Next Year."
2. The Supremes had five No. 1 songs in 1964. What were the songs?
3. Which Lady Gaga song was used in the 2011 animated film "Puss in Boots"?

4. Who was the first to release "What a Fool Believes"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "People put me down cause that's the side of town I was born in."

Answers

1. "The Last Time I Felt Like This," by Johnny Mathis and Jane Olivor in the 1978 film.
2. "Back in My Arms Again," "Baby Love," "Come See About Me," "Stop! In the Name of Love," "Where Did Our Love Go?"
3. "Americano." The song was used at the end of the film when Puss and Kitty Softpaws are dancing

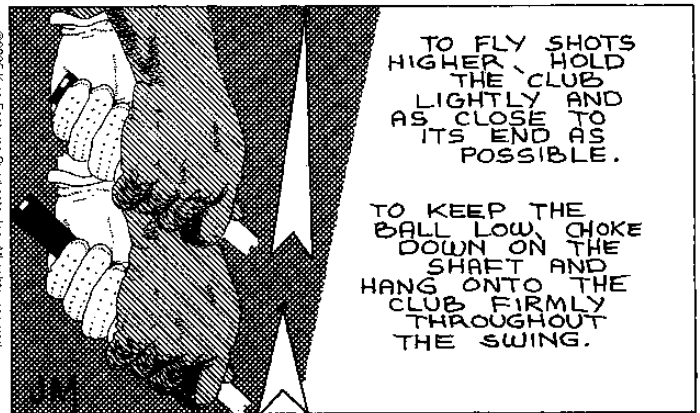
across rooftops and then through the credits.

4. The Doobie Brothers, in 1978. The song ended up with a Grammy for Song of the Year and was later inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame.

5. "Down in the Boondocks," by Billy Joe Royal, in 1965. Royal's version was meant to be a demo to be sent to Gene Pitney, but the song was good enough for a record company to promote it.

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OBITUARIES



Obituary of Derick Halladay

Derick Alexander Halladay, 39, of Great Falls, Montana, passed away on April 9, 2025.

Born with a generous heart and an adventurous spirit, Derick lived in Michigan and Louisiana before making his home in Montana. He was a proud father to eight children—Tori and Brayden (with Ashley), Alexander, Piper, and Elliot (with Nicole), Blake (with Debra), Jared (with Jessica), and Dustin (with Charlie). His children were the light

of his life, and he loved them unconditionally and with his whole heart.

He also leaves behind many cherished friends, especially Rylo, who was a source of comfort and companionship during his final years.

Passionate about helping others, Derick was known for his kindness and generosity, even when he faced his own hardships. He had a deep pride in his work as a roofer, often sharing stories and skills from the trade he loved. Rollerblading brought him joy, and he carried that sense of freedom into every part of his life.

Though the last years of his life were marked by unfathomable struggles, Derick never lost his capacity for love, humor, and looking out for others. He was a bright soul who made an impact on everyone he met—through his

warmth, resilience, and unwavering care for those around him.

We would like to give special thanks to all the community outreach programs that helped Derick all these years and also to his amazing mother Amy for everything she did for him. Also, to Debra and Nicole. You did as much as you could to help him and support him in having a relationship with his children. He was blessed to have all of you.

Our family prays that all of his friends still struggling with addiction will find sobriety and peace in Derick's memory.

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


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Obituary of Renae Burgess

Renae Lyn Burgess Linn April 24, 1959 – March 27, 2025

Renae Lyn Burgess passed peacefully at Peace Hospice on March 27, 2025, from complications of COPD. She defied the odds when she was born to Mack Emmett and Norma Jean Burgess on April 24, 1959, in Great Falls, Montana, weighing only 3 lbs. and survived. Renae was the fourth child and third daughter in a family of seven children. She was born with a congenital hip which prevented her from walking until she was almost three. She then had to have surgery to break her hip and then put it back together correctly. She lived her next two years in body casts and braces.

Her family moved to a ranch outside of Simms when she was a young teenager where she excelled at becoming a cowgirl and ranch hand. She worked at the ranch doing the work of any man there. She often commented that her fondest memories were from that time in her life. She graduated from Simms High and went on to Rick's College (now BYU Idaho) in Rexburg, ID.

Renae worked at various jobs: CNA working at the hospital and home care, a cook at several restaurants, sales, and a dispatcher at Americana Expressways. It was there she met her husband, Richard Linn, who drove a truck for the same company. They were married in April 1988. At that point, she packed up and went on the road with Rick. Later she and Rick ran a dispatch office out of Nevada. They eventually settled in the Coeur d'Alene, ID area where Rick continued to drive truck while Renae stayed at home and raised her three children: Nicolas, Nicole, and Nathan.

Renae was a stalwart lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She faithfully studied the scriptures and endeavored to live the gospel her entire life.

Renae's favorite activities were camping and riding horses. She was accomplished at both. In later years when her health would not allow it, she became an enthusiastic genealogist. She found many of her ancestors and found ancestors of many friends. Renae loved to sew and craft, mostly craft. She rarely purchased anything if she could make it. She scoured thrift stores and garage sales looking for "treasures." When she purchased anything, it was at a great bargain and would purchase at least a dozen of the item. She also self admittedly suffered from OCD – not in the normal sense but meaning Overdoing Christmas Disorder. She possessed tons of Christmas decorations and craft supplies, especially anything having to do with The Nutcracker.

Renae was known for her exuberant friendly nature and her

boisterous laugh. Also known for being a "mama bear," she loved her family completely and fiercely. Much of her life revolved around her grandchildren taking care of them even when she was disabled.

After 35 years of marriage, she and Rick separated, and Renae moved home to Great Falls. She lived in the family home for a brief time and then moved into The Lodge in May 2024 with her mother. She helped care for her mother until Norma passed away in September 2024.

She is preceded in death by her daughter Nicole Jean Linn who passed away in November 2020, her father and mother, Mack Emmett and Norma Jean Burgess, and two brothers who died in infancy, Mark Emmett and Mack Emmett II.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Linn, sons, Nicolas Linn and Nathan (Maddy) Linn all of Coeur d'Alene, ID, grandchildren: Grayson, Landry, Lilah Mae, Ava Grace, Avery, and Emmett, Also surviving are her sisters, Denise (Bruce) Mills of Great Falls MT, and Nanette (Bill) Hjelm of Heber, UT and her brothers, Stan (Jamie) LeyMarr Burgess of Nome, AL and Merlin Middlerider of Heart Butte, MT and numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held on April 26, 2025, at 12 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1401 9th Street NW, Great Falls, MT, with arrangements being entrusted to Croxford Funeral Home.



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LOCAL WEATHER FOR GREAT FALLS

NWS Forecast for: Cascade County below 5000ft
Issued by: National Weather Service Great Falls, MT
Last Update: [8:15 pm MDT Apr 13, 2025]

Tuesday Sunny, with a high near 73. South southwest wind 6 to 16 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph.

Tuesday Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. West wind 6 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 23 mph.

Wednesday A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 64. West wind 6 to 11 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night Rain before midnight, then rain and snow between midnight and 3am, then snow after 3am. Low around 31. North wind 14 to 16 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New snow accumulation of around an inch possible.

Thursday Snow likely, mainly before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 42. North wind 14 to 18 mph, with gusts as high as 28 mph.

Thursday Night A chance of snow before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Friday Mostly sunny, with a high near 50.

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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/bll>
@ 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
events@gfgazette.com***

***All Public Events
Welcome***

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

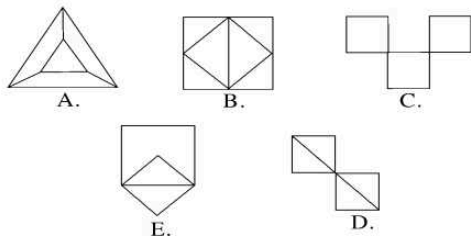
The civic events are
compiled from
published events
provided by the City
and County.



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STICKELERS [sic] by Terry Stickels

Four of the five figures below can be created without lifting the pencil or retracing any lines. Which one cannot?



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Puzzle answers can be found on the next page.

MINI SUDOKU

3	6			4	
		5			
		6	3	1	
			2		
	4				5
				3	

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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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.

	+		-	8	= 1			
+		+		-				
	+		×		= 30			
+		×		+				
	+		-		= 7			
=		=		=				
8		96		9				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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"Care to join the senior citizens' march on City Hall? It's good _____."

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!

Approve
RECTIFY _____

Pure
CHEATS _____

Increase
DENTEX _____

Outlook
PECOS _____

TODAY'S WORD

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Go Figure!

answers

2	+	7	-	8	=	1
+		+		-		
1	+	9	×	3	=	30
+		×		+		
5	+	6	-	4	=	7
=		=		=		
8		96		9		

MINI SUDOKU

Answer

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

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Certify
2. Chaste;
3. Extend;
4. Scope

Today's Word

EXERCISE



Stickelers Answer

Figure A.



Robin Fleek - Administrator
Ashley Blank - Manager

MT Gems

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office: 406 453-0607

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Puppies 16 weeks old - Shots-
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Representative

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through company website:
<https://mwfbic.com/careers/>

Vehicles

Motorcycles

2009 Kawasaki Vulcan VN900

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just under 19K miles. Single
Saddleman seat, Windshield,
saddlebags, Bubb dual exhaust,
and a PowerCommander 5
installed.
Call Scott @ (406) 781-9288



Vehicles

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2014 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter
F50 Chassis.
188-HP Mercedes 3.01V6-
Cylinder Turbo Diesel Engine.
5-speed Automatic w/Tip Shift.
Onan Generator, Single Slide
Out
Asking \$67,500.00
Less than 21,000 miles
Rick (406) 750-4058



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White, Katelen Ceeanna Sherish: 25 yoa, Native American female, 5'5", 180#, brown hair, brown eyes, wanted on: Violation of Terms of Deferred Sentence on 2 counts Criminal Endangerment, felony, Reckless Driving, misdemeanor, Fleeing from or Eluding Peace Officer, misdemeanor, total bond \$5,000

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Lamere, Robert Louis Jr: 59 yoa, Native American male, 5'8", 195#, brown hair, hazel eyes, wanted on: 2 warrants, Violation of Terms of Suspended Sentence on Intimidation, felony, and Violation of Terms of Suspended Sentence on Arson, felony, Criminal Endangerment, felony, total bond \$70,000

HEADLINE



DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I have an adventurous Shorthaired Pointer named "Gordie" who loves running through the woods behind my home while I walk behind him. He occasionally comes back with scrapes and cuts. I want to share with your readers how I take care of his minor injuries, and when a vet visit is necessary.

Most of the time, Gordie's scrapes are very minor. I always check him when we get back to the house, because he can easily pick up ticks, too. I remove any clinging ticks and kill them right away. I check the pads under his paws, and run my hand along his coat to remove burrs. If he has a scrape on his side or paw, I clean it with warm water, disinfect it and put some antibiotic ointment on it. If it's a place where he can scratch or lick, I cover it with a gauze bandage for a couple of days.

Last month, Gordie limped over to me with a deep laceration on his left front paw pad. Fortunately, we weren't far from home. I carried him inside and gently looked at the injury. It wasn't bleeding too badly,

but the cut was very deep, and trying to clean it was very painful for him. This time, we had to see the vet. I wrapped his paw in gauze to protect it and off we went. The vet stitched him up, and Gordie has to wear a lampshade collar for the next week or so to let it heal.

I hope my story will be helpful to readers. -- Tyler N., Dracut, Massachusetts

DEAR TYLER: This is very helpful! Best wishes to Gordie for a speedy recovery.

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