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Vacant Trailer Destroyed in Early Morning Fire

City By Karen Anderson: November 29, 2025 - Great Falls, Mt



Fire credit Great Falls Fire Rescue

In the early hours of November 29th, Great Falls Fire Rescue responded to a reported structure fire at 1122 2nd Avenue SW. Truck 2 was the first GFFR unit to arrive on the scene, where it encountered heavy smoke and flames emanating from what appeared to be a vacant trailer. An aggressive exterior attack on the fire

was initiated by Truck 2. Upon arrival, Engine 1 deployed a second supply line to support Truck 2 in extinguishing the fire.

Conversations with neighboring residents indicated that the trailer had been unoccupied; however, it was noted that squatters had

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BLM Makes Getting Christmas Tree Permits Easy Online

Outdoors Press release By BLM: November 24, 2025 - Billings, Mt

Cutting your own Christmas tree can be fun for all ages, and six Bureau of Land Management field offices in Montana are making it simple and inexpensive to get a permit.

Locations where Christmas trees can be harvested vary by field office. Maps, stipulations and measuring guidelines are available on each office's permit application webpage.

Personal-use Christmas tree permits issued by the Butte, Dillon, Lewistown, Malta, Miles City and Missoula field offices cost only \$5 per tree and can be applied for online. Contact the North Dakota Field Office at 701-227-7700, and/or the South Dakota Field Office at 605-892-7000 for information about Christmas tree and/or firewood permits in those areas.

To purchase a Christmas tree permit online:

Go to the BLM's Online Forest Product Permits webpage for Montana.

Choose the BLM field office that corresponds to the area where you plan to use your permit.

Select Christmas Tree Permit.

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City

Crime Report From November 23rd - 29th

Great Falls Police crime data report from November 23rd - 29th includes 34 records.

- 2 Aggravated Assault
- 8 All Other Larceny
- 1 Burglary/Breaking & Entering
- 1 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
- 3 Disorderly Conduct
- 2 Driving Under the Influence
- 1 Drug Equipment Violations
- 1 Motor Vehicle Theft
- 4 Shoplifting
- 10 Simple Assault
- 1 Theft From Motor Vehicle

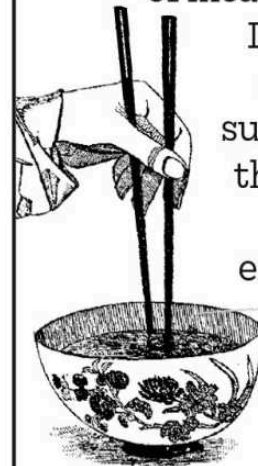
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Fun Fact

Japanese chefs consider Gomi (the Five tastes), Gokan (the Five senses), Goshiki (the Five colors) and Goho (the Five cooking methods) to be the most important aspects of meal preparation.



It is the chef's duty to make sure that everything creates a satisfying experience for those who are dining.

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Sports

Helena Comes Back to Top the Americans, 7-4

By Kevin Scott: November 28, 2025 - Great Falls, Mt



Photo credit Lily Scott

The Americans hope you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving Day! Now onto hockey as the Great Falls Americans (14-8-1-1) hosted their rivals, the Helena Bighorns (15-6-1-0) on Black Friday (November 28).

When these two hockey teams played against each other on September 27th in Great Falls, the Bighorns were in second place (now in third place), but Great Falls was in sixth place and since then went 12-3-1-0 over their last 16 games and have climbed up the Frontier Division standings to

second place behind the Sheridan (WY) Hawks.

Great Falls is 1-2-0-1 versus the Bighorns this season with two head-to-head matchups remaining after tonight. Check out the Schedule/results webpage on the Americans official website (www.greatfallsamericans.com) to see the game summaries of all the games completed so far, including their rivalry with Helena.

Prior to the game, Kurt Mueller performed the National Anthem via the trumpet.

The Great Falls Americans held a 3-0 advantage after one period, but the Helena Bighorns offense outscored their opponents, 7-1 over the final two periods, for a 7-4 decision during Blue Cross Blue Shield Night at the Great Falls Ice Plex on Friday evening. Caden Feinstein (Helena) scored two goals and dished out one assist, while AJ Prioli was one goal short of a hat trick (two goals) for Great Falls.

Great Falls jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first period during a five-minute scoring spree led by Jaxon Savage, Ethan Miller, and AJ Prioli's goals. Savage, one of four Canadians on the Americans roster, gathered his fifth goal with help from Fisher Hannesson and Wyatt Rust for the first goal with nine minutes remaining. Three minutes later, Ethan Miller's shot hit the post, and the puck bounced into the net while the Bighorns were in the penalty box. Gordon Jennings and Cooper Clouse each provided an assist on the Americans second scoring drive of the contest. AJ Prioli scored a few feet from the goal for his sixth goal of the season. The tally was assisted by Cooper Clouse and Ethan Miller

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Opinion / Political

The Oath - Remember Nuremberg - Illegal Orders

By Paul Warrick: November 29, 2025 - Great Falls, Mt

"I, (name) do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God".

Every U. S. military member and every senior government official is required to take an oath of office before assuming their duties. The oath varies slightly among the organizations. A central requirement of all the oaths is to "support and defend the constitution". Sometimes the oath is administered individually as with the President or en masse as with members of congress. Most importantly, we swear our oath to the Constitution, not any individual or group. After taking the oath, both military and civilian officials are required to carry out their duties in accordance with that oath.

Traditionally, our President is sworn in with his hand on the Bible.

Not always and there is no requirement to do so. Thomas Jefferson used no Bible during either of his swearing ceremonies. He was a Deist, not a Christian. Teddy Roosevelt used no Bible for his swearing in 1901. Lyndon

Johnson used a Catholic Prayer Book, though he was not a Catholic. John Quincy Adams used a law book. Franklin Pierce "affirmed" rather than swore and



used a law book. Barack Obama used the authentic Lincoln Bible borrowed from the Library of Congress for both his ceremonies. Donald Trump did not place his hand on a Bible in January, 2025 though there were two Bibles present held by Melania Trump.

A lawful order must meet five criteria - all five, not just one. A lawful order must be; issued by competent authority, received, understood, relate to legitimate duty and must not violate any law. The Nazis found out about "unlawful orders" at Nuremberg after WWII. The fact that they were ordered by higher authority to carry out murder or abuse did not relieve them of personal guilt. On 16 October, 1946 the U.S. Army hanged 10 Nazi officials in the gymnasium of Nuremberg Prison. Others received long prison sentences. Dozens of war crime

trials were conducted by the U.S. and Allies in the Pacific. At the conclusion of those trials, it is estimated that more than 900 Japanese had been executed.

Our government is currently carrying out a number of extra-judicial killings in the waters offshore of Venezuela and Columbia. The legality of those killings is being hotly debated. When war is declared the issue is clear. The enemy becomes fair game and our military takes charge. Without a declaration of war, crime remains a law enforcement responsibility. In the past, we have used our Coast Guard, which has the arrest and law enforcement authority our military does not have, to interdict suspected drug boats taking into custody those aboard and their cargo. Our Coast Guard is part of the Department of Homeland Security, not the military. It derives its authority from Title 14 of the U.S. Code, section 522. The Coast Guard is explicitly exempted from the Posse Comitatus Act which prohibits our military from law enforcement. The distance from Venezuelan waters to the U.S. is over 1000 miles. Far beyond the range of those small boats we have exploded. Why not continue our previous policy rather than ordering our military to kill "suspects"? Thus far we have killed more than 80 people. Our

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Living

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

DOUBLE TROUBLE

West dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K
♥ Q 7 4 3 2
♦ 9 3 2
♣ 10 8 7 4

WEST

♠ J 10 6 4
♥ 10 6
♦ A K 8
♣ A 9 5 3

EAST

♠ 9 8 5 3 2
♥ 9
♦ 7 4
♣ K Q J 6 2

SOUTH

♠ A Q 7
♥ A K J 8 5
♦ Q J 10 6 5
♣ —

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
Dble	3 ♥	3 ♠	4 ♦
Dble	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Dble			

Opening lead — jack of spades.

The main reason why some players win more national and world championships than others is, without question, superior skills. But on occasion, luck -- in the form of being in the right place at the right time -- can play an important role.

Here's a good example of how the luck factor works. Bob Hamman, one of the world's best, was playing in the 1983

Life Master Pairs, and on the first of two deals opened the bidding with two notrump. The next player doubled, everybody passed, and although the defenders could have taken the first six tricks with a different opening lead, Hamman wound up making nine tricks for a score of 890 points.

On the second deal, the one shown, Hamman held the South hand and got to four hearts doubled. Offhand, it might seem that West doubled once or twice too often, but be that as it may, he exercised his constitutional right to free speech and followed this by leading the jack of spades.

It did not take Hamman long to teach West a lesson. He won the jack with dummy's king, cashed the A-K of trump and A-Q of spades, discarding two diamonds from dummy, and then led the five of diamonds toward dummy's singleton nine. West compounded his previous felonies by following low, and the outcome was that Hamman made the doubled contract with three overtricks to score another 890 points!

One important principle that emerges is that if your opponents are trying for a slam (which is what Hamman's four-diamond bid suggested), it's not a very good policy to double them when they stop at game.

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2025 Annual Christmas Ornaments are Here

Press release By City of Great Falls: November 26, 2025 - Great Falls, Mt



Photo courtesy of City of Great Falls

The Great Falls-Cascade County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission is excited to announce the annual commemorative Christmas ornament for 2025 is the Arvon Block! These numbered ornaments, designed by local artist Sheree Nelson, are available for \$20 at the Planning and Community Development Department in the Civic Center, Great Falls Public Library, The History Museum, Cassiopeia Books, Dragonfly Dry Goods, and Mountain Colors Hand Painted Yarn. Proceeds support the preservation of historic places in Great Falls and Cascade County.

The Arvon Block was built in 1890 by Robert Vaughn, who was the first to register a ranch in Chouteau County. (Before Cascade County was created, the Sun River Valley was part of

Chouteau County). After the death of his wife, Vaughn retired from ranching and moved to Great Falls. He built the Arvon, which housed the Axtell Stables on the east side and a hotel on the west, and he named it after his infant daughter Arvonnia. By the 21st century, the building was in poor condition, but it was rehabilitated in 2013 and is now a landmark on the south side of Downtown Great Falls.

The Arvon ornament is the 18th in a series featuring historic places in Great Falls and Cascade County. Past ornaments have celebrated such iconic historic resources as the 10th Street Bridge, Fort Shaw, and the Belt Theater. Past ornaments can also be purchased through the Planning and Community Development Department.

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History Museum & Research Center Hosts Holiday Events in December

By Ashleigh McCann, The History Museum & Research Center, Great Falls: November 25, 2025 - Great Falls, Mt



Photo courtesy of the History Museum Archives, digitally colored

The History Museum & Research Center is decking the halls and inviting the community to enjoy a festive holiday season. On two Saturdays in December, the museum will be open with free admission and offer special events perfect for holiday shopping and merriment.

On Second Saturday, December 13, catch the soulful sounds of Sound of the Falls, an a cappella women's choir, performing Christmas Carols at 12:30 pm. At 1:00 pm, historian Ken Robison will

present "Celebrating Christmas in Early Great Falls," a free admission presentation that explores the city's first Christmas celebration in 1885 and other yuletide events in early Montana Territory. Both events are free admission.

The following Saturday, December 20, the museum's Gift Shop & Bookstore will host its annual Holiday Open House from 12-5 pm, featuring an extra 15% off sale items. Additionally, visitors can snap a photo with Santa at a special photo booth from 1-4 pm.

On both Saturdays, the museum will be open with free admission from 12-5 pm, offering a chance to explore local history and holiday cheer.

Vacant Trailer Destroyed

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previously accessed the property for shelter. A thorough search of the trailer was conducted, and no occupants were located. The structure sustained extensive damage as a result of the fire and is classified as a total loss.

Given the severity of the fire upon arrival and the prevailing weather conditions, a second alarm was activated, recalling off-duty firefighters, and a

request for mutual aid was made to assist with city coverage. GFFR successfully extinguished the fire approximately 15 minutes after the initial report. Following the extinguishment, the cleanup process proved to be labor-intensive due to the stiffness and beginning freeze of many fire hoses. As of the present time, the cause of the fire remains undetermined.



Christmas Tree Permits (Continued from page 1)

Complete and submit the application.

Proceed automatically to Pay.gov, a secure government website, to make your payment by credit card or checking account and agree to the terms and conditions. Your payment will be processed within minutes.

Print your permit, stipulations, instructions, maps, and tags. Keep them handy when harvesting Christmas trees.

Permits are valid through Christmas Day (Dec. 25) in designated harvest areas on BLM-administered lands. Be sure to note harvest areas on the map for the

office you selected and any special use areas where harvesting is prohibited. BLM-issued forest product permits are not valid on U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service lands. No resale or other commercial use of the Christmas trees is allowed.

To minimize the risk of starting wildfires, permittees must comply with current county fire restrictions. Woodcutters must have a shovel and fire extinguisher ready for immediate use, and chainsaws must be equipped with a functioning spark arrestor. Please, read and follow all instructions and stipulations while harvesting Christmas trees.

BLM foresters advise permittees to be prepared for winter conditions. Trees located closest to the roads are usually the first to go, so plan to do some walking through snow to get your tree. Make sure everyone in your party has warm clothes and boots. Pack emergency supplies, carry an appropriate map and leave word with friends or relatives of your planned destination. Take a vehicle equipped for winter conditions with 4-wheel drive, snow tires or chains, and start early since winter days mean early sunsets.

If you have questions, please contact the BLM field office that manages the area where you plan to harvest a Christmas tree.



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Obituaries

Obituary of Harry Samuel Brobst

Harry Samuel Brobst of Great Falls, MT passed away on November 16th, 2025. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, December 1st, 2025, in the Rose Room Chapel of Croxford Funeral Home at 2PM.

Harry was born on December 10, 1947, in Hamburg, Pennsylvania, to Carl and Margaret (Kostican) Brobst. He was raised in Lofty, Pennsylvania, where he lived until 1968. He graduated from Hazleton High School in 1965 and later joined the military in 1967.

From 1968 until March 1970, Harry was stationed in Okinawa, Japan. When he returned to the states from Japan, Harry was stationed at Malmstrom AFB until 1982, when he was then stationed at Vandenburg Space Force Base in CA. In 1983, he again made his

home in Great Falls after retirement, where he stayed for the remainder of his life.

One night in California while stationed at Vandenburg, Harry went out dancing and met the love of his life, Florence Amelia Bostock. The couple shared 29 years and two children together, Roger and Noelle.



Outside of work, Harry enjoyed coin collecting, running a bird rescue, recycling with his friend Robert Wagner, and dancing to old country music. He was also a member of the American Humane Society, the Disabled Veterans of America, and took great pride in being very charitable to numerous agencies.

Harry was preceded in death by his loving wife Florence Amelia Brobst; his parents Carl and Margaret (Kostican) Brobst; his sister Mary Lou Eisenhart; and brothers Arthur and Samuel Brobst.

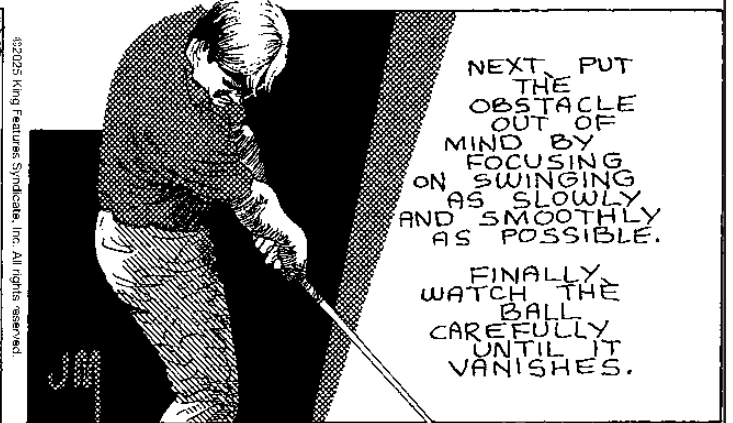
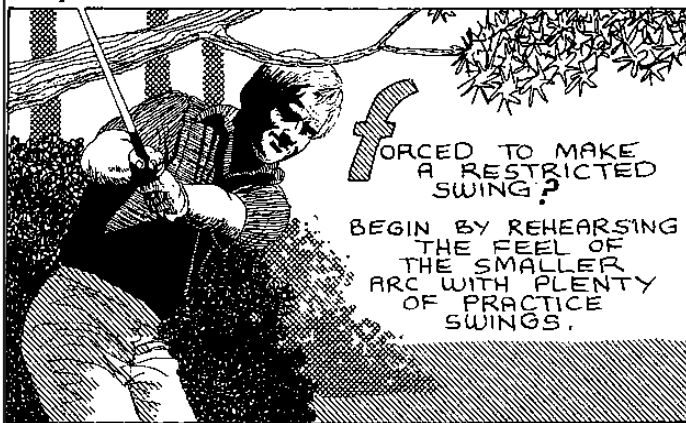
Harry is survived by his grandson Dominic Gonzalez; stepdaughter Anna Lisa Hay; stepson Randal George; along with several nieces and nephews.



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Obituary of William "Bill" Wallace

William "Bill" Wallace, 83, passed away unexpectedly November 8th, 2025, in Seattle, WA.

Bill was born November 5th, 1942, to Frank and Ruby Wallace, in Seattle, WA. Though he began and ended his life in Seattle, he created many fond memories and spent a significant portion of his life in Montana.

Bill was the oldest of five brothers who were all raised in Montana. He attended West Junior High School and graduated from Great Falls High School. Bill later married and had two children.

He served in the MT Air National Guard and was honorably discharged in 1962. Bill worked for many years and later retired from The Great Falls Gas Company.



Bill loved the outdoors and especially the mountains. He enjoyed camping and was a boy scout when he was young. Many summers were spent camping and fishing at Seeley and Holter Lake. Glacier Park was one of his favorite places to travel and explore on

foot, in a car, and on his motorcycle. Bill also enjoyed bowling. He participated in bowling leagues and collected many trophies over the years.

He was a gentle soul with an easy-going personality. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Ruby Wallace; and two brothers, Jerry Wallace and Dave Wallace.

Bill is survived by his daughter Lisa (Kevin) Scheibelhut, son Brian (Amanda) Wallace; granddaughter Aria Wallace; brothers Dick Wallace and Bob (Lori) Wallace; and several nieces and nephews.

No funeral service will be held by his request. He will be laid to rest at Evergreen Washelli cemetery in Seattle, WA.

Obituary of Grady Wood

Grady Wood passed away at the age of 72 in Great Falls, Montana. He was born on June 23rd, 1953, in Glendive, Montana, to Raymond and Leone (Reeves) Wood. The family later moved to Great Falls, where Grady graduated from Great Falls High School in 1971.

It was in Great Falls that he met the love of his life, Kaylene. They were married on February 1st, 1982, and shared 43 beautiful years together.

Grady worked as a salesman in the food industry, a career he took great pride in. In his spare time, he enjoyed woodworking, creating stained glass pieces, and settling in with a good book.

Grady is survived by his wife, Kaylene; his stepmother, Diane Malinak; his sons Kyle (Skyla) of Missoula, MT, and Adam (Ashley) of Lubbock, TX; his daughters Rebecca (Robert) Hannah of Great Falls, MT, and Erin (Dan) Helms of Great Falls, MT; his half-sisters Andrea (Tim) Severns and Charlotte (Sean) Nemeck; his stepbrother Brynn (Melanie) Schwarz; and his grandchildren, Declan and Shailey.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Leone.

Grady will be missed by all who knew him.



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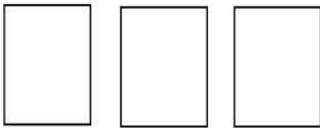


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by Terry Stickels

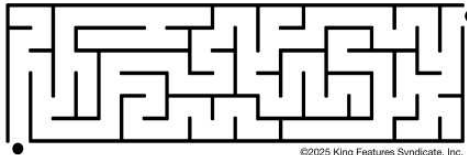
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Kids' Maze



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answers

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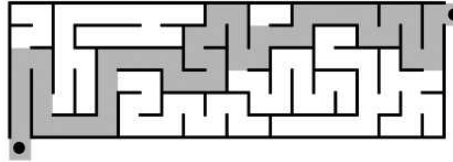
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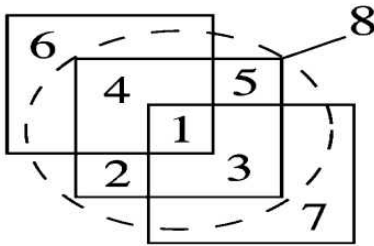
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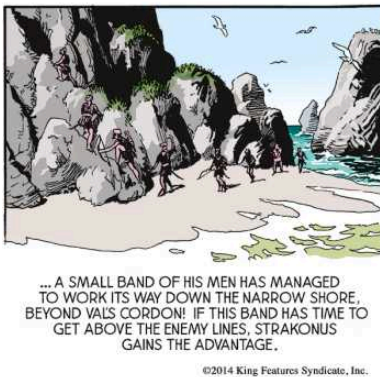
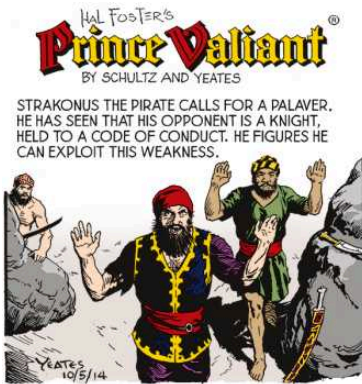
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Helena Comes Back to Top the Americans (Continued from page 3)

with 3:45 left on the clock before the first intermission. Both NA3HL clubs combined for 20 shots-on-goal.

Helena rallied to score three unanswered goals. Braden Davis got his team on the scoreboard with his first score of the season off a pass from Lincoln Kearney to cut the visiting team's deficit, 3-1. The power play scoring drive came with 8:30 left in the middle period. Mason Blair, a defenseman from Missoula, Montana, pulled the Bighorns to within one goal (3-2) with under two minutes remaining, with Fischer Nicolet and Warren Ryser assisting. Caden Feinstein netted his eighth goal of the 2025-26 season to even the score (3-3) before the second intermission. Cal Kellenberg and Lincoln Kearney each capitalized on a power play opportunity when they found Feinstein open for the score.

During the first seven minutes of the third period, Great Falls and Helena each traded goals. The Bighorns took their first lead of the contest with a second goal by Caden Feinstein with assistance

from Blake Chapman and Lincoln Kearney with 14:14 left in regulation. Great Falls trailed 4-3 for 17 seconds before they tied the game on a AJ Prioli score. Cooper Clouse and Gordon Jennings accrued the assists. Both scoring opportunities happened while the opposing team was in the sin bin. The Bighorns closed out the game by outscoring Great Falls, 3-0, over the final eight minutes. Clint Isakson and Cameron Kimmerly each put the biscuit in the basket. Jakob Ryser and Joe Viox picked up the assists on the Isakson's scoring drive, while Ty Schell and Caden Feinstein assisted on the Kimmerly goal. The Americans took out their goaltender to get another skater on the ice with 1:34 left. Joe Viox took advantage and successfully got the open net score seven seconds later for the Bighorns seventh goal.

The Bighorns took 21 of their 35 shots-on-goal during the middle stanza. Great Falls accumulated 24 shots with 19 coming before the second intermission.

Six of the eleven total goals were made through successful power

play opportunities. Helena finished 4-for-6 with Caden Feinstein scoring both of his lamplighters, and Braden Davis and Cameron Kimmerly also getting the puck in the net with the Americans down a man. Ethan Miller's first period goal and AJ Prioli's third period goals came while the visiting team was in the sin bin as the Americans went 2-for-5.

Caden Feinstein led the Bighorns with two goals and one assist, while teammate Lincoln Kearney added three assists. Meanwhile, AJ Prioli scored one goal in the first and third frames and Cooper Clouse registered three assists, and Gordon Jennings had two for the host team.

Andrew Blake (Helena) is now 8-3-1-0, including two wins over Great Falls this season. The Minnesota netminder stopped 20 of 24 shots sent his way. Cole Murphy had nine saves in the first period and ended the game with 29. Murphy is now 6-3-1-0 on the season after eleven appearances and 1-3-0-0 against their rivals.

LOCAL WEATHER FOR GREAT FALLS

NWS Forecast for: Cascade County below 5000ft
Issued by: National Weather Service Great Falls, MT
Last Update: [1:13 pm MST Nov 30, 2025]

Tuesday Snow. High near 35. West wind 9 to 13 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New snow accumulation of around an inch possible.

Tuesday Night Snow likely, mainly before 11pm. Cloudy, with a low around 16. North northwest wind 6 to 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Wednesday Mostly sunny, with a high near 33. Light southwest wind increasing to 5 to 10 mph in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night Mostly cloudy, with a low around 24. Southwest wind 11 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Partly sunny, with a high near 38.

Thursday Night A chance of snow, mainly after 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Friday A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 40.

Friday Night A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20.

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The Oath (Continued from page 4)

President and Secretary of Defense have placed our military officers in an unacceptable situation. If they question the orders they are receiving, they risk their careers. If they simply comply with those orders and kill the suspects, they must hope there will never be another Nuremberg. It is a clear choice, though a difficult choice. The 4-star Admiral in charge of our U.S. Southern Command has made his choice. He resigned and retired rather than comply with what he deemed illegal orders. "Rudeness is a weak man's imitation of strength". Eric Hoffer, 1902-1983

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Evans, Michael Lester: 45 yoa, white male, 5'9", 180#, brown hair, blue eyes, wanted on: 2 counts Criminal Endangerment, felony, total bond \$10,000



Herman, Collin Timothy: 20 yoa, white male, 5'7", 130#, green eyes, red/auburn hair, wanted on fail to abide on obstructing justice, felony, criminal possession of dangerous drugs, felony, obstructing a peace officer or other public servant, misdemeanor. Total bond \$20,000.

Why are cats such finicky eaters?



DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I find it weird that my two dogs, "Shep" and "Bull," can eat just about anything (I have to hide all the pet food), while my cat "Trudy" will turn up her nose at most food. And although she's perfectly healthy, sometimes she gets sick after eating wet or fresh food. Why? -- Sarah in Madison, Wisconsin

DEAR SARAH: Cats' eating

behaviors have long been a source of curiosity for both pet owners and the scientific community. Why do they turn their nose up at certain foods and chow down on others? Why do they sometimes throw up after eating? Why do they gnaw on grass when they're meat-eaters?

The answer is: It's complicated, and no one is entirely sure. A 2015 study, for example, found that cats have some genes that are more commonly possessed by herbivores (animals that eat only plants, like cows). These particular genes help them detect bitter flavors, alerting them to potentially poisonous plants.

This research opens a new avenue into understanding why cats are more picky about their food than

dogs -- also meat-eaters -- tend to be. If cats are detecting a bitter taste in their food then they may be less inclined to eat it. And, a bitter taste also may trigger a vomiting response to safeguard against ingesting what is perceived to be poison.

The study's results could lead to changes in how commercial producers formulate their cat food. Whether that is a good thing remains to be seen.

In the meantime, feeding a finicky cat remains a trial-and-error process. Try small amounts of different foods -- dry, wet and fresh -- and note Trudy's likes and dislikes.

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