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## The Cascade Quartet Presents Beethoven by Candlelight on February 6th

**Entertainment**

By Tia Kanigan: January 15, 2026 - Great Falls, Mt



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The Great Falls Symphony announces Beethoven by Candlelight, the first-ever Cascade Quartet candlelit concert. It will take place on Friday, February 6th, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Ozark Club in the History Museum. Drinks will be provided by Enbar before the concert and during intermission. Illuminated by the warm, flickering

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## Law Enforcement Continue to Investigate the Homicide of Terrell Johnson

**City**

By Karen Anderson: January 19, 2026 - Great Falls, Mt

On Friday, January 9th, the Cascade County Sheriff's Office announced a suspicious death that occurred in the 1700 block of 22nd Avenue South, just outside the Great Falls city limits. The victim has been identified as Terrell Johnson, a 25-year-old male from Harlem, Montana.

This case has been confirmed as a homicide, with the cause of death being multiple stab wounds. Evidence has been sent to the crime lab for expedited processing.

On January 19th, Sheriff Jesse Slaughter stated in a media release that the suspect in this case poses a danger to our community. "If I'm able at

any point to get out a good description of our suspaect which we feel would be helpful in our investigation, I will do so. At this point in time, we are still combing through lots of video evidence, lots of other artifacts of evidence, trying to determine who this individual is."

Throughout this investigation, the Cascade County Sheriff's Office has received assistance from the Great Falls Police Department, the Montana Division of Criminal Investigations, and the FBI.

Sheriff Slaughter announced that the Grandview Apartments is a key focus of this

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## The Cascade Quartet (Continued from page 1)

glow of hundreds of LED candles, the Cascade Quartet and violin soloist, Nathaniel Basa, invite you to experience chamber music in a brand new setting.

Heard surrounded by candlelight, Beethoven's String Quartet in D major, Op. 18, No. 3 is likely the first of Beethoven's Op. 18 quartets to be composed. The work reflects his grounding in the Classical style while introducing subtle departures in rhythm, harmony, and form. Themes move quickly among the four instruments, highlighting equality of voices rather than solo display.

Mendelssohn's String Quartet No. 2 in A minor, Op. 13 follows with a more continuous and inward musical argument. Written in 1827, the quartet is unified by a recurring motif drawn from the composer's song "Ist es wahr?", which translates to 'Is it true?'. This theme appears across all four movements.

A second performance of Beethoven by Candlelight will be held on Sunday, February 8th, at 2:00 PM at First United Church of Christ. Candles will be present at Friday's performance only.

### About The Cascade Quartet

Founded in 1978 by the Great Falls Symphony Association, the Cascade Quartet has spent more than four decades strengthening the region's musical life through high-level performance, education, and outreach. As the Symphony's resident quartet, the ensemble launched the Chamber Music Series, supported youth and school programs, and brought chamber music to communities across Montana and the Northwest through extensive touring. Along the way, the Quartet has expanded Great Falls' cultural reach through collaborations and exchanges with leading artists and ensembles, including participation in Chamber Music America's Educator/Ensemble Seminar at Oberlin Conservatory, international exchange concerts, festival leadership with the Ying Quartet, and a landmark collaboration with cellist Yo-Yo Ma.

### Tickets & Information

Tickets, venue details, and program updates are available at [www.cascadequartet.org/beethoven-candlelight](http://www.cascadequartet.org/beethoven-candlelight).

This performance is made possible through the generous sponsorship of Cassiopeia Books and Nano McCluskey, with the 2025-26 Season sponsored by Dr. Brice Addison.

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# Sports

## Americans Can't Stop the Sabres Offense in 5-3 Setback on the Road

By Kevin Scott: January 17, 2026 - Rapid City, SD



Photo credit Michael Noel Photography

The Great Falls Americans (21-12-1-1) finished off their final out-of-state road trip of the regular season on Saturday when they battled the Badlands Sabres (17-12-2-2) for the second game in as many nights.

Five different Badlands Sabres scored after the first period on Saturday evening as the home team prevailed 5-3 over the Great Falls Americans to earn the weekend sweep in Rapid City, South Dakota. Gavin Marx, Matthew Cordis, Dayton Niedert,

Sawyer Vann, and Justin Reams each put the biscuit in the basket for the winning side. Great Falls scored once in each of the three periods with scoring drives by Tallon Caron, AJ Prioli, and Wyatt Hanna.

Tallon Caron stopped the scoreless first-period drought as Ethan Miller and Cooper Clouse assisted on Caron's 13th goal of the season with 34 seconds remaining to put the Americans in front, 1-0, before the first intermission.

The Sabres outscored the Americans, 2-1, in the middle frame. Gaven Marx tied the score (1-1) when his slapshot sailed over Great Falls netminder Cole Murphy with 14 minutes remaining. Both NA3HL teams traded goals during the final two minutes. Matthew Cordis converted his seventh goal with Ethan Seanor and Sawyer Vann getting credit for the assists, for the Sabres' first lead.

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## Americans Can't Stop the Sabres Offense (Continued from page 3)

The Sabres stayed ahead for 34 seconds until AJ Prioli lit up the lamp that was set up by Jaxen Savage and Aidan Mulheran. The period saw 24 totalshots-on-goal being attempted by both clubs.

The South Dakota NA3HL franchise scored three goals (Dayton Niedert, Sawyer Vann, and Justin Reams) after the second intermission. Ethan Seanor tacked on two more assists while Rhylan Olson, Justin Reams, Dayton Niedert, and Cole Schneider each added one to their season totals. Wyatt Hanna pulled the visiting Montana team to within two goals (5-3) with 2:20 left in regulation, but the comeback was too late. Reid Lezubski and Jordan

Murray tallied the final assists of the contest.

The Sabres offense outshot their rivals, 34-18, after the first period to finish with 43. Great Falls attempted 21 of their 29 shots in the first and second stanzas.

Badlands went 1-for-7 on their power play chances, converting one goal in the third period by Sawyer Vann while the Americans were in the sin bin. Great Falls had four power play chances go unanswered.

Parker Kelly picked up his first win in two appearances against Great

Falls on Saturday. The Crookston, Minnesota netminder made 26 saves to see his record improve to 7-2-0-0 in ten games. Cole Murphy (9-5-1-0) will have to wait another day to seek his tenth victory. He swatted away 38 shots in his fifth regulation defeat.

Back-to-back weekend losses for Great Falls and two Helena Bighorns victories over the Yellowstone Quake saw the Bighorns jump up to second place in the Frontier Division standings. Great Falls is now in third place, and Badlands stays in the fourth spot.

## Sunday, January 18th Missing Issues

During the transition to our 6-day week, we encountered a system error. As we added days to our customer system, some customers did not receive their Sunday issue. We sincerely apologize for this error. We delivered some of the missing Sunday issues on Monday, and the remainder will be delivered on Tuesday. If you did not receive your Sunday issue, please call us at The Great Falls Gazette at 406-952-3021, and we will resolve the issue for you. Thank you for your continued support.

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## Homicide of Terrell Johnson (Continued from page 1)

investigation. "We believe that our suspect left and went to the Grandview Apartments during the early hours of January 9th." Law enforcement officers have been canvassing the apartment complex and are still seeking more information at this time.

"I know a lot of people in the community want more information, pictures of the suspect, whatnot, coming out. We will do that when it is appropriate," Sheriff Slaughter added.

If you have any information on this investigation, please contact

Detective Nick Allison at 406-836-0010 or email him at [nallison@casadecountymt.gov](mailto:nallison@casadecountymt.gov).

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By Steve Becker

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♥ 9 3  
♦ K Q J 10 9  
♣ A K Q J

#### WEST

♠ 5  
♥ 2  
♦ A 5 4 3  
♣ 9 7 6 5 4 3 2

#### EAST

♠ 7 4  
♥ 10 8 6 5 4  
♦ 8 7 6 2  
♣ 10 8

#### SOUTH

♠ A K Q J 10 9 8 6  
♥ A K Q J 7  
♦ —  
♣ —

The bidding:

<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
7♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead — ace of diamonds.

It's unlikely you'll ever be dealt a hand as luscious as the one held by South in today's deal. But, just in case lightning strikes twice and you do get such a hand -- or a reasonable facsimile thereof -- here is a word or two about how to bid and play it.

The bidding should be short and sweet. It would be pointless to indulge in an elaborate or extended series of bids. You should immediately cast your vote for seven spades and bid it.

The play's not as simple as that, though it's not really difficult. It's obvious from the start that the grand slam is ice-cold unless one opponent has five or six hearts to the ten.

Therefore, you should -- as a cautious player -- assume that such a situation exists and adapt your play accordingly. So, after ruffing the ace of diamonds, you should play one round of trump and then cash the A-K of hearts. After West shows out without ruffing, you trump a heart in dummy, and the rest of the tricks are yours. Of course, you're a bit lucky that the second heart didn't get ruffed, but then again, you were unlucky that the hearts split badly in the first place.

It would be technically wrong -- and in the actual case fatal -- to cash all your trumps first and rely solely on a favorable heart division. Playing one round of trump followed by two rounds of hearts allows you to make the contract whenever it can be made.

It would be a pity to hold a hand like this and watch it go down the drain because you failed to take a measure of protection -- however small -- against a bad heart division. That would not be the proper way to show your gratitude for being dealt a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity like this one. (c)2026 King Features Syndicate Inc.



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# Obituaries

## Obituary of William Walter Little

In Loving Memory of William Walter Little

Born on February 20, 1946 -  
Passed away January 15, 2026

William Walter Little was born in Gratztown, Pennsylvania and passed away peacefully in Great Falls, Montana, surrounded by his family on January 15th, 2026, at the age of 79. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, he leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and loyalty.

William lived a life filled with passion, connection, and deep love for those closest to him. In his youth, he was an accomplished athlete with a lifelong love for sports-especially baseball, which remained his favorite. He was an avid fan of the Pittsburgh Pirates and Steelers and could be found cheering them on.

William had a strong appreciation for the outdoors and loved hunting and fishing in his youth. He also enjoyed the excitement of horse

racing and going to watch rodeos. He found joy in playing craps and sharing laughter with family and friends.



Above all else, William loved his family. He cherished time spent with them and took great pride in each of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, sharing different hobbies and special bonds

with every one of them. His love, presence, and dedication will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

He is survived by his wife Sharalyn Little of Great Falls; four children, Bill (Shonna) Little of Bigfork; Colette (Jimmy) Hiteshew of Zelienople, PA; Loni (Ryan) Reeves of Great Falls; and Wes (Liz) Little of Great Falls; nine grandchildren Billy, Brandon, Aubrey, Carriss, Robbie, Bailey (Logan), Colby, Kinslee, Rawley and two great-grandchildren Mason and Maverick. Siblings Sarah (Phil) Schaefer, John Little, Leslie Mullen, Robert (Loni) Little and brother-in-law Don Snow, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by parents Elizabeth and John Little and sister Carrie Snow.

A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, January 21st at 11 a.m. at Croxford Funeral Home followed by a burial at Highland Cemetery in honor of his memory.



## Obituary of Kevin D Steinmetz

Kevin D Steinmetz, 59, passed away January 16th, 2026. He was born to Irvin and Dora (Kay) Steinmetz on June 7th. 1966. He graduated from C.M. Russell High School in 1984. After high school, he became a diesel mechanic. You would usually catch him in the shop working with the family dog Tabatha by his side. He spent time in Alaska but ultimately returned to Montana. He enjoyed camping, fishing, snowmobiling, and boating.

He is survived by his mother, Dora Kay Steinmetz; Siblings Janine (Stephen) Hester, Sherilyn Steinmetz and Heidi (Matt) Smith, all of Great Falls; brothers Buzz (Cheri) Steinmetz of Great Falls,

Lyndon (Lisa) Steinmetz of Kalispell; brother-in-law Kraig Jackson; his daughter Samantha (Andrew) Hanson, grandchildren, Joseph and Samuel Hanson of Maine and his beloved dog Lainey.

He was preceded in death by his father, Irvin Steinmetz; and sister Cindy Jackson.

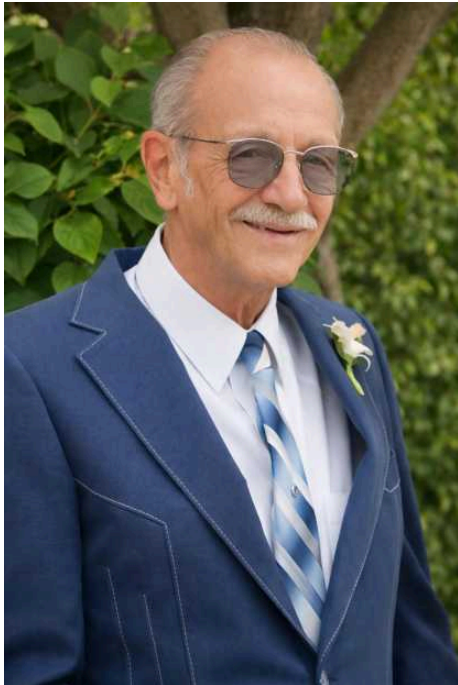
Cremation has been entrusted in Croxford Funeral Home. The family will hold a small remembrance this summer. To share your condolences with the family, please visit [www.croxfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.croxfordfuneralhome.com)



## Obituary of Ronald Radovich

Ron Radovich, aged 87, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on January 9, 2026.

Ron was born in Musselshell, Montana on October 20, 1938, to Bill and Mae Radovich. Ron grew up in Great Falls, graduating from Great Falls High School. Ron met and then married the love of his life, Judy Andrews, in 1957. They would go on to have two sons, Steve and Mike Radovich.



Ron joined the United States Marine Corps and served for 8 years including being stationed in California and Hawaii. During his time in California, Ron's love for electronics began to shine. Out of

this knowledge for fixing things and repairing electronics, came Ron's lifelong livelihood. Once out of the Marines and back in Great Falls, Ron and Judy owned and operated "Ron's TV" for over 35 years.

Ron had a love for sports and anything competition. He was an avid bowler and participated in local bowling leagues for over 50 years; one of his greatest accomplishments was bowling a 300 at Skyway Bowl in 1991. Lifelong friendships with Al Debortli, Ben Flanagan, Millard Ketterling and many others were formed from bowling and slow pitch softball. They would later hold cutthroat horseshoe tournaments at the beloved family cabin on Hauser Lake.

Hauser Lake was Ron's family paradise. It holds countless memories for multiple generations of family and friends; it provided the kind of upbringing that dreams are made of. Ron was in all his glory while pulling kids on innertubes, playing country music on the dock, supervising countless water ballon fights from the front deck and creating multiple yard projects for Judy to make beautiful. If you think of Grandpa, you think of "The Lake."

Ron found no greater joy than following his grandchildren and great-grandchildren in sports. He was a no-nonsense kind of fan... He expected excellence and winning was not a suggestion. On top of that, "the B team" was

never acceptable. There may have even been a few events that he got himself removed from! The Ron's TV Suburban could often be found at multiple baseball fields, hockey rinks, volleyball and basketball courts. Ron and Judy were the most steadfast grandparent and great-grandparent fans that any kid could dream of.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Mae Radovich; stepmother, Dorothy Radovich; and sister, Donna Mae.

He is survived by his loving wife, Judy; sons, Steve (Rene) Radovich and Mike Radovich; siblings, Bill (Signe) Radovich, Lynda (Terry) Pancich, and Rick (Carla) Radovich; grandchildren, Stacy (Ben) Purrington, Kevin (Jacquelynn) Radovich, Brittainy (Dereck) Besich, Tayler (Justin) Dill, Kellie Kaufman and Zach (Candace) Radovich; and beloved great-grandchildren, Tyler Dowell, Bodie Besich, Berklie Besich, Bridger Dill, Campbell Kaufman, Kenley Kaufman, Collins Kaufman and Carter Radovich.

At Ron's request, no services will be held. If you feel so inclined, have a shot of R&R in his honor.

Condolences for the family can be submitted at [www.SchniderFuneralHome.com](http://www.SchniderFuneralHome.com).



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**Tuesday Night** Mostly clear, with a low around 20. Southwest wind 7 to 11 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph.

**Wednesday** Partly sunny, with a high near 31. West wind around 7 mph.

**Wednesday Night** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 11. Light and variable wind.


**Thursday** Partly sunny, with a high near 25. Calm wind becoming north northeast 5 to 7 mph in the afternoon.

**Thursday Night** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 5. Northeast wind 3 to 7 mph.

**Friday** Mostly sunny, with a high near 23.

**Friday Night** Partly cloudy, with a low around 11.

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by Dave T. Phipps

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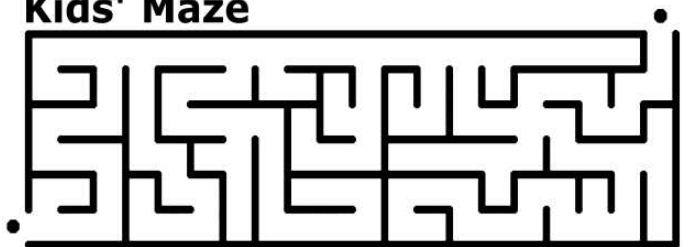
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