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Full steam ahead: Effort underway to restore Butte’s historic Engine 25

By Robin Jordan

A citizen group has been working for the last year on plans to restore, preserve, and better display Engine No. 25, the historic locomotive steam engine that sits outside the Butte Civic Center.

Now, the Engine No. 25 Restoration Committee has started fundraising efforts to restore and repaint the engine and build a superstructure to cover and protect it. Plans include improving public access to the display and adding historical interpretation at the site.

Committee member Al Hess said the group has begun applying for grants and reaching out to Butte businesses and service clubs and is planning to start public fundraising this spring.

For Hess, the engine restoration is a labor of love. His father was the last Northern Pacific Railroad Engineer to run Engine No. 25, which was used as a helper engine to push freight cars over Homestake Pass to Pipestone.

In 1958, the Butte Jaycees service club spearheaded a project to “save” the engine, which was moved from the roundhouse near what is now the Montana Resources concentrator to the Civic Center, where it was placed on display. Unfortunately, no measures were

taken to weatherize and preserve the engine at that time, Hess said.

The 125-ton Engine No. 25 is one of 13 built in 1899 by Schenectady Locomotive Works in Schenectady, New York, and is one of very few surviving examples of Northern Pacific steam engines.

Hess said his father, who died in 2014, had purchased a brass steam engine bell years ago, hoping to replace the one stolen from Engine No. 25 shortly after it had been put on display, but had stipulated it would only be donated if the engine was covered.

Hess has restored this replacement bell and built a case for it, and it is now on display at the Butte Civic Center.

After his father’s death, Hess reached out to successive Butte-Silver Bow chief executives hoping for support to restore and preserve Engine No. 25 without success. Hess said when he and fellow restoration supporter Tina West met with current Chief Executive J.P. Gallagher last year, he agreed to help, and the Engine No. 25 Restoration Committee was formed last May.

Members of the committee include Butte-Silver Bow’s Historic Preservation Officer Kate McCourt, Civic Center Manager Bill Melvin,



A new group is working to restore the historic Engine No. 25 at the Butte Civic Center and will start public fundraising efforts this spring. The restored replacement bell for the engine is now on display at the Civic Center. Photo by Robin Jordan

Parks & Recreation Director Shawn Fredrickson, and former Government Buildings Manager Pat Holland as well as Hess, West, Bill McGladdery, and Dave Stratton.

McCourt said she is working with the State Historic Preservation Office to get acknowledgement that the engine is eligible for National Historic Preservation program status. She’s also working on seeking grants for the project, she said.

Hess said Hawe Steel has designed a roof and superstructure for the project. The committee has received a price quote from Montana State Prison to recondition the wooden engine cab, which will have to be sent to Deer Lodge and returned when finished. A local laser products firm can remove rust from the engine and Highlands College students will do patching of the metal boiler. Committee member Dave Stratton will provide

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Editorials

Hands off our Social Security

Robin Jordan

It's been less than a month since President Trump's inauguration, and we've already witnessed the upheaval and uncertainty in the federal government as Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) has swept through various agencies, firing people, seizing data, and causing general mayhem.

By now, you've probably heard that DOGE staffers—Musk's teenage and 20-something computer geeks---have been rooting around in the Treasury Department's payment system, getting access to the personal information of millions of Americans, including their Social Security numbers and bank information.

Late last week, we learned the DOGE team has set its sights on the Social Security Administration. That's right, the program on which millions of seniors and disabled Americans rely.

We're not reassured by Trump's remarks last Friday that, "Social Security will not be touched, it will only be strengthened." The DOGE strategy so far has been to clean house, freeze funding, and only backtrack on certain actions if forced to by public outrage or court orders.

When DOGE's actions are stopped, as in what happened when it tried to freeze government funding for pro-

grams like Meals on Wheels and Head Start, it caused a wake of confusion about whether scheduled payment to providers would be made. Although the administration quickly backtracked due to public pressure and the threat of lawsuits, the uncertainty about the continuation of these programs remains.

Oh, and last week we learned more about Musk's DOGE team of "highly trained professionals," thanks to the Wall Street Journal and other sources. In addition to Marko Elez, 25, who resigned from DOGE after his racist online posts were revealed—he was immediately re-hired—we've learned that one was fired from an internship for leaking company secrets to a competing firm and another owns web domains that are registered in Russia.

These are the people who have already been given access to your personal information and who are now going to root around in an "fix" the Social Security Administration.

If the DOGE pattern of attack holds, they'll be firing employees, freezing funds, and generally interfering in the normal operations of the agency.

Did any of us vote to cut Social Security staff so that it would be harder to get an appointment at our local Social Security Office? Other than President Trump's word, is there any guarantee that our Social Security checks will continue to arrive on time despite the DOGE team's monkeywrenching?

Turning judges into partisan politicians not only undermines the rule of law, it threatens judicial independence, the long-term stability of our court system, and every Montanan's constitutional rights. There's a long list of obvious and serious concerns. Here are a few:

- Partisan judges can be more easily influenced by political parties, donors, and ideology rather than relying on the law and legal precedent. They could no longer in good faith be viewed as impartial arbiters, which could have dangerous consequences.
- Politicizing the judicial branch and turning judges into politicians will erode public trust in the courts and inevitably lead to skepticism of the validity of each and every judicial decision. Once you lose public confi-



You can bet Medicare and Medicaid are on DOGE's radar as well. Doesn't that just give you a warm, fuzzy feeling?

Seniors are constantly warned to beware of scams and identity theft. We're warned not to give out personal information like Social Security numbers and bank account numbers over the phone or online.

Even though a judge has now blocked DOGE from accessing the Treasury Department's payment system and ordered DOGE to immediately destroy any material it has already downloaded—it's already downloaded.

Do any of us think Musk's cyber-stormtroopers care about a court order? Who's going to supervise the destruction of downloaded material, if it

hasn't already been sold by these young rascals to the highest bidder?

Call or write to your senators and congressmen and tell them, "Hands off our Social Security!" Here is their information:

U.S. Senator Steve Daines, 320 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-2604, (202) 224-2651

U.S. Senator Tim Sheehy, G55 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510, (202) 224-2644

U.S. Representative Ryan Zinke, 512 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515-2601, (202) 225-5628

U.S. Representative Troy Downing, 1529 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, (202) 225-3211

Guest Opinion

Montana GOP's assault on rule of law

By Justin Ailport, Montana Democratic Party Interim Executive Director

Republicans in the Montana Legislature want to turn your judges into politicians. Let that sink in for a moment.

We learned in sixth-grade social studies class that the separation of powers between the executive, legislative, and judicial branches is central to our constitutional democracy. Judicial independence allows judges to interpret the law without political influence from the other two branches. Judges make decisions based on what is right under the law. Plain and simple, albeit, sacred.

dence in the court system, you have a serious problem.

- Electing politicians instead of judges would lead to inconsistent rulings fueled by political bias. This would create more legal uncertainty and public distrust, further destabilizing the separation of powers.

While Republican lawmakers are introducing a slate of bills this session chipping away at Montana's judiciary branch, Senate Bill 42 introduced by Republican Daniel Emrich (SD11) doesn't beat around the bush. The bill calls for making all elections of judges in the state of Montana partisan. That means Republican judges and Democratic judges.

So why are Republican lawmakers so dead-set on turning your judges into politicians? MTGOP is upset that their unconstitutional bills

are being blocked by the Montana Supreme Court. Rather than acknowledging their bills are illegal and violating your right to privacy, voting, and governmental transparency, MTGOP lawmakers are looking to change the rules and crack the system. They want to pack the court with partisan hacks to rubber-stamp their bad bills, which most notably include bills restricting access to abortion and women's reproductive freedom.

MTGOP lawmakers are using deceptive language when referring to their qualms with the judiciary as "judicial reform" or "judicial overreach". Let's call it what it is: MTGOP lawmakers are leading a full-fledged assault on the one part of our state where they can't exert their single-party, partisan political control.

Tap'er Light

Pregnant referees highlight need for more sports officials



Bill Foley

Until recently, the schedule for basketball officials had what we are calling a “seven-person crew” set to referee an upcoming high school game in Southwestern Montana.

It would have been some sort of record for the Butte pool of the Montana Officials Association, breaking what is believed to be the previous record of a “six-person crew” from earlier in the season.

No, the schedule did not call for more than the customary three licensed MOA officials for the varsity game. But all three of the officials are pregnant women and due to give birth this spring. One of those officials is carrying twins.

So, there would have been seven beating hearts moving up and down the court, all to make it possible for your children and grandchildren to be able to play a high school basketball game.

Unfortunately, the referee closest to her due date had to back out of the game, but we will still have a “six-person crew” since the referee carrying twins is still scheduled.

That all three were still on the schedule just a hand full of days before the game, however, tells us about the toughness and dedication showcased by these three remarkable young women.

They are certainly making some of us men who have turned back game assignments because of soft-tissue injuries feel like complete wimps.

The three pregnant women were not scheduled as a gimmick or to garner some publicity. They were not scheduled as any kind of joke.

No, they are scheduled because we desperately need officials.

The scheduling of the very pregnant women to referee a high school basketball game highlights the severe shortage of officials that we feel

in Montana and around the country.

Sadly, we really are not far from the day that we will see games canceled because of a lack of game officials.

On Saturday, we almost had to do just that. We did not have enough officials to cover all the games on the schedule for the Butte pool. Luckily, the Dillon pool had enough officials to cover our two games that day in Sheridan.

On that one day, our coverage included four games at Butte High, three games at Butte Central, five games in Anaconda and six games in Boulder. We have days just as busy coming up on the schedule, too.

To make matters worse, we had nine officials who could not work on that busy Saturday, for various reasons. One official worked two games in Boulder, even though she was feeling so sick that she could hardly stand up.

That came after our weekly Monday study club meeting when our scheduling crew looked more stressed out than Jerry Seinfeld when he traded apartments with Kramer in the Kenny Rogers Roasters episode. We could not even joke about having to miss Saturday.

The Butte pool is hardly alone in being stretched so thin. Just about every pool around the state and across the country is facing the same stress.

Two days before our busy Saturday, we had a mix of Butte and Helena officials work games in Boulder. The Helena pool has escaped the pregnancy epidemic, but it could not escape the injury bug.

Even before the injuries and pregnancies, our official pools barely had enough refs to cover all the games. Most of us have been overworked, and hardly any of us are pain free at this point in the season.

Since I am available to work games early in the day, I have practically lived in my official uniform this season. One stretch saw me work eight of nine days. Including four junior high games on a Sunday, I refereed 17 total games in that span.

That might not seem like a lot to some of those college-age officials who work all day every day of those travel tournaments. But, at 50, I feel like Brett Favre after his brutal 2009

season with the Minnesota Vikings. Everything hurts, and it hurts all the time.

So, if it looks like I'm sore as I shuffle up and down the court, it is because I am.

This is my third year as an MOA official. After years of writing columns to encourage others to become officials — in any sport — I was talked into trying it myself.

The only thing I was equipped with was some very thick skin and a love of basketball. I have loved the sport ever since I first watched television and saw Larry Bird play for the Celtics.

Growing up, my heroes were high school basketball players.

I wasn't good enough to play varsity high school basketball. I might be the only person to ever get cut from the Butte High and Butte Central basketball programs.

Officiating, though, just enhanced my love for the sport. You get a better vantage point than anyone on the benches or in the crowd, and the coaches cannot take you out of the games — no matter how badly they might want to.

Officiating is a blast. It is especially fun when you get a close game. Even though you might be tired, you hate to see the game come to an end. The same could be said for the season.

Refereeing also makes me want to watch hoops more when I'm lounging on my couch, trying to recover from the latest round of back-to-back games. Many nights I find myself watching college games between teams I have zero rooting interest in.

I also watch tons of videos of officials making correct and incorrect calls, trying to become a better official. I even watch video of my own games, even though it is tough to watch.

I run like Mose Schrute, only not nearly as fast.

Refereeing high school hoops has made me look forward to March Madness again. When I worked as a full-time sportswriter, I was always so sick of basketball by the time the high school season ended. So, I hardly ever watched the NCAA Tournament over the last 25 years.

Hopefully, more people will join our official pool, and soon. If you live

outside our area, hopefully you will join your local pool.

Judging by the number of times we hear, “travel,” “3 seconds” and “that's over and back” at every single game, we clearly do not suffer from a lack of people who know the rules. Or at least people who think they know the rules and aren't afraid to make a call from up above.

Our pool is aging faster than the line for an early-bird special in Miami. We are in serious need for some new officials, especially officials who are on the right side of 50.

While I don't know many referees who do it for the money, the money is not bad. It has to beat working in the service industry as a second job. Since you have a say in which games you take, the hours are somewhat flexible.

That makes it perfect for a side hustle to help you afford the high price of eggs.

So, think about joining our pool. Send me an email or hit me up on social media, and I will tell you when and where our study club meets on Mondays. You can start coming now to get ready for next season.

If you think you cannot do it, you are probably wrong. If you are tough enough to post something political on Facebook, then you have thick enough skin to handle the criticism.

If can jog — and sometimes slowly sprint — up and down the court, then you have the physical ability to pull it off.

If I can do it after years of marathon training wearing out my hips and lower back, then you probably do it, too.

Seriously, just about any excuse you might think of was thrown right out the window the second our “seven-person crew” went on the schedule. Your excuse is still gone now that the crew is down to six.

Unless, that is, you are pregnant with triplets.

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Lifestyle

Healthier Living

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Surviving the Cold

We have previously discussed the winter blues and the related mental condition of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). This year in Butte and Southwest Montana, colder than normal temperatures have been combined with higher than normal cloudy/snowy days, limiting our light even more than usual for the season. Living in a Northern climate already makes us all susceptible to feeling sad during the winter months and the extra-cold days are making happy lives even more difficult. Coping skills are necessary for surviving these challenges.

The severe cold and lack of light can cause anxiety, depression, stress and social isolation. Symptoms can include oversleeping, lack of interest, changes in appetite, and loneliness. It is important to be aware of your mental health and that of those around you, both family and friends. For those experiencing symptoms, experts recommend exercise, eliminating social media, listening to music, and journaling as ways to manage mental health during

the winter season.

A typical reaction to the extreme cold is to hole up inside, cuddling under blankets and staying warm. That is fine to a degree, especially on a particularly cold day, but we do not want to let the weather keep us from our every-day activities for very long. As much as possible, it is important to continue with daily routines. Resist the urge to have a friend or neighbor pick up groceries or other items for you. If transportation is an issue, ask to go along with them to the store rather than to do your errands for you.

On days when you are inside, whether you are stuck or feel it is too cold to venture out, it is important to stay busy. If your chores are all caught up, think of hobbies you enjoy, or even try something new. It helps our brains and our moods when we learn new skills, reacquaint ourselves with old ones and feel the satisfaction of accomplishment. Baking something will not only warm up your residence, it will also give you something to look forward to as delicious aromas fill your home and stimulate your appetite.

When the sun does make an appearance, open your blinds and let sunlight pour into your abode or office as often as possible. Christmas lights are great, and it is easy to see why they are such a tradition! Consider leaving a few lights up or putting some back after the holidays to keep the mood festive. Another alternative is to put up non-seasonal twinkling lights of your choosing for that extra light and sparkle to brighten your home till the natural

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light becomes more plentiful.

If you are feeling lonely or down, reach out to your social circle. Make a phone call and have a long conversation with a friend or family member. Meet for coffee or tea or for a workout at the gym, even a walk if weather permits. Invite friends or family over for an evening or a meal. These social activities help us forget ourselves and leave us relaxed and feeling better. FaceTime and zoom can help when getting together in person does not work.

Staying warm is also important. Try hot drinks and hot food and warm cozy clothing and shoes to stay warm. Moving around periodically keeps our circulation working and warms us up. Setting the thermostat between 64 and 70 degrees has been shown to be the best for both mood and health. When we are cold, it leads to depression. Staying warm reduces winter blues by half.

During extensive cold and dark days, it might be normal not to feel as good as you do during the summertime, but it is important not to let yourself or those you love fall into a real depression. If your blues are severe and are interfering with your ability to function or enjoy your life, it is time to seek professional help. You can talk to your Primary Care Provider or a professional counselor.

Stay busy and warm. Keep up your usual routine as much as possible. Eat a healthy diet and get in exercise whenever possible. Fitting in as much fun and activity as possible will make the time go fast and before you know it, you will arrive in Spring, anxious and ready for sunshine and good weather!

This Week In Labor History

“The Labor Movement means just this: It is the last noble protest of the American people against the power of incorporated wealth.” -Wendell Phillips, Abolitionist, advocate for Native Americans, Women’s rights and the Labor movement

Wednesday, Feb 12:

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers and founder of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), born on this date. In 1935, he pulled the UAW from the American Federation of Labor (and punched out Carpenters Union President William Hutcherson in the process) when the AFL refused to endorse industrial unionism. Lewis then formed the CIO, which organized millions of unskilled, mass production workers into Unions in the 1930s and 1940s. -1880

76 year old Mary Harris “Mother” Jones leads a protest of conditions in the West Virginia mines and is arrested. The miners lived and worked under a large force of company guards, armed with Winchesters and three Gatling guns always pointed at the workers. Mary Jones was called “The most dangerous woman in America” by the U.S. Government, she was dangerous to the established order because she was fearless in

her defense of the oppressed working class. -1913

Thursday, Feb 13:

First Public School in America founded, 152 years before the US Constitution was written. Public schools are 100% American and our birthright, public schools made America great. The people who fought and won the American Revolution were educated in public schools! -1635

A national 8-month strike by the Sons of Vulcan, a union of iron forgers, ends in victory when employers agreed to a wage scale based on the price of iron bars, the first time employers recognized the union, the first union contract in the iron and steel industry, and one of the first union contracts of any kind in the United States. -1865

Friday, Feb 14:

Western Federation of Miners strike for 8-hour day. The WFM was a so-called “radical”, militant union formed by miners from Butte, Montana, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, Colorado, South Dakota, and Utah. They fought for radical ideas of fair pay, the 8-hour work day, and less deadly working conditions. -1903

Striking workers at Detroit’s newspapers, out since the previous July, offer to return to

work. The offer is accepted 5 days later but the newspapers vow to retain some 1,200 scabs. A court ruling the following year ordered as many as 1,100 former strikers reinstated. -1996

Saturday, Feb 15:

Susan B. Anthony, suffragist, abolitionist, union activist, 8-hour day advocate, born on this date. “Join the union, girls, and together say: Equal Pay for Equal Work.” -1820

Sunday, Feb 16:

Beginning of a 17-week general strike of 12,000 New York furriers, in which Jewish workers formed a coalition with Greek and African American workers and became the first union to win a 5-day, 40-hour week. -1926

All public schools in Milwaukee and Madison are closed as teachers call in sick to protest Gov. Scott Walker’s plans to gut their collective bargaining rights. Walker gets his way and guts the union and Wisconsin starts its economic decline and adds billions to its deficit all in the name of the magical “Free Market”. - 2011

Monday, Feb 17:

Thomas Paine’s “Rights of Man”, Part II is published. The original American

Patriot, Paine was known as the voice of the American Revolution, he was a champion of original Liberal American values and social safety nets in order to insure Liberty and Freedom of the People. John Adams said “Without the pen of Paine, the sword of Washington would have been wielded in vain.” -1792

Legendary Labor leader “Big Bill” Haywood (IWW) and 2 others were framed and arrested for the murder of former Idaho Governor Frank Stuenkel. Clarence Darrow successfully defended them, telling jurors, “If at the behest of this mob you should kill Bill Haywood, he is mortal, he will die, but I want to say that a million men will grab up the banner of labor where at the open grave Haywood lays it down . . .” -1906

Tuesday, Feb 18:

One of the first American Labor newspapers, The Man, is published in New York City. It cost one cent. -1834
Faced with 84-hour workweeks, 24-hour shifts and pay of 29 cents an hour, firefighters form The Int’l Association of Fire Fighters. -1918

This Week in Labor History is compiled by Kevin D. Curtis

Veterans Corner

By Mike Lawson

Greetings to all of you who read my SW MT Veteran update articles. We woke up to a big dump of snow on Friday, which was the biggest amount we have received all winter. I plowed snow for a good 3 hours and pushed a lot of snow into big piles. Living on the East Ridge of the Continental Divide, east of the interstate overlooking Butte, has its challenges. Plowing our roads is one of them and having all-wheel or 4-wheel drive vehicles is a smart move to get in and out of our properties. We love our small acreage homesites for the views of Butte and the mountains. Watching the weather coming in from the west is unbeatable. I'm just hoping the high mountain snow-packs are accumulating deep snow for supplying our lakes and rivers with plenty of water this spring and summer.

Our political climate is keeping many people on edge as to what their future is going to look like. Those from the President on down are asking for some radical changes on some fronts. In contract negotiations between employers and union workers, both sides ask for the moon but in the end, compromise between the two sides usually brings about a commonsense contract. With our three branches of government in

the US, our forefathers saw that if one branch overstepped their bounds, according to the Constitution, the other branches of our government had the power to rein them in and follow the guidelines according to the laws of our land. I think we're seeing a certain amount of that happening right now and will see more of this going forward. This is a country I love and fought for and want it to continue to be one that is for its people and by its people. It'll be interesting to see how things play out in the next few years. Let's pray for peace and wellbeing if you're a praying person.

Veteran News Updates:

- For those of us veterans under the VA Healthcare system, it's a lease on life. The cost of my gallbladder operation, tests and two-day stay at the St. James Hospital is close to the \$60,000 dollar mark. Between the VA and Medicare, the bill is paid, and I owe nothing. Make sure you are up to date on your Medicare. If you're a veteran who is not in the VA Healthcare system, get an appointment with a Veteran's Representative and apply. Most of our Veteran Organizations have these representatives as well as each state and the VA.
- If you know a veteran who is having financial difficulties and isn't able to keep up with his/her house payments or are in

danger of being foreclosed on, the VA can help. The VA has one-on-one support from a VA Loan Technician with specific VA home retention options. VA Home Retention Waterfall is well worth looking into. They have a last resort option called Veterans Affairs Servicing Purchase (VASP). The VA can be contacted by calling 877-827-3702, option 5 or by visiting the VA website for avoiding foreclosure. More than 145,000 Veterans avoided foreclosure in 2023 alone. The VA is committed to helping Veterans keep their homes.

- Driving the DAV Vans, we who drive Veterans to their medical appointments have seen a number of them with severe COPD and emphysema lung disease. It's really heartbreaking in some of these cases. The VA has developed a state of the art lung surgery called bronchoscope lung reduction (BLVR). It involves placing one-way endobronchial valves into identified targets of the lung that have significant

emphysema. Investigate this if you or your loved one has severe lung disease. The outcomes have been very positive and life improving. Check with your Pulmonary Dr. at the VA or your private doctor.

- Signing into VA.gov, VA Apps and other VA online services has changed. You now have two sign-in account options: a login.gov or ID.me account. Veterans can use their account to sign in to VA.gov, VA apps and any other VA online service they use to manage their VA benefits and care.

Valentine's Day is quickly upon us on February 14th which is this Friday. My wife is not a chocolate person but does enjoy getting roses. We usually go out for dinner and may go out to enjoy some type of entertainment. Wishing you all a Happy Valentine's Day. Please be careful in this cold weather.

Until next time, take care.

Second Halloween party Feb. 15 at Clark Chateau

The annual Second Halloween party will be held Saturday, Feb. 15 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Clark Chateau, 321 W. Broadway.

Admission to the party is free and all ages are welcome.

Butte Halloween hosts the annual party to draw attention to and bring understanding to the epidemic of suicides. The event is a fundraiser for the Montana Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide prevention, the Clark Chateau, and its youth programs.

Highlights will include a dance

party in the Chateau ballroom with Sound Geeks and DJ Ivy, costume contests, an alcohol-free bar, pizza, and candy. Entertainment will also include demonstrations and explanations from Bozeman Paranormal, story time with Jack Skellington, pumpkin decorating, games, a scary walkthrough display, silent auction, and a 50/50 drawing.

More details are available at clarkchateau.org or by calling the Chateau at 406-565-5600.



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For the record

Jan. 19—Donna Kelly Burgess, 98

Jan. 23—Patricia Lou Grinolds Skakles, 73,
Anaconda

Jan. 30—Linda Conroy, 69

Community Calendar

Community Calendar is available to list events in Butte. To list an event **email: editor@butteweekly.com**. Please clearly state it is a calendar item in the subject line

Events at the Covellite Theatre, 215 W. Broadway: Wed. 2/12: Free Movie Night: The Big Lebowski, Doors 6:30 p.m., Movie 7 p.m.; Cutler Brothers Theatre production, "Love in the Rockies," Friday, 2/14--7:30 p.m., Saturday, 2/15--2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Sunday, 2/16--2 p.m., Tickets \$23 adv., \$30 day of show. For more information, go to covellitepresents.org

Butte Citizens for Preservation (Butte CPR) will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Butte CPR office at 27 West Park Street. The public is also welcome to attend.

Parkinson's Support Group meets the first and third Friday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Community Center at the Springs, 300 Mt. Highland Drive. For more information, call Tom Joyce at 406-498-3875.

The Butte Public Library opens their Bargain Basement room on Fridays. They offer books for free. Please come find a treasure or 2 to take home. For more information, please call the library at 406-792-1080.

On Tuesdays, the Butte Public Library will host a Youth Cribbage

Club. From 4:30-6:30 kids from first grade to high school seniors can come learn the classic game of cribbage for fun and competition! For more information, please call the library at 406-723-3361.

The Butte Public Library has tickets or vouchers available for performances at the Mother Lode Theatre for library cardholders. Tickets are available first-come, first-served a week before performances and patrons must have their library card with them to receive a ticket. For more information, call the library at 406-723-3361.

Butte Public Library invites volunteers to come help on Saturdays with their Book Brigade from 10 to noon. Volunteers sort books, prepare for the book sale, shift furniture around, and generally take on tasks for the library. Stop by the library and fill out a volunteer application and then be there on Saturdays. For more information, please call the library at 406-723-3361.

The Butte Public Library will continue their Teen Clubs on weekday afternoons. All clubs meet at 4 p.m. in the Teen Zone on

the second floor.

- Mondays: Manga Club
- Tuesdays: LEGO Build
- Wednesdays: Gaming
- Fridays: Science Club

For more information, please call the library at 406-723-3361.

The Butte Native Wellness Center, 55 E. Galena St., presents "Supper and Stories," an opportunity for the community to come together over a nice meal and listen to Native stories, at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Although the center caters to the Native community, this event is open to everyone. Dinner is free, but RSVP online at butfenwc.org/ events or call 406-782-0461.

The Butte Chess Club meets every Wednesday evening 5-7 at the Butte Public Library. All ages and abilities are welcome. The Butte Library has several chessboards, or you can bring your own. For more information, please call the library at 406-723-3361.

Butte Public Library invites all knitters, crocheters or crafters to join our Loosely Knit group on Tuesday afternoons. The group meets 1-3 on the 3rd floor of the library every week. This is for

individuals who want to work in a creative and supportive environment. For more information, please call the library at 406-723-3361.

Butte Public Library's Life Writing Group meets every Thursday afternoon 1-3. This group is open to new members. You don't have to be a great writer, just be enthusiastic about writing your personal history.

Play ACC sanctioned cribbage every Thursday evening, 6:30 p.m., East Side Athletic Club sponsored by Big Butte Mile High Cribbers. Details: Phil 406-533-9633, Joe 406-560-1718.

Sudoku answers

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LEGALS

BRAD L. BELKE Attorney at Law - P.L.L.C. 444 East Park Street P.O. Box 4079 Butte, Montana 59702 (406) 782-9777 E-mail: b.l.belke@gmail.com Attorney for Estate MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, SILVER BOW COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of: Cause No. DP-47-2025-12 Christine Ann Babcock, NOTICE TO CREDITORS Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to Seth Babcock, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, in care of Brad L. Belke, attorney of record for the Personal Representative, at P.O. Box 4079, Butte, Montana 59702, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. DATED THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025. Seth Babcock 3246 South Dakota Butte, Montana 59701 29, 30, 31

BRAD L. BELKE Attorney at Law - P.L.L.C. 444 East Park Street P.O. Box 4079 Butte, Montana 59702 (406) 782-9777 E-mail: b.l.belke@gmail.com Attorney for Estate MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, SILVER BOW COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of: Cause No. DP-47-2025-14 Melody Christine ALEXander, NOTICE TO CREDITORS Deceased NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to Karen Nunley, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, in care of Brad L. Belke, attorney of record for the Personal Representative, at P.O. Box 4079, Butte, Montana 59702, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. DATED THIS 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025. /s/ Karen Nunley Personal Representative 1916 Dewey Boulevard Butte, Montana 59701 29, 30, 31

Montana 2nd Judicial District Court Silver Bow County In the matter of the Guardianship of Harper and Paxton Waddell Cause No: DG-25-03 and DG-25-04 Notice of Hearing on Guardianship of Minor Children Jody Waddell Petitioner The State of Montana Sends Greetings To: Korey Orloff Notice is given to the birth parents of the minor child(ren) above referenced and all other interested persons that petitioner(s) has/have filed a petition with the Clerk of this court to become the guardian(s) of the minor child(ren). The hearing on the Petition will be held at the Second Judicial District Court, 155 W Granite, Butte Montana in Silver Bow County on the following date and time: Date 3/21/2025 at 9:00 am. Your failure to attend the hearing may result in the relief requested by the Petitioner(s) being granted. Date: 2/6/2025 By: Jennifer Powers Deputy Clerk.Clerk of District Court. 29, 30, 31

Have an Opinion?

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Robert Whelan, District Court Judge Second Judicial District 155 West Granite Street Butte, MT 59701 (406) 497-6420 MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT SILVER BOW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF: R.S. Cause No. DN-24-13-RW Youth(s) In Need Of Care. CITATION FOR PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS TO ADAM SHETTEL, BIRTH FATHER OF R.S.: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the above-entitled Court by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Child and Family Services Division (hereinafter the Department of Public Health and Human Services), is requesting the court for Termination of Parental Rights and Permanent Legal Custody. NOW, THEREFORE, YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED to appear on the 19TH day of FEBRUARY, 2025 at 9:00 o'clock a.m., at the second judicial district court in Butte, Montana, then and there to show cause, if any you may have, why DPHHS's request for relief should not be granted. The youth was born on March 15th 2024 in Butte, MT. The youth's mother is Brystal Hemphill. The youth's birth father is Adam Shettel. You have the right to be represented by an attorney in these proceedings. If you are unable to afford an attorney, you have the right to ask the Court to appoint an attorney to represent you. Your failure to appear at the hearing constitutes a denial of your interest in the above-named child, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceeding, in judgment by default being entered for the relief requested in the petition. A copy of the Petition is filed with the Clerk of District Court in Silver-Bow County, 406-497-6350. WITNESS the Hon. Robert Whelan, District Judge of the State of Montana with the seal of said Court affixed this 10th day of January, 2025. ATTEST: BETH PARKS - CLERK OF COURT - CLERK OF COURT By: Deputy Clerk 28, 29, 30

David L. Vicevich Vicevich Law 3738 Harrison Ave. Butte, MT 59701 Telephone: (406) 782-1111 Fax No.: (406) 782-4000 dave@vicevichlaw.com State Bar of Montana No. 4791 AMENDED NOTICE OF DEFAULT, ELECTION TO SELL AND NOTICE OF SALE UNDER MONTANA TRUST INDENTURE Pursuant to the terms and conditions of that certain MOUNTAIN TITLE COMPANY, hereinafter identified and referred to, the Trustee thereunder, hereby gives Notice of Default, Election to Sell and Notice of Sale as to that TRUST INDENTURE as follows: TRUST INDENTURE The GRANTOR is MONTANA MEAT MAFIA, LLC of 134 West Park Street, Butte, MT 59701; the TRUSTEE is MOUNTAIN TITLE COMPANY, with its principal office at 920 Central Avenue West, Great Falls, MT 59404; the successor TRUSTEE is DAVID L. VICEVICH, Attorney At Law, of VICEVICH LAW, whose address is 3738 Harrison Avenue, Butte, MT 59701, and the BENEFICIARY is CIRCLE R REAL ESTATE LLC and its successors and assigns, 116057 Boulder Road, Buxton, MT 59750, under a Montana Trust Indenture recorded March 29, 2022 as Document 722215. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY All of Lot numbered 23 and the East 5 feet of Lot numbered 24 in Block numbered 37 of the Original Townsite of Butte to the City and County of Butte Silver Bow, Montana, according to the official plat and survey thereof now on file and of record in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder. Parcel No. 1232800 DEFAULT AND SUM OWING The Default for which this foreclosure sale is made is failure by the GRANTOR, or any person, to pay the monthly installments due on the Promissory Note for which the TRUST INDENTURE was given as security. The following sums are now due and owing to the present BENEFICIARY, from the GRANTOR or their successors, in interest on the obligations secured by the said TRUST INDENTURE. A total breakdown of the delinquency is as follows: The principal amount of past due payments is due is \$25,452.07; the interest due is \$2,264.05; late charges due are \$3,233.65; for a total delinquent balance of \$30,949.77 as of October 17, 2024. The remaining principal balance on this Promissory Note was \$150,468.56, plus the interest and fees listed above. The remaining principal balance plus interest and fees on said note totals \$181,418.33, which is now due and owing together with costs and expenses incurred by the TRUSTEE and/or BENEFICIARY, with accrued interest at the rate of 5 (five) percent per annum, from the date of expenditure thereof, and reasonable TRUSTEE's and attorney's fee as provided for by Mont. Code Ann. § 71-1-320 and the sum owing on the obligations under said TRUST INDENTURE is as above stated. ELECTION TO SELL That by reason of the Default as hereinabove set forth, as to said TRUST INDENTURE the BENEFICIARY has elected to consider all of the principal and interest due, in accordance with the terms and conditions of said TRUST INDENTURE, and the Promissory Note secured thereby, and have elected to sell the property to satisfy the obligations and have requested the TRUSTEE to proceed to do so. DATE AND TIME OF SALE The TRUSTEE will sell said property on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., Mountain Standard Time or Daylight Savings Time, whichever is in effect at said time and place. PLACE OF SALE The sale will be held at in front of 134 West Park Street, Butte, MT 59701. TERMS OF SALE This sale is a public sale and any person, including the BENEFICIARY, (excepting only the undersigned TRUSTEE) may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid in cash with conveyance being made by TRUSTEE's Deed. The sale purchasers shall be entitled to possession of the property on the tenth (10th) day following the sale, and any person remaining in possession after that date, shall be deemed to be a tenant at will. The original of the Notice is recorded in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Silver Bow County, Montana, and a copy of this notice has been mailed by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested to the MONTANA MEAT MAFIA, LLC, P.O. BOX 178, Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730; and to the County Treasurer of Silver Bow County Courthouse, 155 W. Granite Street, Butte, Montana, 59701. DATED THIS 28th DAY OF JANUARY, 2025. DAVID L. VICEVICH, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE 29, 30, 31

Montana second Judicial District Court Silver Bow County In re the marriage of: Megan Kelly Anderson petitioner (you) and Jordan Kord Anderson Respondent (your spouse) Case No. DR-24-218 Summons by Publication Notice to respondent Jordan Kord Anderson. You are named in a petition to dissolve your marriage and to get a final parenting plan for your children. Unless you respond in 21 days, the court may decide against you without you being heard and give Petitioner everything asked for in the petition. You must submit your written response within 21 calendar days. The 21 day period starts the day after the last date of publication of this notice. If the final day falls on a weekend or court holiday, you may file your response on the next business day. You must file your written response with the Clerk of District Court at 155 W. Granite, Suite 313, Butte MT 59701 and serve a copy of your answer on the Petitioner. Dated this 27th day of January, 2025 Beth Parks Clerk of Court By B. Parks Deputy Clerk 27, 28, 29

MARK A. VUCUROVICH HENNINGSSEN, VUCUROVICH & RICHARDSON, P.C. P.O. Box 399 Butte, Montana 59703 markvuhvr@gmail.com (406) 723-3219 (Phone) (406) 723-9534 (Fax) ATTORNEY for PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE MONTANA, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, SILVER BOW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RONALD BRUCE NELSON, Probate No. DP-47-2021-127 Deceased. AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to Julie Janacaro, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 604 W. Daly, Butte, Montana 59701, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. DATED this 22nd day of January, 2025. s/Julie Janacaro JULIE JANACARO 27, 28, 29

Karen Mandie, CEO Pro Se Butte Community FCU 2901 Grand Ave Butte, MT 59701 Ph: 406-723-8284 Fax: 406-723-3679 Email: info@buttecommunityfcu.com Pro Se Attorney for the Plaintiff IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF SILVER BOW COUNTY, MONTANA BEFORE THE HONORABLE BEN PEZDARK JUSTICE OF THE PEACE Butte Community Federal Credit Union Cause No.: CV-24-3823 Plaintiff Vs ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS Terri Jo Carter Defendant The Plaintiff, Butte Community Federal Credit Union, having moved the Court for an Order to Publish the Summons and Complaint as provided by law and for good cause appearing it is ordered and by this it is ordered: That Service of Summons and Process is hereby Order to be made by publication in a Newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the Defendant last resided, in the fashion and manner allowed by law. It is further ordered that upon completion of said Publication, the Plaintiff shall be allowed to proceed with the prosecution of said cause of action as provided by law. Dated this 19th day of December, 2024 Ben Pezdark Justice of the Peace 28, 29, 30

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New Hope Clinic Receives DAR Community Service Award

Butte's New Hope Clinic received a DAR Community Service Award from the Silver Bow Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution at its February meeting. This award, given under the auspices of the National Society DAR's Community Service Committee, is a way that chapters recognize worthy individuals and organizations for their outstanding voluntary service.

DAR selected New Hope Clinic for recognition because of its importance to the Butte community. The Clinic provides free and confidential services to women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy. Its services, available regardless of income, race, or religion, include counseling, pregnancy tests, ultrasound exams,

adoption information, and parenting classes. Additionally, the Clinic offers classes on prenatal care, infant care, breastfeeding, and videos like "Getting Your Baby to Sleep."

DAR also recognized New Hope Clinic for its innovative Foster Closet program, provided via a partnership with ZERO TO FIVE. This additional service provides emergency supplies of clothing and necessities for young foster children.

Three New Hope Clinic staff accepted the DAR award and a donation of toddler clothing: Executive Director Julie Endy, Manager Amber Autenrieth, and Administrative Assistant Kristina Sullivan. Silver Bow Chapter Community Service Awards Committee Chair JoAnn Piazzola and Chapter Re-

gent Barbara Kerr presented the framed award and Ms. Piazzola praised the Clinic saying, "DAR is so pleased to present this award to bring attention to the New Hope

Clinic's services, its staff, and its forward thinking in providing necessities for young foster children. We thank you."



Left to right: Silver Bow Chapter Regent Barbara Kerr, New Hope Administrator Kristina Sullivan, New Hope Executive Director Julie Endy, Silver Bow Community Service Chair JoAnn Piazzola, and New Hope Nurse Manager Amber Autenrieth.



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Engine 25:

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steel paint.

NorthWestern Energy has agreed to donate banners and other advertising for the project, Hess said.

Hess said part of a \$3,300 grant from the Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce has been used to commission a Montana artist to provide conceptual drawings needed to apply for grants.

Last week, Hess said, the Butte Parks & Trails Foundation agreed to act as the non-profit umbrella organization for donations to the engine renovation project and to provide donation links on its website and Facebook page.

The renovation project has even attracted notice and support out-

side of the Butte community. Hess said he contacted Lionel Trains and was told the company made a model engine with the unique wheel configuration of Engine No. 25. The company has donated a model trainset with that engine to the committee's auction.

Hess said the committee plans to launch public fundraising efforts with "Grand Announcement" on May 8th. The Engine No. 25 Restoration Committee will have a booth at the annual Mayfair at the Butte Civic Center the following weekend, which will feature an auction, drawings, raffles, and more information about the renovation project.



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