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Nine Mile traditions to return

by John Q. Murray

It should be a Christmas season to remember this year in the Nine Mile Valley.

The community church was moved last week to its new home at the Nine Mile Community Center property, where organizers hope this year to continue the tradition of annual Christmas Eve services.

And Frenchtown native Kurt Cyr, who has reopened the once-vacant Nine Mile Schoolhouse as a bed and breakfast, said he plans to resume the 30-year holiday tradition of the Christmas Market at the Schoolhouse.

Hanneke and Les Ippisch held their last Christmas Market at the Schoolhouse in 2002.

Kurt recalled that every year, the morning after



The crew from Abel Moving and Rigging doublechecks to make sure that the Nine Mile Community Church will clear a tree as they turn out of Sue Stanley's driveway onto Kennedy Creek Road. See inside for more photos of the move.

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Group seeks Lolo focus on wildlife movement

by John Q. Murray

Members of the Ninemile collaborative group asked the U.S. Forest Service to explicitly address management of wildlife connectivity areas in the new Lolo forest plan.

The proposed plan, out for public comment through August 7, emphasizes ecosystem health, watershed restoration, and recreation management. The Ninemile group members said they would seek to add a fourth focus, on the wildlife connectivity areas.

"There's nothing in the [proposed forest] plan designating a wildlife connectivity area," acknowledged Ninemile Ranger Garry Edson. "We do have that information—we have some maps in the forest plan, but it's not in the management area

designations."

The Ninemile group members said wildlife movement should have a primary influence on project and management activities.

Two years after its original round of meetings, the Ninemile collaboration group reconvened June 21 to compare its original recommendations with the proposed Lolo forest plan revision.

The group's recommendations were carried forward into the proposed forest plan, with one notable exception. The Ninemile group asked to prohibit motorized use in the Petty Mountain inventoried roadless area, but the proposed forest plan would designate the area as appropriate for off-highway vehicles (OHVs).

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Pastor Gray Repke and emergency responders Calvin Berry, Dawn Bauer and Dan Hollenback assist as Trooper Steve Gaston cuts open the cab of the semi with the Jaws of Life. Raymond Alexander (far right), who lives near the crash scene, was among the first to arrive. (Mary Jo Berry photo.)

Cedar Creek wreck kills 2; one in critical condition

Two persons were killed when a semi left I-90 and plunged over the side of the Cedar Creek bridge just east of Superior Monday morning. The driver, Mickey J. Benton, 49, Oakridge, Oregon, and

Joslyn Printer, seven months, Springfield, Oregon, died from injuries sustained in the wreck.

Joslyn's mother, Trinity

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Recalling the first flag over Iwo Jima

by Mark Hebert

On the morning of February 23, 1945, Pfc. Louis Charles "Chuck" Charlo—an 18-year-old Evaro resident and great-grandson of the Salish Chief Charlo—was a member of a 40-man patrol team of United States Marines.

Their mission: To scale Mount Suribachi and raise the American flag over the island of Iwo Jima to raise the morale of the Marines fighting below. On that mission, Charlo became one of the six men to raise the flag atop the mountain.

"A cheer went up and you could hear it over the ongoing battle," said William Worf as he sits on his porch in Missoula and thinks back on that day.

"We saw the flag go up and we thought the battle was over at the point. Taking (Mount) Suribachi was a huge part of the battle but it was far from being over."

The battle for Iwo Jima—a major American feat in World War II—would take another 36 days and cost the lives of nearly 7,000 Americans and 18,000 Japanese. One of those Americans was Charlo, shot and killed by a Japanese sniper just



Bill Worf of Missoula proudly flies the American flag from the patio of his apartment. Worf is seeking to bring home to Missoula the historic first flag raised over Iwo Jima.

seven days after the raising of the flag—a flag which, strangely enough, came from a Navy transport named in honor of Montana—the USS Missoula County.

"I was really surprised when I found out how the story all came together," said Victor Charlo, the youngest brother of

Pfc Charlo. Victor was only six years old when his brother was killed in battle. "It was all a coincidence that Chuck was there to raise the flag and that the flag was named after Missoula, but that's a heck of a coincidence," he said.

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Application deadline for Rodeo Princess extended to July 10

The Superior Lions Club is extending the deadline to submit applications for a Princess to reign over their very popular Rodeo scheduled for Friday, August 4th and Saturday, August 5th. The new deadline is Monday, July 10. The competition for Rodeo Princess is open to all Mineral County young women between the ages

of 13 and 20 who have been residents of the county for 6 months or who attend a Mineral County high school or junior high/middle school. Applicants must show evidence of involvement in community service and have horsemanship skills.

The winning candidate will ride with Rodeo Queen, Kaila Smith, in the Mineral County

Fair Parade and Lions Rodeo events. The Lions Rodeo Princess will be selected by Lions club members after reviewing applications and riding skills. Rodeo Queen Kaila will receive \$150.00 and the new Princess \$100.00 to help defray the cost of their outfits. As tradition dictates, this year's Princess will be next

year's Queen.

Genuine silver crowns for the regal pair will be provided by Lincoln's Silver Dollar Bar. Custom sashes will be made by Wendy Russ who has received national recognition for making the sashes for Oprah Winfrey's "Princess for a Day" TV feature and for making sashes displayed in the film, "Sweet Home Alabama."

The Superior Lions also have donated a \$50 Corral West

gift certificate to the rodeo princess and queen prize money for this year and future years.

Applications are available at the following locations: Cenex Harvest States, 211 River St., Superior, 822-4848; Superior Drug Store and Soda Fountain, 105 E. Mullan Rd., Superior, 822-4291; Kelly Insurance Agency, 105 E. Mullan Rd., Superior, 822-4291. For questions, call Dan Arnsan, 822-4935.

Local youth attends anti-tobacco summit

Tyler Steinebach, 17, Superior, joined 150 youth anti-tobacco activists from across Montana at the "reACT Against Corporate Tobacco" summit in Bozeman June 19-22.

The activists learned about tobacco prevention, advocacy and media messaging as they joined together to fight corporate tobacco through demonstrations and a memorial.

Tyler said he joined the movement because "the tobacco industry is exploiting Montana and our values in order to sell their product."

The activists educated the public about Philip Morris' use of Montana to glamorize tobacco products, through increased awareness of the Marlboro "Crazy Mountain Ranch" in Clyde Park, Montana.

About 1,400 persons die each year from tobacco-related illnesses in Montana, and over 18,000 Montanans who are today under the age of 18 will ultimately die prematurely from smoking, he said.

The tobacco industry spends more than \$49 million on youth-targeted marketing in

the state of Montana, Tyler pointed out.

The teens challenged tobacco marketing practices and refused to be a target of the tobacco industry. Following the activism events, youth participants hosted a press conference to launch the first Montana state youth tobacco prevention movement.

The effort was supported by the Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program, a program of the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

Tammy shifts to Idaho Chronicle welcomes Charity Ruiz to ad sales

Charity Ruiz has joined the *Chronicle* as its Missoula County advertising sales representative.

Charity is majoring in English literature (and learning Persian) at the University of Montana. She and her husband of six years, Mark Hebert, have a daughter, Sophia, 3.

Charity stepped in to fill a vacancy created when Tammy Polla moved July 1 to assist the *Idaho News Observer (INO)* full time.

As part of the reorganization, Mary Jo Berry will become the Mineral County advertising sales representative.

In addition to advertising, Tammy will also help with other roles at the *INO*, in which she is a part owner.

The *INO* covers the Silver Valley, including the towns of Mullan and Wallace, in Shoshone County, Idaho.

The *Chronicle* and *INO* have also agreed to launch a



news network for community-owned newspapers. The two papers will exchange stories of regional interest. Several stories from the *Chronicle* have already been printed in the *INO*.

Closer cooperation between the news organizations can help alert Montanans to cases involving fugitives or missing children from our neighboring county, just over the pass in Idaho.

The Grapevine by Parris ja Young

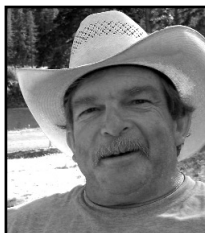
Is "freedom" an empty, push-er-button kind of word, or is it something real to you?



Lily Moore: Freedom is alive and worth fighting for.
Fred Eskey: Freedom is to be worked for; not to be taken for granted.



Linda Kincel: Freedom means a lot to me because it doesn't come free.



Ron Nelson: I think freedom is something that is not a given! Every American's duty is to fight for our freedoms.



Lisa McCain: I don't believe the war we are fighting is for freedom — that's an idea the government gave us; a fabrication.

Leah Davis: So, I'm not in the military, however I feel that I fight for freedom each day — my weapon is my mouth.

Lisa: And I fight back with my mouth.

Leah: We are good friends who agree to disagree because we have freedom.

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Debris is scattered under the westbound lanes of I-90 at the Cedar Creek bridge, and the rear of the semi appears flattened from the impact. The vehicle landed on the east side of the creek between the two bridges. (Photo by Mary Jo Berry.)

Wreck

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Benton-Kennedy, 20, of Springfield, Ore., was reported to be in critical condition Wednesday at St. Pat's.

According to a dispatcher with the Montana Highway Patrol, the Peterbilt semi was eastbound on I-90 July 3 at 7:35 a.m. when the driver apparently drifted onto the left shoulder. The interstate turns slightly to the right and dips down to cross Cedar Creek at that point.

The vehicle slid across the guard rail positioned in advance of the bridge deck and continued sliding halfway across the bridge's guard rail before falling between the two interstate lanes, landing on the driver's side of the vehicle on the far bank of Cedar Creek.

The driver and two passengers were not wearing seat belts, according to Capt. Tom Hamilton. He said he believed Benton was Trinity's father and Joslyn's grandfather.

Most of the fuel from the semi spilled into the creek. A hazardous materials team headed by Jerry Dockter used absorbent pads to soak up as much of the fuel as possible.

Mineral County emergency responders not only treated the victims of the crash, but family members who witnessed the accident. They sought to console the other family members who were accompanying the semi.

The family was moving from Oregon to Darby.

According to the preliminary investigation, speed was a factor in the accident, Capt. Hamilton said.

The incident was the first

for Superior's new City and Rural Fire Chief, John Woodland, who succeeded Dennis Hildebrand July 1.

"I was pleased with what I saw in terms of the fire company response," said Chief Woodland. "We were able to get all four engines out pretty quickly. We supported the efforts of the ambulance and Search and Rescue crews who did a tremendous job at getting those people out of that truck. It was really smashed." The crews also helped remove the diesel from the interstate so the road could be reopened.

He noted that because of the fatality of a very young child he would be setting up a critical incident stress debriefing for the crew members involved in the response.

Traditions

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Thanksgiving, a crowd would gather at the Schoolhouse gates, waiting for them to swing open and officially mark the beginning of the Christmas season.

"It was magical," Kurt said. "There was something very special about the place. You could feel it in the air."

Kurt had moved to Los Angeles and was working as a successful interior designer when a real estate agent called to tell him that the Schoolhouse was on the market.

He immediately set about preserving the property with its store of childhood memories. He returned to the area in February and opened the Bed and Breakfast in May.

At the Frenchtown high school graduation this year, he was named Alumnus of the Year.

The complex includes not just the school, which is visible from Remount Road, but also the Teacherage—the teacher's home—the store, and the Children's Store, which has a sign next to the doorway: "Not for grown-ups."

Sue Matthews has transformed an addition to the Teacherage into The Weaving Studio, where she will be offering materials, classes, and cappuccino.

"We've restored the Teacherage for the B&B," Kurt said. The rooms and their motifs remain the same as named by the Ippisches—the Swedish, Amish, Montana, and Dutch rooms. "The first guests were so enamored with the property, they shot eight rolls of film! It appears that we have gotten off

on the right foot," Kurt said.

Kurt is now working on Christmas items. "I don't want to copy the Ippisches' products, but everything I'm designing is in the spirit of the original Christmas Market," he said.

In addition to wooden ornaments and gifts, Kurt has designed fabric that will be used to create table linens, napkins, runners, and placemats.

The annual Christmas Market at the Schoolhouse will not be the only tradition to return to the Nine Mile Valley. The church is now in place for the traditional Christmas Eve services.

A crew of four from Abel Moving and Rigging maneuvered the church building

section of the building.

Shawn Moulding and Brad Moulding, Missoula, and Dan Stults, St. Ignatius, guided the rig driven by David Christopher of Arlee. The trickiest part of the journey came at the entrance to the community center, where they had to back up a few times to improve the angle of approach. The larger dollies can turn by themselves, but they had the smaller dollies for this one, which required some skillful maneuvering.

On arrival, the crews stacked timbers to support the building, removed the wheels, and then drove the truck away to leave the building standing on its own.

Dave Murray, who donated



Carol Guthrie and Dave Murray confer as the crew prepares to remove the dollies, leaving the church supported by timbers.

around trees on its journey from Sue Stanley's property on Kennedy Creek Road to the community center site last Thursday.

The move took less time than anticipated, because the crew was able to secure the church entrance, with its heavy bell, to the rest of the building. They originally thought they would have to remove the front

his work on the building's foundation, said he hoped to finish that work this week and next, which would allow the other volunteers and donors to continue restoring the church.

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The Alberton Papers

This is a doggie story

by Dick Darne

There are at least 500 doggie stories in Alberton. This is one of them.

In my role as an investigative reporter, I have interviewed some of the participants and verified the facts.

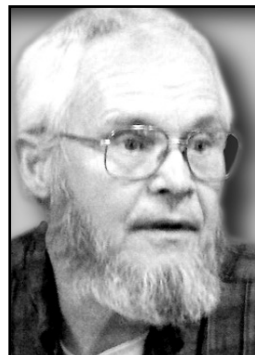
First, let's identify the main characters: 1) Boom-Boom, a black Pomeranian, residing at Ms. Petersen's.

2) Wylie, a black Pomeranian, residing at Ms. Brovold's. Other characters will remain unnamed.

Ms. Petersen leaves for a few days, leaving Boom-Boom in good hands, but no one else knows this. Ms. Brovold lets Wylie outside.

A neighbor sees "poor Boom-Boom" and after taking him for a ride and probably a doggie treat (not verified), takes him home and puts him inside with food and water.

Meanwhile, Ms. Brovold is wondering where Wylie is. Ms. Petersen's "house-checker finds that Boom-Boom, who usually growls at him, is now very



friendly. Ms. Brovold becomes more worried. Soon the citizens of Alberton, who are all above average in intelligence, figure out what is going on, and Wylie is reunited with his owner and everyone lived happily ever after.

After all, doggie misidentification has happened before, although not always happily. Ask old Prince. After being tried sans "corpus delicti," and being branded a doggie convict, he was arrested and in custody while still at home. (True story)

Point being, two Pomeranians who looked alike, two golden retriever look-alikes, and however-many black lab look-alikes, ad nauseum; the tattletale method of animal control is not reliable.

A more workable solution has been in place for many years. If your neighbor's dog offends you, get a witness and/or a picture and sign the complaint yourself. Justice will be served in court with less chance of doggie misidentification.

This actually was two doggie stories.

I have to go now, I have to investigate a report of a vital cog in the health, safety and welfare department locking the keys in a running vehicle. Just a rumor at this point. I treat all sources as confidential.

You can contact Dick Darne by phone at 722-4575, by email at aldermandarne@hotmail.com or read more online at albpap.blogspot.com

Wildlife

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Why?

"I did that," said Ninemile Ranger Garry Edson. "It was the one time I didn't follow the recommendation of the group."

Garry said he had a good discussion with the Ninemile collaboration group members at their June 21 meeting to explain his rationale.

"There were two reasons," he told the *Chronicle*. "One, I wanted public debate about it. If it wasn't proposed, there would be no debate. By proposing it, it is in the forefront for the public to comment on. I expected it to be controversial, and it is."

He emphasized that approval of the proposed forest plan does not automatically mean that OHV traffic will be allowed in Petty Mountain. The Forest Service must conduct a site-specific analysis before changing any existing use, he explained.

Second, he pointed out that recre-

ational use is one of the top priorities set by Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth.

"That's the dilemma," Garry said. "OHV use is a recreational use that has been identified and there is national policy that we will provide for that use."

OHV aficionados have expressed their interest in being able to leave the road network to be able to ride on varied terrain, including the single-track trails of the backcountry. And the Ninemile Ranger District, with its close proximity to the growing population of Missoula, seems like a logical place for that recreational use.

"If not here, then where?" Garry said.

He acknowledged that the overwhelming number of comments may criticize OHV use. "It may be eliminated in the final plan, but at least we made a proposal. We tried to accommodate the public," he said.

For a copy of the plan and information about how to submit comments, see the Lolo website at www.fs.fed.us/r1/lolo. The comment period ends August 7.



Mineral Community Hospital & Tamarack Medical Clinic

JULY IS OUTDOOR SAFETY MONTH

What to do when Heat Waves Strike?

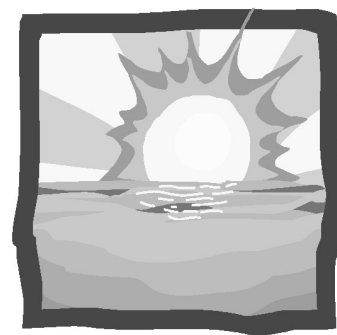
- ☀ Increase your intake of non-alcoholic, non-carbonated, caffeine-free beverages such as water and juice.
- ☀ Wear loose fitting clothing that is light in color.
- ☀ Avoid the outdoors during extreme heat and stay out of the sun.
- ☀ Stay in an air-conditioned environment if possible.
- ☀ Check on the elderly. They are especially susceptible to heat-related illness.
- ☀ Eliminate Strenuous Activity Such as Running, Biking and Lawn Care Work When it Heats Up.

Heat Related Illnesses and their symptoms:

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- ☀ **Heat Exhaustion** - The person becomes weak and is sweating heavily. The skin is cold, pale and clammy and the pulse becomes thready. Fainting and vomiting accompanies heat exhaustion.
- ☀ **Heat/Sunstroke** - High body temperature (106 degrees or higher) along with hot dry skin and a rapid and strong pulse. Unconsciousness is possible.

What should I do if I think someone has heatstroke?

If you think someone might have heatstroke, you should take him or her to a cool, shady place quickly, and call a doctor. Removing the person's unnecessary clothing can help cool him or her down. Try to fan warm air over the person while wetting the skin with lukewarm water. This will help the person cool down.



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The lives of two former Montana Marines 'Can't' just won't do

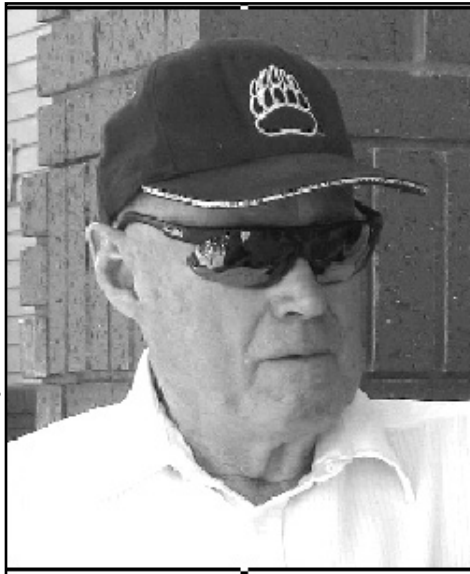
by Mark Hebert

"Billy, 'can't' never did anything," William Worf's mother used to tell him when he was a child.

"She wanted me to carry in wood for the kitchen stove when I was about four years old," said Worf. "One time I said 'Mom, I can't carry that, I'm too little.' Her answer to that was 'Billy, 'can't' never did anything, get out there and figure out a way to do it'."

That motto has guided Worf — now 79 years-old — through his time as a young ranch hand in eastern Montana, as a young man in the USMC in World War II, during his 31-year career with the U.S. Forest Service, through his founding of Wilderness Watch, and up to today as he fights to get the flag from the USS Missoula County, the first flag raised on

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*Dedicated to Private First Class
Charles Louis Charlo
United States Marine Corps Reserves*
by Victor A. Charlo

They were silent walking across the still, hard frozen spring ground, as they bent toward their last chore of the day in the noticeably longer spring light. Ray felt secure in the routine. The high-country snow was almost gone and the promise of spring nuzzled Ray's young heart like a warm, safe animal. Ray pushed his pitchfork in front of him after they crossed the Northern Pacific Railroad tracks, where they waved at the troop cars afternoons, walking slow, watching for those frozen cow clumps that had stopped him before. It hurt when the pitchfork handle jammed him in the groin.

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Flag

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That coincidence gnawed on the mind of Worf — a member of Company B of the 5th Tank Battalion on Iwo Jima — starting in late 2004, a few months before the 60th Anniversary of the flag-raising on Iwo Jima. At the same time, the Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History in Missoula started talks of opening an exhibit to honor and remember the Missoula County. Worf said he put two and two together.

"It seemed like that would be a logical time to try and get the flag delivered to the state of Montana to be kept at the museum," he said. "I thought it would be a snap, but I just kept hitting a stone wall in Washington D.C."

Worf thinks that his trouble in trying to acquire the flag for the state of Montana has to do with the second, much more famous flag-raising on Iwo Jima.

A Picture That Moved a Nation

A few hours after Worf and the rest of the Marines on Iwo Jima watched that first flag

unfurl over Iwo Jima, 33-year-old Associated Press Photographer Joe Rosenthal snapped perhaps the most famous wartime time photo of the U.S. Military when he caught the second flag being raised on Mount Suribachi. Rosenthal's photo won the Pulitzer Prize in 1945 and became an icon of America's success in World War II.

The first flag raising caught the eye of Admiral James Forrestal — Secretary of the Navy during World War II — who was on a battleship and he sent the word to [2nd Battalion Commander] Chandler Johnson that he wanted the flag for his personal collection.

"The response from the Colonel was, 'The hell he does,'" said Worf. "I think that is quoted in the book 'The Flag of Our Fathers' (written by James Bradley), but we heard that story on the island at the time. He thought about that for awhile and decided to get him a bigger one. As far as that Colonel was concerned, that flag (from the USS Missoula County) was a pretty important flag and that's the closest thing that comes to mind as to why the Marine Corps won't let it

come here to Missoula."

If that is the case, Worf disagrees. In his opinion, the flag from the USS Missoula County in no way diminishes the Rosenthal picture, but rather enhances the story. He acknowledged the importance of the Rosenthal picture to the United States both then and now, but fears that the whole story isn't being told.

"Doggone it, the truth is more valuable and one of the ways of expanding that value and tell the whole story would be to bring that piece of the story here to Missoula," he said.

At the time that Worf first considered getting the flag brought to Montana, it was housed in storage in Virginia while The National Museum of the Marine Corps was being built. Worf attempted to enlist the help of Montana Senators Conrad Burns and Max Baucus, but he heard nothing in return. He tried to contact the Commandant of the Marine of the Marine Corps, General Michael Hagee, but got redirected to "peons" and was told the flag wouldn't come to Missoula, with no explanation or rationale.

"I'm not going to quit until

somebody, and that somebody will have to be the Commandant of the Marine Corps or the Secretary of the Navy, writes and tell us 'by god you can't have it and these are the reasons why,'" he said.

"Capture the flag" gains some steam

A little over a week ago, Worf received a copy of a letter sent to the Marine Commandant from the office of Brian Schweitzer that was also signed by Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger, a former U.S. Marine.

The governor's letter to the Commandant comes on the heels of another letter sent to U.S. Marine Headquarters by John W. Mahan, past Commander-in-Chief of Foreign Wars of the United States.

"Bill Worf of Missoula, Montana, requests your support as the Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps to allow the Marine Corps Museum in

Virginia to release the U.S. Flag from the USS Missoula County ... (to) be displayed at the War Museum at Fort Missoula, MT."

That letter from Mahan was followed by the letter from the governor which states:

"We endorse the efforts of Montana Veterans to bring home this historic icon ... to be sent to the Historical Museum in Missoula, Montana where a permanent exhibit telling the story of the two flag raisings would be built."

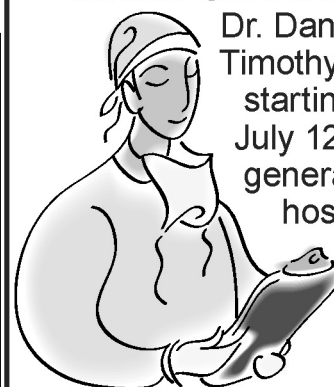
"If Bill succeeds in getting the flag, that would be quite an event and would really help the USS Missoula exhibit out," said Bo Foster, retired Brigadier General in the U.S. Army and current President of the Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History. "If and when we get it all set, we'd have a real show to put on. That flag is so historic. It would be a real treasure for us to have in the museum and for the public to see. It belongs home."

Surgery Program continues at Mineral Community Hospital

Mineral Community Hospital and Tamarack Medical Clinic are happy to announce that

Dr. Daniel F. Hoheim, M.D. and Timothy B. Richards, M.D. will be starting office hours at the clinic July 12th. They will be providing general surgery services at the hospital. Please call the clinic at **822-4278** regarding their schedules.

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Back in the day 40, 25, and 10 years ago

by Nicholas R. Schwaderer
40 years ago

July, 1966—Plans for the last links of I-90 were announced, going from the Saint Regis area west. Parts of old US 10 were used, while other parts served as a frontage road. The interstate was to interchange at Drexel for service to the area's community and make Ward Creek accessible. Part of US 10 was used for frontage road to the Charles Jensen ranch. The interstate was announced to cross on dual bridges parallel to US 10, and would not go "through" Saint Regis at all, leaving many to wonder what would become of the Saint Regis businesses along US 10.

July, 1966— Lee Linquist,

19, Spokane, driving a 1951 Rambler, tried to pass Robert Bare, 16, St. Regis, driving a 1945 Jeep. In passing, Linquist's vehicle struck Bare's vehicle and went off the road and rolled. Linquist was thrown from the car. Linquist spent the night in the hospital in Superior with a cut to the head. He was cited by Highway Patrolman John Murphy for driving with a learners permit without a licensed driver and for careless driving.

25 years ago

July, 1981—A raffle for a five-pound candy bar helped raise funds for St. Regis Little League and Pee Wee League baseball. The candy bar, donated by Frosty and Stangs IGA, was won by Jim Hermes from

St. Regis. The leagues will be able to purchase equipment and baseball caps for their upcoming seasons.

July, 1981—An old-fashioned living room was on display in the Superior museum in the old hospital building. Martha Corn, curator of the museum, felt the every piece of furniture had a unique back-story. The display is based on one of the founding Superior families, Joseph and Josephine Charette. The Spanglers and Warnkens can trace their ancestors to the Charettes.

The room included a stove, desk, arm chair and a wedding dress that originally belonged to Josephine Charette. The display was open Mon. to Fri. from 7-9

St. Regis Council to hold annual elections July 11

by Glenn Koepke

The St. Regis Community Council will conduct election of officers July 11 at the regular monthly meeting starting at 7 pm.

Two of the five board positions—president and secretary—are up for election this year.

A special election is needed this year for filling the treasurer vacancy, and the staggered term provision can be explained at the meeting.

Vice president and member-at-large positions are not being elected this year.

Nominations for president, secretary, and treasurer can be submitted in person at the St. Regis Visitor Information Center or by calling there at 649-2290. Please respond to the VIC or one of the board members by July 10. Nominations can also be made from the floor the night of the meeting.

SRCC by-laws direct the elections to be held in July, with positions to be staggered for varying terms for continuity of leadership and programs.

In other news, the annual Flea Market results were dis-

cussed at the June 13 monthly meeting. Despite nearly constant rains and poor ground conditions, the event was still a success and will continue on with optimism for better weather next year. SRCC wishes to thank all the volunteers and vendors who provided services.

July Fourth festivities were being planned, with the St. Regis Volunteer Fire Department to take the lead on softball, concessions, logging sports, and fireworks. SRCC will organize the annual parade through town and the children's games in the park.

At the June 27 executive meeting it was announced that the VIC will receive "Superhost" signs for the community from the state, and they will be posted on the highways entering town with the guidance of Montana Department of Transportation. Watch for those to appear in the upcoming weeks.

(For a list of the winners of the St. Regis Fourth of July parade, see pages 8-9).

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THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By Michael Mepham

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3. How many bow-hunting licenses were purchased in 2000?
4. What is the most commonly hunted game bird?
5. In what year were ring-necked pheasants first introduced into Montana?

From the book
"Montana Trivia"
by Janet Spencer,
(Riverbend
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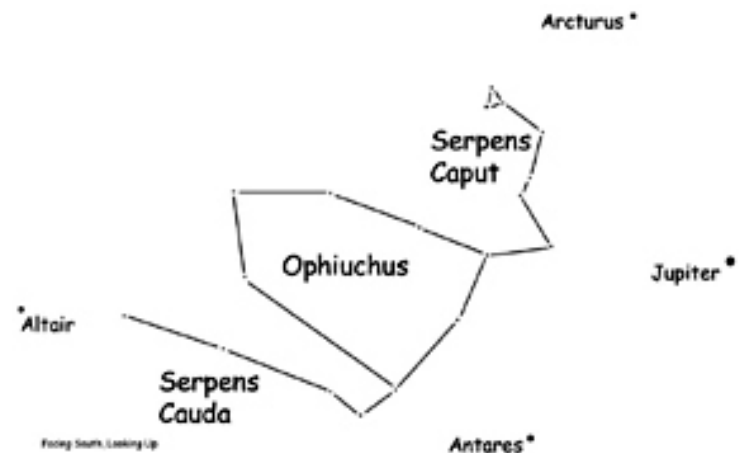
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Eyes on the skies: Serpent-bearer

by Daniel Pope

Ophiuchus (oh-fee-YOU-kus), the Serpent-Bearer, is one of the oldest constellations. From the earliest of times the serpent has been a favorite symbol to represent the power of evil. The stories from our most ancient ancestors tell of man's struggles with and victory over evil, here represented by Ophiuchus and Serpens (SIR-penz), the snake. By placing these stories in the sky they were assured that we, their distant descendants, would know of and remember them.

There is a different story from every culture and time for these stars.

Perhaps the most well known story is from the Greeks. They identify Ophiuchus as Asclepius, a physician and their god of medicine. Asclepius was the son of Apollo and Coronis and served aboard the ship, Argo, made famous by Jason and the Argonauts. The legend tells that in the most ancient of times Asclepius killed a snake but another snake appeared and brought the first back to life by feeding it herbs. In this way Asclepius learned of the healing powers of plants and thus medicine began. Asclepius had two daughters, Hygeia and Panacea, and their names have become part of medicine as well. Hippocrates, the most famous Greek physician, is said to have been a direct descendent of Asclepius. The names Apollo, Asclepius, Hygeia, and Panacea are invoked or recited when doctors take the Hippocratic Oath upon the completion of their degree requirements.

Asclepius became so skilled as a physician that he learned how to bring the dead back to life. There was a report that he put a dismembered body back together and the person came back to life. Hades, god of the dead and underworld, grew worried that his domain might disappear. Based upon that fear, Hades persuaded Zeus, king of the gods, to kill Asclepius so that Hades would

continue to receive souls. To honor Asclepius and his healing powers, Zeus placed him and a serpent in the sky forever.

It is thought that this legend is the basis for medical arts having a snake entwined staff, the caduceus, as its symbol.

When Ophiuchus first appeared it was thought of as one constellation but as time passed it was divided into three parts: Ophiuchus, Serpens Caput, the head, and Serpens Cauda, the tail.

Ophiuchus is not listed or identified as a member of the zodiac although the ecliptic, plane of our solar system, passes through the feet of Ophiuchus. We assume it is because of wanting to keep just twelve constellations on the zodiac – one for each month of the year.

Ophiuchus and Serpens occupy a large expanse on the sky but they do not contain any really bright stars. It is probably best to use bright stars in other constellations to first bracket or locate this part of the sky.

Start with the Big Dipper high in the northwestern sky. Follow the arc of the handle toward the south and “arc” to the bright star in Boötes, Arcturus. Face south and just above the horizon you will see the bright red star in Scorpius, Antares. Face southeast and lookup to find the brightest star in that part of the sky, Altair. The stars of Ophiuchus and Serpens are bound by these three bright stars.

The really bright object farther southwest of Arcturus is the planet Jupiter. You can still see Saturn and Mars just above the western horizon as soon as it gets dark. Mars, less than a closed fist to the upper left of Saturn, is steadily pulling farther ahead, east, of Saturn in our continuing race around the Sun.

Next week we will locate and tell a story about the constellation Cygnus, The Swan. Clear skies.



Mountain View Village (left) took first place and the Red Hats (above) second place for Organizational Float. All winners listed below. (Mary Jo Berry photos.)



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St. Regis Fourth of July parade winners

Grand Marshals: Samantha Noonan, USAF, Doug Mancini, Air NG, Dan Jensen, Air NG, Phillip Noonan, USN.

Parade Winners: Costumed Horse and Rider: Frank Smith, First Place.
Other Horse Entry: Lloyd

Bellinger, First Place.
Large Equipment: St. Regis Fire & Rescue, First Place, CENEX of Superior, Second Place, Schober's Towing, Third Place.

Commercial Float: Clark Fork Outfitters, First Place, Cantrell Outfitting, Second Place, Place of Antiques, Third Place.

Organizational Float: Mountain View Village "Senior Survivors", First Place, Red Hats: Second Place, WWJD, Third Place.

Antique Auto: D. Scribner, First Place, K. C. Smith, Second Place, Gary Sheehan, Third Place.

Marching Entries: Walk Against Drugs, First Place.

Musical Entries: Dee's Karaoke / Schober's Towing: First Place.

Children's Entry: Ashley Blaylock, Brook O'Neil & Melinda Steinbach – Tie for First Place, Dustin Wolfe, Second Place, Zach Flandereau, Third Place.

Decorated Bikes: Jacob and Carter Jasper, First Place, Kyle Jasper and Carter Dunlap, Tie for Second Place, Jonah Warnken, Third Place.

Costumed Adult: Corney Loewan, "Mayor of St. Regis", First Place.

Motorcycles: Ron Allen, First Place – Jarred Tippens, Second Place.

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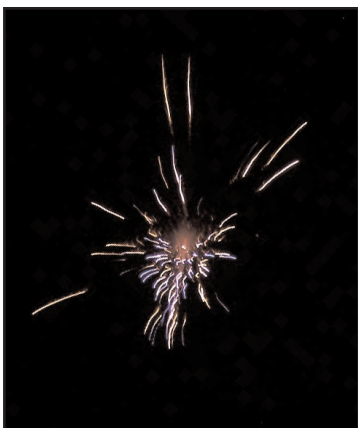
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Above: Whoa! The night sky at the River Edge is practically filled with these two-blow fireworks. They go up, explode -- sending a good number of smaller packages into the sky -- and then the secondary explosions fill the sky. Awesome lights over the river. We wonder what the fish think about it.

Top center: Taste-testing the five entries in the chili competition is not undertaken lightly. DeWayne D. Davis, to the right in this shot, took samples back to his table where family and friends ate a bit, then cleared and cleansed their palate before moving on to the next sample. The characteristics that make a winning chili are not the same in Mineral County as they are in, say, Louisiana, and only local experts can determine that call. There was a tie between the chilis prepared by Wendy Burns and Noel Prison.

Middle center: These two young women are proud of their fine body paintings. They fairly radiate color and joy. Margie Parrish was kept very busy all afternoon painting the wonderful living canvas of human skin. The young people were eager -- they opened the way for older folks later on in the afternoon.

Bottom center: Briana and Madi are happy to show their general happiness at the celebration. Madi with her fine tattoo, and Briana with her younger friend.

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Can't

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Iwo Jima 61 years ago, giving to the city of Missoula to be shared and honored for the next 62 years.

"Getting that flag here isn't about William Worf," he said. "That flag is for the people and the pride of Montana."

Worf was born in Reed Point and raised on a ranch in Rosebud County during the Great Depression. At a young age, Worf was already heeding the wise words of his mother and knew right away what he wanted to do with his wife.

"I made up my mind in the sixth grade that I was going to be a forest ranger," said Worf. "We had a ranger come and talk to our class and I just was smitten with the idea of being a forest ranger and I never forgot that. That was what I wanted to be so I went out and did it."

But before his days as a forest ranger, Worf, like any red-blooded American youth, needed some adventure in his life.

He and a few buddies were out on a Saturday night in the summer of 1943 looking for somewhere to go and something to do — i.e. trying to meet some girls. Their quest for fun started in Forsyth, but the group found nothing there and had to decide what to do next. Worf wanted to

go to the town of Hathaway, while the rest of his friends wanted to go to Rosebud. Outvoted, Worf went with buddies to Rosebud and there he met a girl from out of state — Missouri to be exact — who was spending the summer with her uncle on his ranch.

Worf and the girl from Missouri hit it off and soon the girl suggested that he should get a job on her uncle's ranch. Worf happened to be looking for a haying-job and thought highly of the idea so he sent a postcard in the morning to her uncle requesting a job and received a reply later that evening. The Uncle's return-postcard stated that there were no openings on the h ranch, but that his brother — whose ranch was a mile away — was currently looking for a ranch hand.

"I figured I could walk a mile to go see this girl so I took the job," said Worf.

Off to his new job he went and his new employer had a daughter named Eva Jean Batey. It wasn't long before the two hit it off, courting began and love blossomed.

"I really liked Eva Jean," said Worf. "And I never had to walk that mile either."

Worf said that a chance decision — the choice of going to Rosebud instead of Hathaway — is one of the things he looks back on that affected his life in

a dramatic way.

"I go to the Hathaway that night and I don't meet the woman I would be married to for almost 60 years," he said.

The next dramatic event which would shape Worf's life would take place shortly after meeting Eva Jean when he decided to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps and where he eventually ended up fighting for his country on a tiny island in the South Pacific known as Iwo Jima.

"I was captured by the mystique of the Marine Corps," said Worf. "They were a can-do outfit and had a great history behind them. I just really wanted to be part of the war."

Worf was in Company B of the 5th Tank Battalion on Iwo Jima as a Tank Infantry Liaison. He said that he has many memories from the month-long battle — including seeing the American flag fly from the top of Mount Suribachi — but one moment sticks out more than the rest, a fragment of time that changed the young man's life.

During the battle of Iwo Jima — the 34-day conflict claiming the lives of nearly 7,000 Americans and almost 18,000 Japanese — Worf found a dead Japanese soldier whose lifeless hand clutched a photo of a teenage girl. Worf, like the dead soldier laying before him, always carried a picture of Eva

Jean stuffed inside a pocket-sized Bible.

"If it had been me sitting there dead," said Worf, "I would have been holding on to Eva Jean's picture the same way that this young man was holding on to his picture."

Worf said that before that instant, he'd considered the Japanese almost less than human. Worf said that the situation opened his eyes and allowed him to respect the enemy. He still has both of the photos from that day, keeping them as a reminder of where he has been and who he is.

Worf came back to the states in late 1945 and in December of 1946 — six months after returning from Japan — Worf and Eva Jean married in Bozeman and then moved to Missoula so he could attend the University of Montana on the G.I. Bill. There the Worf's had the first two of their six children.

Bill earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry in 1950 and got a job with the Forrest Service, spending six months on a range survey crew in Wyoming, 12 years in Utah on the Uinta, Ashley and Fishlake National Forests, and a two year stint in the Regional Office in Ogden. A large part of his work during those years involved range/watershed studies and administration of live-stock grazing permits.

From Utah he went back to Wyoming as Supervisor of the Bridger National Forest. When the Wilderness Act passed in 1964, he was sent to Washington D.C to head the development of Regulations and Policy for implementation of that Act.

In 1969, he was assigned to the Regional Office in Missoula as Director for Wilderness, Recreation & Lands and retired from that position in November of 1981.

In 1989 he founded the non-profit Wilderness Watch, an organization whose focus is the preservation and proper stewardship of lands and rivers included in the National Wilderness Preservation System and National Wild & Scenic Rivers System.

Last winter, after almost 60 years of marriage, Eva Jean passed away. Worf said that one of the ways he is dealing with the loss of Eva Jean is by staying active.

"Eva Jean supported my belief that the flag from the Missoula County should be in Missoula so I picked that back up," he said. "I've had some people tell me that I'm never going to get here because they are never going to let it go. 'Can't' never did anything."

Charlo

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This day was without complications. A good school day was over and feeding the cows owned by his dad's brothers, in the field that filled with water this time of year was the last job of the day. His dad would be home from work on the railroad section soon; so supper of pinto beans, fried potatoes and fresh baked yeast bread, his favorite meal, would be ready and on the table when Albert, his older brother by four years, and him finished cutting, loosening and forking out the Indian mint fragrant dry, slough hay to their shining, odd kind of cows. The coyotes were cleaning the bones of one of the cows that didn't make it and coyotes howled in the dark, winter nights. Ray didn't want to lose another one. Hay helped hold back the death.

Greywolf Peak stood north and still had a lot of snow on its gray rock nose. Then the sirens, safe day was shattered by their mother's high, piercing Indian keen, and as both brothers looked at each other, they knew that this sound could mean only one thing. Bad news about Chuck, the oldest brother. He

was a marine fighting for their freedom on an island called Iwo Jima that late winter, early spring, and the family had waited too long for his letter that he faithfully sent each week.

They wanted to go back to the house to confirm their worse fear but they continued on with war-like discipline to the half-a-loaf of the haystack now in their own world. Their movement became military quick, double-time that they learned from the long, exhausting war.

Ray's thoughts lingered on the few times he got to go with the big kids to search for and gather scrap iron, like they gathered huckleberries, for the war effort during those early years of World War II. There was a rumor that American salvage companies were still selling their scrap iron to Japan and this iron was being used against American fighting men. Still they went to the Polson dump on the curve of the Flathead River to find red-rusted pieces of treasure, as precious as pieces of gold to Ray's young eyes. Their patriotism and heavy loads of scrap would turn to gold when they hauled it to the junk man who would weigh and pay Chuck cash money on the barrelhead, as their Dad would say. They all got their fair share

according to their size. There were four shares for the four brothers: Chuck, Albert, Gene and Ray.

A share of gold to go to the movies. War movies were favorites that made their patriotic fervor burn and they all secretly openly professed wanting to fight the enemy after seeing their favorite actor killed by the Japs or the Jerrys. Then there were the movies that scared Ray silly..."The Werewolf" caused him to spend a lot of his movie time on the theater floor ostensibly looking for his favorite hat but his older sister, Betsy knew he was scared and would ask, "What are you doing on the floor?"

"I, I, I, I," Ray would stutter, "I'm...I, I, I...looking for my hat!" with an angry stare as possible to a bigger kid. Betsy would laugh. He didn't want the big kids to tease him about being afraid. There was some sort of code of honor to not be afraid. The big kids would scare Ray in dark rooms in their four-room, outhouse, woodstove home on the edge of Polson. Then they would tease him about being scared. Ray was afraid a lot of the time. The talk of war and then the actual bombing of Pearl Harbor was a time of fear. Ray was three

years old then, yet the fear was so great that even at that young age, this event etched that remembrance of that fear of what was to happen. Young Ray knew that in war people died because there were pictures of war at the movies. The thought of death was a fascination of his young imagination that hadn't been touched by death yet.

Chuck or Charles, they called him Chuck, was the apple of everyone's eye, especially his mother. He was the good son brother. He also was big and strong for his age and was embarrassed when people questioned when he was going to enlist in the service. He wanted to go badly, but their mom didn't want him to go. They were pals, Chuck and Mom. Ray remembered how Dad, Mom and Chuck would go together to Eddie's Drug Store for a Cherry Coke or a movie. That was the favorite drink in those days, Cherry Coke. Ray would day-dream of drinking one like eating sweet bings in August, a wonderful moment.

There were blackouts during those nights. One night, the built dam that his dad had helped dig tunnels for the water that would turn turbines heard an airplane, which was out of the ordinary. The word was out

that the enemy wanted to bomb the dam in those days because not many planes flew over the Polson area. The air raid siren went off and the adults turned off the lights in the house and then waited in darkness, and listened in fear to that airplane engine moving out of their hearing range. The official word was that the new Kerr Dam was a possible enemy target. They had no doubt that that airplane was an enemy aircraft ready to bomb their dam. Could the Japs be that close to home? Their official word spread that the plane was a friendly, after all. Still, the fear of the enemy was ever-present.

Chuck wanted to join the toughest branch of branch services, the marines. The family moved to Evano where his Mom hoped he wouldn't see the recruiters as often as he did in Polson. Dad had worked on the railroad before and there was hope that he could get a job on the Evano Section, because he already had time on the Northern Pacific so he could bump someone with less time. Dad did finally get a job on the Section and he got Chuck a job also. These jobs were essential to the war effort, so Chuck was

See Charlo, page 11

Births



Mica Acker joins our community

Laura and Joshua Acker would like to introduce the new member of their family to the Alberton Community and all of the Clark Fork Valley. Micah Lambert Acker was born June 17, 2006, at Community Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds and 11 ounces and was 19" long.

Charlo

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exempt from the service when he got hired on. They were all happy for him.

After working on the Section for a few months, Chuck came home from Missoula with a box of chocolates for his Mom because he had signed up with the Marines—and now all he needed was their signature allowing him to go to war at the age of seventeen. Mom didn't

want to sign those papers, but Chuck pleaded with her until she did. That was a moment of pride, a moment of fear for a young life.

Ray and Albert quickly fed the cows and did rapid double-time back to the old, white-framed house by Highway 93. Ray thought of the scrap iron they collected and the joke that went around during that time about how Chuck was sending that scrap to Japan and they

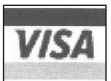
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Ease off

To the editor:

When your readers are driving through Montana's neighborhoods, do they try to imagine a dog or a toddler in front of every parked car on the side of the street, just about to bolt into traffic? If your readers can learn to anticipate the unexpected, then they'll be better prepared to react. Yes, it might slow them down a bit. Typically, it will mean going 12 to 15 mph in a 25 mph zone; and typically, it will take them an additional 45 seconds to reach their destination. Doesn't that seem worth it? The hardest part is learning to ignore the chronically impatient driver riding their tailgate.

Trent Bower, Missoula

Mineral County Relay for Life is calling for all teams from Alberton all the way to the West End. The next meeting will be held July 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Commissioner's room at the Courthouse. The Relay for Life will be held August 19-20 from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m.

were making a bullet for him. Grim, black humor—grim, black war. Ray's fatalistic mindset, caused by the war, thought that there was such a bullet.

That bullet went to his heart as he walked into the dark, shadowed kitchen lit with a kerosene lamp to find everyone crying, seeing the yellow paper on the table that he found out

Scare tactics unbecoming

To the editor:

I'm wondering if Rep. Gordon Hendrick provided the *Chronicle* with documented evidence that increased drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence and child abuse followed the decline in forest jobs?

If there is documented evidence that increased drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence and child abuse followed the decline in forest job in Mineral county I'm wondering that if Rep. Hendrick is ready to blame Crown Pacific for closing its mill in the area in the mid-90s due to the wishes of its stockholders?

Also, Rep. Hendrick is flat-out wrong about the way that county roads and schools are

funded in Mineral County. Since the Secure Rural Schools Act of 2000 passed Congress and was signed into law for the past six year's Mineral County has received stable and consistent funding (ie a set amount that doesn't fluctuate with the amount of trees cut from national forests) that was based on the average of the three highest years of timber receipts from the 1980s and 1990s.

So in reality, Mineral County is receiving as much money in payments for county roads and schools as it ever has. Therefore his scare tactic of telling elderly members of the community that they will soon be forced out of their homes by rapidly increasing property taxes is especially disingenuous. People should expect more from an elected official.

Matthew Koehler, Missoula

The *Chronicle* responded at length at our weblog, www.clarkforkchronicle.com.

later was a telegram dropped off at the Evaro Train Depot for Dad, regretfully telling them all that the light of their world had been snuffed out like a church candle after mass. There was a letting go that evening, but the fear wouldn't let go of Ray, that fear of how they were going to make it without the Light. How

was their patriotic fervor ever going to help them now? Patriotism would never bring Chuck back.

Note: Due to the special Fourth of July coverage, two stories promised this week will appear next week: The WildWest Institute response to the SAF study, and the final two stories following Alberton's I-90 fires rehab.

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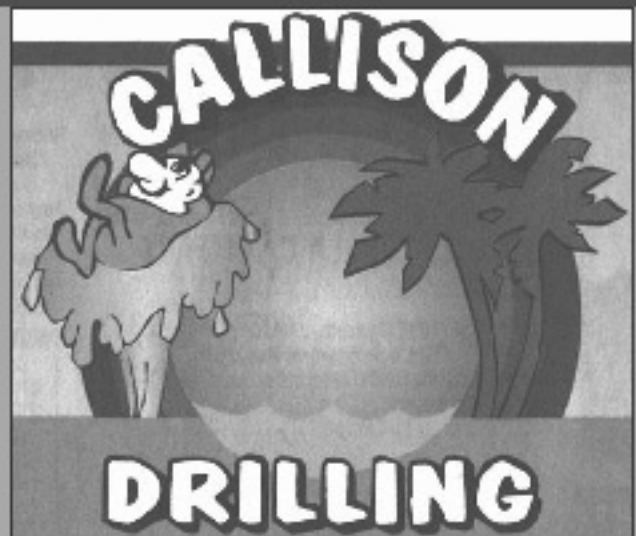
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Community Briefs

Trinity Lutheran Church in Superior is hosting a Vacation Bible School July 24-28, 9 a.m. to noon. We welcome children ages 3-grade 5. Our theme this year is "Treasure Cove," where kids will learn to discover the riches of Christ. We will have daily lessons, Bible stories, crafts, snacks, and lots of games. Our church is located at Sixth and Pine Streets, across from Eva Horning Park. There is no fee (donations are greatly appreciated). Our church helpers are excited to fill up our classes with students. Please call 822-4778 to preregister for planning purposes.

The Nine Mile Garden Club and Missoula County Extension Office will host the first annual Nine Mile Landowner Awareness Day on Sunday, July 9 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., starting at the Nine Mile Community Center. The event will include a bus tour of vegetation sites for weed identification and management; the results from a recent landowner survey in the area; door prizes; weed bingo; and a free barbecue. About 40 landowners were involved in the state's Nine Mile Weed Management Fire Grant. Almost 3,000 acres were treated for noxious weeds through herbicides, handpulling and mowing, and 338 acres reseeded after weed control. Almost \$57,000 was spent in grant dollars in the Nine Mile Valley with an additional \$111,375 in matching funds. For more information, contact Marijka Wessner at 258-4219.

The Antique Depot is now organizing its annual flea market

in conjunction with Railroad Day and is seeking vendors. There are no fees to participate. Call Colleen for more information: 722-1890.

Mineral County Help Line is applying for its annual competitive grant and this year needs your letters of support. Please write a letter indicating your support for the organization by July 15. For more information, contact the Help Line office at 822-4262.

The Mineral County Chamber of Commerce will hold a pot luck at the St. Regis Community Center July 13 at 7 p.m. Please join us!

A public seminar will be held Friday, July 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lubrecht Experimental Forest to discuss sustainability of Montana's forests and communities. Seminar participants will address landscape-level, long-term restoration and stewardship projects as tools for achieving sustainability. The seminar costs \$10, which

Help Line 822-4202

The Help Line is a 24-hour 7-day crisis hotline for people in crisis, with an emphasis on women in situations involving domestic violence and sexual assault.

includes lunch. Seating is limited. People can register by calling Jeannie Thompson at 406-243-7700 or e-mailing thompson@cmw.org.

Railroad Days will be held July 15 in Alberton (I-90 Exit 75 & 77). Free and open to the public. Enjoy a day in scenic Alberton for our annual Railroad Days, starting

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at 8 a.m. with the pancake breakfast at the American Legion; parade at 11 a.m. All afternoon vendor booths, kid games, music, food and entertainment. Street dance in the evening. Call the Town Hall at 722-3404 for more information.

Share a piece of birthday cake with the Montana Natural History Center on Saturday, July 15 from noon to 4 p.m. to help celebrate 15 years of natural history education. The party will include unveiling of the winning art for this year's RiverFest! contest and free admission and children's activities. For more information, see www.MontanaNaturalist.org.

Hunters interested in game damage hunting opportunities on private land this fall and winter must register by July 15. Registration is available online at fwp.mt.gov. Click on "Game Damage Hunt Roster" to register. Prospective hunters without internet access may apply online at any FWP office. To register, hunters will need an ALS number and 2006 conservation license and will be prompted to enter a preferred hunting district for potential deer, elk and antelope game damage hunts. Hunters may choose to participate in all three species rosters but must select only one hunting district per species. Game damage occurs when animals like elk, deer and antelope concentrate on private farms and ranches and damage crops and property. The new hunt roster is intended to help provide a quick response when there is a need for a game damage hunt.

A hunter education class will be held in Superior July 17-22. Classes are from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Registration will be held July 11 at 7 p.m. in the 4-H Building in Superior. To preregister, call Deb Regan at 822-4246 or Tom McCloskey at 822-4665.

Volunteers are needed for summer field projects in the Great Burn. Backcountry experience helpful but not necessary. Dates flexible. Call Beverly Dupree at 240-9901 or email us at thegreatburn@yahoo.com to sign up or to find out more about the following outings: Swamp and Pollock Ridge, Great Burn Idaho, July 7-10; 4th of July Creek, Bighorn Weitas, Idaho, July 14-17; Blacklead, Great Burn

Families First classes

The following classes are offered by Families First, 815 E. Front St. Ste #3, Missoula, MT 59802. Phone: 406-721-7690, Fax: 406-541-6567, Email: info@familiesfirstmt.com.

Parenting Forum: Sibling Rivalry, Tue 7/11/2006
Presented by Families First and Catherine Reilly. Location: Missoula Public Library, Board Room, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. While your school age kids participate in the library's weekly summer activities, join us for parenting chats. Childcare for younger children will be provided in the small meeting room. Call 721-7690 to pre-register.

What Do You Do with the Mad that You Feel?, Wed 7/12/2006
Presented by Families First and Judy Wright. Location: Pablo Headstart Center, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. This workshop will help the participants know that controlling angry feelings is a skill children learn from the people who care for them. We will find helpful ways to intervene when children or adults are overwhelmed with anger.

Divorce and Shared Parenting Part 1: What's Best for the Kids Sat 7/15/2006
Presented by Brad Boylan and Chris Loken. Location: Families First, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.. Learn methods for coping, what helps kids, how to improve family communication, and maximize quality time with your kids. (Part 2 is offered Tuesday 7/18/2006.) Call 721-7690 to pre-register.

Divorce and Shared Parenting Part 2: Communicating With the Other Parent Tue 7/18/2006
Presented by Brad Boylan and Chris Loken. Location: Families First, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Building on the first class, explore how to relate to your co-parent to minimize harm to your kids and get tips for parenting after divorce. Call 721-7690 to pre-register.

Parenting Forum: Ages and Stages: 2-5 year olds Tue 7/18/2006
Presented by Families First and Karin Fodness. Location: Missoula Public Library, Board Room, 2 p.m.

Idaho. July 21-23; Hoodoo/Stateline, Great Burn Montana/Idaho, July 28-31; Lost Ridge, Mallard Larkins, Idaho Aug 4-7; Five Lakes Butte, Mallard Larkins, Idaho Aug 11-14; Wahoo Creek, Sheep Mountain, Idaho Aug 18-20; Upper North Fork-Meadow Creek/Rawhide, Idaho Aug 25-27.

In two years, more than 10,000 Montana residents have called the Montana Tobacco Quit Line to request assistance with quitting smoking or using tobacco products. To celebrate its success, the Quit Line has expanded access to free nicotine replacement products from a two-week supply to a four-week supply – a \$100 value. Call the Quit Line today at 1-866-485-QUIT (7848).

to 3 p.m. While your school age kids participate in the library's weekly summer activities, join us for parenting chats. Childcare for younger children will be provided in the small meeting room. Call 721-7690 to pre-register.

Healthy Families First: Clark Fork River Ecosystems Wed 7/19/2006
Presented by Families First Location: Bess Reed Park. 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Join Families First and the Forest Service for a fun and educational program on the Clark Fork River Ecosystem. Come learn about how different wildlife live together and how they each play a unique role in our ecosystem. We will present an activity / educational program for the first half hour and then will go for a walk along the river for the second half hour. Meet at Bess Reed Park east of the bridge from Caras Park. Free to the public.

Teaching Kids about Stranger Danger Wed 7/19/2006
Presented by Families First and Heidi Davis. Location: Pablo Headstart Center, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Warning kids without scaring them is a good rule of thumb. Learn how to talk to children about strangers and teach them ways they can protect themselves or ask for help when needed.

Parenting Forum: Ages and Stages: 6-9 year olds Tue 7/25/2006. Presented by Families First and Catherine Reilly Location: Missoula Public Library, Board Room, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. While your school age kids participate in the library's weekly summer activities, join us for parenting chats. Childcare for younger children will be provided in the small meeting room. Call 721-7690 to pre-register

Family Fun Night at the Farm Thu 7/27/2006
Presented by Families First. Location: Garden City Harvest Farm. 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Let's see how the farm looks come summertime when the crops come alive. Farmer Tim will lead children and parents on a trek to see what grows. Call 721-7690 to pre-register.

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COOKBOOKS: The Superior Senior Center has published its cookbook, "Superior Cooks." Copies are available for \$4.50 at the Senior Center Weds. and Fri, or 1st and 3rd Mon. For more information call Shana Williams 822-3334.

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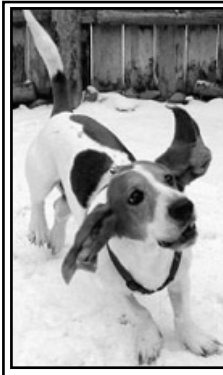
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by **Jared Forsythe**
Fishing Report

Clark Fork River- 6,450 cfs at St. Regis. First and foremost, make sure to have plenty of sunscreen on the river with the proper sunwear. During the hot hours of the day a big attractor with a dropper is the ticket. Don't be afraid to use a streamer in the mid day hours. On cloudy or evening hours the fish have been hitting on caddis, drakes, stimulators, and other larger patterns. Patterns: Extended bodies Drake, Gallup's Cripple Drake, Drake, Black Stimulator, caddis, PMD, Royal Wulff, prince nymph, and San Juan worm.

Fish Creek- The reports at Fish Creek have been good. The

fish were rising on gray/brown drakes and caddis, along with PMD's in the evening. During the day droppers and streamers were successful. The stream is wadable in all areas, just watch out for the crowds on the weekends. Happy fishing.

St. Regis River. 528 cfs. Fished this river two days ago in the early evening hours and had lots of action. You can pretty much wade in all sections of the river. Recommend the St. Regis River or Fish Creek during the hot afternoons.

Kelly Creek. 3,208 cfs. Hoodoo Pass is open and we had lots of foot traffic in our

shop with people heading up to Kelly Creek. The reports were real good. The wading was a little tough in some areas, but the fish were biting on gray to dark



may flies along with various caddis patterns. Patterns: grey drakes, Pmd's, black humpy

and red quill.

Whitewater Report

Alberton Gorge- 6,000 cfs. Whitewater is the theme on the Alberton Gorge at this level.

The upper section is developing with good hits at the Ledge, Cliffside I and II and at Mullan Rapid. The white water doesn't stop there with lots of hits in the Gorge section. Triple Bridges is a fun wave train-line up on river left. Tumbleweed is starting to shape up and should be run on river left as well. Boat Eater and Fang will be a good hit as well.

With hot sunny weather ahead of us, give us a call to book a trip on the Gorge. We are offering hot summer spe-

cials and will be offering rafting camps for local kids the first part of August. Give us a call for more details.

Other outdoor news!

Superior has a new hiking trail. The trailhead is located right behind NAPA Auto at the north end of River Street. I hiked the 1.3 mile hike last week on a cloudy rainy day and found myself sightseeing and enjoying the beautiful view of the Clark Fork Valley and River. Thanks to the Mineral County RAC and the Superior Ranger District for the great trail—hope more are to come. Cheers.

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day period at N Lazy J Ranch, there was a beginner class, three, five, seven and Open class (the open class allows two riders on a team regardless of their ranking.) The total score of the three rounds – how many cattle a team gets through the gate – are added up and the top five teams (if five teams obtained scores) are paid with prize money.

"I'd say we are obsessed," said Gail Brown of Trout Creek, Montana. "We got to a lot of these and my granddaughter comes all the way from Fort Townsend, Washington to ride."

Brown's granddaughter, 14-year-old Amanda Stewart, and

her niece, 11-year-old Sandra Schaffer, watched as the riders with more expertise rode in the Open Class. They got their chance to shine later in the day during the Beginner class. In the Beginner class, teams are still composed of two members, but unlike the other classes, only the beginner is eligible for prize money and teams are not held to the combined status of seven or lower. The beginner round gives younger riders a chance to hone their skills. Schaffer took first place winning \$30 in Saturday's Beginners Class and second place and \$30 on Sunday while Stewart took fourth on Sunday

earning \$10.

Others used the beginner class to try new horses.

"We just bought them over in Spokane and they haven't seen very many cows before," said Brown. "They are paying attention and aren't jumping away right now so that's a good sign."

Brown and Writer ran their horses in the Beginner Class to see how the horses would do – though they weren't eligible for any prize money because the horses were the beginners, not the riders — but their money raised the pot for the rest of the contestants.

Brown's horse, Latigo, looked solid in his first ever team sorting round, cutting one horse from the heard while

Writer's mare, Chicka, found success with two heads of cattle in the first round.

The first big winners on Saturday, however, were the duo of Franchell Wisnewski and Joe Woldack, taking first place in Open Class and splitting \$362 for their efforts, cutting 14 cows over three rounds. "We were patient," said Wisnewski. "The cows were pretty tough so we just had patience and waited and got it done."

Wisnewski said that depending on the cows and how they react, some cows are really easy to move. Other times the team has to step back and play defense against the cows and not bring anything up out of the herd other than the good cow (the cow wearing the number

you're trying to move.)

"That's what Joe and I did," said Wisnewski. "We just waited until our cow got by itself and shot it through, leaving the rest of the cows back and avoiding getting disqualified."

The biggest earner over the two day festival was Gary Habeck who drove home with a \$1,152.85, in prize money, or nearly 10 percent of all of the prize money awarded.

"It was just bopping around here this weekend," said Jerry Jones, Superior resident and owner of the N Lazy J Ranch with his wife Mary Ann. "People came and had a good time, won some money and met up with old friends, what else could you ask for in a weekend?"

Team Sorting Results

Cash Prizes for all classes except Beginner are for each contestant
Saturday

Class: Open

Place	Team	Prize
1st	F. Wisnewski & Joe Woldack	\$316.35
2nd	Roy Rasmussen & Gary Habeck	\$189.75
3rd	Gary Habeck & Barry Nelson	\$126.5
	Payout:	\$1265.20

Class: Beginners

1st	Sandra Schaffer	\$32
2nd	Linda Habeck	\$25.65
3rd	Kimmy Nelson	\$19
4th	Troy Jones	\$9.50
5th	Troy Jones	\$8.55
	Payout:	\$94.70

Class: # 7 Class

1st	Cress Mummert & Gary Habeck	\$307.50
2nd	Joe Wolderl & Kipp Belt	\$225.50
3rd	Franchell Wisnewski	\$184.50
4th	Merle Browning & Gary Habeck	\$123
5th	Jerry Louterback & Cal Edwards	\$102.50
6th	Franchell Wisnewski & Kipp Belt	\$82
	Payout:	\$2050

Class: # 5 Class

1st	Patty Waldock & Joe Waldock	\$236.25
2nd	Kristy Neslon & Mike McMahon	\$173.25
3rd	Peggy Miler & Kriss Frank	\$141.75
4th	Mitch Miller & Gary Habeck	\$94.50
5th	Karl Ohs & Roy Rasmussen	\$78.75
6th	Joe Enger & Wanda Enger	\$63
	Payout:	\$1575

Class: # 3 Class

1st	Donna Smith & Linda Hamilton	\$202
2nd	Louis Ragg & Donna Smith	\$151.50
3rd	Elliene Burchett	\$101
4th	Cole Jeske & Patty Writer	\$50.5
	Payout:	\$1010

Sunday

Class: Open

1st	Brad Schoph & Larry Kane	\$274
2nd	Moe Browning & Gary Habeck	\$205.50
3rd	Roger Brea & Lee Meyers	\$137
4th	Roger Brea & Larry Kent	\$68.50
	Payout:	\$1370

Class: Beginner

1st	Tucker Dra	\$40
2nd	Sandra Scheffer	\$30

3rd	Troy Jones	\$20
4th	Amanda Stewart	\$10
	Payout:	\$200

Class: # 7 Class

1st	Bill Black & Mark Stevens	\$282.20
2nd	Cal Edwards & Donna Smith	\$224.10
3rd	Peggy Miller & Larry Kane	\$166
4th	Moe Browning & Gary Habeck	\$83
5th	Brody Chadwick & Bonnie Brown	\$74.70
	Payout:	\$1660

Class: # 5 Class

1st	Sara Miller & Mike McMahon	\$218.75
2nd	Chrissy Nelson & Gary Habeck	\$125.35
3rd	Cole Jeske & Gary Habeck	\$87.50
	Payout:	\$863.20

Class: # 3 Class

1st	Krispy Nelson & Jessica Ekegren	\$172.50
2nd	Jessica Ekegren & Kinny Nelson	\$103.5
3rd	Gake Brown & Patty Writer	\$69.50
	Payout:	\$691.00
	Saturday Payout:	\$5994.90
	Sunday Payout:	\$4784.20
	Total Payout:	\$10779.10



ROUND EM UP



Team Sorting at N Lazy J in St. Regis, July 1-2, 2006

WANTED

When all was said and done, and the dust had settled at N Lazy J Ranch in St. Regis, over \$10,000 in prize money was given away, old friends had a chance to catch up, and new friendships were formed as a weekend's worth of team sorting came to a close.

"It's like a big family out here," said Sara Miller, a 19-year-old contestant from Kalispell. "It's like a family reunion every time we go to an event. We're all a great big family with our ups and downs like any other family."

The sport can be an expensive one – when you account for gas, travel, entry fees into events and the like – but no one seemed to care on Saturday morning as riders prepared for the first ride of the day.

"It's a very addicting sport," said Miller. "We are ready to get out there and win some money. It's kind of like gambling, but you're gambling on yourself and the cows."

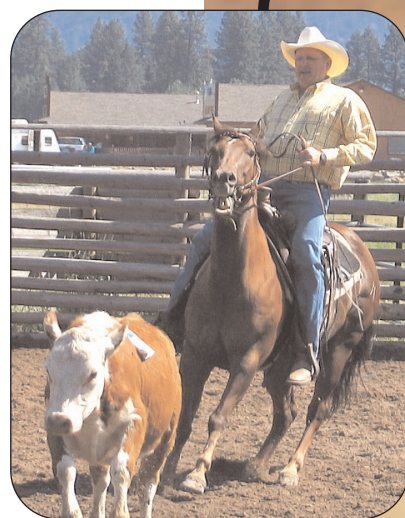
In Saturday morning's "Open," the first event of the weekend, 28-teams consisting of two contestants each entered to try their luck at sorting 10 head of younger cattle from one holding pen to another while on horseback.

Each match is broken into three 60-second rounds. It starts with the announcer calling out the number of the cow that the two-member team needs to drive from one pen to another. When the team enters the pen holding the cows, an electric eye triggers the clock, giving the team 60 seconds to move as many head from one pen to another. Think of nine-ball pool where, for instance, if the three ball is the first to fall, the rest of the balls need to fall in order, four through twelve.

An interesting twist is that during any round, if a team lets a cow through the gate that isn't in sequential order, the team is disqualified for the rest of the match and has no chance at any of the prize money.

Riders are ranked on a scale of one to seven, with seven being the absolute best. In some matches of team sorting, a numbered class is given and a team of two riders can not add up to more than seven. Over the two

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Al Ray, Henderson NV, riding Dizzy



Brad Schoepf, Kalispell, riding Kirby.



Sara Miller, Kalispell, riding Reba.



Roy Rasmussen, Helena, riding Hickory



Brad Schoepf, Kalispell, riding Kirby.



Franchelle Wisnewski, Kalispell, riding Shooter