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Artist Paints Wibaux in the Wind

By Carmen Hahn

Sunday morning, a young man was standing with his easel near the underpass for protection from the winds.

Upon closer look he was painting a street scene of Wibaux. The artist's name was Philipp Ringli, who grew up in small-town in Switzerland. He went to Zurich University of the Arts and became a graphic designer, but like all free spirits, they tend to bolt for greener pastures and that's when Philipp went to America.

He designed the logo for the Giger Room at the legendary Lighthouse club. As time went on, Phillip felt he was stuck in fast forward in New York and needed a little peace, so he returned to Switzerland, where he founded his own design agency.

His passion for the outdoors garnered him the name "PeakHunter", where he made the world's first digital summit log. He then realized his true calling was not the business world and technology, but that of an artist.

He studied portraiture and figurative art with Charles Cecil in Florence, Italy, which made him a firm believer in working from life.

"A painting is made up of more than canvas and paint, it carries the energy of the moment," he said.

From there he started to explore

En plein air, which is a French expression meaning "in the open air." This refers to the act of painting outdoors with the artist's subject in full view.

It was after Florence that he started to explore pleinair landscape painting and traveling to paint.

This journey he is on started in Boston, MA., and will conclude in Whidbey Island in Puget Sound, north of Seattle, WA, all the while he will be stopping along the way to pleinair paint.

He stated, "more Americans pleinair paint than in Europe."

To see more of his artwork, you can follow him on Instagram philippingli.



What's Happening With The Wibaux Wind Farm Project?

By Terrance Unrein

At AES, our guiding purpose is "accelerating the future of energy, together." In the course of developing, owning and operating more than 550 wind, solar and energy storage projects across 26 states, we've learned how to develop and build projects that create win-win outcomes for local residents and communities.

I'd like to provide some information and updates about the Wibaux Wind Farm, where it stands today and what lies ahead. The Wibaux Wind Farm is a proposed 235 MW facility to be located entirely on privately-owned land in Wibaux County. The facility will quietly

generate enough carbon-free, cost-competitive electricity to power nearly 100,000 homes. This project is in the early stages of its public engagement and permitting processes, and there's ample opportunity for meaningful public input ahead.

Depending on a variety of permitting, interconnection, commercial and supply chain variables, construction of the project could begin in 2025 and be completed in 2026/2027. In addition to producing electricity, the project is forecasted to generate more than \$58 million in new tax revenue for the county that will support local infrastructure, services and schools over the life of the project. This estimate represents more than a 35 percent increase in Wibaux County's tax base. It would also create as many as 200 good-paying jobs during peak construction and permanent operations jobs at the facility, as well as other direct and indirect economic benefits such as local spending.

We're also beginning to work with your County Commissioners with the goal of developing a framework agreement of conditions and minimum required benefits. Our approach in near-term meetings with Wibaux County leaders is to "put our money where our mouth is" by offering manda-

tory project restrictions paired with minimum community benefit thresholds that AES would be required to fulfill.

Regarding process, currently we are conducting the impact analyses, public review and disclosure that's required by the National Environmental Policy Act and led by the Western Area Power Association, which owns the existing transmission line and substation where the project would connect to the power grid.

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American History Is Vital For Our Future!

By Jim Davidson



If you truly knew the unique history of the United States of America, you would not only love our country, but teach your children to love her as well.

I do and I do!

A Florentine navigator by the name of Amerigo Vespucci first came to this land, as well as South America from 1497 to 1504, and both continents are named for him. Our story really began in 1607 with the first English settlement of Jamestown on land that is now part of the state of Virginia, but this settlement fell on hard times and only lasted a few years. The history of what is now the United States of America really began in 1620 when the Mayflower carrying more than a hundred Puritans from England landed at Plymouth Rock, now part of the state of Massachusetts. They arrived in the dead of winter, and the weather was so brutal they stayed aboard the ship until conditions improved. When they were able to come ashore, they began to carve out a place to live and began a new life.

The Puritans were deeply religious people. They were being persecuted by the Church of England, so they first went to Holland, but conditions and the threat of war caused them to leave there and look across the Atlantic Ocean to a new land. In time, there were

13 colonies in North America, and they would later form the basis for a new nation. But these people were still subject to the British Crown and the Brits had followed them to their new home. In time, because the nation of England was deep in debt, they taxed the colonists on every piece of paper and property they owned. The English also built garrisons to house British soldiers to keep order and police their activity. In short order, they began to chafe under British rule and their main complaint was that they had no voice in the matters that affected their lives. Soon the cry went up, "No Taxation Without Representation."

The first act of defiance was the Boston Tea Party, a political event that occurred on December 16, 1773, at Griffins Wharf in Boston, Massachusetts. They dumped 342 chests of tea imported by the British East India Company into the Boston Harbor. It showed Great Britain that the Colonists would not tolerate taxation and tyranny sitting down, so they rallied patriots across all 13 colonies to fight for their independence. It is here that we read familiar names of men who got involved in the protest that would soon become war, The Revolutionary War. These are names most of us will recognize: Samuel Adams, George Washington, Patrick Henry, Benjamin

Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Benedict Arnold, who would later become a traitor and join the British forces.

These men met in Philadelphia in 1774 for the First Continental Congress and they must have had a good planning session, because they met again on July 4, 1776, where they declared our Independence. Today we call July 4th our Independence Day. Obviously, they won the war, and our nation would later be involved in many other wars: Spanish-American, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and Desert Storm. In all, 560,810 Americans would die and pay the ultimate sacrifice for the cause of Freedom. Freedom has never been cheap.

Jim Davidson is an author, public speaker, syndicated columnist, and Founder of the Bookcase for Every Child project. Since its inception in the Log Cabin Democrat in 1995, Jim's column has been self-syndicated in over 375 newspapers in 35 states.

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They must be an issue of public interest and preferably concern one topic only. Letters should be brief and to the point. Please add your name and address on each letter to the editor or we won't print the letter.

We reserve the right to edit the letters for length as well as taste and libel. Letters should be typed or legibly written.

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UPCOMING SALES

Friday, June 21 - Regular Sale

Friday, June 28 - Regular Sale

Friday, July 5 - NO SALE

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GOLDEN VALLEY MANOR

By Mary Barthel

June 6: Word and Communion was held in the chapel Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. with Seminarian Colton Steiner.

Exercises were held at 10:30 with Vera as our leader.

Due to high winds, our planting of our front flower beds did not get done last week, so today they were planted. Steve, Mike, Marlys, Peg, Jules, Bonny helped along with the residents to get the job accomplished.

Devotions with Grace Church were held in the evening at 7:00 o'clock.

June 7: Friday is Hair Day. This week's volunteer lady was Mary Ann.

The afternoon social was held in the gathering room at 2:00 p.m.

June 8: Our Saturday morning walk took off at 10:15 Our walk leader this week was Tiffany.

Reading Hour was held in the activity room in the afternoon. Aleta filled in for Jo who was not feeling well. When the reading was over, chocolate chip cookies were shared with her readers along with their coffee.

June 9: Catholic Communion was distributed in the chapel Sunday morning at 9:15. Then the Our Lady of Grace Mass was viewed via livestream with Fr. Adam. The First Lutheran Service followed the Catholic Mass. After a delicious Sunday meal prepared by Nikki, the United Community Church service was viewed in the activity room.

June 10: Our Monday morning walk leader was Tiffany. Tiffany and the residents walked the halls at 10:15 to get their morning exercises in for the day.

June 11: Exercises with Vera were held on Tuesday morning at 10:30.

In the afternoon, a birthday party was given for all those who celebrate June Birthdays. A Retirement Party for Aleta was also held honoring Aleta for her nearly 5 years of service at the Golden Valley Manor. Aleta was our faithful assisted living night shift gal who kept everyone safe and sound. She will be missed! Music for the party was provided by Cliff Walter.

Devotions with Pastor Ahrendt were held in the evening in the

chapel.

June 12: The community walk took our resident shoppers downtown Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. Groceries and errands are typically done on this day.

Bingo was held in the activity room with St. John's Church. Jim was the lucky blackout winner! Our hosts were Janet, Yvette, and Rosemary. For dessert they served strawberry shortcake with coffee.

A nondenominational Bible Study was held in the evening in the activity room.

Spring is a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can be... the skies are bright blue, the trees are budding, and the sun is bright. Live life in full bloom. Have a great week!

HODGES NEWS

By A.L. Anderson

Wednesday (May 29) had lunch with Diane, Carole, Arlene, Nancy and Sharon. Then Carole and I went to Wibaux to get the flowers off my family's graves. Before going home, we had to stop at the Tastee Hut for ice cream. That evening, no electricity again for a little while—had to find candles and flashlights again.

Friday morning (May 31) there was a nice group of us for breakfast. There was Carole, Hannah, Arlene, Brooke, Marlene, Vi, Eula and Sharon. Brooke had more pictures of her and Bill's wedding. We plan to have Brooke's birthday party on June 29 at Yellowstone River Inn.

Our condolences are with the family of Ann Heubert, who died May 28, 2024. For many years, she had coffee with a group that met at the Jordan Café. After the Jordan closed down, sometimes Anne had the group at her home. She was a wonderful person to know.

Tim and Trish are hoping to have their home finished this Fall. Caleb is busy working at Reynolds Market. I do not see much of them – they are so busy.

Carol and I went to visit Vi in the hospital Monday afternoon (June 3). We visited with her family that is with her too. After that, I went to 9 Lives Ceramics

for a couple hours and watched Brooke, Tana and Sharon unpack greenware. They had about half of the 126 boxes unpacked when I left. There was greenware all over in the garage and downstairs. After I got home, the electricity was off again for a short time.

OBITUARIES



JENSEN

Beverly Jean Jensen, 68, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours on June 8, 2024, at home in Missoula after a short but courageous battle with cancer. Bev's life was defined by her unwavering love for her family. She fought with immense determination, cherishing every moment she could spend with her loved ones. Born on August 8, 1955, in Glendive, Montana to Richard and Agnes Miesaloski, Bev grew up on the family farm in Wibaux, Montana. It was there that she developed her strong values of family and work ethic, which guided her throughout her life. While attending grade school and high school, Bev excelled both academically and athletically, particularly in track and basketball. In 1973, she graduated as the valedictorian of Wibaux County High School.

After a brief stint at UPS, Bev discovered her true calling as a mother. She welcomed her first child Britt in '76 followed by Jens in '82, Dane in '83, Eric in '84, Traci in '85 and after moving to Missoula, her last child Earl in '92. While raising six children she had various jobs while handling all errands, appointments, practices and events six kids would demand. As her children grew older, Bev pursued her second purpose in life. She returned to school at Montana State University, where she

earned her nursing degree with a remarkable 4.0 GPA. Despite the demands of her studies and frequent travels between Missoula and Bozeman, she graduated at the top of her class. After working for some time at First Care Community Hospital, she moved to the NICU, where her first calling, being a mother, came full circle caring for the most delicate babies. Eventually she moved on, and for the last 17+ years of her career, she dedicated herself to the psychiatry department at St Patrick Hospital, never compromising on her strong work ethic, continued to work until her passing.

Bev had many hobbies including cooking (and enjoying a good meal of course), reading, traveling, playing games and watching movies with her family, attending sporting events including her absolute favorite being Griz football games. Above all, Bev cherished her role as a mother and grandmother. She leaves behind a legacy of love and strength.

She is survived by her mother Agnes, sisters Mary (Rick) and Lori (Jim), brothers Frank and John, children, Brittony Ater, Dane Jensen (Chilo), Eric Jensen (Allie), Traci Shaffer (Jeff), Earl

Jensen (Rachel), too many nieces, nephews, cousins to name and her biggest passion later in life, her ten prized grandchildren. She was the true matriarch of our big family and although her absence creates a void in our hearts and will be missed every day, we are thankful for the time we spent with her before the Lord came calling. She can now give Jens a big hug for all of us.

A Celebration of Life will be determined at a later date. Being the angel she was, in lieu of flowers, Bev's wishes were for donations to go to the Wounded Warrior Project and if you aren't already, to be an organ donor.



SOKOLOSKI

Donald "Don" Paul Sokoloski, age 84 of Wibaux, MT passed away Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at Glendive Medical Center with his family by his side.

A Vigil Service was held Sunday, May 19, 2024 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Wibaux. Mass of Christian Burial was Monday, May 20, 2024, at St. Peter's Catholic Church with Father Jijo Alapatt.

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EXTENSION CALANDER

June 24: 4-H Fairground clean up day and 4-H interviews

June 24: Master Gardener Classes Start

June 25: 4-H OREO group meets in Cody, Wy.

July 1: Rabbit Photos are due
July 20: Eager Beaver Jackpot show

July 22: Tri-County Weed Tour

Prairie Fare: Are Flowers in My Yard Edible?

By Julie Garden-Robinson, NDSU Extension food and nutrition specialist

Be sure that you do your homework before exploring the use of edible flowers on your menu.

"I will have some hibiscus lemonade," I said.

That sounded interesting to me as I perused the menu. Maybe the attractive flowers would translate to a pleasant flavor, I thought.

The beverage was pinkish in color and had a cranberry-like flavor. I liked it. I have tried lavender lemonade and rose-infused beverages. Soup with floating squash blossoms was novel to me, too.

I am seeing an increasing number of beverages and foods crafted with the addition of flowers.

As I admired the colorful flowers in my yard, I pondered the ones that might be safe to eat.

Sometimes, certain parts of the plant are safe, while other parts are not. For example, lily of the valley, amaryllis, crocus and hyacinth are toxic. Enjoy looking at them and sniff their aroma, but do not taste them.

Remember safety first. Before you become overly adventuresome sampling the flowers, weeds or mushrooms you find, be sure you can identify the plants correctly. Find a reliable resource about edible plants or a friend with specialization in horticulture.

Do not guess on the edibility of plants you find in nature.

When you identify edible plant foods, be sure that the flowers have

not been sprayed with pesticides, subjected to lawn chemical drift or fertilized with manure recently.

Flower bouquets from the grocery store and nursery flowers are not the type to add to your menu. Culinary flowers are available in some locations, or you could grow your own so you know how the flowers have been raised.

I planted nasturtiums this year because their peppery flavors are a tasty addition to salads. Bright gold Bachelor buttons add visual interest and flavor to recipes. Most flowers also contain some vitamins A and C with few calories.

Pansies with their bright cheery "faces" are edible, and they impart a "grassy" flavor according to some sources. Dark purple pansies might make your tongue turn purple or blue, by the way.

The landscaping favorite, day-lilies, are edible and some people enjoy the petals in frittatas, stir-fry and pasta dishes.

If you planted squash, remember that the blossoms are edible and can be used in a variety of ways. Try adding them as attractive and edible garnishes. Incorporate squash blossoms into pasta dishes or quesadillas, or stuff them with cheese or seafood, dip in batter, and then air-fry.

If you eat the blossoms, your crop of zucchini or other summer squash will become manageable, too.

Dandelions are considered a nuisance in lawns, but the leaves and flowers can be used in salads. Dandelions also can be used to make wine.

Rose and daisy petals are edible and are attractive additions to desserts. Rose petals can be dried and used in beverages.

Use edible flowers at their peak of freshness. Avoid blossoms that are past their prime, as evidenced by wilted or faded colors. Avoid eating the anthers and pistils (usually at the center of the flower) because they have a bitter flavor. Rinse the flowers with cool, running water and place on paper towels to gently dry, then refrigerate until use. For a fun twist on beverages, freeze edible flower petals with water in an ice cube tray then

add to beverages. Freeze the edible flowers, herbs or fruit in an ice ring and add to a punch bowl.

Start small if you decide to try some flowers in teas, other beverages or foods. Some can cause allergic reactions or stomach upset. Lilac flowers are edible with a fragrant aroma, as are apple and plum blossoms. Be sure to go lightly when using lavender because lavender flowers have a perfume-like flavor.

What if you want to enjoy flowers longer than they last outdoors, but you are a bit leery about eating them? You can dry them and use them as home decorations.

If you receive a beautiful bouquet of roses, remove them from the vase before they wilt, flip the bouquet upside down and tie with a string and hang in a cool place with good air circulation. Then display in a vase or make potpourri by adding an essential oil. Display in a bowl or make sachets.

You can preserve some floral memories by pressing your favorite small flowers between two layers of wax paper and place them within the pages of a book or under a flat heavy object. Be patient, though. The flowers take at least a week to dry this way. Laminate them to make bookmarks.

Be sure that you do your homework before exploring the use of edible flowers on your menu.

I planted lavender this year, and here's a simple lemonade recipe. You can perk up a lemonade recipe with the addition of other summertime favorites, including fresh berries, basil or mint.

Lavender Lemonade

¼ cup fresh lavender flowers (not treated with pesticides)

1 cup sugar

2 cups boiling water

1 ½ cups freshly squeezed lemon juice (about 6 lemons)

2 cups cold water

Ice (frozen with edible flowers if desired)

Wash your hands and dry thoroughly. Place the lavender flowers in a heat-resistant bowl, add sugar and press sugar into the blossoms with your fingers. Pour 2 cups of boiling water over the sugar-flower mixture and allow to stand at least 30 minutes. While waiting for the lavender syrup to steep, rinse the lemons, cut in half then use a juicer to squeeze them. Add the juice to a

serving pitcher. Strain the lavender syrup through a fine-mesh strainer into the serving pitcher. Add cold water and ice. Add extra water and/or sugar to adjust to your preferred sweetness.

Makes six servings. Each serving has 140 calories, 0 grams (g) fat, 0 g protein, 37 g carbohydrate, 0 g fiber and 5 milligrams sodium.

To Help Baby Animals Survive, Leave Them Alone

By Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

They look so cute and helpless. But your efforts to help could end up harming the animal and reducing its chances to survive.

It's important to understand that wildlife care for their young much differently than humans. One strategy that some species, particularly those species typically preyed upon by other animals (deer, rabbits, birds), use is to distance themselves from their young for many hours at a time. This helps to keep predators away from their young. For example, fawns are

born without a scent, and it is safer for them if their mother, who has a scent, is not nearby. This also can potentially distract a predator into focusing on the doe rather than its offspring.

Wild animals thrive better where they have plenty of natural habitat (food, water, shelter, space). The potential to spread wildlife disease is also a good reason to leave young wildlife alone. Baby ground squirrels, racoons and rabbits can carry zoonotic diseases, which means diseases that are infectious for humans. Examples include plague, hemorrhagic diseases and tularemia.

If you see a baby animal, whether a goose or a grizzly, keep your distance and leave it alone. Handling baby animals can be dangerous, and usually once young animals are picked up by people they can't be rehabilitated.

FWP does not accept, hold or rehabilitate moose, deer, elk and most other animals, including waterfowl. If you bring a deer or elk to FWP, you'll be asked to take the animal back to the site where it was found. If the animal can't be returned, it may need to be humanely euthanized.

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ONLINE ONLY: 24 Residential Lots	Horace, ND	June 21 - 26, 2024
ONLINE ONLY: 38.11 Acres Hunting	Clay County, MN	June 25 - 28, 2024
120 Acres Crop/Pasture/Hay	Ward County, ND	July 16, 2024
159.65 Acres Cropland	Richland County, ND	July 17, 2024
WRITTEN BID: Potato Warehouse	Walhalla, ND	Bids Due By: July 17, 2024
WRITTEN BID: Potato Warehouse	Walhalla, ND	Bids Due By: July 24, 2024
208 Acres Pasture/Hunting	Sheridan County, ND	August 20, 2024

UPCOMING EQUIPMENT AUCTIONS

Farm Retirement Equipment	Online Only	June 18 - 25, 2024
Johnson Estate & Classic Car	Online Only	July 9 - 16, 2024
Johnson Farm Retirement Equipment	Kintyre, ND	July 23, 2024
Len Sadler Memorial Classic Car Auction	Bowman, ND	July 27, 2024
Upper Midwest Equipment	Online Only	August 7 - 14, 2024
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Obituaries

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SOKOLOSKI

Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Don was born October 14, 1939 to Frank and Verna (Peplinski) Sokoloski at what was known as the Lee place southeast of Wibaux with his aunt, Helen (Sokoloski) Tocher assisting as midwife. The family moved to the "home place" 17 miles south of Wibaux when he was 4 years old. Don attended eight years of grade school at the

South Center Country School, 2 miles from his home. He then attended Sacred Heart High School in Miles City, MT, graduating with the Class of 1957. While attending high school, he stayed at the hospital where he worked for his room and board. Don participated in numerous sports, excelling in football and baseball.

After helping his parents for a short time at the farm, Don was drafted into the Army, spending 13 months in Korea. Upon receiving his Honorable Discharge, he began working for Farmers Union Oil Company in Beach, ND. During this time, he met the love of his life, Muriel Gasho of Trotters, ND. They were married November 21, 1964 at St. John's Catholic Church in Beach. The following September, Mark was born and John followed in 1966. The family moved to his parent's farm in 1966, where he enjoyed farming and ranching. In 1970, Mathew joined the family. During this time, Don served on numerous committees including the School Board, the ASCS Board and the Honor Guard at military funerals.

In 1980, Don went to work for the United States Department of

Agriculture and in 1984, he became an auditor and classroom trainer for the Federal Crop Insurance Program based out of Great Falls, MT. He retired in 1994 and returned to Wibaux.

Don enjoyed a good game of any kind of cards, especially pinochle, but most important were his religion, family and the "good ole USA". Don was an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers and loved attending his boys' and grandchildren's sporting events.

Don was preceded in death by his parents Frank (1967) and Verna (2001); two brothers Floyd (2000) and James (2014) and two sister, JoAnn (Smith) (2017) and Veronica (1942).

Don is survived by his wife of 59 years, Muriel; three son, Mark (Lana) of Billings, MT, John (LaNee) of Wibaux and Mathew (Kim) of Glendive; his grandchildren Kayleigh Straub (Lane), Jaylen (Megan), Marisa, Bryn, Tai, Trey, Anney, Taden and Ashlyn, plus six great grandchildren.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.



SCHULTE

Larry Leon Schulte, 86, of Golva, North Dakota, peacefully slipped off to paradise to be with his parents, sister, son, and granddaughter on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

Larry was born in Beach, North Dakota, on April 28, 1937, to John and Madeline (Baughman) Schulte. He was the older brother to Delbert (1944) and Carolyn (1945). Larry attended grade school at the Clark Country School and graduated from Golva High School in 1955. It took him an extra year to graduate, having missed a significant portion of his junior year due to rheumatic fever.

After high school, he joined the

Army and was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, spent time in Korea, and returned home to Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Larry always said that his ship to Korea made good time, but coming home, it took its time. While in Korea, he made some friends that he had for life, and for many years, he kept in touch with them via live chats on the computer. Larry even attended a few reunions with those buddies. During his time in Korea, he was a helicopter crew chief, flew model airplanes, and learned the love of flying in general. He had a pilot's license for many years, and before giving up his license, he took all of his kids for one final flight.

After most of his kids were out of the house, he started building radio-controlled model planes again. His prized plane was one he made from yardsticks; it was huge. He joined a flying club in Glendive, Montana, and loved the airshows. Apparently, at one airshow, he and another pilot had the same radio frequency, so Larry was "controlling" someone else's plane—it didn't end well.

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Wibaux County Commissioners Work Out Wibaux Clinic Leases, Discuss Road Crew Hours and Personnel Training

Monday, May 6, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. with Edward Anderson, Al Knight and Darin Miske present.

Met with Road Supervisor Tim Barthel to discuss road business. Commissioner Knight made a motion to approve purchasing bulk diesel fuel at \$2.95/gallon for the road department before fiscal year end from the Wibaux Coop. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve road department working four 10-hour days from May 1 to October 31. Commissioner Knight seconded the motion. Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Met with Landfill employee Tom Booth to discuss proper receipt procedure. Summer landfill hours will be every Saturday 9:00 to 4:00 and every Wednesday night from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

A wage compensation board meeting has been scheduled for May 20 at 3:00 p.m.

Telephone call to Amy Bieber with Wheeler, Bieber & Associates to request a new audit contract for the county.

Telephone call to Mitch Olson with Olson Plumbing to confirm the start date to fix the courthouse

plumbing issues. Plan is to begin by May 20.

Reviewed and signed commissioner minutes for the month of April.

Reviewed tractor lease between fair board and the county. Commissioner Knight made a motion to sign lease for fair board to use county tractor. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Transfer of Monies to the State Between Wibaux County and the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services Senior and Long-Term Care Division. Commissioner Knight seconded the motion. Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Telephone conference call with Chad Swanson with AV Capture to review subscription plans and equipment requirements for recording and storing the commissioner proceedings as required by state law.

Recessed at 12:00 Noon. Reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Attended MACo Property and Casualty Trust renewal meeting for 2024-25 via zoom.

Telephone conference call with Rachel Buzanowski and Karen Budd-Falen with the Budd-Falen Law Firm to discuss the progress

on the potential zoning.

Reviewed contract with AV Capture. Commissioner Knight made a motion to sign contract with AV Capture for audio recording and storage of commissioner proceedings. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Friday, May 10, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session at 10:00 a.m. with Edward Anderson and Darin Miske present. Al Knight was present via telephone.

Met with Karen Budd-Falen with Budd-Falen Law Firm. Also attending over Zoom representing Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) were Greg Liebelt, Evan Bekkedahl, John Russell, Brian Pauly and Matthew Cox.

Wibaux County asked to be listed as a cooperating agency which would help us express any concerns with this project such as road use, effects on wildlife, health concerns, EMS 911 repeater, and overall impact to our county. We are waiting for that decision from WAPA.

Conducted a second Zoom meeting with WAPA, SWCA Environmental Consultants and AES Energy representatives. Present at this meeting were Rachel Buzenowski with Budd-Falen Law Firm, Brooke Marcus, Corinne Lytebonie, Brian Moser, Greg Liebelt, Evan Bekkedahl, John Russell, Brian Pauly and Matthew Cox. This meeting addressed the concerns of Wibaux residents, and we will receive a written response as soon as possible to those concerns.

Monday, May 13, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. with Edward Anderson, Al Knight and Darin Miske present.

Reviewed Fair Board meeting minutes from the April 10 and April 26 meetings.

Reviewed the Wibaux Conservation District meeting minutes from the April 2nd and April 10th meetings.

Commissioner Knight made a motion to sign notice of termi-

nation of lease between Wibaux County and the Fallon Medical Center. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to sign letter on behalf of Wibaux County to the Montana Coal Endowment Program (MCEP) to submit application for funding assistance for replacement of the Pine Unit Road Bridge. Commissioner Knight seconded the motion. Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Per the procurement policy, the inflatable rental agreement for the fair was reviewed. Commissioner Knight made a motion to approve down payment for the fair inflatable games with Games Galore for \$3,440.62. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to sign Task Order #25-07-6-11-058-0 between State of Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and Wibaux County for delivery of services from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025 for the PHEP Grant. Commissioner Knight seconded the motion. Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Commissioner Miske reported on the Town Council meeting he attended on May 9. The Town of Wibaux does not require a building permit for the work at the Splash Park site.

Met with Road Supervisor Tim Barthel to discuss progress on road projects, cattle guard replacements and road blading.

Recessed at 12:00 Noon. Reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Telephone call with Rob Gardner of AES Energy to try and set up a day for a meeting to discuss the county's concerns on the proposed wind farm.

Reviewed county ambulance monthly report for April 2024. Monday, May 20, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session, at 10:00 a.m. with Edward Anderson, Al Knight and Darin Miske present.

Met with Road Supervisor Tim Barthel to discuss road business.

Met with David Seitz, Jamie Larson and Amanda Begger with Seitz Insurance to review the Property Casualty Trust renewal rates for workers compensation.

Reviewed and signed Task Order #25-07-1-01-146-0 between the Department of Public Health and Human Services and Wibaux County. The Strengthening Public Health Workforce grant is for the school nurse.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to appoint Mike Welsh, Annika Lunde and Linda Crampton to the post-election audit committee for the 2024 Primary Election. Commissioner Knight seconded the motion. Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Telephone call with Arnette Harris with the Museum Board to receive updates on the progress of the new museum shed.

Letters of support that have been received for the Pine Unit Bridge were forwarded to Adam Hagel with Stahly Engineering.

Recessed at 12:00 Noon. Reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Attended a preconstruction meeting for the Senior Center/Food Bank in the courtroom. Cody Johnson with Olson Plumbing & Heating, Jeff James, Sean Seisse and Gentry Lemerond with B&B Builders Inc., Wayne Reid with Frontier Heating and Jason Nelson with Prairie Electric were present. Durward Sobek with Space Planning for People was also present. Robie Culver with Stahly Engineering attended via zoom. Construction is set to begin June 17, 2024.

Telephone conference call with Karen Budd-Falen and Rachel Buzanowski with the Budd-Falen Law Firm to discuss our scoping request.

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Commissioners Meeting
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The scoping request will be published for residents of Wibaux County to give feedback on possible zoning regulations.

Held the annual wage compensation board meeting. Russ Houck, Trudy Burk, Clerk of Court Mike Schneider, Sheriff Shane Harrington and Clerk and Recorder Jodee Chaffee were present. The current Consumer Price Index calculation released for 2023 is 4.1 percent.

Attended the Council on Aging meeting held in the courtroom at 4 p.m.

Monday, May 27, 2024

No meeting held today due to holiday.

Friday, May 31, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:00 a.m. with Edward Anderson, Al Knight and Darin Miske present.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve payroll against the county for the month of May. Commissioner Knight seconded the motion. Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried. TOTAL PAYROLL TO BE PAID 5/31/2024: \$269,851.37.

Commissioner Knight made a motion to approve claims against the county for the month of May. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried. CLAIMS GRAND TOTAL: \$262,638.11.

Per procurement policy, Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve purchase of six cattle guards for \$16,200.00 from Hauck Sales and Services. Commissioner Knight seconded the motion. Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Per procurement policy, Commissioner Knight made a motion to approve quote for courtroom video conference equipment from DIS Technologies for \$3,566.99. Commis-

sioner Anderson seconded the motion. Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Reviewed and approved cemetery deed for Dorothy Begger.

Reviewed school nurse report for the month of May.

Reviewed invoice from Wibaux Coop for bulk diesel delivery of 10,000 gallons at \$2.95 per gallon.

Reviewed and signed the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan and Grievance Procedure Notice for the Department of Commerce.

Reviewed the ambulance run report for the month of May.

Reviewed minutes from the Wibaux Cemetery Board meeting on April 8, 2024.

Reviewed and approved the monthly ambulance report for April 2024. Commissioner Knight made a motion to approve encroachment permit for Montana Dakota Utilities on Log Cabin Road North. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve cyber insurance renewal quote in the amount of \$7,669.00. Commissioner Knight seconded the motion. Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Reviewed the minutes from the preconstruction meeting for the Senior Center and Food Bank that was held on May 20, 2024.

Reviewed encroachment permit requests needed by Reservation Telephone Cooperative (RTC) when installing fiber optics.

Reviewed clinic agreement with Glendive Medical Center.

Discussed clinic agreement with Fallon Medical Center.

Discussed the problems with the phone system at the Wibaux Library.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 31, 2024.

s/s Darin Miske, Chairman

Attested: s/s Jodee Chaffee, Clerk

OBITUARIES

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His family secretly loved to see him fly his model planes, but joked about how dangerous it was to be in the area because dive bombing was inevitable, and then the plane he had spent months building would be in sticks. He still always had a smile on his face as he hauled the wreck back to the spectators.

After getting discharged from the Army and before meeting Shirley, Larry lived in Glendive and was a cement truck driver. He was pretty proud that he could meet people on the Bell Street Bridge in that truck.

Larry met his bride-of-64 years, Shirley Watembach, and they were married within six months. After they were married, they moved to Kenosha, Wisconsin, and Larry worked for American Motors. They lived in a 27-foot trailer, right next door to some of Larry's mother's relatives. It is said that they could reach out their kitchen windows and hand things back and forth between the trailers. In that trailer, Larry overhauled a motorcycle engine—right in the living room. While in Kenosha, their oldest son, John (1960), was born. Their next move was to Wibaux, where Larry was co-owner of City Service Garage and they welcomed their second son, Jim (1961). From Wibaux, they moved back to Golva and lived with Larry's parents while they waited for the Fred Kremers family to move to their new farm. Larry and Shirley welcomed Darrel (1963), and, soon after, they moved onto the Emma Geary farm, purchasing it in 1978.

While living at their farm, they welcomed Dennis (1965) and Susan (1967). Living in Golva, Larry was a plumber, ditch digger, grave digger, and bus driver. His favorite job of all was being a bus driver. He loved seeing all of the kids each day. One year, the school gave him a jacket with his bus driving statistics. Larry wore that jacket almost every day; he was wearing it on September 1 when he checked into the hospital.

Upon retirement and moving to Beach in 2015, Larry remained active. At least once a day he would go to Cenex for coffee, and he was a regular for lunch and coffee

at Buzzy's Café. He also became a very dedicated docent at the Golden Valley County Museum. He took great pride in being very thorough when he gave tours; his favorite visitors were his grandson, Brandon, and his young buddies.

When Larry and Shirley began to struggle with their health, they moved from their apartment up to the Golden Valley Manor. Larry took a special liking to playing corn hole. He also enjoyed making many crafty things with his favorite gal, Mary Kay. One of the many perks at the Manor for Larry was that he was just a few steps away from the Chapel so he could attend Mass easier, and he could say the Rosary with other residents. When there wasn't Rosary in the Chapel, he made sure that he and Shirley said it in the evening—a habit they had formed many years earlier.

Larry is survived by his wife Shirley; his oldest son, John of Dickinson, ND; son Darrel (Heidi) of Hebron, ND; son Dennis (Christine) of Ocean Shores, WA; and daughter Susan (Jerry) of Circle, MT; daughter-in-law Lori Schulte of Golva; brother Delbert (Sherry); brother-in-law and sister-in-law David and Diane Watembach; sister-in-law Joan Berger; special family friend Susan Zier; his grandchildren Su-

zanne, Lewis, Derek (Amy), Dan (Tabetha), Kevin, RaeAnn (Ken), Brandon, Theodore (Grace), Danielle, Wyatt, Kyle, Chris (Amber), Crystal, Catarina (Paxton), Jeremy (Melissa), Josh (Leigha), Jesse (Sarah), Kiffin, and Kayla; and many great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his parent, John and Madeline; sister Carolyn; son Jim; granddaughter Courtney; father-in-law and mother-in-law John and Florence Watembach; sister-in-law Jean Schulte; brother-in-law Don Berger; and brothers-in-law and sister-in-law Dominik, Ralph, and Dorothy Job.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 20, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Golva. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 21, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Adam Maus officiating. Rite of Committal will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.



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- July 12:** Parade & PRCA Rodeo
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LOOKING BACK

Compiled by Gloria Nelson

June 24, 1954

LIST OF FILINGS FOR WIBAUX COUNTY PRIMARIES FOR 1954: State Senator: Oscar Nesvig, Democrat, incumbent. State Representative: J.C. (Clem) Parker, Democrat, incumbent. County Commissioner: First District, Erv Breitenfeldt, Republican, incumbent; William (Bill) Zinda, Democrat. County Clerk & Recorder: W.E. Manning, Democrat, incumbent. County Treasurer: Gloria Wosepka, Republican; Richard L. (Dick) Nistler, Democrat. County Attorney: None. County Assessor: K.W. Baird, Republican, incumbent. County Sheriff: A.H. (Arleigh) Meek, Republican, incumbent; Philip J. Zinda, Democrat. Superintendent of Public Instruction: Ray S. Eisenbart, Republican, incumbent. No Coroner, or no Justices of the Peace feud in this county.

One of the prettiest church weddings of the season was that of Miss Mary Ann Barthel of Wibaux, and Mr. Raymond Marman of Glendive, which took place June 19 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. John Leahy officiating at the impressive double ring ceremony. The bride entered the church on the arm of her father to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march played by an old friend of the Bartel family, Mr. Martin Schillo of Golva (ND). Her gown was Chantilly lace over white satin made with old fashioned skirt with hoop and bustle, long lace sleeves ending in points at wrist, fingertip veil with sweetheart crown covered with lace at back. She wore a two-strand pearl necklace and matching earrings, gift from the bridegroom. Preceding the bride and her escort were Pauline Finneman, niece of the bride, who carried a basket of rose petal, and Dennis Geiger, who carried the satin pillow on which rested the rings, made by the bride's mother. Miss Anita Tschida, a friend of the Barthel family, accompanied by Mr. Schillo, sang "Ave Maria" and "Pones Angelcus." Miss Lillian Barthel, sister of the bride, acted as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Lillian Barthel,

sister of the bride; Lorita Marman, sister of the groom; Mrs. Betty Harper, sister of the groom; and Mrs. Audre Barthel, sister-in-law of the bride. The groom wore a light summer suit. Those attending him were Donald Marman, brother of the groom; Donald and Raymond Barthel, brothers of the bride; and

Archie Harper, brother-in-law of the groom. Ushers were Lawrence Barthel and Mike Geiger. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony /Barthel and is a 1949 graduate of the Wibaux County High School. Since graduation, she has been employed at the First National Bank for the past 5 years. The bridegroom Raymond Marman is the son of Mrs. Katherine Marman and is a graduate of Beach High School. He served in the Navy for 4 years and is now employed with Hi-Ball Contractors of Glendive.

WEATHER REPORT from June 13-20: High: 78, June 19. Low: 39, June 20. Precipitation: .11, June 16; Trace, June 17.

Hodges News: Gregory Bonilla of Billings was down here to visit his sister Mrs. Peer Rodriquez while he is home on furlough from the Army.

June 27, 1974

Linda Rae Begger and Wayne Beddow exchanged wedding vows June 15, 1974, in 2:00 o'clock afternoon ceremony at St. Phillips Catholic Church. The couple pledged their vows in a double ring ceremony officiated by Father Michael Kelly. Mark and Michael Begger, brothers of the bride, served as altar boys and Ron Conrad was Lector. Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Begger of Wibaux, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Beddow of Glendive. Mrs. Virginia Begger, sister-in-law of the bride, was organist. Jim Haas of Glendive, friend of the groom, was soloist. Guests were seated by Rick Peuse and Gary Edwards. The bride was given in marriage by her father and mother. She was attired in a gown of lace over satin, made with an Empire waistline, high neck and Juliette sleeves. The full skirt had a ruffle around the bottom which extended into the train. The Cha-

pel train was gathered to a lace and pearl adorned headpiece. She wore pearl earrings, gift from the groom. Cynthia Begger, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Cecelia Kreitingner, a cousin; Ann Beddow, sister of the groom and Susan Begger, sister of the bride. Carla Jo Kahl, cousin of the bride, was flower girl. The groom was attended by Jim Hurning, his friend from Glendive. Groomsman were Lewis and Neil Beddow, brothers of the groom, and Robert Begger, brother of the bride. Ring bearer was Andy Begger, brother of the bride. A dinner and reception was given by the bride's parents for 230 guests in the St. Philips hall. Laureen and Joyce Begger, sisters of the bride, attended the guest book. Mary Begger and Gail Bakken, cousins of the bride, served punch. Serving the bride's table were Jean Marciniak and Geryl Miske. The bride is a 1972 graduate of Wibaux County High School and is a student at Montana State University. The groom graduated from Dawson County Hi and Eastern Montana College, Billings. They will return to Wibaux for the Fall term of school at WCHS where the groom is a member of the faculty, teaching and coaching.

WEATHER REPORT from June 9-23: High: 95, June 20. Low 34, June 11. Precipitation: .27, June 9; Trace, June 10; .47, June 21.

Hodges Happenings- By Alida Herigstad: Shelly Amunrud of Sidney is visiting her cousins the Lunde children.

June 24, 2004

On June 2 and 3, the Wibaux Junior High, along with Nancy Nelson-Farber, Pat Garneau, Jan Huisman and Gordon Pinnow, made a field trip to Billings to tour the Montana State University-Billings campus and Rocky Mountain College campus. The group stayed overnight at the Quality Inn and had some "fun" shopping, swimming, and eating while they were in Billings. The trip was made possible with a Gear Up Grant to the Wibaux Public Schools. Pictured are the students and Ms. Nelson on the steps of one of the buildings on the Rocky campus: Danikka Harrell,

Ms. Nelson, Kevin Connaughton, Andrew Barthel, Jeremiah Garneau, Kalen Gentry (who was a guest on the trip), Elise Dukart, Melissa Franz, Sara Bacon, Jackie Bushman, Justin Qualley, Jessica Bakken, Lindsay Franks, Samantha Qualley, Ivan Hansen, Derrick Hartse, Zach Taylor. Travis Bertelsen (Photo by Jan Huisman)

Will J. Cale and Kent Kahl were included on the Spring Semester 2004 Honor Roll at Montana Tech in Butte. To achieve honor status, students must be enrolled full-time with a minimum of 12 credits and a Grade Point Average of at least 3.25. Cale is the son of Curt and Ilene Cale of Wibaux. Kahl is the son of Chuck and Judy Kahl of Wibaux.

Chad Peplinski of Beach maintained a 3.25 or better Grade Point Average to be included in the Spring semester Honor Roll at Montana State University-Northern. He also had to carry a minimum of 12 credits at the Havre higher education institution. Chad is the son of David and Sandy Peplinski.

The Hodges Connection - By A.L. Anderson: I traveled to Sidney to pick up some greenware at Creative Ceramics for the ceramic class at the Boys and Girls Club. I had a good visit with Jan Riek, owner of the shop, before coming home.

Golden Valley Manor News - By Elaine Ordahl: June 12: Darla Maus from Golva visited Jennie Rost and they joined the coffee group. Jennie and Ruth Johnson accompanied Margaret Streitz to the pinochle party held at Marie Nistler's on Tuesday. Others in attendance were Elizabeth Finneman, Violet Schmeling, Bernice Kreitingner and Christine Finneman. Darrell Schmeling also visited with Jennie.

Weather from June 13-19: High: 76, June 14. Low: 26, June 18. Precipitation: .10, June 13.

Roberta Amsler and Mary Ernst traveled to Bismarck on June 5 to take part in the American Diabetes Association Walk for Life. After the walk, a benefit auction was held with many donated items from individuals and businesses. A total of \$5,000.00 was raised from the event. Roberta and Mary

would like to thank everyone who made a contribution from Wibaux.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Town of Wibaux will meet July 11, at 5:00 p.m. at the town office. **Senior Center** serves meals Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. for ages 60 and over, suggested donation is \$3. Thursdays suggested donations is \$4.

Wibaux Food Bank is open on the second Thursday of each month at Senior Center from 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

School Board will meet Tuesday, July 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library.

Wibaux Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, July 1, at 5:00 p.m. at Shamrock.

Ombudsman at Action for Eastern Montana. Erika Doss, available at (406) 345-2124.

Glendive Drivers Exam Station is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Closed at noon for lunch. Must have an appointment. Please call 406-444-1772.

Thank You

The family of John Kahl would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who attended his memorial service and for the cards we received.

Thanks to the Alter Society for the delicious lunch was greatly appreciated.

Also thank you to Rick Miske who performed the service.

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Yvette Troyer
Stacy Kahl
Jared Kahl

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Date	High	Low	Prec.
Jun. 5	69	47	
Jun. 6	67	43	
Jun. 7	71	47	
Jun. 8	77	48	
Jun. 9	72	44	
Jun. 10	76	46	.033
Jun. 11	71	52	.07

WAY BACK

Compiled by Gloria Nelson
June 19, 1924

UNITED IN BONDS OF MATRIMONY

On Wednesday of this week Chas. W. Kirkpatrick and Miss Elsie Carlson both of Sentinel Butte, N. D. were united in the bonds of matrimony by Judge Wm. Cummings at the Chappell Hotel Parlors. The witnesses were Mrs. Wm. Cummings and Mrs. Martha Kirkpatrick. The young couple left the same day for their home at Sentinel Butte.

Phillip O'Leary of Ironwood, MI., Mr. Baldwin of Ironwood, MI., and Mr. Ouchittia of New Blomberg, NY., all friends of A. G. Starr, member of the Wibaux Club are here visiting.

RETURNS HOME

H. J. Darby returned the latter part of last week from an overland trip to Circle, Lambert, and other points in that vicinity where he took a party of land seekers.

He reports crops looking just fine everywhere he went.

TERSLEY TOLD TOWN TOPICS

Miss Catherine Costello who has been teaching the Eldridge school the past term made a trip to Beach Wednesday last and from there she left for Butte and other Western points where she will spend the summer with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zopfi and family returned home from Champlain, Minneapolis and other Minnesota points where they have been visiting relatives and friends. They made the trip overland.

Mrs. Carter, wife of Dr. Carter of Thermopolis, Wyo., arrived last week to visit with her sister Mrs. Parker. Mrs. Carter was formerly Miss Mary Roy of this city.

Wibaux was visited by good soaking rain on Wednesday of this week, which was considered just what was needed. So at this time prospects for bumper crops this fall look better than they have for a number of years.

Miss Josephine James entertained the young people of the Congregational Church at her home last Thursday evening. A very pleasant evening was spent in music, Bible study and election of officers of the Young People's meetings.

Dr. O. R. Niece and family autotoped up from Beach Sunday to witness the game between Wibaux and Sidney.

Charlie Milnor, formerly of Wibaux, accompanied the baseball boys down from Sidney on Sunday last, to renew old acquaintances.

LAMESTER NEWS

Denny Morris and Harold Morris made a trip to Sentinel Butte on Sunday last.

Mrs. George Lake and children have moved out to their farm for the summer.

Jack Gray was a pleasant caller at Brockmeyer's Tuesday evening.

Archie Wells and family were callers at the Sartz home last week.



The 4-H campers, parents and volunteers who helped make the 4-H Camp Needmore in Ekalaka fun and full of happy memories. Thank from the Wibaux County Extension

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The scoping request will be published for residents of Wibaux County to give feedback on possible zoning regulations.

Held the annual wage compensation board meeting. Russ Houck, Trudy Burk, Clerk of Court Mike Schneider, Sheriff Shane Harrington and Clerk and Recorder Jodee Chaffee were present. The current Consumer Price Index calculation released for 2023 is 4.1 percent.

Attended the Council on Aging meeting held in the courtroom at 4 p.m. Monday, May 27, 2024

No meeting held today due to holiday.

Friday, May 31, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:00 a.m. with Edward Anderson, Al Knight and Darin Miske present.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve payroll against the county for the month of May. Commissioner Knight seconded the motion. Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried. TOTAL PAYROLL TO BE PAID 5/31/2024: \$269,851.37.

Commissioner Knight made a motion to approve claims against the county for the month of May. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried. CLAIMS GRAND TOTAL: \$262,638.11.

Per procurement policy, Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve purchase of six cattle guards for \$16,200.00 from Hauck Sales and Services. Commissioner Knight seconded the motion. Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Per procurement policy, Commissioner Knight made a motion to approve quote for courtroom video conference equipment from DIS Technologies for \$3,566.99. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Reviewed and approved cemetery deed for Dorothy Begger.

Reviewed school nurse report for

the month of May.

Reviewed invoice from Wibaux Coop for bulk diesel delivery of 10,000 gallons at \$2.95 per gallon.

Reviewed and signed the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan and Grievance Procedure Notice for the Department of Commerce.

Reviewed the ambulance run report for the month of May.

Reviewed minutes from the Wibaux Cemetery Board meeting on April 8, 2024.

Reviewed and approved the monthly ambulance report for April 2024. Commissioner Knight made a motion to approve encroachment permit for Montana Dakota Utilities on Log Cabin Road North. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve cyber insurance renewal quote in the amount of \$7,669.00. Commissioner Knight seconded the motion. Commissioner Miske asked for any other discussions; being none. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Reviewed the minutes from the preconstruction meeting for the Senior Center and Food Bank that was held on May 20, 2024.

Reviewed encroachment permit requests needed by Reservation Telephone Cooperative (RTC) when installing fiber optics.

Reviewed clinic agreement with Glendive Medical Center.

Discussed clinic agreement with Fallon Medical Center.

Discussed the problems with the phone system at the Wibaux Library.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 31, 2024.

s/s Darin Miske, Chairman
Attested: s/s Jodee Chaffee, Clerk

Wibaux Wind Farm Continued from page 1

This assessment will provide critical information on the impacts and mitigation measures for the project, including visual, noise, shadow flicker, wildlife and habitat, local communication infrastructure, roads and socioeconomics. We will also be scheduling at least one additional public meeting to gather

input and answer questions in the months ahead.

Based on feedback we heard in the April town hall meeting, as well as from County Commissioners and the Wibaux County Conservation District, we're optimistic. Our intent is to go well above and beyond the minimum legal requirements for this project to forge a mutually beneficial and enduring partnership with the citizens of Wibaux County.

AES is not just the developer of the Wibaux Wind Farm; we'll be the long-term owner and operator. Our commitment is to be a good neighbor and partner to the residents, leaders and businesses of Wibaux County for decades to come. And that's what we mean when we say we're accelerating the future of energy, together.

Terrance Unrein is the senior director of wind development for AES' US Renewables Business. Information about the Wibaux Wind Farm can be found at our project website, where anyone can submit comments or questions regarding the project directly to the AES project team. Go to www.aes.com/montana/project/wibaux-wind-farm.

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SCHULTE

The evening of Saturday, February 17, 2024, Shirley Ann Jean Kathleen Watembach Schulte, 85, peacefully left her earthly life, while holding her Rosary and her granddaughter, Danielle's hand at Richardton Health Center in Richardton, North Dakota,

Shirley was born to John and Florence (Sinz) Watembach on December 30, 1938, at the family

home south of Wibaux, Montana. She joined an older sister, Joan, and was followed by a brother, David, and a sister, Dorothy. Shirley attended the South Center Country School for grade school, and then she and her siblings moved into a boarding house in Wibaux to attend high school. She babysat the Bruski and Meek children to earn her spending money; earning 50 cents a week babysitting was like earning a million dollars in her eyes. "Shurdy" had many great stories from her babysitting days.

After high school, Shirley moved to Beach, North Dakota to work in Gordon Olson's bakery. It was there that she learned her famous skills of making homemade bread and potato donuts. While working at the Bakery, she met her future-husband, Larry and they were married within six months of meeting one another. Larry and Shirley welcomed their first son, John," Nine months, 21 days and X number of minutes" after they were married (she loved to tell people that, except she knew how many minutes and seconds it was too) with Jim, Darrel, Dennis, and Susan joining the family within the next seven years.

Shirley enjoyed her job as a full-time, stay-at-home mom until the Fall of 1981, when she was volunteered to be the cook for Golva Schools. Larry was a member of the school board. It was just days before school was to start, and there was still nobody to cook for the kids. Larry came home from the board meeting, and Shirley asked if they had gotten a cook, Larry said, "Yes." Shirley was quite surprised when she asked who the cook was, and he told her it was her. She took on the job for 1 year, which actually turned into over two decades of baking fresh buns daily. During those years as the cook, she earned many honors and became the president of the North Dakota School Food Service. As president, she traveled to many national conventions. At one convention, Shirley met Governor Bill Clinton from Arkansas, and at another she met the Olympic gymnast Mary Lou Retton and brought home an autographed photo for Susan (all of the other mothers/cooks thought it was so kind of Shirley to get that photo, but her real reasons were that a photo was

easy to pack, and Susan was absolutely nauseated by Mary Lou, so it was the perfect gag gift; that stupid photo is probably still in a box somewhere in Susan's house). After Shirley and Harry Honda retired from the school, she spent her time crocheting, sewing, and creating plastic canvas creations.

Shirley's faith was always important to her. In the 1970's, she was a part of the neighborhood ladies group that got together at someone's house each week and said the Rosary (and then ate a yummy dessert and visited for a bit—never gossiped, though). Later on, she and Larry said the Rosary each night before they went to bed.

Shirley is survived by her oldest son, John of Dickinson, ND; son Darrel (Heidi) of Hebron, ND; son Dennis (Christine) of Ocean Shores, WA; daughter Susan (Jerry) of Circle, MT; daughter-in-law Lori Schulte of Golva; sister Joan Berger; brother David (Diane) Watembach; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Delbert (Sherry) Schulte; special family friend Susan Zier; grandchildren, Suzanne, Lewis, Derek (Amy), Dan (Tabetha), Kevin, RaeAnn (Ken), Brandon, Theodore (Grace), Danielle, Wyatt, Kyle, Chris (Amber), Crystal, Catarina (Paxton), Jeremy (Melissa), Josh (Leigha), Jesse (Sarah), Kiffin, and Kayla; and many great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband Larry; her parents John and Florence Watembach; son Jim; granddaughter Courtney; father-in-law and mother-in-law John and Madeline Schulte; sister-in-law Jean Schulte; sister-in-law Carolyn Michael; brother-in-law Don Berger; and brothers-in-law Dominik and Ralph Job.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 20, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Golva. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 21, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Adam Maus officiating. Rite of Committal will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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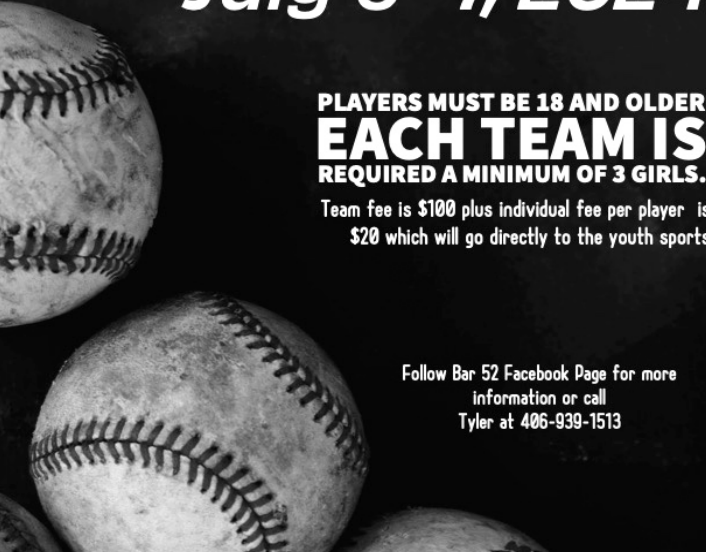
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Baker Hosts Mid-Rivers Annual Meeting and Customer Appreciation Event

Press Release

Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. members gathered at the Fallon County Fairgrounds in Baker, Montana, on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, for the Mid-Rivers Annual Meeting. Items of business included electing three Cooperative Trustees, informing members of the cooperative's financial performance and future plans, and awarding scholarships to area students.

Steve Zachmann, Mayor of Baker, gave the welcome speech and thanked Mid-Rivers for hosting the event in Baker. Pastor Mike Davis gave the Invocation and Benediction.

Trustees Rub Reukauf of Terry (District 7), Dane Castleberry of Ekalka (District 8) and Allan Sevier of Glendive (District 9) were re-elected to three-year terms. At the Board of Trustees' organizational meeting held after the Annual Meeting, Dave Rice was elected President, Nick Schultz Vice President, and Charlie Ahlgren Secretary/Treasurer.

Mid-Rivers' General Manager/CEO Michael Candelaria provided an update on the financial condition of the cooperative. He reported that the Cooperative is currently in a financially strong position to serve its customers and has been proactive in positioning the Cooperative to remain strong into the future. Candelaria also gave an update on the status of the Cooperative's long-term fiber build out plan where he announced that the plan is ahead of the schedule to build fiber to as many customers as possible, sharing maps of completed and planned construction projects.

During the meeting, nine door prizes including iPads, AirPods, a Nintendo Switch, a VR headset, a DJI Drone, and cash prizes were handed out through a drawing of registered members in attendance.

Mid-Rivers awarded 16 \$1,000 scholarships to qualifying students attending the meeting. These scholarships are offered to any student attending a higher education institution in the fall of 2024, whose parent or guardian is a member of the Cooperative and who has not previously received a Mid-Rivers Scholarship. Originally there were 15 scholarships available; however, the Board of Trustees made the executive decision to award a \$1,000 scholarship to all 16 eligible students in attendance.



Recipients of the 2024 Annual Meeting Drawing Scholarship were Saraya Afrank, Jaiden Dulin, Taylor Gallo, Conrad Hess, Connor Higbee, Brady Hoverson, Jack Layton, Mitchel LePage, Katelyn Moberg, Brie Mullin, Riley Phipps, Cole Rost, Lorena Shaw, Christianna Wall, Alex Williams and Elisabeth Wills. Mid-Rivers Higher Education Scholarships are funded by unclaimed capital credits. Montana Law requires that after 5 years, capital credit payments that remain unclaimed be placed into a fund for educational use. Mid-Rivers has chosen to use these funds for scholarships and educational grants to members.

Following the meeting, 332 guests and community members joined Mid-Rivers for a Customer Appreciation Lunch prepared by local food trucks Bogey's BBQ, The Chef, and T's Traveling Table.



Tryan Knight and Dylan Knight wish to thank Tyler Hutchinson for putting on the drawing to help cover costs to National Junior High Rodeo Finals scheduled June 23-29 in Des Moines, Iowa. Pictured left to right are Tryan Knight, Tyler Hutchinson and Dylan Knight. Photo by Lorrie Knight.

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