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11th Annual Dandelion Foundation Color Fun Run

Community Action

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The Dandelion Foundation mission is to prevent child abuse, neglect, and family violence in North Central Montana. The organization was established in February 2011. Its

On June 6th, they held the 11th Annual Dandelion Foundation Color Fun Run. The proceeds from the race support the important work of the Dandelion Foundation in its efforts to end child abuse and family violence. This family-friendly event featured a 1-mile run and a 5K, with competitive timing added this year. Registered participants received T-shirts and color packets, while children received capes. Volunteers threw nontoxic color powder during the race, and Frosty of Montana was on site selling ice cream before and after the event.

This year, 220 community members participated and raised just over

\$13,600. After expenses, the Dandelion Foundation netted nearly \$6,800, which will be reinvested into the community to fund training and support for other nonprofits that assist children and families.

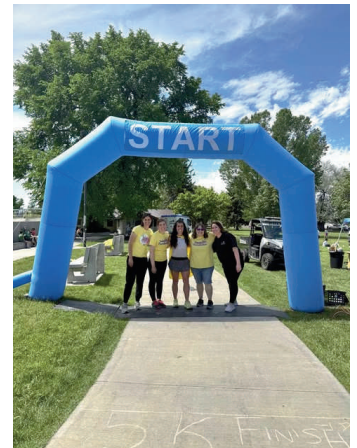


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Neighbors helping neighbors is a local listing where you can find ways to assist others in your local community. By working with local non-profit organizations, we can reach out to people in need safely and help ensure people's needs are met.

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\$150 towards her need. Therefore, we are seeking help with the remaining balance of \$150.62. If you are able to assist with this need, please give our office a call at 406-750-2542 and let us know how you can help. Remember, you are not required to provide all of the needed funds, rather simple tell us how much you wish to donate towards her need. Thank You! The identification number is: 21269.

My Neighbor in Need - Update: Hard-working single mother of three, is in need of a gently used/clean couch and gently used/clean loveseat. She recently moved into her own place and does not have the needed funds to purchase the needed items. Update: A kind donor reached out to us and provided the needed loveseat therefore, we are asking for help with the couch. If you are able to help with this need, and have a used/clean couch and you would like to help, please call our office at 406-750-2542 and let us know how you would like to help. Thank you so much. The identification number is: 21258.



Great Falls Community Food Bank - The Great Falls Community Food Bank is in need of Chef Boyardee, cereal, Skillet Meals, beverages, canned fruit, cake mixes, snacks, sugar, cooking oil, and condiments. Any and all items are greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at 1620 12th Ave N between 7 am and 3:30 pm, or call (406) 452-9029.

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House Fire in Great Falls Linked to Spontaneous Combustion of Wet Grass Clippings

By Karen Anderson: June 18, 2026 - Great Falls, Mt



Photo credit Great Falls Fire Department

At 5:21 a.m., Great Falls Fire Rescue was dispatched to a reported structure fire at 308 29th Avenue NE. Officers from the Great Falls Police Department arrived first and confirmed that all occupants had safely evacuated the residence. Truck 2 was the first fire apparatus on the scene, discovering that the attached garage was fully involved in

flames, with fire extending into the attic space of the home.

Crews from Truck 2 initiated an exterior fire attack while awaiting additional resources. Upon the arrival of Engine 4, firefighters transitioned to an interior attack through the garage and quickly extinguished the main body of the fire. Engine 1 arrived shortly thereafter and was tasked with extinguishing the attic fire, successfully bringing it under control with minimal extension. Firefighters had the fire under control within 15 minutes of their arrival.

The investigation revealed that the fire originated on the exterior of the residence near the garage. The flames spread into the garage and then into the attic space. The

garage sustained extensive fire damage; however, firefighters successfully prevented the fire from spreading into the living areas of the home, resulting in only minor smoke damage.

The cause of the fire has been determined to be accidental, stemming from the spontaneous combustion of wet grass clippings. Great Falls Fire Rescue reminds residents that while rare, wet grass clippings can generate heat as they decompose. If large amounts of grass are piled together, that heat can build up and potentially lead to spontaneous combustion.

To help prevent such incidents, allow grass clippings to dry before piling, bagging, or disposing of them whenever possible.

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Prairie Ponderings - Pondering the Hues of June

By Lisa Schmidt: June 17, 2026 - Conrad, Mt

I awaken to the birds singing their dawn song, a gift from my open window.

It's early - birds in Montana get long daylight hours in June.

I pour a cup of coffee and take the dogs for a stroll.

June is the perfect month for semi-knowledgeable geeks to look at grass in the morning.



The various shades of sage, western wheatgrass and all of the other green prairie plants rejuvenate the land and Lisa Schmidt's heart. Photo credit Lisa Schmidt

Enough cool season grasses are going to seed so they are easy to identify.

Others declare themselves by their hue of green.

As I meander through my pasture, I am struck by so many variations

of green - more greens than a box of 128 crayons.

Western wheatgrass stands out with its signature blue-gray green.

Cows and sheep love western wheatgrass, but it takes longer to mature than some of the other species so I keep my livestock off different pastures each spring until the western drops seeds.

I spot that darned cheatgrass with its red-tinted pokey seedheads in a mix of other green grasses.

They all enjoy the added organic matter from a bale I fed a couple of winters ago. The old hay holds the moisture from a week ago and keeps the ground cool.

The other species are slowly crowding out the cheatgrass, but the cheatgrass has an effective survival mechanism - those seeds will sit in the soil for years until they sense a competitive edge.

Farther along, patches of truer-green-colored bluebunch wheatgrass give me hope.

This is the chocolate chip mint ice cream grass of the northern plains, a favorite of grazers yet easily eaten out of existence.

When I manage my grazing cattle, sheep and horses so that those patches of bluebunch wheatgrass expand, I feel good.

Badger holes document plant succession, too.

Just like a plowed field or cultivated garden, that bare ground offers a perfect bed for new starts.

A few prickly pear cacti claim the center of the mound while globemallow and brave grasses edge in.

Eventually, the grass will sprout within the protection of the prickly pear. It will steal enough moisture and nutrients to kill the prickly pear, but for now, the cactus-green prickly pear thrives.

On north-facing hillsides, the sage offers its own shade of green.

I appreciate the deep roots of the sage that hold the soil in place during gullywashers.

I'd like to see it work a little more often.

Crested wheatgrass slides into a few pockets of pasture.

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Pondering (Continued from page 4)

Once declared the Savior of Savannas, range managers planted it across the West during the 1960s and 70s.

Then they discovered that crested wheatgrass maintains a monoculture where no other plants take root and soil microbes perish.

Like a hero who cheats on his wife, crested wheatgrass fell from grace.

Still, it is the staple of my yard and my go-to grazing in the early spring.

Neon green Kentucky bluegrass flashes its recent spurt of growth.

Last week's rain makes it the Golden Tempo in the rangeland

forage derby.

Bright orange globemallow flowers punctuate the prairie with accent colors in the sea of green.

White death camas flowers have passed their prime.

I breathe a sigh of relief.

None of my sheep must have tasted the deadly poisonous relative of the onion this year.

One year, a 3-year-old ram took a bite of death camas.

Within a few hours, his hind end was paralyzed.

Buds on the prickly pear cacti are bursting. Soon, delicate yellow, pink and orange blossoms will erupt from their spiny leaves.

Caragana bushes that I planted about 15 years ago offer a different version of green, highlighted by tiny yellow blooms.

Those trees are tougher than I am.

I head back to the house for breakfast, refreshed and renewed by June's hues.

Lisa Schmidt raises grass-fed beef and lamb at the Graham Ranch near Conrad. Lisa can be reached at L.Schmidt@a-land-of-grass-ranch.com.

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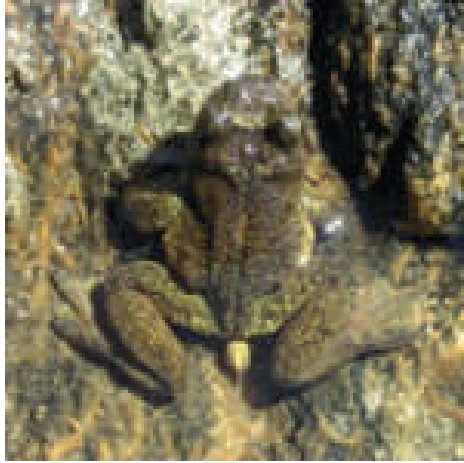
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The Rocky Mountain Tailed Frog, One of Montana's Oddest Amphibians

By Shaydinn Downs: June 5, 2026 - Great Falls, Mt



The Rocky Mountain tailed frog is one of the most interesting species of frog, due to the way they have evolved. Traditionally, a frog would use a call to find their

mate. Due to the sound of constant rushing water in the tailed frog's habitat, they have evolved to not need a call to find their mate, a very unique feature they have developed. These specific frogs have evolved many other different biological features to combat the chaos within their environment. One of them being how they reproduce.

A traditional frog, likely being in still-water such as a pond, needs to rely on external fertilization. This is where a male frog can fertilize a female's egg outside the body. However, the Rocky Mountain tailed frog is unable to. This is due to the rushing water from creeks

and streams washing away the sperm needed for the frogs to reproduce. To withstand this setback, the tailed frog developed what is called an external cloaca, known as the "tail" on the Rocky Mountain tailed frog. A cloaca is a small opening or chamber found in birds, reptiles, or amphibians that has multiple purposes involving the digestive, urinary, and reproductive tract. They use this cloaca to transfer the sperm to the female, where she internally fertilizes her eggs. This is a unique biological feature because there are very few other species of frog/toad capable of internal fertilization.

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Moments in time

* On June 29, 1967, Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards faced charges stemming from the raid of his Redlands estate five months earlier. No drugs were found but he was sentenced to a year in prison, spending just one night there, however, as he was granted bail the next day. His conviction was later overturned.

* On June 30, 1908, a fiery explosion flattened 800 square miles of forest in Siberia's Tunguska region, believed to have been caused by an asteroid or comet. It remains Earth's biggest recorded cosmic collision.

* On July 1, 2003, a female employee at a Colorado resort filed

sexual misconduct charges against basketball star Kobe Bryant. Bryant was questioned by authorities, provided a DNA sample and eventually admitted to what he insisted was a consensual encounter. In early March 2005, he and the accuser settled her civil lawsuit for an undisclosed sum.

* On July 2, 1977, Hollywood composer Bill Conti, a relative unknown in Hollywood, scored a No. 1 pop hit with the single "Gonna Fly Now" (the theme from "Rocky"). The film went on to launch both his and Sylvester Stallone's careers.

* On July 3, 1988, during U.S. naval operations in the Persian Gulf, the U.S. Navy cruiser Vincennes shot down an Iranian passenger jet that it mistook for a hostile military aircraft, killing everyone aboard. The U.S. Navy report blamed crew error caused by psychological

stress on men in combat for the first time, and in 1996 the U.S. agreed to pay \$62 million in damages to the families of those who died.

* On July 4, 1965, more than two dozen LGBTQ activists showed up in front of Philadelphia's Independence Hall for the first "Reminder" gay rights demonstration. While it drew little media coverage, it is now considered a precursor to the wider gay liberation movement.

* On July 5, 1937, George A. Hormel & Company debuted a canned luncheon meat called Spam, which not only gained rapid popularity for its convenience and affordability, but eventually launched annual festivals such as the wittily named Spam Jam and Spamarama.

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Obituaries

Obituary of Wayne Yarger

Celebrating the Life of Wayne Yarger (Papa Wayne)
April 13, 1955 – May 31, 2026

Wayne, affectionately known to most as “Papa Wayne,” passed away leaving behind a legacy of laughter, boundless energy, and an unforgettable enthusiasm for life. Born in Circle, Montana, to Wayne and Verna Yarger, he brought a spark into the world that never truly went out.

Wayne was, without exception, the life of every party—and if there wasn't a party happening, he would simply create one. He approached every day with a “life is good” philosophy and a relentless “get 'er done” mentality. He truly lived life to the fullest, treating every day as if it were his last and inspiring everyone around him to do the same.

Beyond his lively personality, Wayne possessed a deeply giving heart. He had a unique ability to make everyone feel like family, immediately adopting all kids as his own and proving every day that love means far more than blood relation.

"You only live once; no lightweights allowed!" — The Papa Wayne Way



Wayne's greatest joy was his grandchildren. His bright smile and welcoming spirit live on through them, his children, and the countless others who considered him a second father or honorary grandpa.

His family left to cherish his memory includes:

Children: Crystal Cook, Casey Yarger, and Keeli Kryiss (honorary daughter)

Grandchildren: Annie and Chase Cook, Colby and Dayson Yarger

Siblings: Ava (Jim) Higgins, Doug (Barb) Yarger, and Susie Yarger

Nieces and nephews, who affectionately called him "Uncle Wayno": Jesse, Jamie, Missy, Callie, JD, Rachael, Shelly, Chris, Corissa, and Kayla

Wayne has reunited with those who went before him, including his beloved parents, Wayne and Verna; and his siblings, Rae and Dan.

In true Wayne fashion, his family will honor his memory not with tears, but with a vibrant Celebration of Life this fall. Details regarding the time and location will be shared at a later date. Until then, honor Papa Wayne: raise a glass, smile at a stranger, and always remember—life is good!

Condolences for the family can be submitted to www.SchniderFuneralHome.com.



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Obituary of Lenora Ann Graham

Lenora Ann (Norman) Graham, 86, of Great Falls, a retired clerical worker, passed away on Friday, May 8, 2026.

A memorial service will take place at Faith Lutheran Church on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.



Lenora was born on November 25, 1939, in Dodson, Montana. She was raised in Phillips County and Hill County. As a young child, she lived with her parents in the

Dodson and Zortman areas of Montana. Her mother passed away when she was not quite three. She lived with her father; brother, Lee; and Aunt Della (Norman) Fry for a short time. Then she lived with her grandparents until her father's marriage in 1945 to Helen Frances Bailey. Helen became Lenora's "mother of remembrance."

She attended elementary school at Ester Lake in Phillips County and graduated from Havre High School in 1957. She married Carroll E. Anderson in 1958. They divorced in 1971. She married Clifford D. Clark in 1971 and they divorced in 1978. Lenora met Gary L. Graham, and they were married in 1984.

After high school, Lenora went to work as a waitress. In 1964, she worked at John's IGA in Livingston. In 1970, she went to work for Mountain Bell transferring to Great Falls in 1978. After their office closed, she went to work for Bank of Montana in the credit card department until their closure in 1994. She then went to work for Heritage Bank as support group until her retirement in 1999.

Lenora volunteered at Faith Lutheran Church and for the Senior Volunteer Program. She loved

family gatherings, camping, traveling, puzzles, and playing golf.

She is survived by her son-in-law, Dan Sharp of Vancouver, WA; sons, Roger (Monica) Anderson of Vancouver, WA and Randy (Crystal) Anderson of Havre; stepdaughter, Kathy (Bruce) Ronke of Lehigh Acres, FL; stepsons, Marty (Norma) Graham of Great Falls and Greg (Joan) Graham of Pilot Rock, OR; brothers, Lee (Sharen) Norman of Moncks Corner, SC and Wayne (Kristi) Norman of Shepherd; sister-in-law, Judy Norman of Whitefish; 17 loving grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Lenora was preceded in death by her husband, Gary; parents, Luther and Mabel; stepmother, Helen; grandparents; sisters, Rosemary Johnson and Carolyn Richardson; brother, Lester Norman; daughter, Carla Sharp; and a great-granddaughter.

Memorials are suggested to Faith Lutheran Church, 1300 Ferguson Dr, Great Falls, MT 59404.


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Obituary of Garrett Stephen Van Heel

It's with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our son, father, uncle, brother, and friend, Garrett Stephen Van Heel, born on



May 28, 1972. He passed away peacefully on his 54th birthday, surrounded by loved ones.

Garrett was born and raised at the east end of Great Falls, attending school at Sunnyside, Mountain View, East Junior High, and graduating from Great Falls High

School in 1990, with honors. He was an athlete from as far back as anyone could remember, excelling at every sport he decided to play. He was on the field to capture the 1988 state football championship for GFHS and proud to be chosen and play in the 1990 East West Shrine Game.

After graduation, he spent several years in Missoula enjoying college life, ultimately returning to his hometown in the late 90's where he managed several businesses up until his passing. While working at the Sip & Dip he met, fell in love with, and married Emily Wink in October of 2001. Together they shared two wonderful children - Gage and Brooke, and as the world turns, relationships do to, with Emily and the kids moving out to the east coast where they still reside to this day. Emily and Garrett remained close friends until the end.

Garrett lived to enjoy life, always making time for things that brought him happiness. He loved captaining the Hickory Swing Men's Team, organizing annual golf trips to Seely with his brother and friends, and taking part in his fantasy football league each fall. Most of all, he cherished staying close to his son and daughter, even from miles away. Throughout his life, Garrett displayed many admirable qualities, beginning with his competitive spirit in sports. He always aimed to bring home the trophy, whether at a major event or during a GVH vs. WVH wiffleball game where he'd throw at you if he knew the next batter was an easy out. He was easygoing, could make a new friend within minutes, and

had a remarkable ability to listen to others. Everyone who knew Garrett loved him, which is why he will have such a lasting impact and why his absence will be deeply felt.

Garrett was preceded in death by his father, Roderick Van Heel; stepfather, Mark Olson; and grandparents, Ruth and John Frick. He is survived by his children, Gage and Brooke Van Heel; mother, Linda Olson; brother, Wylie (Trish) Van Heel; nephews, Brade and Caleb Van Heel; as well as several stepsiblings, uncles, aunts, and cousins.

The family would like to thank Peace Hospice and their amazing staff for the great amount of dignity Garrett was shown up until the very end, and the droves of people that came and visited him throughout his time and made him smile, lastly a huge thank you to Chris Portor and Todd Clark - the two guys that fought for him in the trenches from start to finish, never giving up on him. We are forever grateful!

Cremation has taken place, and a private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Benefis Peace Hospice, 1101 26th Street South, Great Falls, Montana 59405.

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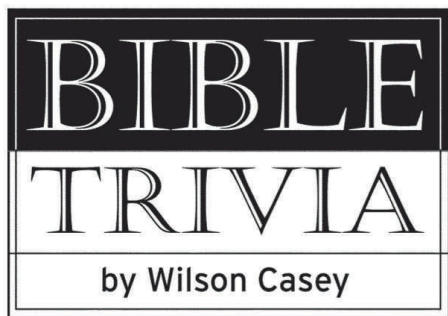
Then he took some
of the seed of the land
and planted it in
a fertile field; he placed
it by abundant waters
and set it like
a willow tree.

EZEKIEL 17:5



Detail of "Peasant with Hoe II" by Georges Seurat (1882)

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1. Is the book of Darius (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. In biblical times, how long did the journey of Ezra ordinarily take from Babylon to Jerusalem? 3 days, 4 months, 2 years, 5 years
3. From Philippians 4, what does the Apostle Paul instruct us to do rather than worry? Cry, Pray, Love, Talk
4. What creature(s) did the prophet Joel have a vision of? Locusts, Flies, Vipers, Leeches
5. From John 18, who asked, "What is truth"? Moses, Paul, Pilate, David

6. In what catastrophe were all of Job's children killed? Flood, Fire, Wind, Stampede

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Four months, 3) Pray, 4) Locusts, 5) Pilate, 6) Wind

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The Emilie Center - The Emilie Center is in need of men's undershirts (all sizes), newborn to 12 mo. clothing, nail clippers, queen sheet sets, deodorant / antiperspirant, silverware & silverware trays, and volunteers. All items, including monetary donations, are greatly appreciated and may be brought to the center at 1920 10th Ave. S., Tues. - Thurs. from 9:00 - 2:30. Please use the back alley and enter through the light-yellow door to make your donations. To contact the Emilie Center for help, regarding donations, or to volunteer, please call 406-771-6695.

Families Helping Families of Great Falls - Families Helping Families of Great Falls is in need of gas cards to enable us to continue delivering food to the Families in need, donors to Adopt families in need and shop for groceries for them, and grocery gift cards. For all donations, please call 406-590-3520.

YWCA Mercy Home - The YWCA Mercy Home is in need of cereal, snacks for kids, coffee, sugar, bottled water, garbage bags, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products, towels, wash clothes, and sunblock. Any and all items are greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate, please call (406) 452-1315 or stop by the YWCA at 220 2nd St N and mention that the items are for the Mercy Home.

Kairos Youth Services - Kairos Youth Services is in need of yardwork tools. The boys at the group home do yardwork at the group home and also help out in the community. Kairos Youth Services would greatly appreciate any rakes, shovels, weed eaters, etc. Any and all items are greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at 625 Central Ave W Suite 205 or call (406) 727-0076.



Peace Place of Great Falls - Peace Place is in need of gloves and hats for kids, children's and adult-sized socks, and craft supplies. Any and all items are greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at 316 6th Street South.

Toby's House Crisis Nursery - Toby's House Crisis Nursery is in need of diapers size 4, Pull-ups size 3T/4T, and baby food veggies and fruits. All donations, including monetary ones, have a tremendous impact on working families and their children. Please drop off items at 421 5th st N or call (406) 770-3191.

Great Falls Clinic Legacy Foundation - The Great Falls Legacy Foundation is in need of volunteers to help with minor housekeeping, such as laundry and bed making, five days a week. Any and all donations, including monetary, are greatly appreciated. Please drop off items at 3004 15th Ave S or call (406) 216-8057.

Family Connections - Family Connections is in need of diapers, wipes, clothes, and toiletries. Any and all donations, including monetary, are greatly appreciated. Please drop off items at 410 Central Avenue, Suite 402.

Family Promise of Great Falls - Family Promise is in need of printer paper, diapers size 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, training pants size 3/4t and 5/6t (boys and girls), baby wipes, macaroni n' cheese cups, pudding cups, small chip bags, canned pasta (ravioli), sugar and creamer (office use), garbage bags (13 gallon), and gift cards (for Good Grades Program). Any and all items are greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at 1019 Central Ave, or call (406) 564-5267.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A change of season reinvigorates the Lamb, helping to overcome the effects of a recent slower-paced period. This is a good time to restate your feelings for a certain someone.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might not like using your authority to correct a workplace situation, but this is what being in charge is all about. Besides, you have people ready to lend support if need be.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your creativity continues to run high and helps guide you to make some fine choices in the work that you're doing. Keep the weekend free for the special people in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't be surprised if you experience a sudden spurt of energy that is strong enough to pull you out of a recent period of indecision and put you back in charge of your own goals.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good time for LEOs and LEONas to set new goals regarding health, educational choices, and possible career moves. The plans you make now could be a blueprint for your future.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might have much to offer to a potential employer, but it can all be overwhelmed by too many details. Let the facts about you speak for themselves without any embellishments.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a good week to balance your responsibilities to your work-a-day world with your obligations to the people who are in your private life. Expect news that could lead to a change in plans.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A changing attitude on the part of a once-determined adversary could cause changes down the line. Be prepared to take advantage of an unexpected new opportunity!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You'd be a truly wise SAGITTARIUS to be skeptical about an offer that doesn't answer all your questions. Even a colleague's testimonial doesn't replace facts that aren't there.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's a good idea to avoid spending money on unnecessary purchases this week in order to keep a reserve against a possible upcoming (but fortunately temporary) shortfall.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) More information is what you should demand regarding a workplace situation that recently came to light. Don't be surprised at who might turn up as one of your supporters.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might still be in a "treading water" mode, but by midweek, a shift in your aspect favors taking a more active role in pushing for the changes that you feel are necessary. Good luck!

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Civic Calendar

Great Falls Neighborhood Council District # 4

Thursday, June 25, 2026 - 6:30 pm
Heritage Baptist Church - 900 52nd St. No

Planning Advisory Board/ Zoning Commission

June 23, 2026 - 3:00 PM
2 Park Drive South, Great Falls, MT
Commission Chambers, Civic Center

Public Works Updates with Les Payne - County Commission

Monday, June 22, 2026 - 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Commission Chambers
325 2nd Ave N Room 105

County Commission Meeting

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 - 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Commission Chambers
325 2nd Ave N Room 105

ExpoPark Updates with Susan Shannon - County Commission

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 - 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Courthouse Annex
325 2nd Ave N

Public Hearing SUP #007-2026 Healing the Circle Lodge, LLC (Now Elk Ridge Recovery, LLC) ZBOA Appeal to Cascade County Board of County Commissioners

Wednesday, June 24, 2026 - 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Commission Chambers
325 2nd Ave N Room 105

Discussion with Public Works - FY27 Budget & Capital Projects - County Commission

Friday, June 26, 2026 - 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Commission Chambers
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Local Weather For Great Falls

NWS Forecast for: Cascade County below 5000ft
Issued by: National Weather Service Great Falls, MT
Last Update: [12:32 pm MDT Jun 19, 2026]

Sunday A slight chance of showers between noon and 3pm, then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after 3pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. West wind 5 to 7 mph becoming north in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Sunday Night A 30 percent chance of showers before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light north northwest after midnight.

Monday Partly sunny, with a high near 69. Calm wind becoming northwest 5 to 9 mph in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 18 mph.

Monday Night Mostly clear, with a low around 43. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable after midnight.

Tuesday Sunny, with a high near 77.

Tuesday Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 47.

Wednesday Mostly sunny, with a high near 84.

Wednesday Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.

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406-788-6104

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Lost Ring



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Pets

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Up to date on shots
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Legal Notices

Legal Notice

Notice of Hearing

**RE: Notice of Summons to
Tyler Robert Bryant in RE: the
final parenting plan by
petitioner: Rachael Elaine
Hayes
Case #: BDR-26-235**

You are named in a petition to
get a final parenting plan for
your children. Unless you
respond in 21 days, the court
may decide against you
without you being heard and
give Petitioner everything
asked for in the petition. You
must submit your written
response within 21 calendar
days. The 21-day period starts
the day after the last date of
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the final day falls on a weekend
or court holiday, you may file
your response on the next
business day. You must file
your written response with the
Clerk of District Court at: **415
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and serve a copy of your
answer on the Petitioner. By
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Notice of Hearing

**RE: Change of Name of a
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Notice is hereby given that a hearing
to change the name of a natural
person, Krystal Nicole Marrero, shall
occur on July 7, 2026 at 11:00 am at
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Courthouse, 415 2nd Avenue North,
Great Falls, MT, 59401 in the
Montana Eighth Judicial District
Courtroom of the honorable Judge
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Notice of Hearing

**RE: Change of Name of a
Natural Person
Cause No. DV-26-0268**

Notice is hereby given that a hearing
to change the name of a natural
person, Ariana Isabel Whitcomb, shall
occur on July 21, 2026 at 11:00 am at
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Additionally, the psychiatrist
would oversee the clinical
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center. Psychiatrist provides
leadership, supervision and
direction to the clinical team,
enduring high quality,
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for patients and maintaining
compliance with regulatory
standards.

Minimum requirements:

Doctor of Medicine (MD)

or Doctor of Osteopathic

Medicine (DO) degree

Training: 4-year residency
from an approved psychiatric
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licensed of eligible as a physician
in state of Montana.

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Attn: Joshua Green

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Suite 200
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MA) -- Prime Video

ON NOW: "Million Dollar Nannies"
(Season 1) -- Hulu

ON NOW: "The Capture" (Season
3) -- Peacock

24-June: "In the Hand of Dante" (R)
-- Netflix

25-June: "Avatar: The Last
Airbender" (Season 2) -- Netflix

25-June: "The Bear" (Season 5) --
Hulu

26-June: "Little Brother" (R) --
Netflix

26-June: "Life, Larry and the
Pursuit of Unhappiness" (Season 1)
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26-June: "Undertone" (R) -- HBO
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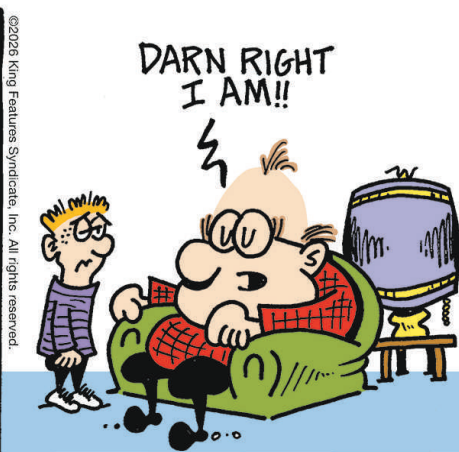
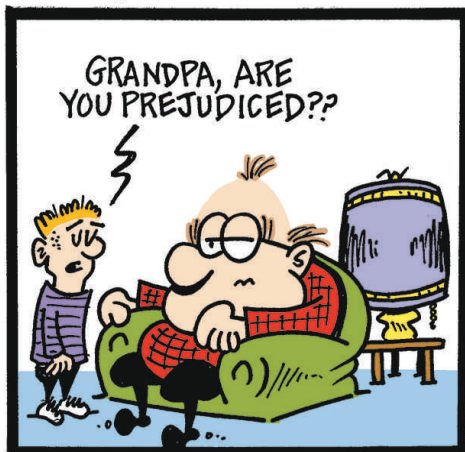
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- ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering





1. U.S. STATES: Which state has the most national parks?
2. ANATOMY: Which blood type is considered to be a universal donor?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which three signs of the Zodiac are considered to be Earth signs?
4. ROYALS: What was Queen Elizabeth's favorite dog breed?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Which continent has a mountain range called The Great Rift Valley?
6. MONEY: What is the basic currency of Russia?
7. TELEVISION: Which long-running TV sitcom features a dog named Comet?
8. MUSIC: How many strings does a standard violin have?
9. GAMES: How many title deeds does the Monopoly game have?
10. SCIENCE: What is the main cause of ocean tides?

Answers

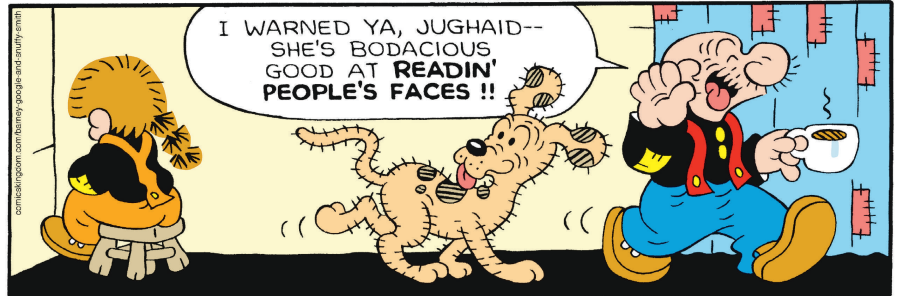
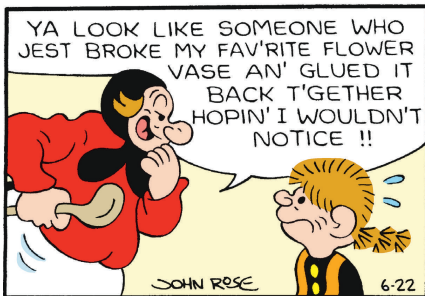
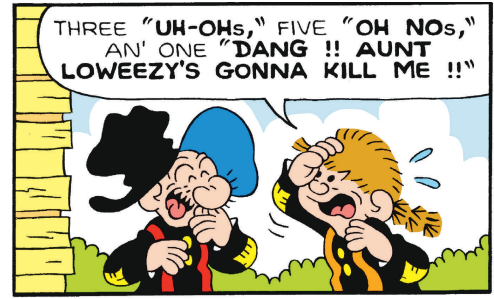
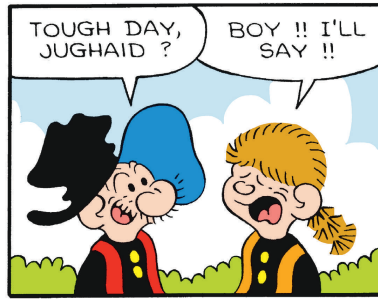
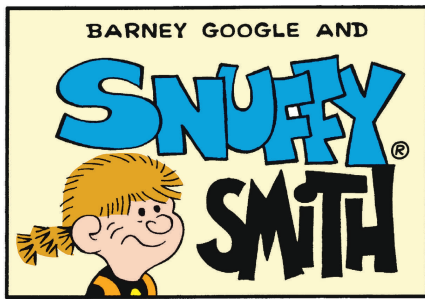
1. California.
 2. Type O negative.
 3. CAPRICORN, TAURUS and VIRGO.
 4. Corgis.
 5. Africa.
 6. The ruble.
 7. "Full House."
 8. Four.
 9. 28.
 10. The gravitational pull of the Moon.
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Super Crossword "LO AND BEHOLD!"

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Police dept. alert</p> <p>4 Celtics, on scoreboards</p> <p>7 Like messy beds</p> <p>13 Beard go-with, for short</p> <p>19 French department head</p> <p>21 Got ready, with "up"</p> <p>22 Epithets</p> <p>23 Refreshing a web page that has detailed contract wording?</p> <p>26 Half a quart</p> <p>27 Meadowland</p> <p>28 Navigate</p> <p>29 It might make you red in the face</p> <p>30 Annual bebop music festival in Sri Lanka's capital?</p> <p>34 Discontinue</p> <p>36 That girl</p> <p>37 It might make you red in the face</p> <p>38 Unbroken</p> <p>39 Basketball-stuffing pros taking part in a zigzag ski race?</p> <p>44 "C'mon, do me this favor"</p> <p>47 Fountain in Rome</p> <p>48 Spoil</p> <p>49 Writer</p> <p>50 Visualize</p> <p>52 "—, vidi, vici"</p> <p>54 Sheriff Taylor's son</p> <p>58 Dol. units</p> <p>61 Becoming less energetic at the disco?</p> <p>66 Barbie's little sister</p> <p>69 "I won't — word"</p> <p>70 Male bud</p> <p>71 D.C.'s land</p> <p>72 Having a boss who will only communicate with you by singing?</p> <p>78 Boxer Laila</p> <p>79 Wanted-poster abbr.</p> <p>80 "Let — already!"</p> <p>81 IRS probes</p> <p>82 Technique of kneading bivalve mollusks before cooking them?</p> <p>87 Big inits. in fashion</p> <p>88 Watering aid</p> <p>89 Rescue</p> <p>90 Big inits. in fuel additives</p> <p>92 This, in Lima</p> <p>96 "Golly!"</p> <p>99 Dog tether</p> <p>102 Maligns</p> <p>105 Girls' shirts worn as part of a classroom dress code?</p> <p>110 Province west of Sask.</p> <p>111 "Nope"</p> <p>112 — kwon do</p> <p>113 Born as</p> <p>114 Strauss opera performed correctly in every detail?</p> <p>117 Europe-Asia border river</p> <p>119 Tree yielding chocolate</p> <p>123 Zodiac feline</p> <p>124 Actress Teri</p> <p>125 Repainting all your yuletide ornaments black and white?</p> <p>131 Prairie canine</p> <p>132 Taken illicitly</p> <p>133 ID attached to luggage</p> <p>134 Unfurled, e.g.</p> <p>135 Trunks</p> <p>136 That girl</p> <p>137 Hurly-burly</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Spring mo.</p> <p>2 Got ready</p> <p>3 Native of Belmopan</p> <p>4 Officer patrolling an area</p> <p>5 Condition with rituals, in brief</p> <p>6 Ben and Jerry of comedy</p> <p>7 "Roots" actress</p> <p>8 After-tax</p> <p>9 — -jongg</p> <p>10 War god</p> <p>11 Masterful</p> <p>12 Falco of TV</p> <p>13 Breastbone</p> <p>14 Gratuity</p> <p>15 Razor option</p> <p>16 Trite phrase</p> <p>17 "Taxi" actress Marilu</p> <p>18 Acid-alcohol compounds</p> <p>20 "Happy Days" cool guy, with "the"</p> <p>24 Natal lead-in</p> <p>25 Requirement</p> <p>30 Agree (with)</p> <p>31 Yoko of art</p> <p>32 Deli classic</p> <p>33 Rowing blade</p> <p>35 Genetic ID</p> <p>40 — Strauss</p> <p>41 Pizza cooker</p> <p>42 Very valuable vase</p> <p>43 Ray of McDonald's</p> <p>45 Vanzetti's old partner in crime</p> <p>46 Actress Thompson</p> <p>51 Israeli airline</p> <p>53 "— happy to!"</p> <p>55 Second-century pope</p> <p>56 Map extra</p> <p>57 "By Jove!"</p> <p>59 Kind of wave</p> <p>60 Japanese watch brand</p> <p>62 Olive of old comics</p> <p>63 "Which — Up?" (1977 comedy film)</p> <p>64 Orderly lineup</p> <p>65 "— ordo seclorum" (phrase on a dollar bill)</p> <p>66 Break to bits</p> <p>67 Verizon, e.g., in brief</p> <p>68 Pseudonym</p> <p>73 Salary limits</p> <p>74 Depot: Abbr.</p> <p>75 Trendy Aussie boots</p> <p>76 Bards</p> <p>77 Did nothing</p> <p>83 Toy brick brand</p> <p>84 Galleria</p> <p>85 2004 Chevy debut</p> <p>86 Football Hall of Famer Junior</p> <p>91 Military units</p> <p>93 Mexican miss</p> <p>94 Mine railway</p> <p>95 Tennis star Arthur</p> <p>97 Untold eras</p> <p>98 Voted in</p> <p>100 Boise-to-Vegas dir.</p> <p>101 Witch's spell</p> <p>103 Gore and Hirt</p> <p>104 Heat-vs.-Suns matchup, e.g.</p> <p>105 Wall plaster</p> <p>106 Drive-in restaurant server</p> <p>107 Cry from a town crier</p> <p>108 Sunlight ray</p> <p>109 Hair parlors</p> <p>115 Cartoon pic</p> <p>116 Tardy</p> <p>118 Jungle cat</p> <p>120 Put in a role</p> <p>121 Regarding</p> <p>122 Stench</p> <p>126 Holy Mle.</p> <p>127 Raised rails</p> <p>128 Co. bigwig</p> <p>129 Cheering cry</p> <p>130 Many an intl. charity</p> |
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Micro Crossword

By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

- 1 Suffix with "moon" or "sea"
- 6 "The future depends on what you do ___" (Mahatma Gandhi)
- 7 "Anti-Memoirs" author Malraux
- 8 Soup veggies
- 9 Vega's constellation

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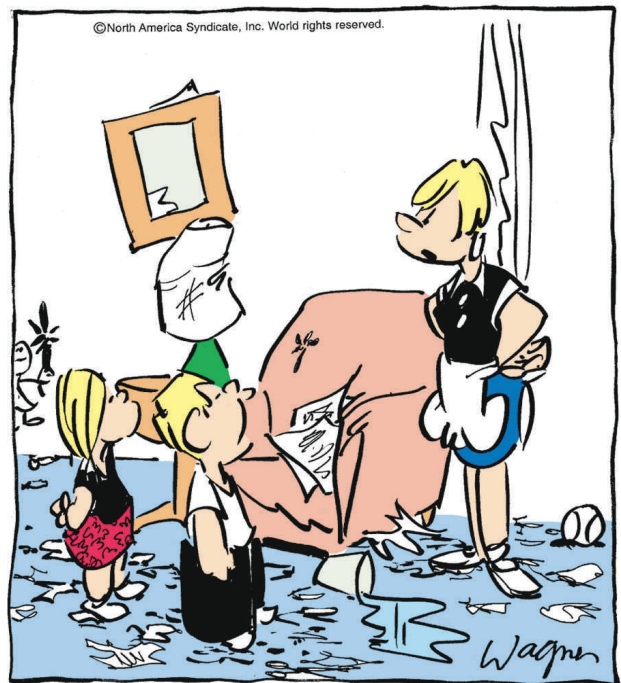
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Down

- 1 Play for time
- 2 ___ Island hot dogs

- 3 Venomous viper
- 4 Arctic garment
- 5 Spuds' buds

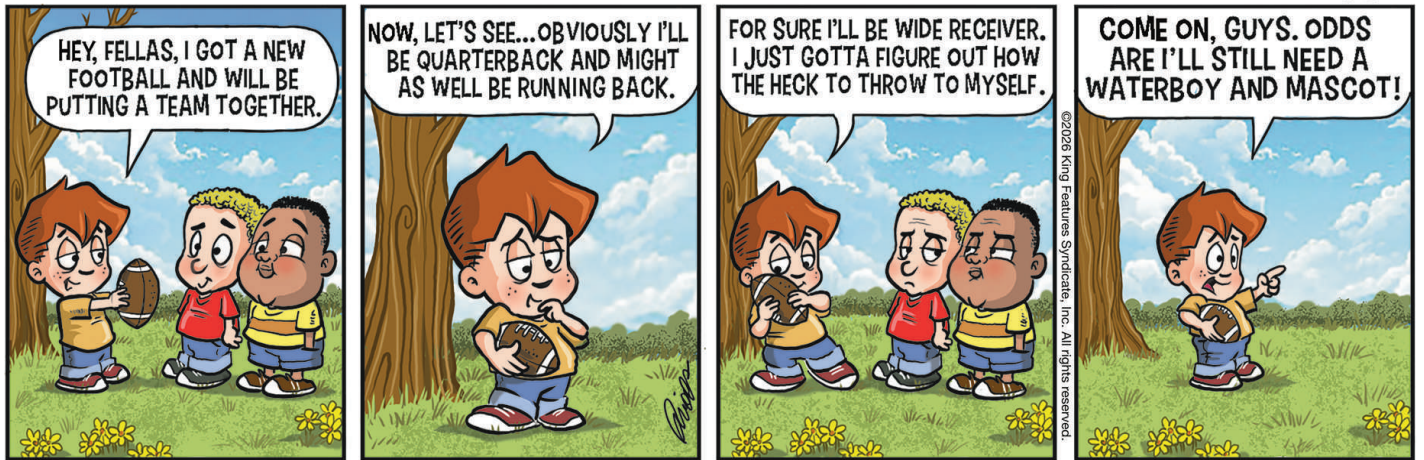
GRIN and BEAR IT



"We were going through a phase, Mom!"

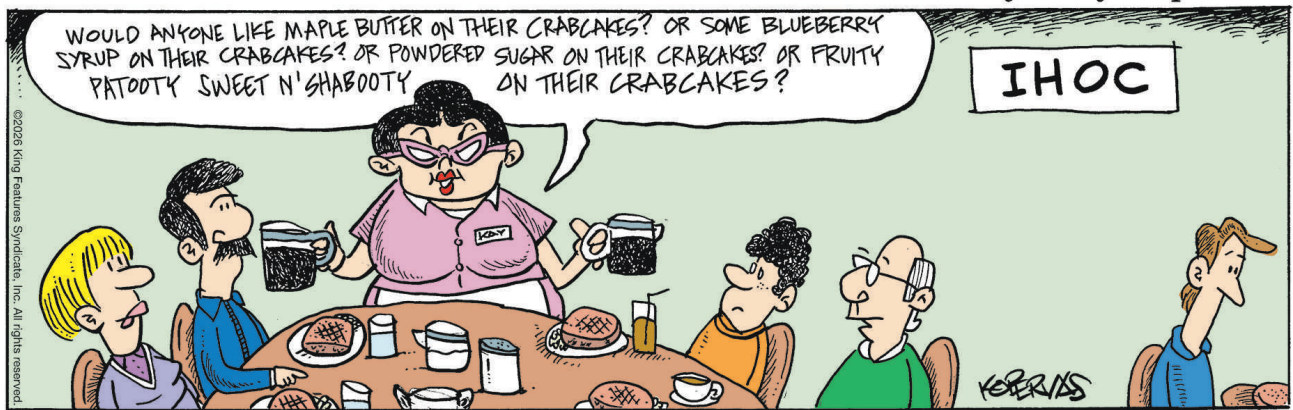
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



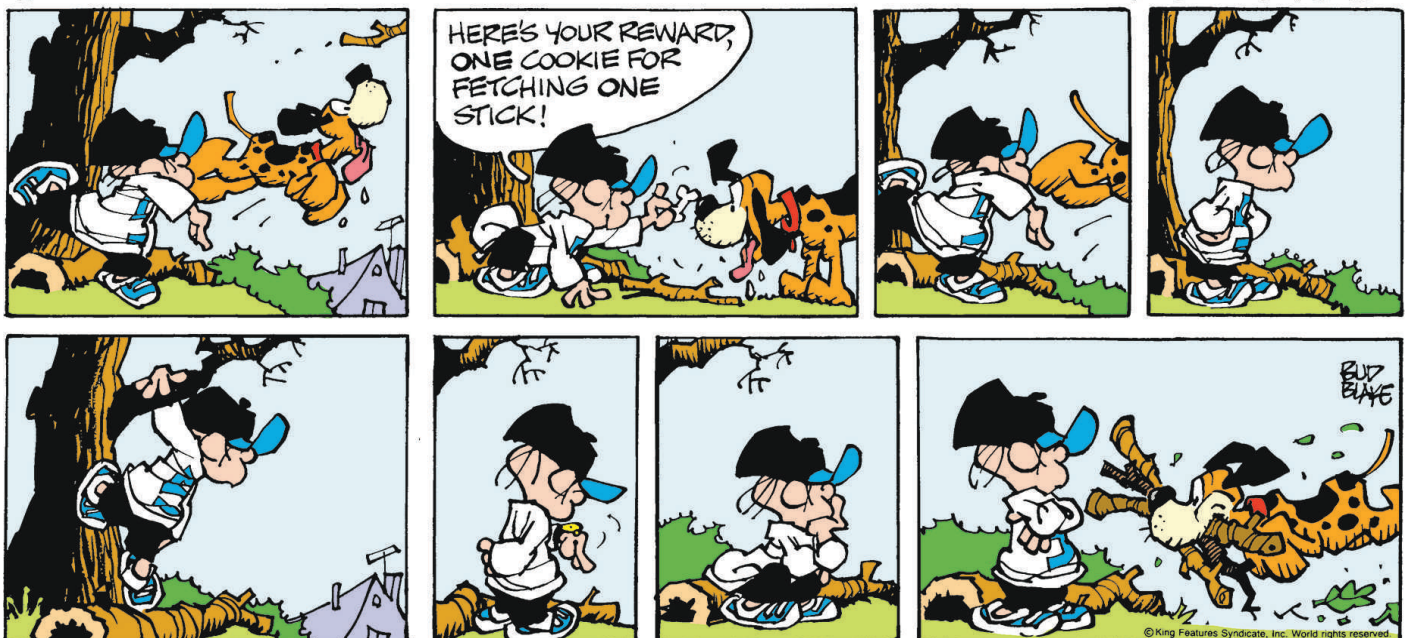
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



Weekly SUDOKU

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WORDS ASSOCIATED WITH FATHER'S DAY

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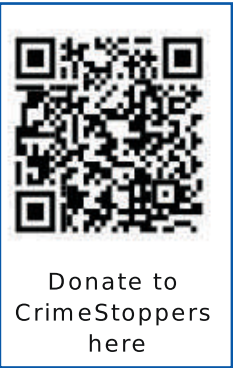
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Super Crossword

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