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15-90 Search and Rescue presents mill levy request to council

For the last 58 years, the Butte community has depended on the volunteers of the 15-90 Search and Rescue to respond in emergencies, from finding lost or injured hunters and hikers and stranded snowmobilers to finding downed aircraft, as well as providing aid to law enforcement and many other services.

But now, according to Brad Belke, commander of the 15-90 Search and Rescue, the organization is in desperate need of a new funding source for upgraded equipment and training needed to continue providing those vital services.

Belke, who has been a member of the 15-90 Search and Rescue for 42 years and commander for the last 25 years, spoke to the Butte-Silver Bow Council of Commissioners last week, asking commissioners to place a request for an annual 1-mill levy on the June primary ballot.

Belke told commissioners that since its inception in 1963, 15-90 Search and Rescue has maintained a membership of about 30 volunteer members. The organization only supplies hand-held radios to individual members, who respond to emergencies using their own vehicles, their own equipment, and their own medical supplies. Members receive no pay, but are often called out late at night, on weekends or during holidays, and if a search lasts for several days, they may lose vacation time or pay from work.

Until now, the group has relied on fundraisers, such as raffles, concerts and an annual bucket drive, a small stipend from the Sheriff's office and occasional corporate or government grants. The group has been operating on an annual budget of less than \$20,000 a year, Belke said.

Belke said much of the Butte group's equipment is old and out-of-date. Two of the vehicles the team operates are more than 30 years old. Too much of volunteers' time is spent on repairing and maintaining old equipment, he said, time that would be better spent on training or in rescues. Likewise, fundraising efforts take too much of volunteers' limited time.

"The day when these services could be self-supporting through fundraisers is over," Belke said. If the mill levy passes, Belke said, the team could invest in new equipment and new technologies that could improve its response. For instance, he said, drones with night-vision capability are available at a reasonable cost that would aid in rescues. A radio system with GPS tracking would



A small group of Whitetail deer found a spot to graze in a field just north of Casey Street one day last week. Photo by Robin Jordan

also improve search efficiency. Other needs are new medical equipment, victim transports, thermal detectors and avalanche locators and protective clothing for water rescues.

Improved training is also needed, Belke said, as more extreme athletes are getting into areas that are more technical, isolated, and dangerous and snowmobiles are getting further into the back country. Belke said the local team meets twice a month with one session for training and additional sessions for avalanche, hunting and rafting season. Non-group training, he said, has been falling behind due to cost.

"Twenty years ago, 60 percent of our members had advanced medical training, such as EMT or first responder," he said. "Now it's more like 20 percent."

The reason, he said, is that members cannot afford the cost of recertification training and the increasing cost of maintaining the required liability insurance coverage.

Belke said a few years ago, a couple dozen members of the group took part in the American College of Surgeons' course on active shooter/casualty treatment. Belke said the sponsor re-

quested that 15-90 Search and Rescue take over this training for southwest Montana, they had to turn the offer down because the group didn't have the time or funds to become recertified and couldn't afford equipment to train others.

The group also lacks funds for the supplies needed in the event of a mass casualty incident, Belke said, such as special bandages that cost \$54 each or tourniquets, which can cost from \$30-35 each.

Search and rescue groups in other nearby counties have already taken advantage of the state-approved mill levy system, Belke said. Lewis & Clark Search and Rescue has an annual budget of \$200,000 and the group in Madison County has a budget of \$146,000 annually. Anaconda levies 2 mills for its search and rescue team.

Butte-Silver Bow commissioners are expected to vote in the next few weeks on a resolution to place the 1 mill levy request on the June primary ballot.

The current value of 1 mill in Butte-Silver Bow is \$72,995. An increase of 1 mill would add about \$1.35 to the annual tax on a \$100,000 home and about \$2.70 for a \$200,000 home.

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Editorials

Taxpayer support for 15-90 Search and Rescue long overdue

By Robin Jordan

There should be no doubt that the tireless volunteers of the 15-90 Search and Rescue team deserve the gratitude and support of the Butte community.

Since the all-volunteer non-profit group was formed in 1963, this team has saved countless lives of those who find themselves lost, injured, or stranded in remote areas of our region. Not only that, but the group has aided law enforcement and other agencies, including those in other counties in emergency situations ranging from vehicle accidents and chemical spills to the aftermath of plane crashes.

But the days when the team's work could be supported strictly through fundraisers like selling raffle tickets, holding benefit concerts, or conducting bucket drives are over. With more and more recreationists taking advantage of Montana's outdoor opportunities, the work of finding and rescuing people who get into trouble requires better technology, newer and better equipment, and more training.

Brad Belke, commander of the 15-90 Search and Rescue, brought the group's case for placing a 1-mill levy request on the June primary ballot to Butte-Silver Bow commissioners last week.

While search and rescue groups in other nearby counties have already taken advantage of mill levy funding, which is allowed under state law, Butte's team operates on an annual budget of less than \$20,000 a year. By comparison, Lewis & Clark Search and Rescue has an annual budget of \$200,000 and the annual budget for Madison County Search and Rescue is \$146,000.

Meanwhile, Butte's team is dealing with out-of-date equipment and aging rescue vehicles that require volunteers to spend valuable time on maintenance. Much of the group's equipment is second-hand and two of its vehicles are more than 30 years old.

The 15-90 Search and Rescue is an all-volunteer group—no member gets any pay and each provides his or her own vehicle and equipment, including a first-aid kit. The only equipment furnished by the group to an individual member is a radio.

Volunteer time is a limited commodity, Belke pointed out, with members responding to calls late at night, on weekends or even on holidays. Members may even lose vacation time or pay from their regular jobs if a search requires several days. As things stand, too much time is spent on equipment maintenance and fundraising that could better be used on training and rescues.

And the team's response in a crisis would certainly be improved



if they could take advantage of new technologies like a GPS radio system and night-vision technology.

We think taxpayers will support the 1-mill request for funding for the 15-90 Search and Rescue. If passed, the levy would increase the annual tax on a \$100,000 home by about \$1.35, or \$2.70 for a \$200,000 home. That's a small price to pay to help ensure the all-volunteer group can continue to provide a valuable service that we all hope we will never need.

How can we understand how bad it really is?

By George Waring

First, regarding the Democrats attempt to reform the bonus deductibility cap:

Sarah Anderson, who directs the Global Economy Project at the Institute for Policy Studies, reported on this subject in early September for Inequality.org. She wrote a couple of weeks ago that the final bit of the Senate Democrats' attack on the tax deductibility of corporations involved a short section in the Republicans' successful "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" of 2017. That was the section that included "a small step forward on Chief Executive Officers pay reform."

While that much heralded Trump legislation "mostly cut taxes for the rich and big corporations," the exception Anderson noticed was "setting a \$1 million deductibility cap on all compensation going to a corporation's Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, and three other highest-paid employees."

This year the congressional Democrats have adopted that language from the Republican Tax Act of 2017. And they went beyond

it by closing the loophole for the compensation going to an additional five executives. So, now, the proposed tax reform would mean that the top ten corporate executives' compensation would not be eligible for total corporate tax deductibility.

Doesn't seem that important, does it? A corporation can't deduct from its federal taxes more than a million bucks per each of its top ten executives.

This is progress?

Here's another twist: Democratic Senators Jack Reed and Richard Blumenthal and Representative Lloyd Doggett have proposed extending that \$1 million deductibility cap to all forms of compensation for all corporate employees in their "Stop Subsidizing Multimillion Dollar Corporate Bonuses Act."

What's the chance of that radical proposal becoming law?

Sarah writes, "The Democrats' public investment proposals on the table at present in the budget reconciliation negotiations, from universal child care to free college, would dramatically reduce our nation's staggeringly high levels of inequality. Paying for them with tax reforms that tackle key inequality drivers — including runaway CEO pay — would move us even further down the path towards an equitable society."

Sounds good, doesn't it? Here's a bit more on what the Democrats in the Senate are doing to reduce the gap in taxes between workers and Corporate Executives.

Remember when Trump called for closing the tax loophole that gives wealthy private equity, real estate, and hedge fund managers a huge tax break? Of course not. That is ridiculous! Trump actually did that back in 2016.

That loophole allowed these billionaires "to pay the discounted capital-gains tax rate on so-called "carried interest" (earnings tied to a percentage of their hedge fund's profits). Sarah writes, "This income

actually amounts to compensation for managing other people's investments and should be taxed as ordinary income."

Sarah admits that Republicans did make "modest changes in the treatment of carried interest in their 2017 tax reform." But they certainly did not "close the carried interest loophole."

Makes the head spin. With Democratic Senator Joe Manchin opposing any budget bill greater than \$1.5 billion in new debt, the successful radical libertarian corporate economics of Milton Friedman still appears quite lively.

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Sudoku answers

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BUTTE SPORTS

Thinking of Pat Kearney as Bobcats head to title game



Bill Foley

Butte Central pulled out a 21-20 victory over Belgrade on a rainy September night in 2005.

Jake Stagnoli hit Shaughn McKeon for a

16-yard touchdown pass with 22 seconds left to tie the game at 20 with 22 seconds left to play.

Sophomore Matt Ritter lined up to kick the extra point, and KOPR play-by-play man Pat Kearney was playing up the drama like Brent Musberger on steroids.

It was raining and wet, so the short kick was no gimme. Kearney, though, made it sound like a 50-yarder into a hurricane.

As Ritter kicked, Kearney yelled, "and the kick is up." Then the legendary Butte sports voice paused for dramatic affect.

John Johnston was Kearney's color man, and he did not get the memo about playing up the drama. Johnston quickly and undramatically let the cat out of the bag when he muttered, "It's good."

You could almost hear Kearney stare at his sidekick as his play-by-play pause lingered on.

Pat acted as if his partner never said a word. Then, as if he was calling the World Cup soccer final, he yelled, "It's gooooooooooooooood."

The win, which lifted the Maroons to 3-1, came just six days after BC dropped a 3-0 home heartbreaker to Billings Central.

It was a huge win and a huge extra point, as Kearney's call indicated. Every dog within a 5-mile radius of a radio could have told you that.

Pat Kearney made every game seem big. He made the big games seem like world championships. That was the beauty of a man we lost way too soon.

As we close in on Saturday's NCAA FCS national championship football game, Kearney is the one man that I have been thinking about the most. He would be going absolutely crazy about the Montana State Bobcats.

Kearney loved the Bobcats. He loved them even more when they had Butte players leading the way. You think Tommy Mania is crazy now with Butte freshman Tommy Mellott taking over the Bobcats for the playoff run?

Just imagine if Kearney was around to talk about it.

KBOW Overtime is a sports radio show that was started by Paul Panisko and Ron Davis in 2007. I have been lucky to be on the show, which we broadcast live every Wednesday from the Metals Sports Bar and Grill, since Day 1.

For the first seven years, the show featured a "Spotlight on History" segment by Kearney, a co-founder of the Butte Sports Hall of Fame.

Sometimes it was Pat putting the events of the day into a context of history. Other times it was just reminding us all of something great.

Kearney had an unmistakable delivery that kind of sounded like Kermit the Frog. When he got so excited during a game — or maybe a good argument — you could not always understand exactly what he was saying.

He just could not help it.

His Spotlights, though, were flawless, and they told us so much.

Each week, Kearney would go into the Butte Broadcasting studio hours before the show and record his segment, which would run 3 to 5 minutes. At first, he would bring in, at most, a little Post-it Note with a couple of reminders as he talked into the microphone, mostly off the top of his head.

After we started ButteSports.com in 2012, Kearney started typing out his entire segment, and we posted it on the website.

Kearney's last Spotlight came a couple of weeks before he died suddenly of a heart attack in October of 2014. Fittingly, he wrote and talked about the Montana State Bobcats.

Specifically, it was about the 1984

NCAA I-AA national champion Montana State football team.

"The fall of 1984 provided football fans with one of the most amazing stories of all time," Kearney began under the headline "Bobcats party like it was 1984."

Kearney gave a rundown of that magical season when the Bobcats went from 1-10 in 1983 to on top of the world in 1984, and that championship team was about to be honored during MSU's homecoming celebration.

"For any MSU Bobcat fan who saw the amazing performance of a team that came out of nowhere to win it all will cherish to honor such a brilliant feat," Kearney closed. "Bobcats fans will all be singing 'I'll want to be partying again like it was 1984,' a blue and gold football treasure."

You could hear just a little bit more excitement in his voice when he mentioned Kelly Davis. That's because Davis was a Butte High track and football legend before he caught a key touchdown pass in MSU's semifinal win over Rhode Island.

The Bobcats were a very big deal for Kearney, and he was a big deal to them. While Pat did a remarkable job being objective when he wrote a book about the Montana-Montana State football rivalry, which he called the "Divide War," he was unquestionably a Bobcat.

Pat went to every Montana State home game — even in the lean years — and he watched from the press box.

It does not take much of an imagination to picture how excited Pat would be about the latest version of the Bobcats, who inserted Mellott into the starting lineup after a loss at Montana and rolled off three playoff wins.

He would definitely be making the trip to Frisco, Texas for Saturday's championship game against North Dakota State. I just wish I could hear his Spotlight on History leading up to the game.

You better believe he would have talked about Davis and Joe Bignell catching passes from Kelly Bradley in 1984. He would have pointed out that Butte High graduate Zach Peters was also a member of that team.

Pat would have talked about Butte

boy Paul Dennehy leading the Bobcats to the 1976 national championship. He would have talked about Mellott being the first MSU starting quarterback since Barry Sullivan, who quarterbacked the Bulldogs to the 1977 Class AA state championship.

Without question, Kearney would have pointed out that Mellott is not the first Butte guy to start at quarterback in a national championship game.

Ritter did it for Carroll College in 2008.

Kearney would have talked about Sonny Holland and Sonny Lubick, a pair of Butte guys who led the Bulldogs. He surely would have pointed out that Sonny Holland is the greatest Bobcat of all.

He probably would have pointed out that in 1984, a 27-year-old Bruce Parker was the sports information director at Montana State. Pat would have talked about how Bruce, who passed away this past year, has the best seat in the house for the championship game.

Kearney would have talked about Mellott's grandfather, the great Gene Fogarty, who also passed away this past year. He would have told about the poetic beauty of Coach Fogarty playing a key role in yet another football great from the Mining City.

If he was still around, Kearney would make Saturday's championship game appearance an even bigger deal than it already is. He would make it a better experience for players and fans alike.

Saturday will mark the biggest Montana State game since the Bobcats beat Louisiana Tech in the NCAA Division 1-AA national championship game Dec. 15, 1984, in Charleston, South Carolina.

When Mellott scores his first touchdown, whether it is a run or a pass, do not be surprised if you hear a high-pitched voice that sounds kind of like Kermit the Frog echoing from Montana to Texas.

It will probably be yelling, "Goooooooooooooooood."

— For more stories and columns from Bill Foley, go to ButteSports.com, where you can also find Bruce Saylor and up-to-the-minute news on the Bulldogs, Maroons, Orediggers and more. Email him at foley@butesports.com.

Reflections from Roberta



By Dr. Roberta K. Ray,
Professor Emerita

Connection seen between religion and women's rights

The anti-abortion movement in the U.S., promoted by Roman Catholic bishops and right-wing, evangelical Protestant churches, has no other purpose than to subjugate and persecute women. Data compiled by the World Health Organization (WHO) proves that making abortion illegal does not reduce actual abortion rates. All that is accomplished by criminalizing abortions is that desperate women are forced into unsafe abortions and denied life-saving medical procedures. In countries where abortion is legal, and thus, performed by qualified doctors, the procedure is far safer than childbirth. (Reuters, Healthcare & Pharma, Jan. 2012)

In the Philippines the Catholic Church hierarchy wields strong influence over government, and, as a consequence, the Philippines has laws forbidding abortion for any reason, even to save the life of the mother.

Women who seek abortions and those who provide them can receive up to six years of imprisonment. Even so, desperate women get abortions. Some qualified physicians risk prison to provide safe abortions, but most women have no option but unsafe abortions. Each year 100,000 Filipino women are hospitalized after botched abortions and at least 1,000 of them die.

The Catholic Church has also blocked efforts to provide sex education and access to contraceptives in the Philippines, ensuring more unwanted pregnancies, HIV cases, and neglected children. According to UNICEF 1.8 million unwanted children in the Philippines are abandoned, rather than adopted, and left on the streets to face a short life of hunger, sickness, beatings and assaults. Naturally, the pious men of the Vatican, who are responsible for the problem, would never consider parting with some of their enormous wealth to save these Catholic children.

In Poland the Catholic Church is closely allied with the right-wing Law and Justice Party government. Thus, the Catholic Church has ensured a near-total abortion ban and supports a government crackdown on LGBT rights. In 2021 Poland ranked lowest of the European member countries for protecting LGBT rights for the 2nd year in a row. As in Ireland before abortion was legalized, doctors in Poland let pregnant women bleed to death or die of septic shock because the Church will not allow simple procedures that would save their lives. In this same Catholic dominated country domestic violence and sex trafficking are widespread, but

you can be jailed for "disrespecting religion." (Notes from Poland, May 14 & July 3, 2020 & Scottish Legal News, Nov. 1, 2020)

In El Salvador the Catholic Church is entrenched in politics, and for that reason, El Salvador is one of seven countries in Latin America with an absolute ban on abortion. The Catholic Church also controls sex education in the public school curriculum. In 1997 the Catholic Church and other right-wing Catholic groups lobbied for 30 years of imprisonment for women suspected of having an abortion and anyone suspected of helping them. For example, when a 33-year-old mother suffered a miscarriage, a doctor accused her of causing the miscarriage, and consequently, she was sentenced, without a trial, to 30 years in prison where she died in 2010. Because of the severe penalties they face if accused of supporting abortion in any way, doctors and nurses are encouraged to accuse women of causing their miscarriages.

Making abortion illegal punishes women, but it does not reduce the number of abortions. Even though women face 30 years of imprisonment, 32 abortions per 1,000 pregnant women are performed each year in El Salvador. In Latin America the abortion rate is higher than in Western Europe where it is legal, free and easy to access. (Council on Hemispheric Affairs). By wielding political influence to oppose basic human rights and to deny women access to sex education and birth control, the Vatican ensures that many desperate women in countries it controls risk death or imprisonment to obtain an abortion.

More proof of the little value placed on women by the Catholic hierarchy can be seen in the fact that the Vatican has for decades knowingly tolerated the rape of nuns by priests and bishops in Europe as well as third world countries, just as the Vatican knowingly allowed widespread sexual abuse of children by priests and bishops for many decades. The irony is that nuns have been speaking out about the fact that the clergy who raped them forced them to have abortions! (PBS News Hour)

There is a definite connection between religion and women's rights. The countries that rank highest in women's rights are (1.) Sweden (2.) Denmark (3.) Norway, and these are also among the least religious countries. In Sweden, for example, only 8% of the population regularly attend religious services. These same countries also rank among the highest for raising healthy and happy children. (U.S. News).

In 1979 the United Nations adopted a convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, and it was ratified by all member countries except the U.S. and six authoritarian 3rd world countries including Iran and Somalia. In terms of the well-being of its children, the U.S. ranks 36 out of 38 among advanced countries, only better than Bulgaria and Chile according to UNICEF. (washingtonpost.com, Oct. 2020). Is there a connection between low rankings for women's rights and well-being of children and the fact that the U.S. is the most religious of rich Western Democracies? (Pew Research Center)

Holly McCamant

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Why Do We Eat?

We eat for sustenance and energy to make it through the day, for exercise and other activities, and to maintain our bodily functions. It would be interesting to take a minute to see how much of what we consume in a given day falls into this category. We may not realize how much of what we eat is tied more to our emotional than our physical needs.

As we stop to reflect at the beginning of the new year, figuring out the reason we eat what we do, is a good start to a year of healthier eating. If writing down all your food is a good way to stay on track, add to your diary how you are feeling and if you are hungry. This could be the key to understanding alternatives to eating. For instance, if you are lonely, get on the phone and catch up with a friend or family member.

Emotional eating was probably not an issue centuries ago. If we look back to our ancestors,

we can observe the habits of hunter-gatherers. They worked hard and foraged for vegetation and hunted for animals to eat. The day was physical, and the fruit of their labor provided necessary energy but seldom more than that. The food was nutrient dense but low in overall calories.

Back to present time, when we are under a great deal of stress, we find indulging in treats or fattening meal choices justifiable, especially those that are easily available to us, like fast food. We justify our poor choices because we are sad, mad, angry, lonely or depressed, or short on time. We deserve a treat! In the long run, we are sabotaging our health, which will increase rather than decrease our stress level.

The most valuable tool in situations where we are tempted to eat to sooth our emotions is to pause and take a minute before you decide about eating. Ask yourself, am I really hungry? If the answer is yes, take another minute to figure out what would give you the nutrition you need at that moment. If it is for a snack, think of something like an apple, or other fruit, veggies, nuts, cheese, and choices that are close to nature.

If you are not hungry, you can take the first step toward developing a new response to stressful situations. Sit down in a comfortable spot, shut your eyes and focus on your breath. You will soon notice it is slowing down, along with your heart rate, as the stress eases. Or you could take a brisk walk around the block

or a longer walk or a full workout. Maybe the best choice for you is picking up the phone and calling someone who is supportive and a good listener.

We are all aware that developing new habits is a process. Don't expect to change how you react to stress overnight. If you do make a conscious decision to take that minute to breathe or respond in an alternative way, the next time stress, rather than hunger, is your reason for eating, it will be easier not to. Once you have been successful, you can build on that success and cultivate the new response over time.

Planning your eating for the week and the day will assist with eating a healthful diet, rather than what our emotions are calling for. It seems emotional eating inevitably is not as nutritious, so prior planning our food enables us to follow through with preparation and quickly be ready to eat as planned.

Acknowledging our feelings is also important, as is solving the problems that cause them when possible. Be aware of when you are eating for emotional reasons, not hunger. Sometimes temptation is also an issue, especially if our willpower is weakened by stress. Think about what those extra calories are going to do to you and whether the momentary satisfaction is worth it. We can still have treats but take into account the extra calories and make sure they are worth it!

This Week In Labor History

"We must guard against being fooled by false slogans, such as 'right to work.' It is a law to rob us of our civil rights and job rights. It's purpose is to destroy labor unions and the freedom of collective bargaining by which unions have improved wages and working conditions of everyone... Wherever these laws have been passed, wages are lower, job opportunities are fewer and there are no civil rights." -Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Wednesday, Jan 5:

Construction of the Golden Gate Bridge begins. 10 of the 11 deaths on the job came when safety netting beneath the site, the first ever use of such equipment, failed under the stress of a scaffold that had fallen. 19 other workers were saved by the net over the course of construction. They became members of the (informal) "Halfway to Hell Club". -1933
So called "Fiscal conservative" and "Free-marketeer" President Reagan produces the nation's first trillion-dollar budget, projecting 1988 outlays of \$1,024.3 billion, revenues of \$916.6 billion, and a deficit of \$107.8 billion. By the end of his presidency Reagan increased the national debt 190% to over \$2.9 trillion. Under Reaganomics the rich got richer, the poor got poorer and majority of the tax burden was shifted down onto the working class. -1987

Thursday, Jan 6:

A strike was called at the Youngstown Sheet & Tube plant by its 8,000 workers. On January 7, strikers were joined by their wives and other family members on the

picket line. Company guards attacked the crowd with tear gas and live fire murdering 3 unarmed peaceful strikers and wounding 25 others. -1916
West Virginia miners launched a wildcat strike to protest the murder of their union reform leader Joseph "Jock" Yablonski. -1970

Friday, Jan 7:

An explosion at Osage Coal and Mining Company's Mine Number 11 near Krebs, Okla. kills 100, injures 150 when an untrained worker accidentally sets off a stash of explosives. -1892
Tom Mooney, IWW labor activist, who was framed by a company paid agent and falsely convicted of murder in the San Francisco Preparedness Day bombing in July 1916, was freed after 22 ½ years in jail, granted an unconditional pardon by Governor Culbert Olson. -1939

Saturday, Jan 8:

The AFL Iron and Steel Organizing Committee ends the "Great Steel Strike". 400,000 steelworkers had been striking for more than 3 months, demanding union recognition. The greedy Capitalists falsely accused the exploited workers of being "Communists" and "un-American" for wanting fair wages and less deadly working conditions. -1920
In San Jose, California, teachers joined with striking students to oppose the Vietnam War. -1969

Sunday, Jan 9:

A Commission appointed by President Woodrow Wilson finds that "industry's failure to deal with unions" is the prime reason for labor strife in

war industries. -1918

The administration of George W. Bush declares federal airport security screeners will not be allowed to unionize so as not to "complicate" the war on terrorism. The decision was challenged and eventually overturned after Bush left office. - 2003

Monday, Jan 10:

In what is described as the worst industrial disaster in state history, the Pemberton Mill in Lawrence, Mass., collapses, trapping 900 workers, mostly Irish women. More than 100 die, scores more injured in the collapse and ensuing fire. Too much heavy machinery had been crammed into the building. (Before our pesky Federal regulations could get in the way of company profits). -1860
Former AFL-CIO President George Meany dies at age 85. The one-time plumber led the labor federation from the time of the AFL and CIO merger in 1955 until shortly before his death. -1980

Tuesday, Jan 11:

The IWW-organized "Bread & Roses" textile strike of 32,000 women and children begins in Lawrence, Mass. IWW leaders Bill Haywood

and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn help lead the strike. It lasted 10 weeks and ended in victory. The legislature cut maximum working hours for women and children from 56 to 54 hours per week and the employers had cut their pay along with the hours. The first mill-workers to walk out were Polish women, who, upon collecting their pay, exclaimed that they had been cheated and promptly abandoned their looms. Many were forced to send their children to live with supporters living in New York during the strike. -1912

Nearly two weeks into a sit-down strike at GM's Fisher Body Plant No. 2 in Flint, Mich., workers battle police when they try to prevent the strikers from receiving food deliveries from thousands of supporters on the outside. 16 strikers and 11 police were injured. The strikers were hit by buckshot fired by police riot guns; the police were injured principally by thrown nuts, bolts, door hinges and other auto parts. The incident became known as the "Battle of the Running Bulls". -1936

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Veterans Corner

By Mike Lawson

Greetings to all of you who read my veteran update articles. As I write this article, both New Year's Eve and News Year's Day are history. I'll be optimistic and believe 2022 will be a year of new beginnings and recovery.

Butte's two new Veteran Facilities will be in full operation this year which will be a great benefit to our Veterans in Southwest Montana, for many years to come. The SW MT Veteran's Home is so close with the final punch-list/inspection stages expected to be wound-up this month. We have great people from Eduro, the Operating Contractor, giving our resident veterans great care. It's a beautiful facility and plans for continuing to make improvements with covered sidewalks is in the planning stages.

The Foundation continues to look for and create ways to make our resident veteran's lives as happy as they can be. Any of you or your organizations might think of ways to visit and interact with these Vets. They love company and are ready to maybe play a card or board game. It's rewarding for them and for any of us who have the privilege to be with them.

The VA (CBOC) Medical Center continues to move forward. All the internal infrastructure components, between the roof ceiling and the yet to be installed suspended ceiling,

are close to being completed. These components include the insulated copper water pipe/tubing, the heating/air conditioning insulated ductwork, the sprinkler fire suppressant piping, wiring, etc. The sheetrock taping, texturing and painting will then take place, before the suspended ceiling framework is installed. The electricians and plumbers are in and out, as some of these other construction steps are finished up. Wayne and Todd Paffhausen are on top of making sure the coordination between these different sub-contractors, run smoothly. January/February will be a big month, in closing in on, getting this building completed.

Our Veteran Organizations in SW Montana will be meeting as the month January moves on. More will be said about their activities as they become available. This first month of the year always seems to be a quiet month, where activities and plans for the rest of the year begin to be talked about and planned for. Charitable activities are always at the forefront of all these veteran organizations' plans. Veterans are known to give back to the communities they live in and do it, not wanting to expect anything in return. Serving their country wasn't always a cakewalk, but they served and never looked back. They are quick to step forward in a crisis or respond to someone in need. Our Veteran Court in Butte is a prime example, where a veteran in trouble is

given a second chance to turn their life around. Volunteer Veterans are paired up as mentors with these mentee veterans to help them through the many aspects of this 18 month recovery program. The team is made up of two of our judges, attorneys, therapists, probation officers, etc. These veterans are members of our communities, and most will be successful in their recovery and lead lives that will benefit themselves, their families and the communities they live in. Most veterans have a positive influence wherever they live. We all want to make our world a better place.

Our DAV Vans continue to get veterans to their medical appointments. Our Vans are kept in top mechanical condition, have good all weather tires and experienced top-notch drivers, who get these veterans to their appointments safely. Friendships are formed between the drivers and their passengers--what a win-win experience. Last week veterans were taken to Helena, Anaconda, Missoula, Kalispell, Bozeman and local medical appointments. Our vans run from Butte, Dillon and Anaconda. We're all volunteers and feel privileged and honored to serve our veterans/their families in this way. If you need a ride, call Darlene our DAV Coordinator at

406-490-3692.

With the weather being more severe this time of year, it's important to dress warm and if you're disabled, please be careful on the icy sidewalks/roads. If you're a senior citizen, take advantage of having lunch at the Senior Citizen Center here in Butte. They have a bus they can pick you up with. They also can deliver a noon meal to you. Anaconda, Deer Lodge and Dillon may have similar services. Check with your Chamber of Commerce.

The Covid-19 virus is still with us and now it's variant Omicron is spreading like wildfire. Bozeman and Billings are presently the hot-spots, but we know it'll be hitting our communities also. If you have had your Covid vaccines and booster shot, it's reported that the effects are milder if you do get it. Hopefully following the safe practices of masking/distancing in crowds or social establishments will be good preventive medicine action. If you haven't got the Covid Vaccines or Booster and are a veteran, the VA will provide them for you, if you contact them.

This is a New Year and I wish you all the best that it can provide. Until next time, take care.

Statewide COVID-19 numbers as of Monday, January 3rd 2021

Total Deaths: 2,908
 Total confirmed cases: 198,520
 Active cases: 3,104
 Recovered: 192,508
 Total hospitalizations: 10,433
 Active hospitalizations: 127
 Total tests completed: 2,292,674
 Total vaccine doses administered: 1,332,196
 Total Montanans fully vaccinated: 539,983 (53% of those eligible)
 Silver Bow County total vaccine doses administered: 52,750
 Silver Bow County fully vaccinated: 21,104 (63% of those eligible)

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Karen Mandic, CEO Pro Se Butte Community FCU 2901 Grand Ave Butte, MT 59701 Ph: 406-723-8284 Fax: 406-723-3679 Email: info@buttecommunityfcu.com. IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF SILVER BOW COUNTY, MONTANA BEFORE THE HONORABLE BEN PEZDARK JUSTICE OF THE PEACE Butte Community Federal Credit Union, Plaintiff, vs. MEGAN CONDO, Defendant Cause No. CV-2020-1130 SUMMONS THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S), GREETING(S): DANIEL YELENICH, YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, which is filed in the above entitled Court. A copy of same is served upon you. You must file your written answer with the above entitled Court and serve a copy upon the Plaintiff(s), or Plaintiff(s) attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service. FAILURE TO APPEAR AND ANSWER will allow judgment to be taken against you by default, for the relief demanded in the Complaint. A \$30.00 filing fee must accompany the answer at the time of filing. WITNESS my hand this 21st day of July, 2020 BEN PEZDARK Judge 21, 22, 23

Michael B. Grayson GRAYSON LAW FIRM 112 E. Commercial Ave. P.O. Box 907 Anaconda, MT 59711 (406) 563-3195 Attorney for Personal Representative MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, SILVER BOW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PROBATE No. DP-21-177 THERESA RUTH GAGEBY HOCKING, NOTICE TO CREDITORS Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed as Co-Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to Jack W. Hocking and Adam T. Hocking, Co-Personal Representatives, c/o Grayson Law Firm, P.O. Box 907, Anaconda, Montana, 59711, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. DATED this 16th day of December, 2021 /s/ Jack W. Hocking Jack W. Hocking Co-Personal Representative /s/ Michael B. Grayson Michael B. Grayson Attorney for Personal Representative 22, 23, 24

MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, SILVER BOW COUNTY IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: Maylee Brielle Fitzpatrick Kyla Fitzpatrick (a/k/a Kyla Ball), Petitioner, On behalf of Maylee Brielle Fitzpatrick, Minor Child. Dept. II - Hon. Robert J. Whelan Cause No. DV -21-97 Notice of Hearing on Name Change of Minor Child This is a notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court to change a child's name from Maylee Brielle Fitzpatrick to Maylee Brielle Ball. The hearing will be on February 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held at in Judge Whelan's Courtroom at the Silver Bow County Courthouse, 155 West Granite St., Butte, MT 59701. Dated: December 29th, 2021. Tom Powers Clerk of District Court By: M. West Deputy Clerk 23, 24, 25, 26

MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, SILVER BOW COUNTY IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: Lakelynn Mai Fitzpatrick Kyla Fitzpatrick (a/k/a Kyla Ball), Petitioner, On behalf of Lakelynn Mai Fitzpatrick, Minor Child. Dept. II - Hon. Robert J. Whelan Cause No. DV -21-98 Amended Notice of Hearing on Name Change of Minor Child This is a notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court to change a child's name from Lakelynn Mai Fitzpatrick to Lakelynn Mai Ball. The hearing will be on February 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held at in Judge Whelan's Courtroom at the Silver Bow County Courthouse, 155 West Granite St., Butte, MT 59701. Dated: December 29th, 2021. Tom Powers Clerk of District Court By: M. West Deputy Clerk 23, 24, 25, 26

Robert Whelan, District Court Judge Second Judicial District 155 West Granite Street Butte, MT 59701 (406) 497-6420 MONTANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT SILVER BOW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF: A.R. Cause No. DN-21-27-RW Youth(s) In Need Of Care. CITATION FOR PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS TO CHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ, THE BIRTH MOTHER OF A.R.: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the above-entitled Court by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Child and Family Services Division (hereinafter the Department of Public Health and Human Services) located at 700 Casey St., Butte, Montana 59701, is requesting the court for Termination of Parental Rights and Permanent Legal Custody. NOW, THEREFORE, YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED to appear on the 26TH day of January, 2022 at 9:00 o'clock a.m., at the second judicial district court in Butte, Montana, then and there to show cause, if any you may have, why DPHHS's request for relief should not be granted. The youth was born on May 20, 2021 in Montana. The youth's mother is Cheyenne Rodriguez. The youth's birth father is Bradley Rogers. You have the right to be represented by an attorney in these proceedings. If you are unable to afford an attorney, you have the right to ask the Court to appoint an attorney to represent you. Your failure to appear at the hearing constitutes a denial of your interest in the above-named child, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceeding, in judgment by default being entered for the relief requested in the petition. A copy of the Petition is filed with the Clerk of District Court in Silver-Bow County, 406-497-6350. WITNESS the Hon. Robert Whelan, District Judge of the State of Montana with the seal of said Court affixed this 3rd day of January, 2022. ATTEST: TOM POWERS - CLERK OF COURT By: Deputy Clerk 23, 24, 25

Local Sports

Thursday, Jan. 6

- Women's college basketball – Montana Tech at Carroll College, 5 p.m.
- Men's college basketball – Montana Tech at Carroll College 7 p.m.
- Prep boys' basketball – Livingston at Butte Central, 7:15 p.m.
- Prep girls' basketball – Butte Central at Livingston, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 7

- Prep boys' basketball – Butte High at Flathead, 6 p.m.
- Prep girls' basketball – Flathead at Butte High, 6 p.m.
- Prep wrestling – Butte High and Butte Central at Tom LeProwse Invitational in Bozeman, 11 a.m.
- Prep swimming – Butte High at Bozeman Invite, noon.

Saturday, Jan. 8

- Women's college basketball – Montana Tech at University of Providence, 2 p.m.
- Men's college basketball – Montana Tech at University of Providence, 4 p.m.
- Prep boys' basketball – Butte High at Glacier, 3 p.m.; Butte Central at Frenchtown, 4 p.m.
- Prep girls' basketball – Glacier at Butte High, 3 p.m.; Frenchtown at Butte Central, 4 p.m.
- Prep wrestling – Butte High and Butte Central at Tom LeProwse Invitational in Bozeman, 10 a.m.; Butte High at Bozeman JV Invite, 10 a.m.

Prep swimming – Butte Invite, noon

Tuesday, Jan. 11

- Prep boys' basketball – Dillon at Butte High, 7:30 p.m.
- Prep girls' basketball – Dillon at Butte High, 6 p.m.
- Prep wrestling – Butte Central at Dillon.

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Inquiries sought for possible sale

My name is Linda Anderson, and I am the owner of the Butte Weekly. This letter is to let you know I am considering selling the Butte Weekly and am accepting offers to buy the business.

We are exploring many avenues to continue to bring our great community this publication and the possibility of selling is one of them. Please note that we are still in business and plan on continuing to bring you the Butte Weekly every Wednesday.

The Butte Weekly has been in our community for 25 years. It is a free weekly publication. Only serious inquiries will be considered. If you are interested in purchasing the newspaper business, please contact me personally via email at: butte.news@butteweekly.com, attention Linda.

Thanks for all your support throughout the years. *Linda*

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For the record

- Dec. 10—Mary Lu (Sharkey) Wilson, 85
- Dec. 16—Ray Gifford, 65
- Beverly Jean Sloan, 79
- Dec. 18—Arthur Franice “Archie” Wassberg, 83
- William “Bill” Parnell, 79
- Edward Yelsa, 86, Opportunity
- Dec. 20—David Meyer, 61
- Dec. 22—Ann Marie Ramirez, 57
- Dec. 24—Gordon M. Tracy, 84
- Dec. 26—Timothy John “Tim” Downey,
- Dec. 27—Charles Ralph Nylund Jr., 72
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Community Calendar is available to list events in Butte. To list an event email: editor@butteweekly.com. Please clearly state it is a calendar item in the subject line

Community Calendar

Butte Public Library's After Hours book club will meet on January 5 at 6 p.m. at Mackenzie River Pizza. They will discuss How to Cook a Wolf by M F K Fisher. Copies are available for check out from the library. For more information, please call the library at 406-723-3361.

The Butte Public Library hosts Montana Conversation as part of their First Friday series program "The Public Trust" with Montana Standard editor, David McCumber on Friday, January 7th at noon. The program is at Butte Public Library. The presentation is free and open to the public. Funding for the Montana Conversations program is provided by Humanities Montana through grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Montana's Cultural Trust, and private donations. For more information or to receive a Zoom invitation, please contact the library at 406-723-3361.

Christmas Tree collection: Butte-Silver Bow Parks and Recreation will open a tree collection site at the corner of Platinum St. and Excelsior Ave. on Dec. 29.

Butte Public Library offers free Spanish classes for beginners and intermediate learners. Starting on January 11 and continuing Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. until February 15th. No registration is required. For more information, please contact the library at 406-723-3361.

Judges are needed for the Richest Hill on Earth Speech and Debate Tournament at Butte High School Friday Jan. 14 and Saturday Jan. 15. No experience or requirements are necessary to judge events. All events are easy to judge. Coaches and volunteers will be available to answer any questions you may have. For more information, contact Roger McCullough, 406-533-2173 or mcculloughrb@bsd1.org or bulldogs4n6@gmail.com

Annual commemoration of the Butte Warehouse Explosion of 1895, combined with a fundraiser, will be Saturday, Jan. 15 at 2:30 p.m. at the sculpture site at the Uptown Fire station, Mercury and Idaho Streets. Following the commemoration are no-host cocktails at Headframe Spirits. A "Bite of Butte" fundraising dinner starts a 5 p.m. at the Elks Lodge (doors open at 4 p.m.) Dutch auction and live auction, plus games, will follow. Tickets: \$30. Advance tickets available at Headframe Spirits, the Butte Archives and the Helsinki.

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

weekly creative club meetings:
 • Tuesdays: Loosely Knit Club 1-3 pm.
 • Wednesdays: Butte Chess Club 5-7pm

• Thursdays: Memoir Writing Group 1-3
 All clubs are free and open to the public. For more information, please call the library at 723-3361.

Butte Public Library hosts clubs for teens and tweens every weekday at 4 p.m. on the 2nd floor. Come to one or all. There's no registration, just show up.

- Mondays: Manga & Anime Club
- Tuesdays: Lego Build
- Wednesdays: Gaming
- Thursdays: Computer/ Hacking Group

• Fridays Science Club
 For more information, please call the library at 723-3361.

The Butte Public Library welcomes back their Life Writing Group. This group writes together weekly on a variety of memoir topics. You don't need to be a good writer to work on your memories, you just need an interest in chronicling your stories. This group meets weekly on Thursdays from 1-3 on the third floor. For more information, please call the library at 723-3361.

Auditions, workshop offered for 'Frozen Jr.'

Auditions for the Orphan Girl Children's Theatre production of Disney's "Frozen Jr." will be held Thursday and Friday, Jan. 13-14 from 4 to 8 p.m. at 316 W. Park St. Auditions are for ages 7 to 18 years old. Use the Washington Street entrance.

"Frozen Jr.," directed by Elizabeth Crase, runs March 24 through April 3 on the Orphan Girl stage.

For time slots, materials and character breakdowns, go to <https://www.orphangirl.org/audition-information>. For more details, email elizabethcrase@orphangirl.org

An audition workshop for "Frozen Jr." will be offered from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6 at the Orphan Girl Children's Theatre.

Director Elizabeth Crase and music director Fred Crase offer a leg up on the upcoming auditions for Disney's "Frozen Jr." Participants will get a chance to look at and learn the audition material as well as coach individually on monologues and songs for the audition.

OGCT audition workshops help build confidence through practice and preparation and help calm jitters by getting to know part of the creative team prior to auditions.

The workshop is for ages 7 to 18 and cost \$50 per participant. Financial assistance is available if needed. Space is limited for this class, so register quickly.

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The Great Outdoors

Fish & Wildlife Commission reverses rest and rotation rules on Upper Madison River

By Paul Vang

2021 ended on a lame note when the Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission ignored years of work and study on issues of overcrowding on the upper Madison River and voted to keep rules on the Madison River the same as they have been.

For a refresher, in 2020, members of the Commission, as then constituted, voted to institute a system of rest and rotation on several defined stretches of the river in which commercial traffic would be restricted on specified days. This system would have gone into effect on January 1, 2022.

This system, similar to rules that have been in effect for over 20 years on the Big Hole and Beaverhead rivers, came after long periods of discussion and public hearings. Steve Luebeck, Butte, presented proposals at that time, on behalf of the George Grant Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Skyline Sportsmen and Anaconda Sportsmen, that were eventually adopted by the Commission.

On December 23, the Fish & Wildlife Commission met online (the meeting was recorded and available on YouTube) and after brief discussion adopted rules that revert to previous policies that don't provide for rest/rotation rules, though the commissioners were careful to point out that walk and wade sections downstream from Reynolds Bridge and Ennis Bridge would be preserved.

In previous action, the Commission delayed implementation of a cap on outfitter use to 2020 levels to the year 2023.

In a post to the Backcountry Hunters & Anglers Facebook page, Steve Luebeck expressed frustration with the Commission's decision, first because while commissioners made reference to an extended period for public comment, there was no discussion about what the public said in their comments. Luebeck noted, "This is not an oversight, the results were the opposite of what they wanted, with 93% asking them to not repeal, so they just didn't talk about the public comment results. Yet, they went forward and repealed the rule anyway."

Luebeck also underlined comments in the YouTube recording of the meeting (at the 40:27 mark) by commissioners K.C. Walsh and Pat Tabor to the effect that there should be overall limits to use on the Madison River, not just on outfitters, insinuating that private users are abusers of the resource. Luebeck says, "This is what they

want to do, limit the public on the river and take off all limits on outfitters."

In a phone interview, Luebeck expressed his opinion that these actions are yet another step in the current state administration's moves toward privatizing fish and wildlife. In his Facebook post, he urges people to look at the YouTube record of the meeting so we "can see your Commission at work...and hold these people accountable." Here is a link to the YouTube video in question: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrajO4Q4JKQ>

I will note that Steve Luebeck and I are longtime friends and I served with Steve on the George Grant Chapter of Trout Unlimited board of directors some years ago. I have the utmost respect for Steve and his dedication to public access to Montana public lands and waters, as well as his considerable skills as a hunter and angler.

Steve also has a good feel for politics and if he expresses fear of the possibility that sometime in the future everybody will need a permit to fish the Madison, I wouldn't discount it. He sees a scenario of a cap of angler days. Outfitters, however, would have first crack at that pot of days and members of the general public will have to apply far in advance for what's left of days on the river. "It could be like getting a campsite on Georgetown Lake on the 4th of July. If you wait until July 3 to make reservations, you're going to be disappointed."

A footnote to the Commission action is that the only commissioner to vote against killing the rest/rotation plan was Pat Byorth, a former FWP employee and the only remaining commissioner appointed by former governor Steve Bullock.

As is often pointed out, elections have consequences. Alas, some of us predicted probable consequences of the last general election, though I take no satisfaction in seeing those fears realized.

--Paul Vang's new book, "Golden Years, Golden Hours," is available at How Novel, The Second Edition, Isle of Books & Books, or online at <http://writingoutdoors.com>.



Kiri posing on a Madison River rock.

What's Cooking

Bread Pudding
By Debbie Sorensen

It's been special, being able to sharing the holidays with family. North of the border, here in Alberta, Canada the temperature was -36° C. on Christmas morning. That led to accounts of heating (or not) when Russ and I were growing up in rural Montana. Which then led to expanded discussions on fossil fuels, waste management and recycling.

It is interesting discussing waste management. In Calgary, folks have three bins for recycling. Black for garbage, emptied bi-weekly. Blue for recycling, emptied weekly. Green for organic (composting) emptied weekly. The emphasis is obviously to get consumers to recycle and cut back on just throwing away. Getting plugged into what goes where, is what it is all about.

Working together with Andrew to build interior storm windows for aluminum bedroom windows took us into reminiscing about that same activity when he was growing up. Our home was not energy efficient and down-right cold in the winter. With that, we were off into discussions of how people in past generations recycled before that was a word and a movement.

A mantra from those days gone by was this: "Use it up. Wear it out. Make it do. Or do without." Certainly, something that behooves us to apply whenever we live and wherever we reside.

That mantra was used in our kitchens of yesterday as well. We threw very little away in the food category. Bread, for instance, "the staff of life," was used fresh, dry or stale. It's a great example of applying basis ingenuity and making something good from something that doesn't seem so appealing. While the following recipe is fancier than what we typically had, it is a reminder to use up what is on hand. This treat comes from the Culinary Team of Holland America Line via my cousin Mark Morris. Best wishes for a great new year that is replete with ways to make new the old and look to make the better best. Keep looking up. Blessings to you always.

Bread and Butter Pudding

Ingredients Custard:

1-quart milk	6 eggs, beaten	3 egg yolks, beaten
6 ounces sugar	1 tsp. vanilla extract	

Bread:

1-2 lbs. Leftover bread, cut into cubes (Plain, Dutch Raisin Bread or Raisin Buns)	
3 oz. butter, melted	4 oz. raisins
	1 lemon zest, grated

Preparation

1. To prepare the custard: combine all ingredients and mix well.
2. To prepare bread; drizzle melted butter over diced bread and toast in the oven, careful not to burn or color.
3. Combine custard, bread, raisins and lemon zest.
4. Gently pour into buttered molds or custard cups.
5. Bake 325° F. (165° C.) water bath for 45 minutes or until custard is set.
6. Serve warm with vanilla sauce (see recipe below).

Vanilla Sauce Yields 3 pints

1-quart half and half milk	12 egg yolks
7 oz. sugar	1 fresh vanilla bean

Bring the half and half and vanilla to a boil and set aside.

Using a double boiler, mix egg yolks and sugar together. Gently whisk the egg and sugar mixture into the warm milk. Continue stirring until firm, careful not to boil again (otherwise the sauce will split).