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UMW Professor Emerita Leads Project on Invasive Plants

Botanist Dr. Delena Norris-Tull, a Professor Emerita of Science Education at the University of Montana Western, has published a website detailing the management of invasive plants in the western United States.



Professor Emerita Dr. Delena Norris-Tull.

The focus of the project according to Norris-Tull's website "is an investigation of the policies and practices used in the western United States to limit the spread of invasive plant species in rangelands, farms, forests, urban and suburban areas, natural areas and public land, in an attempt to evaluate the effectiveness of these efforts."

Norris-Tull's project can be found on invasiveplantswesternusa.org. The webpages summarize recent research, present interviews conducted with numerous state, county, and federal agency representatives, provide a historical perspective, and provide some insights into the current status of management of invasive plant species in the western United States.

Norris-Tull developed the website herself in an attempt to find answers about the global issues of managing invasive plant species. She is still in the process of adding content including more interviews with state and federal agencies to "add as many voices to the conversation as feasible."

On her "Defining the Problem" page, Dr. Norris-Tull summarized why damage caused by invasive plant species is concerning.

Some invasive plant species have displaced native plant species in the natural landscape. Approximately 400 of the 958 (42%) native plant species listed as threatened or endangered in the U.S. are impacted by non-native species (Pimentel, Zuniga, & Morrison, 2004). Wilcove, et al, 1998, estimate the percentage higher, at 49%.

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A number of invasive plant species are expanding their ranges at an alarmingly rapid rate.

Some species, such as cheatgrass, are already facilitating an increase in Western wildfires.

Dr. Norris-Tull decided to focus on the western United States because "the first coordinated efforts in the United States to tackle the issue of invasive plants were carried out in the western states beginning in the 1930s. Due to frequent drought conditions and wildfires in the West, and the high altitudes and high latitudes of many of those states (resulting in very short growing seasons), managing invasive plants is arguably more challenging than in the eastern states. In addition to vast amounts of agricultural land, western states comprise rangelands that include prairies, forests, sagebrush steppe, and deserts, that present unique challenges to weed management."

"I do not pretend to have the answers. At best, I will probably generate more questions. I am hopeful that the information presented in these pages will assist county, state, and federal agencies in better addressing the issues that are raised herein," she states on her website.

The project is ongoing and the webpages are continuously updated as new information becomes available. To view the entirety of the project and to contact Dr. Norris-Tull, please visit invasiveplantswesternusa.org.

The Children's Giving Tree!

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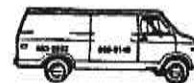
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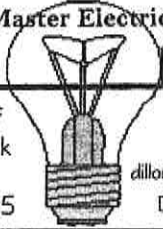
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Open Fields is offered through Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks' Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program and is available to private landowners with existing CRP with at least two years remaining on the contract. Landowners applying for enrollment in the 2021 general CRP sign-up are encouraged to apply for Open Fields. Up to 320 CRP acres per landowner may be enrolled. In cases where landowners have CRP on different properties separated by more than a quarter mile, they may be able enroll up to 320 acres of CRP on each property. Participants receive a one-time payment based on \$5 per CRP-acre each year the CRP is enrolled in the federal program.

In addition to rental payments, landowners may also qualify for financial incentives to conduct specific mid-contract management activities, such as light disking, with prior approval through the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Landowners who elect to participate in Open Fields and conduct those specified mid-contract management activities on up to 320 CRP acres may receive an additional one-year bonus of \$20 per acre, up to 320 acres.

All enrollments must be on private land that is legally accessible. Landowners must agree to allow free walk-in game bird hunting without further permission. Open Fields leases allow for haying or grazing once in five years when pre-approved by the USDA Farm Services Agency.

Enrolled lands will be clearly signed to allow for walk-in game bird hunting. Because this program is intended to expand areas open to the public for game bird hunting, lands that are already enrolled in FWP's Block Management Program or the Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program do not qualify. Landowners already enrolled in those programs are encouraged to contact FWP for other CRP-related habitat improvement and incentive options, including Habitat Management Leases and CRP Seed Cost-shares.

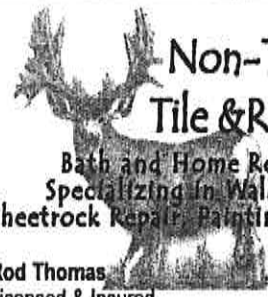
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Time	Cause	Proceeding	Attorney for Plaintiff	Attorney for Defendant
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020

Judge Berger is in Virginia City

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020

9:00	#3750, State v. Evenson	Initial appearance on revocation	Bill Fullbright	JB Anderson
9:15	#3924, State vs Rosenzweig	Sentencing	County att'y (Fitch)	Walter Hennessey
9:45	#3971, State vs Kamps	Initial appearance	County att'y (Michaels)	Walter Hennessey
10:00	#3972, State vs Probst	Initial appearance	County att'y (Michaels)	Walter Hennessey
10:15	#3900, State vs Messinger	Status conference	Mike Gee	Peter Fischer
1:30	#839 & 840, In re youths	Show cause hearing (CLOSED)	County att'y (Michaels)	TBD

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020

Judge Berger is in Boulder

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020

9:00	#3960, State v. Hill	Initial appearance	County att'y (Michaels)	Jack Morris
9:15	#3961, State v. Bisette	Initial appearance	County att'y (Michaels)	Jack Morris
9:30	#3948, State v. Johnson	Initial appearance	County att'y (Michaels)	Nicholas Hyde
10:30	#5239, In re Diehl	Petition for guardianship/conservatorship	John Warren	Jill Gannon-Nagle
1:30	#732, In re youth	Permanency plan hearing (CLOSED)	County att'y (Michaels)	Susanne Clague

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020

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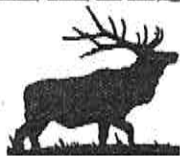
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The lunch menu this week is as follows: Monday, we will enjoy spaghetti with meat sauce served with French Bread. Tuesday, sub sandwiches will be served with trimmings and chips. On Wednesday, we will have local beef hamburgers served with trimmings. On Thursday, we will enjoy beefy noodles and dinner rolls. And on Friday, a hot ham and cheese sandwich will be served with fruit and vegetable.

DMS, this is your week to "Get in the Game." We will be getting ready for the Holidays with our "DMS is in the game" spirit week. Today, we will play "Candy Land." Wear your pj's at school today as we dream of a sweet future. Tuesday, we will play Scrabble, literally, in our first period class. Wear the first letter of your first name on your shirt. During homeroom we will make as many words as we can as a class. Top two teams will play dodge ball after the first of the year. On Wednesday, it's Cranium...it's your chance to dress as a nerd. And on Thursday, it's THE GAME OF LIFE. Dress as your future career. On Friday, we will play BATTLESHIP. 8th grade will wear black, seventh grade will wear red, and 6th grade will wear white. The grades will battle it out for a prize. The grade that has the most spirit will win. So, students and staff, get ready for a fun week as DMS gets in the game.

Midterms were sent home with students last Friday, December 11th. Parents, if you did not receive this, please call the DMS office. Remember that you can also check your child's grades online through the parent portal on infinite campus.

Our food drive is in full swing. Mr. Anderson's first period class narrowly edged out Mr. Moreni's class for the first incentive. This week's incentive will be early lunch for the class that brings the most food by weight per person. So, students, let's show your giving spirit by continuing to bring canned goods and other nonperishable items. Our goal is to bring more than 2000 pounds of food to donate to the local food pantry by December 23rd.

Life can sometimes be hard. What's hard on adults is just as hard, if not more, on kids. Resilience, the ability to adapt to challenges, is the most important tool a parent can give a child. Learn more about resilience by joining the Beaverhead County ACEs Task Force. We're focused on building healthy families in our community.



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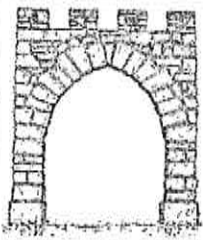
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Tyrades! by Danny Tyree

I must confess that I haven't attended a symphony orchestra performance since a long-ago elementary school field trip.

(Perhaps memory fails me, but I could swear we rowdy youngsters heard Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov's "Flight of the Cooties" – or maybe it was excerpts from Mozart's opera "Beans, Beans, They're Like A Magic Flute.")

My generation mostly knows Ludwig van Beethoven because (a) Schroeder in the "Peanuts" comic strip kept a bust of the German composer on his piano (fun fact: Pigpen carried around a full-size statue of Joseph Haydn, but no one could ever see it through the dust) and (b) Walter Murphy and the Big Apple Band reached #1 on the Billboard Hot 100 Chart with the 1976 disco instrumental "A Fifth of Beethoven."

That recording, of course, was adapted from the famous first movement of Beethoven's "Symphony No. 5 in C Minor, Opus 67" – more commonly known as "Yet Another One That Needs More Cowbell".

At least my son Gideon voluntarily listens to classical music while doing homework and surfing the internet. (Too bad Beethoven didn't follow up "Ode to Joy" with "Ode to Teenage Angst." But I digress.) Gideon's exposure to highfalutin music helps me hold my head a little higher as we near the 250th anniversary of the birth of Beethoven (approximately December 16).

Beethoven was a prodigy and a genius in the days when being a genius actually meant something. (Nowadays, if you can Photoshop a selfie of yourself consuming the world's largest Tide Pod between the time you lose your balance and the time you hit the pavement 30 stories below, you're a certified genius and a tragic loss to the gene pool.)

Biography.com describes Beethoven as "the predominant musical figure in the transitional period between the Classical and Romantic eras." (Granted, the competition wasn't as fierce as you've been led to believe. "Be the predominant musical figure in the transitional period between the Classical and Romantic eras? I dunno.



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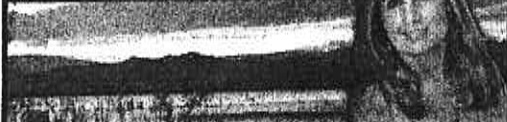


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Most of Beethoven's greatest masterpieces were composed AFTER he began losing his hearing. Too bad we don't have more perseverance in the face of adversity like that now. ("Finish my novel after a reviewer used my non-preferred pronoun??? All I'm writing is my signature on my disability check.")

Alas, Beethoven was unlucky in love. According to one biographer, the pianist's last words before dying at the age of 56 were "You shake my nerves and you rattle my brain - if I'd just put THAT in a ballet, I'd have been a chick magnet!"

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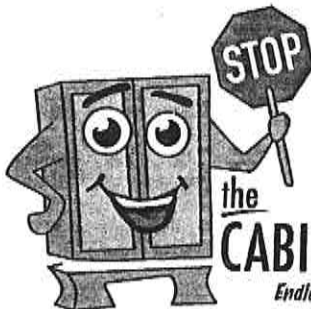
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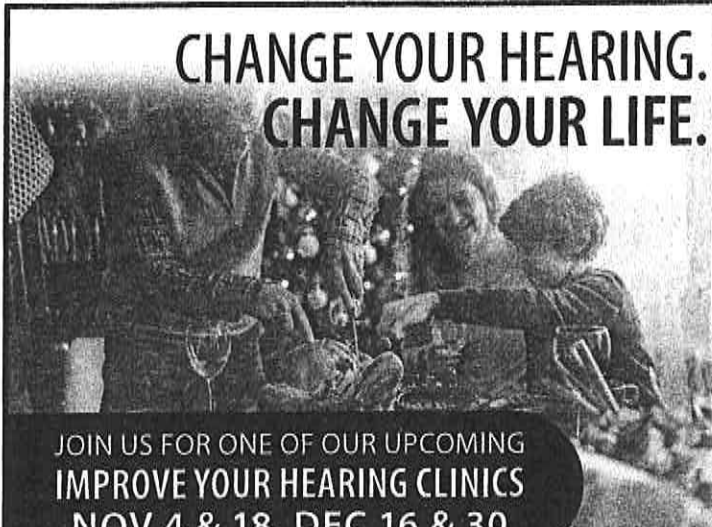
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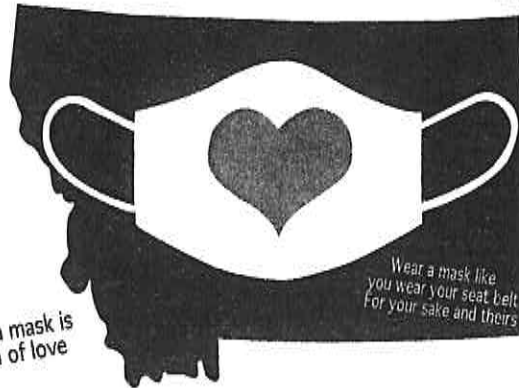
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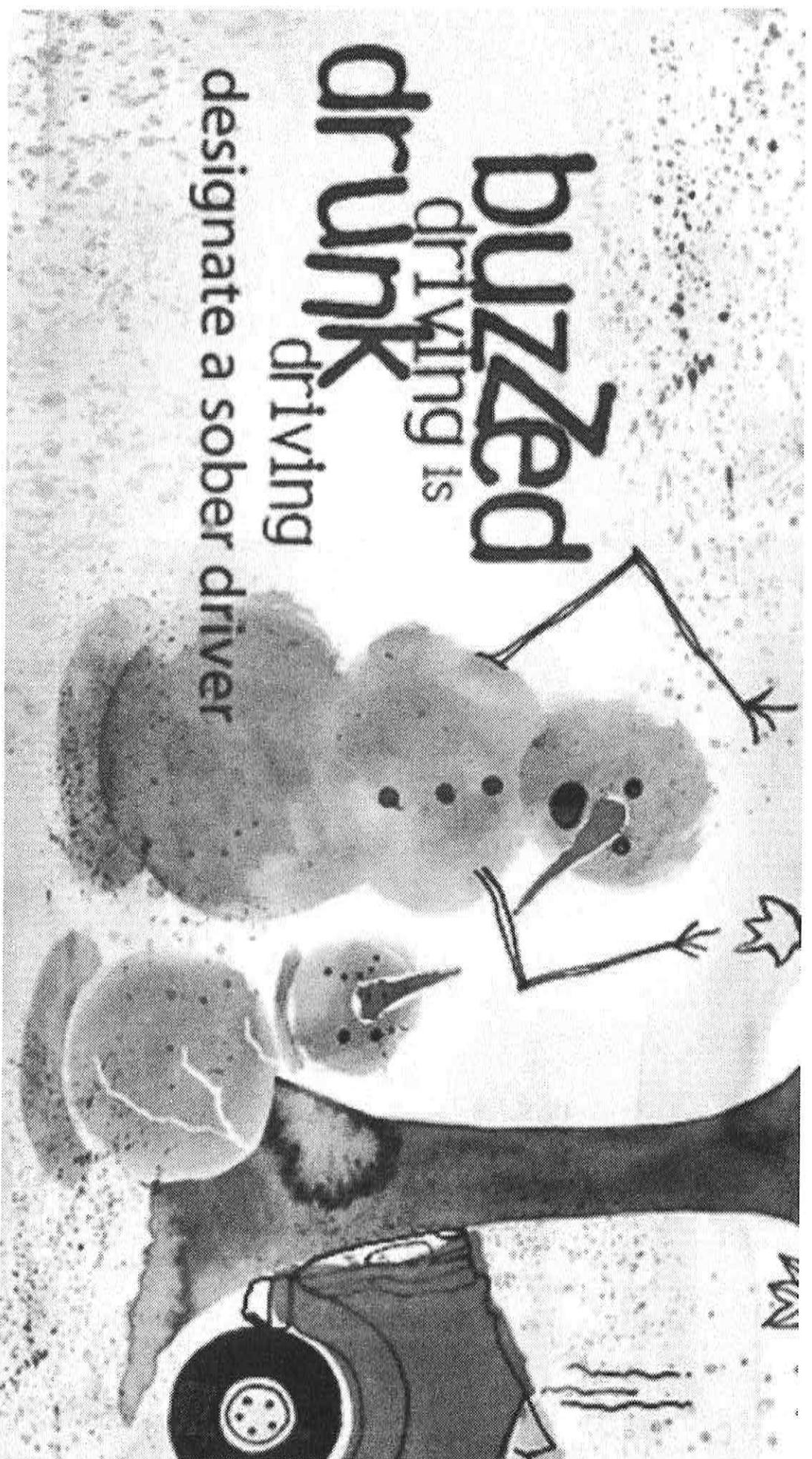
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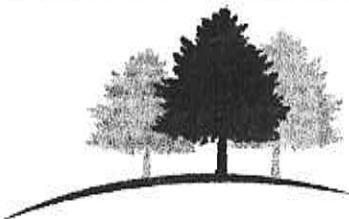
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