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Helen Merle Sweeney

Helen Merle (Chris) Sweeney passed away on January 30, 2023 at the Copper Ridge Health and Rehab Center in Butte, MT.



Born June 30, 1926 in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Merle and Harry M. Christensen, her family moved to Lewistown, Montana, when she was in 5th grade. During her life she lived in various places in Montana. In her freshman year of college, she became known as "Chris". She graduated from the University of Montana in 1949 in Pharmacy. After graduation she worked at Mitchell Drug in Dillon where she met and later married Peter Sweeney on May 30th, 1954. They moved to Butte where

Chris practiced pharmacy in a hospital for five years while Pete completed his mineral engineering degree from the Montana School of Mines. After several moves, Deer Lodge became their home where Chris worked as a part time pharmacist.

In 1966 Pete was transferred by Cominco to develop their lead deposits near Salem, Missouri, and Chris completed her pharmacy career in Salem as the first pharmacist in the newly built Salem Memorial District Hospital. Chris was an active member of the Salem United Methodist Church, singing in the choir and playing in the bell choir. She was an active member of United Methodist Women and the Mary and Martha Circle. Chris served on the Mission Committee for many years. Mrs. Sweeney was a Cosmopolitan Club member and enjoyed bridge, sewing, and embroidering.

After 52 years of marriage, Pete passed away in July 2006. Chris remained in her home until moving to the Salem Residential Mutual Care in 2013. In August of 2018 Chris moved to the Copper Ridge Health and Rehab Center in Butte, Montana, to be closer to extended family.

Chris was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother, Harry and his first wife as well as sisters-in-law, Margaret Hagenbarth and Mary Ford. Brothers-in-law Rodger (Elaine) and John Sweeney also preceded her in death. She is survived by sisters-in-law Viola Iverson and Cam Christensen along with many nephews and nieces.

Chris' warm and loving ways will be missed by all who call her family and friend. Chris' family would like to thank all her caregivers over the last few years in Salem, MO. and Butte, MT. Graveside services will be held at 1:30 PM on February 14, 2023 at the Mountain View Cemetery in Dillon, MT. Memorial contributions can be made to Salem United Methodist Church, 801 East Science River BLVD, Salem MO 65560 or a charity of your choice.

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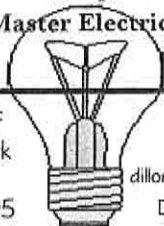
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The Society strives to:

- Confer distinction for high achievement in English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies;
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Candidates for membership in Sigma Tau Delta have attained high academic achievement in the field of English studies.

This year's inductees include:

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 Tana Campbell—Dillon, MT
 Samantha Gregg—Athol, ID
 Laura Symmes—Dillon, MT
 Cynthia Gregg—Dillon, MT
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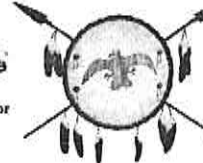
Montana Western congratulates these students for all of their success and hard work. To find out about Sigma Tau Delta's history, awards, and events visit www.english.org.**Hunting for all mountain lions to close in lion
management units 391, 210**

By order of the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission, the hunting of all mountain lions will close in Lion Management Unit (LMU) 391, except for Limited Special License holders.

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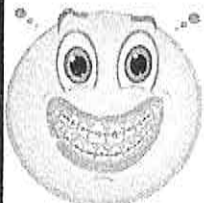
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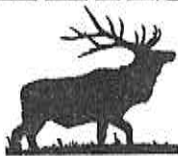
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Veteran's Corner Update #189

By Mike Lawson

Greetings to those of you who read my SW MT Veteran's update articles. I checked on the Internet on the SW MT snowpack levels and we're presently at 97%, which is encouraging news.

The potential for Butte to see a Modular home maker come to Butte and build an \$80 million, 450,000 square-foot facility at the Montana Connections Business Development Park in Butte is looking promising. The California San Diego-based company called Dvele gave a presentation to the Silver Bow County Commissioners last week. Veterans would be sought after to be part of that work-force. I hope it's legitimate as we have seen promoters come and go who gave a big spiel and nothing concrete came of it. When we see them build the warehouse which requires the permits/etc. than it'll be time to get excited.

On the Veteran side of things, if your a veteran and are in the VA Health Care system, I would encourage you to get a My HealthVet account and see all that it offers for you to view your healthcare records, check your appointments, send messages to your primary care-giver and the list goes on. I use it all the time and it's very helpful for me. If you wear hearing aids, like I do, the VA has an audio section now, where you can get your hearing aids adjusted. I had mine adjusted at the Butte CBOC and was very well satisfied.

The The Montana VA Health Care System has a new Congressional Liaison. He is Jonathan (J.J.) Elm and his contact info is as follows: (406) 447-7302 jonathan.elm@va.gov

On the Homeless Veteran front, it was encouraging to read that the Department of Veteran Affairs permanently housed 40,401 homeless vets in 2022. This is providing these Vets "with wraparound support they need to stay housed—including health care, job training, legal and educational assistance and more." If you know of any homeless vets, encourage them or take them and go to the Homeless Veteran's Office at Ft Harrison. They will get help once they get there. There's also a National Call Center for Homeless Veterans. Their number is 877-4aid-vet (877-424-3838). The Web-site is VA Homeless Programs website.

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Landowners have until March 15 to submit applications to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks for enrollment in the Unlocking Public Lands (UPL) Program or the Public Access Land Agreement (PALA) Program.

These programs are designed to provide recreational public access to state (Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation) or federal (Bureau of Land Management or United States Forest Service) land where no or limited legal public access currently exists.

For enrollment in UPL, landowners will receive a tax credit in the amount of \$750 per acre and up to a maximum of \$3,000 in tax credits in exchange for allowing access across the private lands, roads or trails to reach inaccessible public land. Landowners must hold the public land lease and decide how the public may cross their private property for all recreations.

For enrollment in PALA, landowners will receive monetary compensation, including possible infrastructure reimbursements (e.g., gravel, culverts, cattle guards, etc.) to facilitate public access to inaccessible public lands. Landowners must hold the public land lease. Compensation amounts vary based on a variety of factors, with one landowner possibly holding multiple agreements. The governor-appointed Private Land/Public Wildlife (PL/PW) Advisory Committee will review complete applications and make a recommendation to the FWP director on whether to extend an agreement.

"Offering a tax credit or payment in exchange for public access to inaccessible public land is a unique and innovative way to respect private property rights and increase public access," said Jason Kool, FWP hunting access program manager. "We hope these opportunities and incentives appeal to many landowners throughout the state."

While Montana contains millions of acres of public land, much of this land is inaccessible to the public and requires landowner permission for access.

More information about these two programs, including enrollment criteria, application forms, and fact sheets describing these FWP public access programs, can be found at: fwp.mt.gov/landowner.



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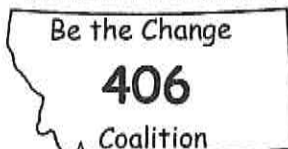
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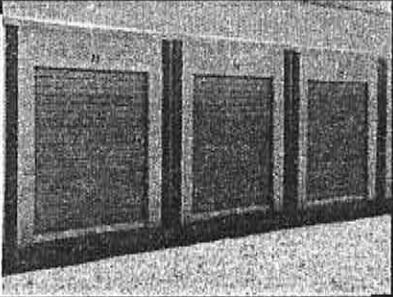
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Barrett Hospital & HealthCare invites applications to fill a Certified Medical Coder position to join our team of professionals. As a member of the Health Information Management team, the Certified Medical Coder performs highly technical and specialized functions for Barrett Hospital & HealthCare. The Certified Medical Coder reviews, analyzes and assigns appropriate diagnostic and/or procedural information to ensure compliance with established coding guidelines, third party reimbursement policies and regulatory guidelines. The Certified Medical Coder must have demonstrated experience in abstracting and can assure final diagnoses and procedural documentation as stated by providers are valid and complete. The Certified Medical Coder must possess advanced knowledge of medical terminology and coding conventions (ICD-10 CM, CPT-4, HCPCS) with established rules by the American Medical Association, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the assignment of diagnostic and procedural codes. Incumbents must have a passion for teamwork, customer service excellence and enjoy working with the public. **Minimum Qualifications:** High school diploma, GED, or equivalent required. Two years' experience as a medical coding professional in a hospital or clinic setting. Active CCS, CCS-P, CPC or RHIA certification required through AHIMA or AAPC. This position is a full-time position and is eligible for the full benefit package

Patient Services Coordinator

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare invites applications to fill a Patient Services Coordinator position to join our Clinic team. The Patient Services Coordinator provides a full range of receptionist and clerical supportive services including greeting visitors, providing general information to patients either in person or on the telephone, maintains the switchboard, interviews patients for pertinent account information, verifies patient insurance coverage/eligibility, and enters new patient information into the electronic medical record. The Patient Services Coordinator protects the privacy of patients, physicians and employees in accordance with policy and regulatory requirements. The successful candidate will have a passion for customer service excellence, possess a high standard of communication skills, and enjoy working with the public. **Minimum Qualifications:** High School Diploma, GED or equivalent required. A minimum of one to three years related healthcare experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience preferred. Candidates who are bilingual in English/Spanish are preferred. This position is a full-time position and is eligible for the full benefit package

Phlebotomist (temporary position)

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare invites applications to fill a phlebotomist position to join our Laboratory team. The Phlebotomist performs phlebotomy, specimen processing, computer accessioning, informs patients on proper specimen collection techniques and other duties related to specimen collection, provides results distribution, and assists with patient flow. Successful candidates should have a passion for customer service excellence, work well in a team environment and enjoy working with the public. **Minimum Qualifications:** High school diploma, GED or equivalent required. Previous experience and/or training on proper phlebotomy techniques preferred. Consideration for on-the-job training experiences is available to successful candidates seeking a fulfilling career in healthcare.

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