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YOUR VIEW

Farm in the Dell answer to "what if?"

Dear Editor,
Have you ever thought about "what if" you could live independently, "what if" you could be a contributing member of your local community, "what if" you could raise some of your own food while living in the country and "what if" you could do all this while still supporting yourself? Those are the benefits a person with an intellectual disability can achieve by living at the Heart of Montana Farm in the Dell. What is the Farm in the Dell, you ask? It's an agricultural-based forever home for individuals with a disability, and, yes, all those "what ifs" can be achieved through the Farm in the Dell. Our community has an opportunity to assist in providing this type of forever home to individuals who are part of our local community and are contributing members of our area. The Heart of Montana Farm in the Dell is an opportunity to assist individuals with a disability and provide them a forever home so they can be contributing to our community, living independently and providing a service to all.
Many of you may have seen our float in the Fourth of July parade and are looking for more information on how to volunteer, assist with the project, have land or a house to share, you are a builder, have a cow or two to spare, or you just want to be part of enriching our community; well, we'd love to have you contact us. To learn more come to our monthly meetings, our next one is July 21. If you miss the July meeting we'll meet again on Aug. 8 at St. James Episcopal Church, 6 p.m.
Our local community will be enriched by the Heart of Montana Farm in the Dell; so "what if" you are looking for a heartwarming experience, "what if" you want to learn more about Farm in the Dell, "what if" you want to enhance the lives of others or "what if" you just want to learn more: Get in touch with us on Facebook or come to the next meeting.
Kaylene Patten
Lewistown

My ancestors are turning in their graves

Dear Editor,
I'm wearing a beautiful Democratic mule pin in honor of the good Democrats of the past and present. Why? Because in the 1950s the United States legislature passed a law that the Communists could not have a political party for electing a president of the U.S. Therefore, the Progressives-Socialists-Communists did not leave the U.S., but instead joined the other political parties. (If you were a Communist, wouldn't you?)
The Republicans have the Rino members (Republican in name only.) It looks like the Democrats have had the party stolen, including the name, by those that believe that capitalists have no right to own their businesses, protect themselves (own guns), health or educational choices. The government will own the businesses, decide who lives or dies and pick the schoolbooks, etc., which is a form of stealing future generations from their parents. This puts the government in the position of a god. That is what Hitler did.
Communism is very anti "God of the Bible and Jesus," but any or all the other gods are okay. Have you noticed that ISIS moves into Christian communities and kills everyone? Communism also results in millions of people plundered or murdered because the ruling classes pay no consequences. It results in guns taken away from those who oppose the rulers and Communism results in political correctness—which is an attack on free speech.
Most of my ancestors were Bible readers, Democrats, Independents, Whigs and Republicans. My ancestors owned businesses or were landowners doing their own work, some with titles (not as greedy as mine), and they fought in most wars. Yet because of what is going on in American politics right now, my ancestors are all worn out from turning over in their graves.
Bobble Cox
Lewistown

Honor shown to veterans appreciated

Dear Editor,
A special thanks for the honor shown to the military veterans this past fourth of July in Lewistown.
Many military veterans don't walk so good anymore, but not surprisingly they are still proud of their service to this country and its people, then and now. You will still see them lead wherever they are called upon, be it for parades or work details.
I also thank you to the family members of sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, husbands or wives on active duty; their great sacrifice also needs to be recognized.
I especially enjoyed the meal and the fellowship at a local Christian church's Veterans' Dinner, offered next door to the Lewistown museum.
Well done, and thank you.
Gordon Wentworth
Lewistown

SARA BETH TIMES

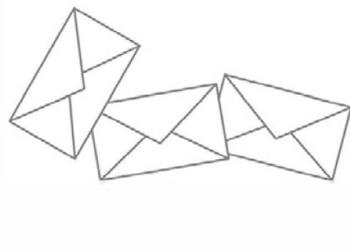
No way, handbag



Insights From Sara Beth Times Columnist

I have lots of reasons for not carrying a purse:
It hurts my shoulder.
I accumulate too much junk and end up picking my hand into something putrid and unidentifiable at the bottom of the bag.
It makes me feel low-maintenance. I prickle myself on not needing to carry lipstick or a hairbrush or a second form of identification.
A purse feels like a noose to me, almost claustrophobic.
But here's the thing... My shoulder often hurts anyway. Apparently my unseen baggage is way heavier than any overloaded handbag.
I accumulate junk anyway. I can't tell you how many times I've carried necessary papers, water bottles, sunscreen, snacks for my kids, and yes... even a hairbrush... around in a plastic grocery bag or an acrylic tote my husband received as a freebie when he joined a gym a few years ago.
Since I don't use a smartphone (that's a conversation for another time), I still use an actual paper planner to organize my life.
I end up loading it up with so many flyers, permission slips, receipts, and sticky notes that it bulges to the point of explosion.
On top of that, I'm one of those weird writer types: My life is littered with loose scraps of napkin with column ideas, and clippings from newspapers and magazines that I pilfered from a doctor's office waiting room thinking someday it would serve me inspiration. In reality all of this eventually ends up thrown out in the biannual purge when I can no longer take the paper chaos.
It would make more sense to invest in a large, high quality leather satchel that would endure being thrown into the passenger seat of my car when I am racing to get to work and school on time; that would just look better with age and half-eaten suckers stuck to the lining.
This dream satchel is on my

list of purchases if I should ever win the lottery. Not necessarily because I can't afford it now, but because I like to marry myself and endure unnecessary suffering; and also because joking about winning the lottery justifies my purchasing of weekly tickets (which is one of my favorite extravaganzas).
(It is not lost on me that if I saved up all the money I'm spending on lottery tickets, in a few years I'd have enough to buy any satchel I wanted. We all need our diversions, and my four tickets a week are one of mine.)
It has come to my attention recently that not carrying a purse does not prevent me from accumulating junk. It just thins the junk out, so I don't have to sort it as often.
ET carried a bag, it would eventually get so heavy and difficult to navigate that I'd be forced to clean it out in order to function.
This week, at an important meeting in which it would have benefited me to seem like an organized person, I found myself digging through receipts folded into tiny squares searching for a phone number in my tiny wallet that fits little more than my driver's license. Two sets of keys were continually falling on the floor (because I also chose to wear pants with no pockets). I apologized as my planner burst forth with papers.
You'd think after this humbling experience I'd have decided once and for all to invest in a decent handbag.
But purses are just too expensive, and bad for my back.
An archive of The Sara Beth Times can be found at www.sarabethtimes.com.



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GUEST OPINION
Outdoor recreation is essential to our economy



Hiker Tim Faber takes in the view of Dovetail Creek in the Musselshell Breaks. Photos courtesy of Dave Mari

By DAVE MARI
Wind-swept, wide-open prairies and mountainous backdrops are what distinguish Montana from all other states. The sensation of being in big country, where you can hear nothing but breeze and the trilling of a meadowlark is why so many of us live here and why millions of others want to visit.
With geography such as Montana's, it's no surprise that quiet, outdoor recreation has become essential to our economy. Recent studies show exactly how important this type of recreation is. The Bureau of Land Management's Lewistown Field Office would do well to consider these studies while revising its Resource Management Plan for the 750,000 acres in its area of responsibility.
According to the Outdoor Industry Association, outdoor recreation on public lands generates \$5.8 billion in consumer spending, \$1.5 billion in wages and salaries and \$403 million in state and local tax revenue in the Treasure State. Outdoor recreation also supports 64,000 jobs in the state.
ECONorthwest, an independent economic analysis firm, recently took a closer look at Montana's outdoor recreation economy and determined how much hiking, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, mountain biking, camping and other types of quiet recreation on BLM lands contribute to the state's economy. According to the study, there were 2.9 million quiet recreation visits to Montana's BLM lands in 2015. Those visits generated \$145 million in direct spending within 50 miles of the recreation sites, and those dol-

lars circulated through the state economy, resulting in \$41 million in employee salaries, wages and benefits. The study also shows that quiet recreation visits supported 7,797 Montana jobs.
That's why I'm urging the BLM to create an RMP for the Lewistown Field Office that reflects how much quiet recreation means to Montanans, our visitors, and our economy. That means protecting the wildlands, wildlife and historic characteristics of certain special places across central Montana such as Dovetail and Crooked Creek in the Musselshell Breaks area.
Of course, the BLM has a mandate to manage public lands for multiple uses in addition to quiet recreation, including livestock grazing, energy development and off-road vehicle use. The agency can achieve that mandate by striking the right balance.
Livestock grazing can still occur in lands that have retained their wildness, and the potential for energy development appears to be low to non-existent in those same places. And there is plenty of space across the field office to accommodate off-road vehicle recreation in a way that won't interfere with quiet recreation or damage those places that have retained their primitive quality.
Undeveloped, open space for quiet recreation in the prairies and island ranges of central Montana is obviously important to our state's growing ranks of outdoor enthusiasts. The BLM can help sustain and perhaps even boost our local economies by ensuring that its Lewistown RMP keeps those quiet backcountry places as they are.

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