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SEE ALL THE VISIBLE PLANETS

In the evening of May 19th and lasting for another week or so the planets of Venus and Mercury will be visible. To fine them go out about 1/2 hour after sunset. Look where the Sun sat and come up from the horizon about 30 degrees. You will see a bright star looking object, that is Venus. Below and to your left of Venus will be dim little Mercury. In the morning of May 20th about 90 minutes to 1 hour before sunrise looking South – Southeast the other 3 visible planets are up. These planets are next to the constellation Capricornus (The Sea Goat). Jupiter and Saturn on the left and Mars on the right. Sunrise on May 20th is 5:52AM MDT. The brightest of the planets is Jupiter. To the left of Jupiter is Saturn followed by Mars. Mars is left and lower than Saturn and about 6 time the distance between Jupiter and Saturn. These 3 planets will be visible for most of the year. Mars will be closest to Earth on October 8th,, 2020.

COMET PANSTARRS T2

Although Panstarrs T2 is said to be a naked eye comet you will probably will need a small telescope or a pair of binoculars. The comet is appears in the night sky and the bright stars show up in the night sky about 1/2 hour after sunset. Sunset on May 19th is about 9:30PM MDT. Wait until you can see all of the stars in Ursa Major (The big bear). On a line between The North Star and the eye of the big bear go about 1/3 the distance of the line, starting at the eye of the big bear. A small telescope or a pair of binoculars will show it a s fuzzy pale blob. Nearby are 2 other FFOs (Faint Fizzy Objects) they are 2 galaxies M81 and M82. This comet will be around throughout June.

COMET SWAN

Comet Swan is visible to the naked eye. If you have a small telescope or binoculars you will be able to see the tail. To see the comet go out about 90 minutes to 2 hours before sunrise on the 19th of May. Look low in the East and Northeastern sky half way between the constellations Triangulum and the star Algol in Perseus. Sunrise on May 19th is 5:30AM MDT. This comet will naked eye visible for just a few more days.

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The Sheridan Firefighter Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is embarking on a Capital Campaign to generate funding to build a new 7,800 sq. ft. facility for The Sheridan Fire Department - Rural District #4. Total construction costs are estimated at \$1,251,000 with a total estimated project cost of \$1,285,494. The structure will be constructed of metal with stick framing. The facility will include 4 bays with an indoor vehicle wash station, an office, kitchenette, exercise room, bathroom, changing room and loft storage. The facility will be built on a 5-acre parcel located at 3284-A MT Hwy 287, 1 mile south of Sheridan. The parcel is debt-free as of August 2019, and the property is owned by the Sheridan Fire Department Rural District #4. All funds generated for this project will be designated and restricted towards the Capital Campaign "Bricks and Mortar" (construction), engineering design, and fixtures, and may not be used for any other purpose.

When the new facility is completed and ready for occupancy, The Board of Directors for the Sheridan Fire Fighter Association will donate the facility to the Sheridan Fire Department - Rural District #4, and the Sheridan Firefighter Association will cease all project oversight and management. When ownership/title transfer takes place, the building/project shall be debt-free and the Sheridan Fire Department -Rural District #4 will be responsible to assume all expenses to include utilities, taxes, maintenance, repairs, and insurance.

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There is a lot to do and see.

Check out all the old buildings and artifacts in Nevada City and pan for gold. Starting June 19th the Virginia City Players will begin their season with 2 shows:

Rumpelstiltskin: June 19 - August 2

Seven Keys to Baldpate: August 4 - September 6

Take the kids fishing at the Kids Fishing Pond between Virginia City and Nevada City.

Both Virginia City and Nevada City are full of outdoor recreation from Mountain biking, Fishing, Gold Panning, Hiking and taking a drive up Alder Gulch.

If that doesn't suit your fancy then you can enjoy an afternoon walking the board walk while eating ice cream or enjoying your favorite old fashion candy.

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It is definetly time to get out and about!



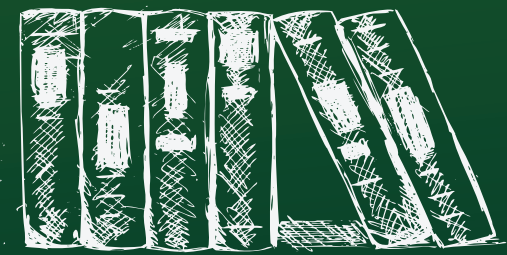
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- Linda Parsons
- Cindy Adams-Vice Chair
- Sue Heald
- Joyce Pearson
- Emilie Saylor-Secretary
- Claire Leonard
- Judy Weitzel
- Pam Birkeland-Treasurer
- Chris Mumme
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WHAT DO WE DO?

The purpose of the MHLAC is to develop, improve and support public mental health and substance abuse services in Madison County through providing local input to the BHAC, DPHHS and the Service Area Authority (SAA) serving the residents of the County, and the Madison County Commissioners.

During these uncertain times we encourage you to take care of yourself and your loved ones. Some ways to manage increased stress are:



For more information please call 925-9624 or email keliah@savage@gmail.com

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- If you are unable to wear a covering or mask, we ask that you postpone your donation to a later date.

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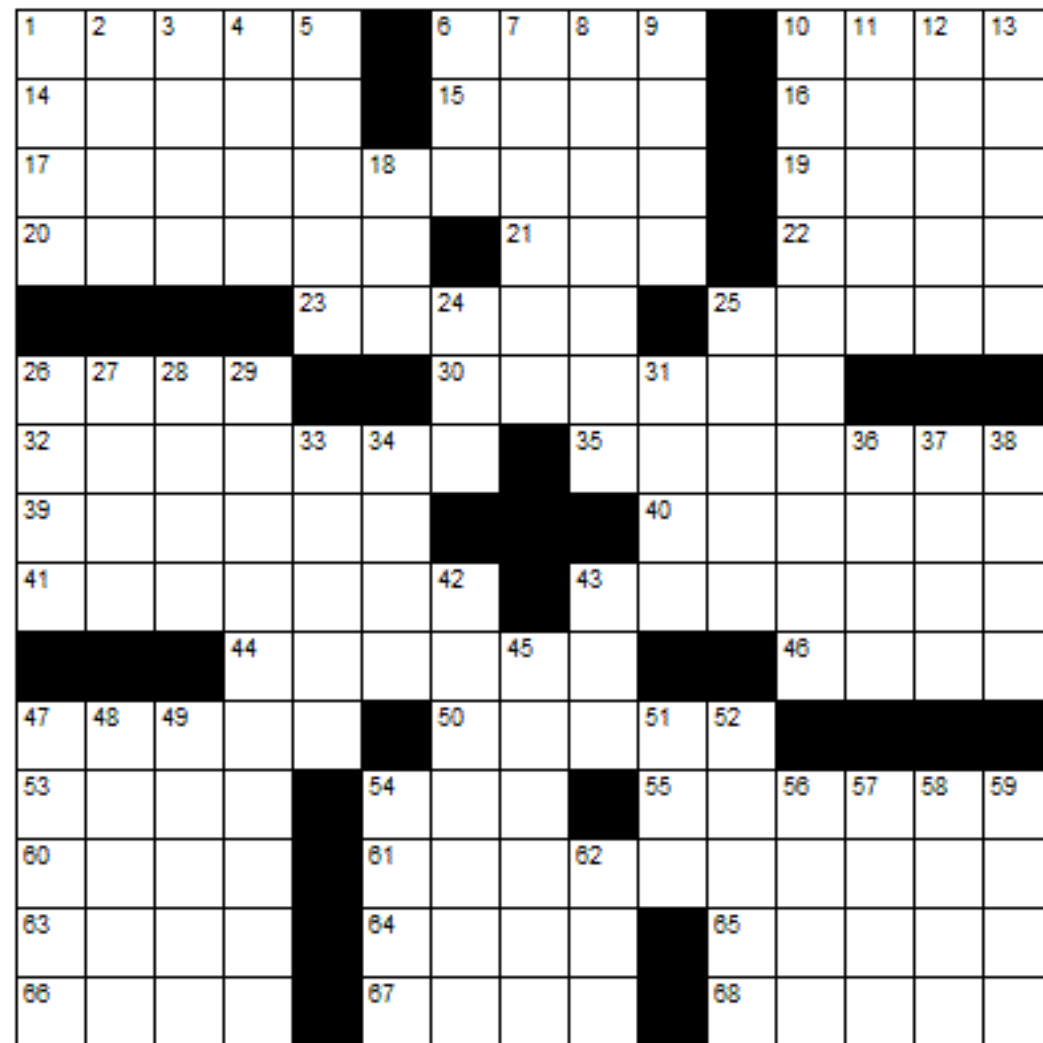
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- Abandon
- Autonomic nervous system
- At one time (archaic)
- Sour
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- Vipers
- 1 less than a dozen
- Snipped
- Set free
- Animal oil
- Postage
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- Train depot
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- Despise
- Applied mathematics (British)
- Swine
- Footnote note
- Be victorious
- Catch
- Audition tape
- Re-beautify
- Killed
- “Smallest” particle
- Columbus’s birthplace
- Small slender gull
- Combustible pile
- Hops

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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| 1. WW1 plane | 24. Scarlet | 43. Calypso offshoot |
| 2. Shoestring | 25. Triangular formation | 45. New World vulture |
| 3. Circle fragments | 26. Does something | 47. Center |
| 4. Anagram of “Ties” | 27. Shut | 48. Poplar tree |
| 5. 9-headed monster | 28. Heap | 49. Anagram of “Merit” |
| 6. Prohibit | 29. The end of an Apollo flight | 51. Record (abbrev.) |
| 7. Necessitate | 30. Sleeveless garment | 52. Kisses |
| 8. Wander aimlessly | 31. Harbors | 54. Envelop |
| 9. Hole-making tools | 32. Pitcher | 56. Journey |
| 10. Beneath | 33. Dogfish | 57. Hindu princess |
| 11. Crown | 34. Smudge | 58. At the peak of |
| 12. Jittery | 35. Feudal worker | 59. Legumes |
| 13. Warms | 36. Doubtfulness | 62. An uncle |
| 18. And so forth | | |

ANTON M. HOLTER

Born in 1831 Anton M. Holter was a Norwegian immigrant in 1854 and he was frequently referred to as the first Norwegian in the Montana territory. He became one of the state’s leading entrepreneurs, with interests in lumbering, mercantile, mining, electrical, and other businesses. He was born in Moss Norway and learned the trade of carpentry in his homeland. At the age of twenty-three he left for the New World and ended up working as a carpenter in northern Iowa, using Osage as a center of his activities. He earned \$20 a month, saved his money, invested it in town lots, and as they rose in value, saw his small fortune grow to \$3,000 within one year. The panic of 1857 wiped out the greater part of his investments, and in 1859 he became ill with “brain and swamp fever.” Holter recovered from the illness but his money was gone. . Gold was discovered at Alder Gulch and Virginia City in 1863 which prompted a new adventure for Mr. Holter and later made him the father of lumbering in Montana.

Holter went to Montana with his partner E. Evensen; their plan was to supply the Alder Gulch-Virginia City area with building materials. With crude machinery for a sawmill loaded in two wagons pulled by oxen, the two men left Denver on September 16, 1863. They arrived at Bevin’s Gulch, about ten miles from Virginia City, in December and immediately decided to locate at near-by Ramshorn Gulch. They hauled their outfit to the summit between Bevin’s and Ramshorn gulches. What followed has been described in interesting detail by Holter himself. “That was my first winter’s work in Montana, and it was a hard one too; part of it was all the more trying because I had my face cut up in a little unpleasantness with the road agents about that time. As the snow was getting deep and there was no feed for stock, Amos Holter started out for Virginia City with the cattle they brought hoping to sell them.

Finding no buyer, he headed out to a ranch of an acquaintance twenty-five miles down the Stinking Water (Ruby River). On the way he was held up and robbed by the notorious George Ives and his companion, Irwin. After he complied with Mr. Ives command to hand over his purse, Mr. Holter was ordered to drive on. As he did, he turned his head to see Mr. Ives had leveled his pistol at his head and fired. Mr. Holter dodged but still had the full force of unexploded powder in his face, the bullet passing through his hat and hair. It stunned him for an instant, and he staggered against the near leader, accidentally getting his arm over his neck, which prevented him from falling. Almost at once Mr. Holter regained his senses and faced Ives, who had his pistol lowered, but who raised it with a jerk, pointing at his breast. Mr. Holter heard the click of the hammer, but the gun misfired. Holter ran around the oxen, which became very much excited, and his coming in a rush on the other side scared them still more, and they rushed against Ives’ horse, which in turn got into a tangle with Irvin’s horse, and during the confusion Mr. Holter struck out for some beaver dams which he noticed close by, but the men soon got control of their horses, and they started off in the opposite direction. What had apparently changed their purpose was that of a man who had just appeared over the hill and who was driving a team of horses. It was later learned afterward Ives and Irvin had stopped at a saloon in Laurin, about two miles from the point where they overtook Mr. Holter, and that Ives had fired five shots at bottles on the shelves because the bartender refused them whiskey, this accounting for the fact that only one charge was left in his revolver when he attacked Mr. Holter.

With his face bandaged up, in the cold and the snow, Mr. Holter and Mr. Evenson went on to build a brush road on grade around a steep mountain to their mill location on the creek. They made a hand-sled with cross-beams extending outside the runners far enough so that when necessary they were able to nip it along with handspikes on each side. With this hand-sled they removed their outfit to the creek, and did all the logging this way during the entire winter. They first built a cabin and a black smith shop, but the latter soon became more of a machine shop for when the time came to erect the saw mill they were met with what seemed insurmountable difficulties.

He recalled at a later date: “We found deep snow and more snow falling. . . . I remember seventeen days in succession that it snowed every day. We camped there under some spruce trees and the wind blowing all the time. There we made a hand sled to handle the machinery and built a brush road a distance of a mile and a half to get the machinery we had down to the creek, where our water power was to be had. We built a cabin, without doors or windows and moved into it the day before Christmas, 1863.” The mechanical difficulties encountered by the partners were innumerable. “I didn’t know a thing about the sawmill business,” Holter explained, “and my partner, who had represented himself to be a millwright, proved that he didn’t know much about it either.” Parts of the mill, the purchase of which was Evensen’s responsibility, were missing. “The feeding apparatus was gone, among other things. We set to work and invented a new movement, which, by the way, was afterwards patented-by other parties.” He went on to relate: “In the first place, we had to have blacksmithing done, and we had no tools, so we set out to make some. We had a broadax and we drove it into a block of wood and used it for an anvil. We had a sledge, and made a pair of bellows out of some wood and our rubber coats. There was a nail hammer with the outfit, and with it and the sledge, and the anvil and a forge we got together, we managed to make the other tools we absolutely needed. We made our own charcoal and finally got that part of the preliminary work done. “We had no lathe to turn the shafting, and we finally rigged a contrivance in the cabin wall to thrust one end into. We fixed up a wheel for the other end and made a belt out of rawhide to turn the thing by hand until we got the shafting turned. The lathe was even more primitive than the blacksmith shop, but we got the work done after a fashion, although it was a slow process.” In spite of all these handicaps they were able to begin operations: “After that we whipsawed some lumber, made our water wheel, fitted up the mill, and got out several thousand feet of lumber before spring set in. “We had no belting, and we made some of rawhide, but there was no way of keeping it dry, for we had a water mill. We heard of eighty feet of six-inch belting at Bannock. I went over and tried to buy it. The man that owned it had no use for it and said so, but he wouldn’t set a price and I made him several offers, finally telling him that I would give him \$600, all the money I had with me. He wouldn’t sell even then, and I had to go back without it, and we made a shift to use a canvas belt that we made ourselves. It was a poor affair but we got along somehow.”

The story of marketing the crude lumber is best told by Holter: “Lumber brought high prices, though, and we made some money after all our trouble. We got \$140 a thousand for sluice lumber, and \$125 for common lumber. The second year we started a yard at Nevada City, and I remember that the demand was so great that whenever we expected a wagon in there would be a crowd of men waiting for it, who wouldn’t let me get to it at all. As soon as the binding was taken off the load, they would make a rush for the wagon and every man would take off what he could carry. The demand was so keen that they felt justified in taking it by force, and I wouldn’t even have a chance to keep an account of what was taken. As far as I know, however, it was always correctly accounted for and I do not believe that there was ever a stick that went out that way that I didn’t get my pay for.” During the summer of 1864 Holter and two other men- Cornelius and Olsen - built a crude waterworks in Virginia City. Pipes and hydrants were constructed of logs, and it was impossible to find so much as an auger with which to bore three-inch holes in the logs. They had a blacksmith make three augers and paid \$150 apiece for them. Water was brought from a distance of two miles. The logs which served as conduits were tapered at one end and fitted together by means of iron bands that had once served as wagon hubs. All faucets and valves had to be made by hand. He appears to have been not only a born businessman, with boundless energy and a sharp eye for profits, but also a public-spirited leader who served, at varying times, as a state senator, as mayor of Helena, and as president of Helena’s chamber of commerce. In 1878 he was elected to the territorial council; in 1881 he was a member of the city council of Helena and later was elected to the house of representatives of the state, serving in both the first and second sessions.

He was one of the first school trustees elected in 1869, and was the first republican elected to this office in Lewis and Clark county. He was largely interested in the building of the first school house in Helena, at a cost \$25,000, over \$11,000 being realized from the sale of county warrants. He was singled out by King Haakon of Norway as one of the leading Norwegian influences in the United States.

Mr. Holter died at his home in Helena at the age of 90 in 1921. The Holter family remained active in Montana public affairs for many years and the family name is featured prominently in Montana, and especially within Helena, on places, institutions and landmarks, including the Holter Museum of Art, Holter Lake, Holter Dam and Holter Street. The World War II Liberty ship SS Anton Holter was named in his honor.