

Dept. of Agriculture sponsors public forum in Helena this week

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is sponsoring a public forum in Helena Thursday and Friday, April 27-28, to hear public comment on improving life in rural Montana.

"We must make our communities more desirable and affordable places to live and work," said Anthony Preite, acting state director of USDA's Rural Economic and Community Development Services. At the Helena listening forum, the agency will be looking to the public for help in predicting the future needs of Montana's rural communities, he added. "Your input will help us better understand your rural development needs."

Forum participants will discuss future development activities for rural areas in Montana, said Preite. Topics will include providing and improving safe drinking water, waste disposal systems, housing, electric and telecommunications systems and business development. In focus groups led by leading developers, participants will have an opportunity to discuss current conditions, available resources and changes in public agencies needed to improve rural living, added Preite.

The forum will be held at Jorgenson's Holiday Motel. For more information, contact the Montana Rural Development Council in Helena at 449-4245.

COURTS

Helena man sentenced for deceptive use of cash cards

By CAROLYNN FARLEY
IR Staff Writer

A Helena man arrested in January for stealing credit cards and an automated teller card and using them to purchase items at stores throughout the city and to withdraw cash pleaded guilty to five counts of deceptive practices last week.

Michael Anthony Brewer, 29, was sentenced to six years deferred on all five counts to run concurrently.

Brewer must also pay restitution in the amount of about \$10,000 for items he purchased with the credit cards and cash he stole.

Brewer, who worked for Security Armored Express at the time of the thefts, was put on suspension from his job at the time he was arrested and later resigned from his position at the armored car company, according to Bryan Sandrock, vice president in charge of operations in Helena for the company.

According to Sandrock, the armored car company recently wrote a check to the parties from whom Brewer stole the cards as Brewer removed the cards from a first-class mail shipment he was delivering for Security Armored Express.

"This just shows why we screen our employees as well as we do," said Sandrock. "Nothing showed up on him. Mike worked for us for quite a while before he showed his true colors."

CLUB NEWS

Baun affirmed as president of local Metropolitan Dinner Club

Metropolitan Dinner Club officer Albert L. Baun was affirmed 1995-1996 president at a meeting of officers and directors of the club on April 6 and by the membership on April 17. Baun, a five-year member of the dinner club, has promoted membership drives and publicity for the organization and follows Past President M. Herbert Goodwin.

Other officers confirmed were Roxana Wedgwood, 1st vice president; and Roger Bisson, 2nd vice president. Jeanie Morris was named secretary treasurer. Board directors selected were Dean Lindahl, Valerie Castle, Paul Bovee, Barbara Duffy, Betsy Hallowell, Bob Kuntz, Theresa Hartzog, and Dick Richter.

In its 27th season, the Metropolitan Dinner Club provides area residents with enjoyable opportunities of "Good Food, Good Company, and Good Minds." The purpose of the club is to afford its members with five, entertaining "dress up" evenings during the fall, winter, and spring social seasons.

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The brainstorming session will be an opportunity for elected officials to learn more about how land trusts can be used to maintain open space.

"This is a workshop to learn exactly what is a land trust and what are the various alternatives available, like whether it's better to initiate one on your own or join someone else's," Hurdleston said. "We want to learn how we can facilitate it coming into being and what others have learned about those kinds of efforts."

It's also a follow-up to establishment of the Land Conservation and Development Advisory Committee, which was set up about a year ago to inventory public and private land ownership; to explore and develop observation methods and strategies; and to advise local governments on general and specific open space issues. Two other aspects of the report that recommended formation of the LCDAC was to have the city of Helena and other local governments encourage formation of a private, non-profit land trust; and that the city adopt a set of criteria to judge the value of open space lands.

FUNERAL SERVICES

FRIDAY
YURIC, Steve M., age 73, of 3055 Howard Rd. Vigil service will be 7 p.m. Thurs. at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church of East Helena. Memorial Mass will be Fri. 10 a.m. at the Church with committal to follow in the Montana State Veteran's Cemetery with military honors.

TUESDAY
JOHNSON, Beverly, "Bev", age 65, of 1631 E. 6th Ave. Memorial services will be Tues., May 2nd at 2 p.m. at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, 1400 Stuart St. The Tribute will be in the Sun. April 30th paper. Memorials are suggested to the Church.
Retz Funeral Home
442-1550

DEATHS

Raymond Blehm

Raymond E. Blehm, Jr., 50, of Carson City, Nev., died April 18, 1995, in Carson City of a heart attack.

He served in Helena as Montana's fire marshal from 1986-1991.

He is survived by a daughter Amy Blehm.
Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in Mountainview Cemetery in Billings.

Gerald Klapproth

Informal memorial services for Gerald Klapproth, 53, of Helena, who died April 19, will be held Saturday, April 29, at 2 p.m. at the Lewis and Clark Fairgrounds.

CITY DIARY

TODAY IN HELENA

12:05 p.m. — Lewis and Clark Conservation District Lunch Box Series on "Know Your Dirt — Soil Helps for the Non-Technical," until 12:50 p.m. at Anchor Park.

7:30 p.m. — Forest Service lecture on "Political Aspects of Implementing Ecosystem Management" at the Carroll College Lower Commons.

ORGANIZATIONS

ACA/Recovering Adult meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. upstairs at St. Paul's Methodist Church. 449-7778.

Alcoholics Anonymous Thursday meeting times. Call 443-0438. (C) Closed meetings, (O) Open meetings and (ns) non-smoking.

6:45 a.m. — (c), Jorgenson's Restaurant.

8:30 a.m. — Boulder Hot Springs, Main Lobby (C)(NS).

Noon — (ns)(c), St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Noon — 621 N. Main.

5:30 p.m. — (c), 621 N. Main.

6:45 p.m. — 621 N. Main (o).

7 p.m. — Methodist Church, Lincoln, (o) (ns).

7 p.m. — Women's meeting, Plymouth Congregational Church, 400 S. Oakes (c)(ns).

7 p.m. — (o)(NS), New Life Lutheran, 5980 N. Montana.

7:30 p.m. — FWP Building, Main Floor, 1420 E. 6th Ave. (NS)(C).

8 p.m. — (ns)(c), St. Paul's Methodist Church.

8 p.m. — (o), 621 N. Main.

Al-Anon Family Group meetings for Thursday.

9:30 a.m. — Thursday Morning AFG, St. Paul's Methodist Church, 505 Logan (bride's room).

8 p.m. — 621 N. Main.

Narcotics Anonymous meeting at noon at the Helena Indian Alliance.

Alcoholics Triumphant meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Hannaford Street Baptist Church, 830 N. Hannaford.

Overeaters Anonymous meeting at noon at St. Paul's Methodist Church Half Way Up Room, 505 Logan.

CRISIS SUPPORT LINES

This paper is read for people who are blind or otherwise can't read a newspaper on the Radio Reading Service. It's free. Call 1-800-942-7323.

If you are suicidal or know someone who is, a staff member from Mental Health Services can help. Call this 24-hour number: 443-5353 if busy call 1-800-221-0166.

For meetings times and locations call:

Parents Anonymous — 442-0227

Narcotics Anonymous — 1-800-990-6262

Gamblers Anonymous — 449-8268

Overeaters Anonymous — 449-4943

Parents Without Partners — 443-2586

Birthing of Helena — 1-800-550-4900

Tops — 442-1777

Pregnancy Loss Support Group — 444-2368

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays — (Hospice) 444-2367

Greater Montana S.I.D.S. — 1-800-823-2269

Penic Attack Support Group — 449-7679

Community Information and Referral — 442-0295

VITALS

Births
Jill and Rex Hoy of Helena, a boy on April 24.
Kim and Tim Watne of Clancy, a boy on April 24.
Gina and Mark Twichel of Helena, a girl on April 24.

Divorces
Kenneth Dale and Patricia Ann Stockburger Lloyd Edward and Carolyn Jean Heffernan Harold D. and Kristin A. Thompson Jr. Matthew A. and Lilibeth E. Bidnead John H. and Heather R. McKittrick Gardner Stanley J. and Pamela K. Heinert

Bray

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expanded, new resident studios and kilns were built, and in 1984, the Archie Bray Foundation purchased the entire abandoned brickyard, old warehouses, beehive kilns and all.

While Archie Bray did not live to see his pottery bloom to fullness, the Archie Bray Foundation has emerged as a pinnacle of national and international ceramics. Each of the Bray's nine directors holds an established place in the world of American ceramics, and each year 20 or so resident artists from across the United States and other corners of the world are invited to the Bray. Currently there are ten, including two from Siberia. Totalling over 200 in all, the residents have come over the years to Hel-

28th Annual Altrusa Tour of Beautiful Homes
Sunday, April 30 1-5 pm

- Appleton Inn Bed & Breakfast 1999 Euclid Ave.
- The Montana Club 24 W. 6th Ave.
- Ken & Trish Wright 2150 South Hills Dr.
- Rick & Gail Gray 10 Elkhorn Dr.
- Dave & Faye Bunes 146 Warm Springs Rd.

Tickets: \$6 Purchase tickets in advance at Travel Logistics, Drug Fair Plaza or at the homes while on the tour.

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Sat. 9:30-5:30 - Sun. 11-4

ena, to the banks of Ten Mile Creek, to work, to share ideas and to keep the dream.

The Archie Bray Foundation is open to the public daily. Visitors are welcome, and brochures are available for self-guided tours of the historic brickworks, pottery and galleries. A second annual Mother's Day plants and pots sale with Westmont's Farm in the Dell, showcasing the work of artists currently in residence at the Bray, is planned for Saturday May 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CHERE JUSTO is a historian for the Preservation Office of the Montana Historical Society, and a former resident of the Archie Bray Foundation.

Chamber sponsors its quarterly 'Going Into Business' session

The Helena Area Chamber of Commerce quarterly "Going Into Business" session will be held Tuesday, May 9, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Lewis and Clark Library.

This session provides information to people who are interested in or have recently started a business. Sessions will be held on marketing, financing, and structuring a small business, along with an introduction to the business assistance programs available in Helena. A tour of the library's business resource section is also planned.

The session is free of charge. Call the Chamber at 442-4120 to make reservations.

STUDENT NEWS

Leah A. Hoffman has graduated from the University of Montana College of Technology with a bachelor's degree in applied science. She has also achieved certification in restaurant/food service management and culinary arts.

Sally Olds of Helena, the daughter of Tom and JoAnne Olds, has been listed on the honor roll for the fall semester at Montana State University.

Patricia Moe of Helena was listed on the fall semester dean's honor roll at Western Wyoming Community College in Rock Springs, Wyo.

Justin Young of Helena has been awarded a \$6,000 Pacesetter Scholarship at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa.

Abby Person, violin soloist, was the first runner-up in the Montana Association of Symphony Orchestras Young Artist Competition in Bozeman.

Brian Pikkula has been listed on the winter quarter president's list at Louisiana Tech University.

Justin Shepard of Clancy, has been listed on the dean's list at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dennis Mix of Helena, was named "Outstanding Student in Vocational-Technical Education" at the Helena College of Technology.

Former Helena teen earns his Eagle Scout award in W. Virginia

Paul Nelson, 14, of Inwood, W. Va. received his Eagle Scout rank during an award ceremony honoring his achievements on Feb. 17 at the First Assembly of God Church in Inwood, W. Va. During his last seven years of scouting he has earned every award a Cub Scout and Webelo could earn, including the Arrow of Light.

Paul is the son of former Helena residents Larry and Iris Nelson of Inwood, and the grandson of Ralph Ennis of Clancy, Lois Ennis of Helena, and Blackie and Isabel Nelson, also of Helena.

Paul Nelson

An invitation to the community...

Join us for the groundbreaking ceremony of the Cancer Treatment Center of St. Peter's on Monday, May 1, at 4:30 p.m. The construction of this facility reinforces St. Peter's ongoing commitment to provide our community with a full range of medical services... close to home.

By adding radiation therapy services to our current program of Medical Oncology, St. Peter's is able to better meet the needs of our community.

Please join us to show your support!

Monday, May 1, 1995
4:30 PM
North Lawn at St. Peter's

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony in Rooms 1-2-3.

(If weather is inclement, we will hold the ceremony indoors.)

ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY HOSPITAL