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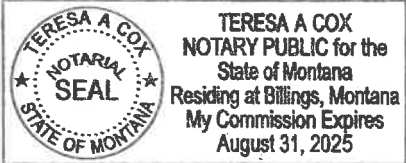
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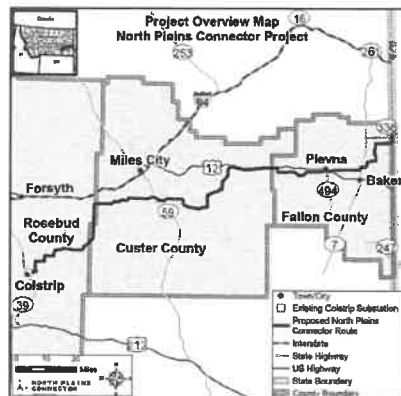
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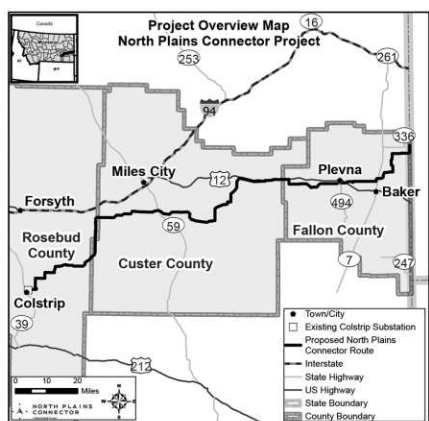
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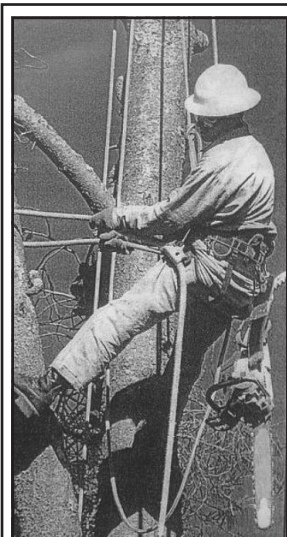
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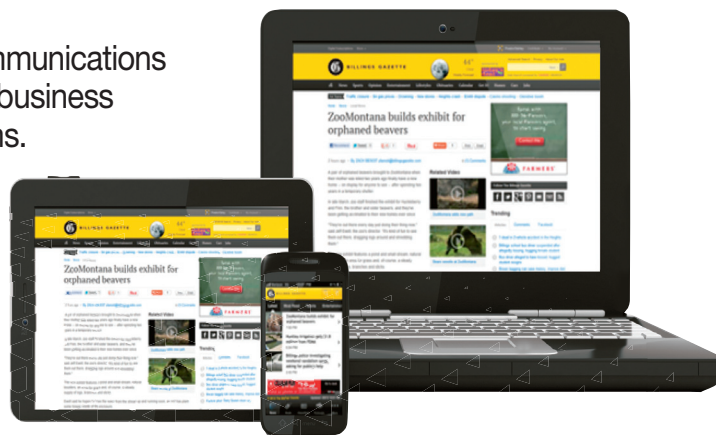
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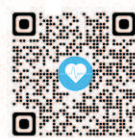
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# City pushes forward on new budget

Staff Report

The new budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 moved forward during the City Council's meeting Wednesday, Sept. 4.

The City of Baker held a public hearing before the regularly scheduled meeting in the city/county building. The final pay application by Hardrives Construction for Special Improvement District 36 street project was approved unanimously Wednesday by the council.

According to City Clerk/Treasurer Kevin Dukart, the company was just finishing up some final parts of the project. The final payout will be approximately \$106,000.

The council also agreed unanimously to write off uncollectible utility charges to process for tax lien assessment to property. According to Du-

kart, most of the properties involved are vacant lots.

The city council also passed a total of three resolutions.

Resolution #764 ratified the assessments of the maintenance costs for Special Improvement District #32, Lighting District and fixing the electrical costs for the year 2024-2025.

Resolution #765 was a resolution designed to ratify the assessments of debt service costs for Special Improvement District #36 and fixing the costs for the year 2024-2025.

Resolution #766 adopted the final operation budget and set the Mill Levy for the 2024-2025 fiscal year for the city.

At the end of the meeting, Baker Fire Chief Tom Bruha explained that WBI Energy was still working on locating the source of the smell that has

been noticed in parts of the city for almost a week. "Last Thursday, we got called out for a gas smell around town. WBI is taking care of it and it is coming from its vapor plant. They have an older tank over there. They (WBI) put out a public service announcement on the radio yesterday (Tuesday)," he explained. However, he also warned that if people notice a gas smell around their house they should call it in. "If you have the smell inside or around your house, call MDU (Montana-Dakota Utilities). That is what they are there for."

## O'Fallon Community Choir rehearsals

The O'Fallon Community Choir will start preparing for their Christmas Concert Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. at the American Lutheran Church. If you like to sing, come join the choir Monday, Sept. 16. Short practices, good fellowship and the Joy of Music!

Contact Debbi Varner at 406-778-3542 for more information.



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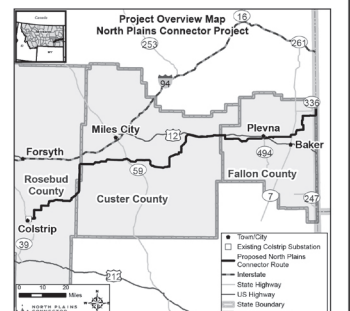
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## 'Writing Montana' workshop to be held at Pictograph Cave State Park

Dave Caserio to lead workshop Sept. 21

By Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Dave Caserio, local writer and educator, is leading a writing workshop at Pictograph Cave State Park on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pictograph Cave State Park is located just outside of Billings at 3401 Coburn Road.

Participants will use observations of the natural world and explorations of the historical, cultural, and geological background of the area to create works in any genre of writing. This is a recurring, seasonal workshop for both writers and non-writers. The outdoor workshop will include a brief tour of the state park, discussion of the writing process, independent exploration and writing time, and opportunity to share and discuss pieces.

Caserio has authored multiple books of poetry and has contributed to a variety of anthologies. He works locally in Billings and across the region with community outreach organizations.

The workshop will be outside. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather and bring their own writing gear and camp chair. Space is limited. To reserve your space, please contact Pictograph Cave State Park at 406-254-7342.



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# Rosebud County Library News

## YVONNE REDDING — ROSEBUD COUNTY LIBRARY

Rosebud County Library has partnered with Forsyth High School to bring Montana Repertory Theater back to town again this fall. There will be a performance for the students and a workshop where they can learn more about theater. We will also have an evening performance for the general public at 5:30 pm on September 11th in the high school auditorium. All are welcome to attend. **MONSTER + FARMER** is a retelling of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. Step into the world of Riley, a teenage science whiz living on a Montana ranch near the Mission Mountains. When Riley picks up a copy of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, she is inspired to craft a DIY creature of her own—all chronicled on her YouTube channel! Chaos ensues and Riley and her brother Aiden must minimize the chaos (and save the cows!), while the world watches through their smartphones. **MONSTER + FARMER** is about creation and connection in an increasingly digital world.

The rest of our fall programming at Rosebud County Library will begin on September 16th. We have changed the name of Tot Time to Library Littles which will happen at 10:00 am every morning on the main floor of the library. Hungry High Schoolers will also begin on September 16th with a meal of mac & cheese with chicken nuggets. We are adding even more to our after-school program on early-out Wednesday starting on September 18th. It will go from being called Lego Club to Wondrous Wednesday and we won't just be creative with Legos, there will be all kinds of crafts every other Wednesday as well. On Fridays we will have our volunteer lead story hours at 10:00 am.

Camille will resume "Lego Club" and Amy will resume "Story Time". Lego Club is geared to all elementary age children. This includes home schooling families. Lego Club will be every Monday afternoon at 4:15pm, unless we notify you differently. Amy will host two "Story Times" Tuesdays at 4:15pm, and Wednesday's at 11:15am. The 4:15pm story time is

geared toward all elementary age children, including homeschooling families. The 11:15am story time is geared towards pre-school age children.

## MARY KAY BULLARD — COLSTRIP BICENTENNIAL LIBRARY

Bicentennial Library has a Keurig! Coffees are 1.00. We know this is nothing compared to the local coffee shops, but if you are in a caffeine pinch, and could use a cup of coffee or tea. We have some at the library.

Bicentennial Library subscribes to the Independent Press, The Miles City Star and the Billings Gazette. These subscriptions are fairly expensive, so I want to push this service. Bicentennial Library also has bound copies of the Independent Press dating back to 1977.

The computer sign in sheet has been moved to the front counter. This will help us keep a more accurate count of how many people use the public computers. The library has seen an increase in public computer use lately, and we want to keep track of that, so that we can justify new

computers when we need them.

For library card sign up month, we are doing things a bit differently. Along with getting a new card, existing patrons win prizes by participating in "the random acts' activity", renewing their library privileges or

doing a book review. Bicentennial Library can issue library cards to any person who is in second grade or older. If you are not already a Bicentennial Library patron, we hope you join our library.

New in our book collection and ready for you to

read: "Daughters of Olympus" by Hannah Lynn, "Any Other Name" by Jodi Piccolt, and "Taylor Swift" by Vega Sanches.

Rosebud County Library and Bicentennial library wish to thank you for your continuing support, patronage, and ideas.

## Rosebud Treasure Wildlife Association holds annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Rosebud Treasure Wildlife Association will be held on Sunday, September 15th, at 5:30 pm at the American Legion Hall in Forsyth.

The guest speaker will be Frank Szollosi, President of the Montana Wildlife Federation.

The meeting is open,

and everyone is welcome to attend.

If you have questions, please call Paula Seliski at (406) 356-7398.

## SHARE YOUR PHOTOS!

Help us show off all of the great things there are to do in our community. Photos or feature suggestions can be emailed to Independent Press Editor Hunter Herbaugh at [hherbaugh@miles-citystar.com](mailto:hherbaugh@miles-citystar.com) or submitted through our website, [independent-press.com](http://independent-press.com). Photos must meet the following guidelines:

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Your Guide to Local Houses of Worship

**Grace Bible Church**  
Pastor Lee Kisman  
1075 Main, Forsyth  
Sunday Worship 9:30am  
(509) 879-5412

**Federated Church of Forsyth, Presbyterian Church (USA)**  
1180 Cedar Street, Forsyth  
Sunday School 10:30am  
Sunday Worship 10:30am  
(406) 346-7767

**Wesleyan Church - The Point**  
Pastor Mark Umfleet  
148 West Cedar, Forsyth  
[get2thepoint.church](http://get2thepoint.church)  
Sunday Worship: 2nd Sunday of the month 11am  
Wednesday Night: Family Bible Study 6pm

**Flowing River Fellowship (Assembly of God)**  
Pastor Dan Sand  
280 11th Ave. Forsyth  
Sunday Worship Servi ce 10:30am  
Tues. Evening Dessert Church 7pm  
Wed. Youth Group 6pm  
(406) 289-0363  
Website: [flowingriverfellowship.com](http://flowingriverfellowship.com)

**Immaculate Conception, Catholic Church**  
Fr. Rob Oswald  
509 N. 12th, Forsyth  
Sunday Mass 8:30am  
(406) 346-9239

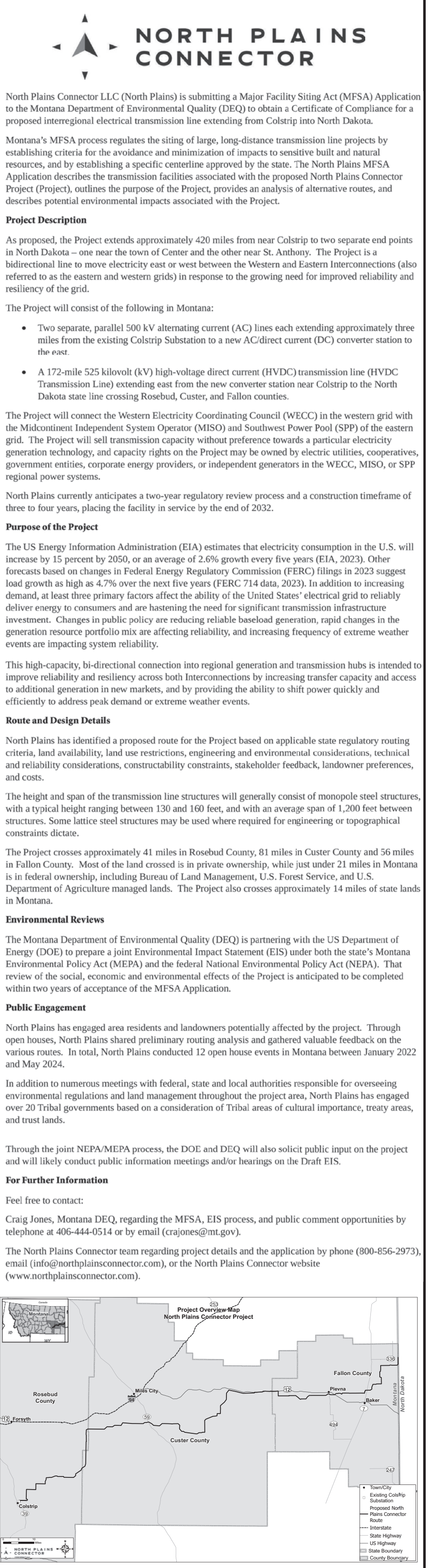
**United Community Church**  
Reverend David N. Murchie  
408 Water Ave., Colstrip  
Sunday Worship 9:30am  
Youth Sunday School during church  
[59323communitychurch@gmail.com](mailto:59323communitychurch@gmail.com)  
(406) 748-3001

**St. Margaret Mary, Catholic Church**  
Fr. Rob Oswald.  
320 Water Ave., Colstrip  
Sunday Mass 10:30am  
Mass 6:15pm - Thurs. 9am  
(406) 748-2234  
[stmargaretmary1@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretmary1@gmail.com)

**First Baptist Church**  
Pastor Bill Sikes  
1625 Cedar Street, Forsyth  
Sunday  
9:30am Bible classes all ages  
10:45am & 6pm  
Wednesday  
6pm Children's Ministry  
7pm Youth Group  
7:15pm Bible study/prayer  
[firstbaptistchurchforsyth.com](http://firstbaptistchurchforsyth.com)  
(406) 346-7704

**Life's Journey Christian Fellowship**  
Pastor Casey Kluver  
1 Victory Lane, Colstrip  
Services Sunday 10am  
Youth Group ages 12-18  
Sunday Night 6pm  
(406) 748-3302

**The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod**  
Pastor Blake Marshall  
Sunday Services  
Mt. Calvary - 430 Olive  
Colstrip - 8:30am  
Concordia, 310 N. 8th, Forsyth  
10:30am  
Trinity, 302 Summit, Hysham  
5pm



## NORTH PLAINS CONNECTOR

North Plains Connector LLC (North Plains) is submitting a Major Facility Siting Act (MFSA) Application to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to obtain a Certificate of Compliance for a proposed interregional electrical transmission line extending from Colstrip into North Dakota.

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### Project Description

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### Purpose of the Project

The US Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates that electricity consumption in the U.S. will increase by 15 percent by 2050, or an average of 2.6% growth every five years (EIA, 2023). Other forecasts based on changes in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) filings in 2023 suggest load growth as high as 4.7% over the next five years (FERC 714 data, 2023). In addition to increasing demand, at least three primary factors affect the ability of the United States' electrical grid to reliably deliver energy to consumers and are hastening the need for significant transmission infrastructure investment. Changes in public policy are reducing reliable baseload generation, rapid changes in the generation resource portfolio mix are affecting reliability, and increasing frequency of extreme weather events are impacting system reliability.

This high-capacity, bi-directional connection into regional generation and transmission hubs is intended to improve reliability and resiliency across both Interconnections by increasing transfer capacity and access to additional generation in new markets, and by providing the ability to shift power quickly and efficiently to address peak demand or extreme weather events.

### Route and Design Details

North Plains has identified a proposed route for the Project based on applicable state regulatory routing criteria, land availability, land use restrictions, engineering and environmental considerations, technical and reliability considerations, constructability constraints, stakeholder feedback, landowner preferences, and costs.

The height and span of the transmission line structures will generally consist of monopole steel structures, with a typical height ranging between 130 and 160 feet, and with an average span of 1,200 feet between structures. Some lattice steel structures may be used where required for engineering or topographical constraints dictate.

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### Environmental Reviews

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# New public access in Yellowstone County available for recreational use

When the new Skyway Drive bypass route opened in Billings this spring, it carved a path through state trust land, creating public access to land that was previously inaccessible for general public use. The Montana Department of Natural Resources and

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Billings urban area. The site is open to general recreational use and archery use. Signs are posted on the parcel to remind users that shooting is restricted, and the restriction appears on the DNRC's closures and restrictions map. Negligent firearm

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(1-800-847-6668) or submitted online at <https://myfwp.mt.gov/fwpPub/tipmont>. For more information, including a map, visit: New Public Access in Yellowstone County Available for Recreational Use | Firearm Use Prohibited (mt.gov).

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