

Firewatch August 29, 2023

By Karen McIlwain, August 29, 2023



Credit Inciweb Helicopter Getting Water From Hungry Horse Reservoir

Warm and dry weather has contributed to many fires in the area this year. As many of them are being contained, we offer the following information as it was updated on 8-29-2023, according to <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/>

The Bowles Creek Fire is currently at 6,988 acres. Fire crews will be present along Hwy 38, Skalkaho Road, as fire operations and fire rehabilitation work continue. Motorists are urged to drive slowly and be aware of increased fire traffic.

Completion of fire management objectives

remains at 28%. Due to limited fire activity, fire personnel are beginning to focus on suppression rehabilitation to mitigate adverse resource effects resulting from fire suppression activities. Crew will focus on the protection of wilderness study areas and roadless characteristics, surface erosion control, weed suppression, maintenance of forest improvements, and developed and undeveloped recreation sites. Sitework will encompass previously built handlines and other contingency lines, safety zones, drop points, fueling locations, spike camps, heliwell, and helispots

(both related to helicopter operations).

The River Road East fire continues to grow near the Clark Fork and Flathead Rivers in Sanders County. Fire activity continues to be significant along the river corridor. The department received a request from fire incident command to close portions of the Clark Fork and Flathead Rivers near the fire area.

Aerial fire operations are occurring along the river corridor and the fire is expected to continue to grow presenting safety issues for fire personnel and the public in the river corridor. In order to protect the public and fire personnel from any injuries resulting from the River Road East Fire, the Flathead River from the Flathead Indian Reservation Boundary downstream to the confluence of the Clark Fork River is closed to all public occupation and recreation. For the same reasons, the Clark Fork River is closed to all public occupation and

recreation from the Highway 135 Bridge at Ferry Landing downstream to the Clark Fork River Bridge in Plains, Montana.

Other fires include:

Ridge Fire located six miles southeast of Hungry Horse, is 3665 acres in size, 76% contained, and 375 personnel assigned.

Doris Point Fire located 8 miles south of Hungry Horse, is 1587 acres in size, 58% contained, and 58 personnel assigned.

Tin Soldier Fires located 17 miles east of Swan Lake, is 8165 acres in size, 20% contained, and 138 personnel assigned.

Big Knife fire is 7276 acres in size, and 17% contained.

Sullivan fire is 3726 acres in size, and 81% contained.

Bruce fire is 3613 acres in size, and 81% contained.

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Latigo & Lace Artist Showcase - Frank Hagel

By Karen McIlwain, September 2, 2023



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This week's artist is Frank Hagel, who splits his time between Augusta and Kalispell. Frank is well known for his paintings depicting Lewis and Clark's journey through Montana, daily Western life, and other historical events.

Frank started drawing when he was six years old and continued to hone his art skills through school. During the Korean War when Frank was only 17 years old, he was a scout for U.S. intelligence, sketching Chinese insignias while

being strapped to the back of a low-flying seaplane along the coasts of Korea.

After his service in the Navy, he used the help of the GI Bill to attend the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California. He then worked as an illustrator at several advertising studios in Detroit for 11 years, winning two Silver Art Director Medals of Excellence for his work. He was commissioned by the National Park Service of the Dept. of Interior to sculpt 42 medallions commemorating all the National Parks for the Centennial of Yellowstone, the first National Park.

Frank becomes acquainted with characters by reading biographies and then retells

their stories on canvas. He has paintings displayed at the Hockaday Museum of Art, and the C.M. Russell Museum, and has been featured in Smithsonian magazine. He has participated in the Russell Auction for 50 years. Most of Frank Hagel's Lewis and Clark collection can be found on the walls of Sykes Diner in downtown Kalispell.

In 2003 he married Sara Walsh who co-founded the Augusta art gallery Latigo and Lace. Several of his works can be found here along with the works of many other artists. While you are there, enjoy a great cup of coffee, and tell them you found them in The Augusta Breeze.

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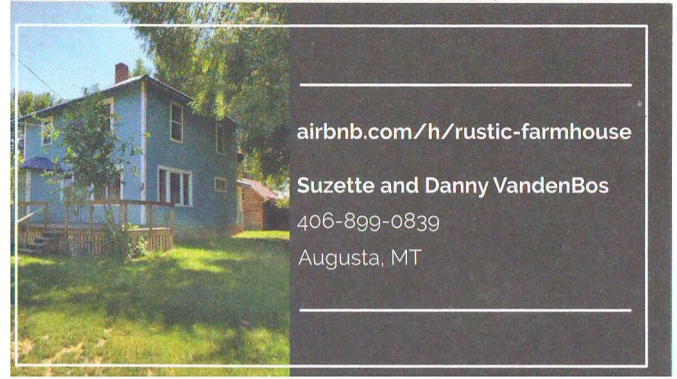




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Coalition Sounds Alarm on SHEIN

Press Release By Montana Attorney General's Office, August 28, 2023

HELENA – Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen led a 16-state coalition of attorneys general in sounding the alarm on the China-founded, fast-fashion retailer SHEIN’s business practices – which includes reports of forced labor – and their potential Initial Public Offering (IPO) launch later this year.

In a letter sent Thursday to SEC Chair Gary Gensler, the attorneys general urge the SEC to require any foreign-owned company to certify

via a truly independent process that it is compliant with Section 307 of the Tariff Act of 1930, which prohibits the import of any product manufactured wholly or in part by forced labor as a condition of being listed on a U.S. based securities exchange.

The attorneys general point out that SHEIN has been credibly accused of exploiting forced labor and violating the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA). Testing done by

Bloomberg News last year found significant scientific evidence that cotton produced in the Xinjiang Autonomous Region was present in clothing sold by the company.

“American exchanges should have a zero-tolerance policy for foreign companies that seek access to our markets but refuse to follow our laws, especially when the implicated laws are meant to prevent serious human rights abuses,” the attorneys general wrote. “We believe

in upholding the rule of law and protecting our economy. Lip service is not enough; in this case, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission must 'trust, but verify' that every such company is complying before it receives the privilege of being listed on an American securities exchange.”

While SHEIN claims to have a self-financed and managed certification process that claims it demonstrates

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compliance with U.S. law, self-certification is not enough. Especially with the company's documented history of lying about its labor practices.

The attorneys general also highlight SHEIN's

exploitation of trends, which can blur the lines of intellectual property and copyright and avoid customs duties which have contributed to its rapid growth. Additionally, the company collects an enormous amount of data on

American consumers, which it uses in complex algorithms to fine-tune its offerings and bring new products to market faster than its competitors.

The U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party is investigating SHEIN's business practices for UFLPA. The Committee has found that because most products shipped from SHEIN to American consumers fall under Section 321 of the Tariff Act of 1930, also known as the "de minimis exception," which allows importers to avoid

customs duties on incoming packages that are valued at less than \$800 and are less likely to face the same customs scrutiny as other retailers.

Attorneys general from Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, and Virginia also signed Attorney General Knudsen's letter.

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School Sports

Augusta

Recent Scores

Friday, September 1st
Football
Final
Whitehall 37
Fairfield 25

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 7th
Volleyball at Belt

Friday, September 8th
Football vs Wolf Point

Saturday, September 9th
Volleyball vs Heart Butte

Tuesday, September 12th
Volleyball vs Vaughn

Friday, September 15th
Football vs Eureka
Volleyball vs GFCC

Saturday, September 16th
Volleyball vs Valier

Simms

Recent Scores

Friday, September 1st
Varsity Volleyball
Simms @ Cascade VB
Showcase
Day 1
Simms 25- CJI 23
Simms 15- Big Sandy 25
Simms 25- Cascade 22
Simms 25- Augusta 16
GFCC 25- Simms 18
DGSG 25- Simms 24

Power 25- Simms 17

Middle School Football
Final
Sheridan 36
Simms 26

Varsity Football
Final
Simms 60
Sheridan 0

Upcoming Events

Friday, September 8th
Football at Choteau

Middle School Tennis vs Ft.
Benton at Hurd Courts

Volleyball vs Sunburst

Saturday, September 9th

Volleyball at Cascade

Monday, September 11th
JV Football vs Choteau

Middle School Tennis at
Conrad

Friday, September 15th
Football vs Ennis

Middle School Tennis at
Hurd Courts

Volleyball at Valier

Monday, September 18th
JV Football Jamboree

Middle School Tennis at
Conrad

Montana Karting Association Race #8 Results

By Andy Anderson August 30, 2023

Race #8 was a bit smaller than most, but a wonderful time nonetheless. This race was the big track which had some interesting chicanes. Big thanks to Beau and Alex for setting up the majority of the track the night before! The Junior/Rookie Class had a fair turnout with five people starting. Tiff blew a motor, however, Chris joined in a 4-stroke when he broke his chassis in Senior Tag.

The senior class was very competitive, with nine Entries, and eight finishers. The competition at the front was excellent as always, however, Chase Ballenger

pulled out another win and led his father at the end of the main.

Senior Final Results

1. Chase Ballenger
2. Travis Ballenger
3. Gabe Gilbert
4. Beau Haeker
5. Ted Lewis
6. Nolan Samson
7. Andy Anderson
8. Gary Carey
9. Chris Johnson (DNS)

Junior/Rookie Final Results

1. Gabe
2. Nolan
3. Parker

4. Chris
5. Tiff (DNS)

Next Event

The next race is scheduled for September 9th at the Rocky Mountain Emergency

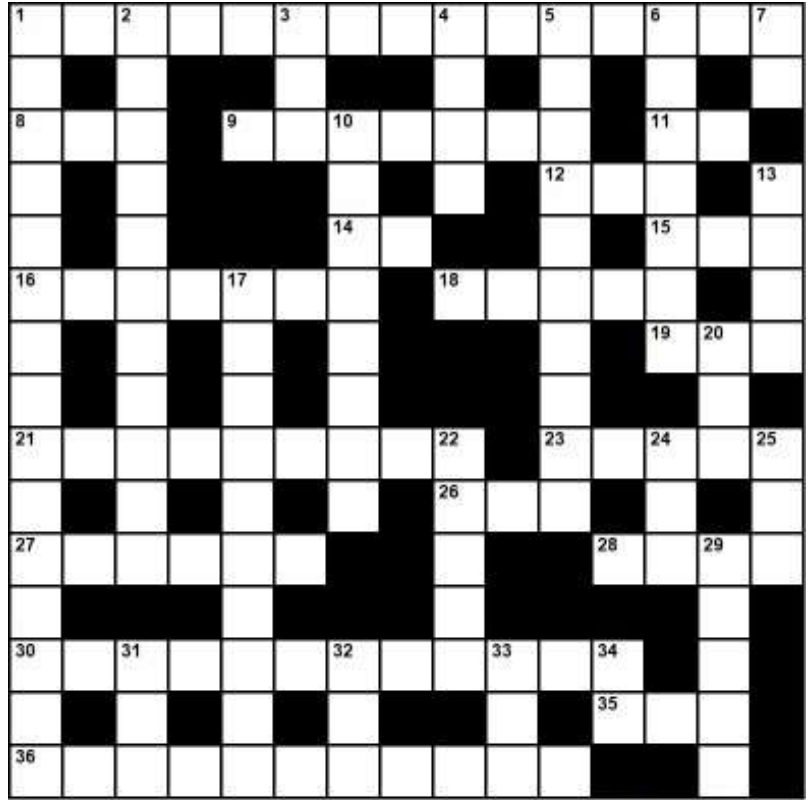
Services Track at the Helena Regional Airport. The September 9th race will be celebrating the 15 years of the Montana Karting Association and should be an event to attend!



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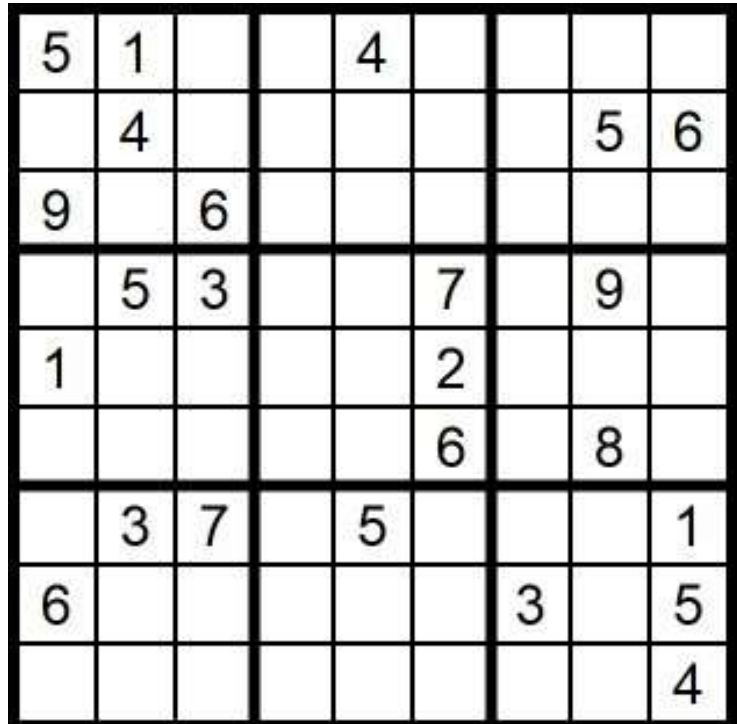
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Across

- 1 ___ and 67 followed in their dads' footsteps (4,6,5)
- 8 Big: Abbr. (3)
- 9 Mexican resort (7)
- 11 Element #2's symbol (2)
- 12 Mount ____, Australia (3)
- 14 Behold (2)
- 15 1501, in Roman numerals (3)
- 16 Affording rest (7)
- 18 Lash ___ of old westerns (5)
- 19 "Phone book" of the internet, briefly (3)
- 21 Potency (9)
- 23 Namely (2,3)
- 26 "Flying Down to ___" (3)
- 27 Post-crucifixion depictions (6)
- 28 They may provide relief (4)
- 30 Number of yen to the dollar, e.g. (8,4)
- 35 AARP member (3)
- 36 James Watt's development (5,6)

Down

- 1 Chipotle chilis (8,7)
- 2 Deliriously happy (4,2,1,4)
- 3 Actor Tognazzi (3)
- 4 Dome on the range (4)
- 5 Quicker than andante. (10)
- 6 Red (7)
- 7 Therefore (2)
- 10 Too many to count (8)
- 13 Lindstrom and Zadora (4)
- 17 Time waster for firefighters (5,5)
- 20 British healthcare syst. (3)
- 22 Overthrow, e.g. (5)
- 24 Ring org. (3)
- 25 "___ the season ..." (3)
- 29 "Jar of Hearts" singer Christina (5)
- 31 Diminutive suffix (3)
- 32 Creator of the "Dark Tower"'s multiverse (or, old gray mare running uphill?) (3)
- 33 Prince Valiant's son (3)
- 34 Einsteinium - (2)



Obituary of Lona Irene Gharst



Robert Keldson of Alaska, Billy Arndt of Mill City, OR, and Shawn Gharst of Spokane, WA; sister, Irene Sansaver; sixteen grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Lona Irene (Southerland) Gharst, 82, of Augusta, Montana passed away on August 14, 2023. She was born on October 27, 1940, in Everett, Washington.

Lona worked as a Marion County corrections officer for many years and went on to retire. After she retired, she worked as an outfitter for Guiding Company.

She enjoyed attending Augusta Community Church, horseback riding, spending time with family, and backcountry cooking.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Gharst of Augusta, MT; her daughters, Crystal Arndt of Belgrade, MT and Tami (Bill) Barrett of Spokane, WA; her sons,

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Tamara Jean Keldson; father, Gene Southerland; mother, Mary Kearney; adopted mother, Blanche A. Jones; and brothers, Terry Southerland and Dennis Southerland.

There is a memorial fund at the Augusta Community Church for Larry under Lona's name (219 Laura Street, August, MT 59410). There is also a Venmo account set up to help Larry with upcoming expenses. If you have Venmo, open the app, click search, type in @Larry-Gharst, and click on his account (you can bypass the ph# prompt). Condolences for the family may be shared online at www.SchniderFuneralHome.com.

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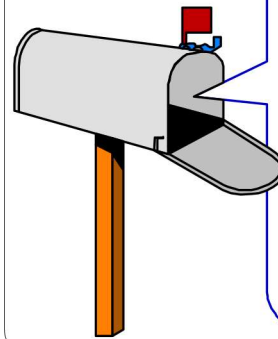
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