

Poinsettia pointers

There are some medical and plant experts who think old Ebenezer Scrooge must have started the story sometime before that memorable Christmas Dickens wrote about. It's the fable that still pops up once-in-awhile this time of year about some mysterious danger that lurks in the most popular of all Christmas flowering plants, the poinsettia.

An office of the U.S. Government, leading research scientists, and the people of the American

Association of Nurserymen might very well summarize their findings on the matter with Scrooge's traditional words: "Bah, humbug!"

Here is what spokesmen for the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare have written: "Although there are a number of reports including the ingestion of parts of the leaves and berries of the poinsettia, we have yet to find mention that a child became ill, except for a few cases where vomiting was reported." Translated by the nursery people, that means that a little person might possibly get an upset

Moody, met with John Conner, the Bureau Chief for Prosecution Services at the Attorney General's office in Helena, on Tuesday morning in Malagisi's office. A representative of the Pioneer asked to attend the meeting and was denied the request.

Berg said Malagisi was not present at this session.

Conner did not return a Wednesday telephone call from the Pioneer.

Berg stated Wednesday "alternates for his (Malagisi's) workload" are being looked into. Clerk of Court Deanna Novotny said Thursday that if an attorney is needed immediately, Park County officials would be contacted.

She also noted District Court has two trials scheduled in January that are being prosecuted by Malagisi, and she is uncertain what will happen in those cases.

Malagisi is on full pay while on leave, Berg said. Others taking over his duties would be paid additionally.

tummy from eating poinsettias—or all sorts of things a little person ought not to eat. But poisonous? Bah, humbug!

This holiday season, as for many Christmases past, more than 25 million poinsettia plants will decorate American homes. Be sure yours has the right amount of light and water. An easy rule of thumb is to place the plant in a room with enough natural light to permit a person with reasonable eyesight to read fine print. Avoid direct sunlight. As for water, poinsettias appreciate quite a bit. When the soil feels dry to the touch, give the plant a drink, but remove excess water afterwards.

Relax and enjoy your poinsettias—one of nature's friendliest, loveliest gifts for Yuletide.

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Obituary

James T. Ross

James T. Ross, age 78, of Roundup and Boulder River Valley passed away peacefully on Friday, December 12, 2003 at his home in Roundup.

Jim was born on March 11, 1925 in Roundup, the son of Robert Norton Ross and Mary (Polly) Finnan Ross. He was raised by Jennie and Art Conger.

He attended school in Klein. In 1946 he married his childhood sweetheart, Erna Masim. He served in the Navy during World War II, and again in Korea.

He was a businessman who owned Ross Cleaners. Jim was active in the Masonic Lodge Unity 71 and the Roundup Fire Department. Through his involvement as County Civil Defense director, Jim was instrumental in establishing the Musselshell County Ambulance. He trained many local EMTs and first responders throughout the area. Jim was an EMTA and

paramedic with the St. Vincent's HELP helicopter service and continued teaching for many years until his retirement.

Jim was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who had a knack for making people laugh. He was the type of man who people turned to in an emergency.

Survivors include two sons, Robert (Carol) Ross of Sunburst and Michael (Kersten) Ross of Anchorage, Alaska, one daughter, Nancy (George) Griensman of Roundup, four grandchildren, Suzanne (Ross) Wood, Scott Ross, Troy and Tyler Griensman.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife Erna, his brother Robert, parents and step parents.

Memorial services were held on December 16 at the Roundup Masonic Hall.

Memorials may be made to the Masonic Lodge Unity 71 or a charity of your choice.

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ally county employees, met with the County Commissioners before taking this step against Malagisi. At that time there were assured some action would be taken and that the Commissioners would address the situation, court papers note.

Sweet Grass County Commissioner Lloyd Berg told the Pioneer Wednesday he did not want to comment as the situation is a personal matter and Malagisi has a right to privacy.

The Commissioners and other county officials, plus Yost and

Briefly

Service planned for Jennie Snyder

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, December 27, starting at 11 a.m. for former Big Timber resident Jennie Snyder. The service will be held at Mountainview Cemetery with the Rev. James Holmlund officiating. Following the committal a lunch will be served at the Big Timber Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Snyder, age 91 of Northfield, Minnesota, passed away on November 16 at the Northfield Care Center.

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