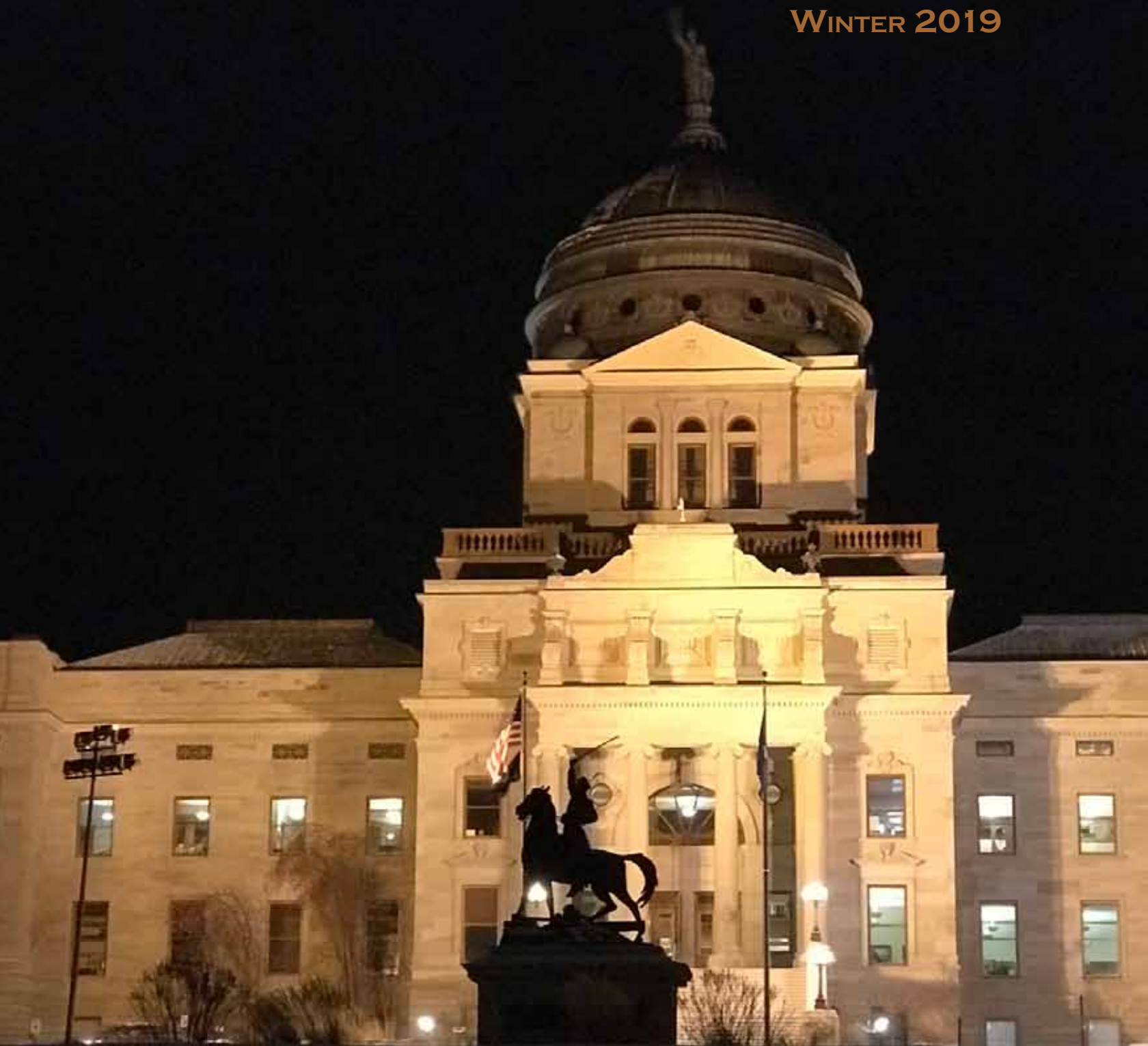




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## Montana Funeral Directors Association Directors Digest

### MFDA CALENDER OF EVENTS

**2019**

#### **DISTRICT MEETINGS**

Miles City .....May 6  
The Parlour at 8:30 a.m. Lunch at noon

Billings .....May 7  
Windmill 5:30 Cocktails  
6:00 Dinner/Meeting

Great Falls .....May 8

Missoula .....May 9

Butte .....May 10

#### **MFDA CONVENTION & TRADE SHOW**

Billings ..... June 20-23  
Northern Hotel

#### **FALL DISTRICT MEETING**

Butte .....September 26-27  
Dr. Alan Wolfelt  
Educational Workshop  
Butte Copper King Hotel

#### **FALL BOARD MEETING**

Butte .....September 26  
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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## By Todd Carmichael

Greetings from the North Pole, at least that's what it feels like outside. So much for global warming. Well we pulled off another very successful Mid-Winter Conference, thanks to our great executive staff. They were able to switch the evening event with our legislators, and all went flawlessly. A Big Thank You to our Staff and Our Conference Sponsors.

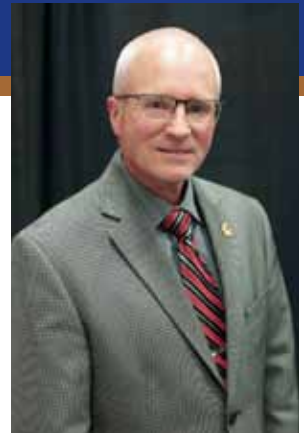
Our Mid-Winter Conference was full of great speakers and information. It was good to hear from Secretary of State Corey Stapleton, and Attorney General Tim Fox. It sounds like the education bill that the MFDA has put forward will pass, but I foresee a struggle to get an addition to the death certificate bill that will include any funding for the Board of Funeral Service.

We had a very good board meeting, our association is in very good financial standing, thanks to all of the hard work our staff, and board members have put in over the last few years. We are though going to see reduced revenue income from the Montana Funeral Trust, so with that being said, we are going to have to look for other sources of income. We have set up dates for the upcoming Spring District Meetings (You should receive an email soon with the dates), we hope to propose a opportunity at that time that may provide some income to the association.

The Summer Convention is going to be a great event, with a lot of good continuing education planned. This years event will be held in Billings, and should be a lot easier for our eastern members to attend. Its hard to believe that this year has goon so fast, and that my term as president is almost over. Hope to see you all at the district meetings or in Billings....

MFDA President,

Todd Carmichael



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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

## BY JAMES BROWN



Happy New Year, 2019. I hope you had a great year in 2018. And I hope that your New Year's Eve celebration was as interesting as the new year's celebration held in Brasstown, North Carolina. There, instead of lowering a giant ball of lights, the town celebrates new year's by lowering a possum at midnight. The event is known as 'The Possum Drop'. Hearing about this event makes me think that some town in Montana should create a New Year's Day 'drop the casket' event, where a casket is lowered from the top of a building to the ground in time with the new year's countdown. Who is in?

Joking aside, as we start this new year, let me thank you for your continued support of the MFDA. The Association continues to be the Treasure State's leader in funeral provider advocacy and business promotion. The MFDA is the only association which has its sole mission of serving Montana's funeral industry.

Terri has mailed out the 2019 member, associate member, and sponsor packets. I encourage you to renew your membership in the MFDA. When you choose to invest in the Association, you are helping to create a better business climate for our shared industry. Together, we have partnered, over the years, to promote meaningful regulatory relief and to develop programs that bring long-term value to your institution.

In 2018, MFDA expanded both its member and associate member base. And, we had our highest attended state convention in over 20 years. The Association may be small -- but it is vibrant and growing. This is a time of tremendous possibilities due to innovations in technology and the enhanced reputation of funeral providers. And, as a result, I hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to continue to work together. Your membership in MFDA gives you access to our quarterly magazine, as well as access to discounted member services and the MFDA member directory.

Although 2018 has wound down, that does not mean the last half of the year was a slow period for the MFDA and its board. In October, the MFDA hosted its final board member of the

year in Miles City. Also in

October, the Association held its annual Montana dinner during the NFDA National Convention in Salt Lake City.

Further, in November, the Association conducted the annual fall district meeting via an online presentation. The meeting was very well attended and provided our membership with the means of obtaining continuing education credit from the comfort of your own home or business. Given the popularity of the go-to-meeting format for hosting our fall district meeting, the Board has voted to keep providing the fall meeting online, while maintaining the in-person nature of the Spring Board meeting.

Finally, in December, the Association closed out the books for the fiscal year. I am pleased to report that the Association once again served as a good steward of your due's dollar. The Association finished the year with a profit of over \$25,000.00. February 1, 2019 will mark my 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary as the Association's executive. The Association has been in the black for each of the three years of my tenure. In fact, as a result of the diligence and oversight of the Board, the Association has been able to increase its assets by over \$145,000. In sum, the Association is in a better financial position coming out of 2018 than it was coming out of 2017. And, in turn, the Association was in a better position coming out of 2017 than it was coming out of 2016. In other words, the Association is in good financial health thanks to the support of our members and partners, such as you.

2019 is sure to be as busy and as a productive year for MFDA as 2018 was. The Association will be representing your interests during the 2019 Montana legislative session. The Association is sponsoring a bill this year that revise the requirements for obtaining a license to practice and is tracking a death certificate bill being championed by the Clerks and Records Association. In late January, the Association will host its mid-winter conference in conjunction with its semi-annual legislative reception and lobbying effort.

In October, the Association will once again host our annual Montana reception at the NFDA National Convention, which will be held in Chicago this year. And, in early April, the Association will once again travel to Washington D.C. to participate in NFDA's annual policy summit.

Don't forget that the Association's annual state convention and tradeshow will be held in Billings this year. The MFDA has not hosted a state convention in the magic city for many, many years.



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## MFDA CONVENTION AND TRADE SHOW JUNE 20-23, 2019

And I am already receiving a lot of positive feedback from our members about our chosen location. Our venue will be the Northern Hotel. Terri has almost finalized the convention activities and agenda.

For our vendors and associate members, we expect to have our 2019 exhibitor and sponsorship kit and information ready by the end of February. In the meantime, feel free to contact me or Terri to reserve your booth before the trade show space fills up. We filled our vendor space early last year so get your place reserved now.

Again, on behalf of the MFDA Board and myself, happy new year. We hope that the Chinese year of the pig is best year yet for you personally and professionally. We also trust you will join with 77% of your fellow Americans in making and keeping your resolution to make sound financial decisions in this coming year. We here at MFDA know with certainty that we will keep our resolution, which is to continue to faithfully serve Montana's funeral services community.

Happy new year!



Jim Brown  
Executive Director

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# NFDA POLICY BOARD MEMBER

## BY W. KENT BELL



### Montana Funeral Directors Association;

Greeting and best wishes from the NFDA Policy Board. I had the privilege of being with fifteen new members who met at the NFDA offices in Brookfield, Wisconsin on January 12th and 13th, 2019 to enhance awareness concerning the Policy Board and to bring a better understanding of where and how the NFDA operates and functions.

There are approximately 45 full time employees for NFDA covering areas from financing to education, research, operations and newsletters. There is a great supply of programs available to our industry that are related in some capacity to what we do in our businesses, either directly or indirectly. It is important that Montana Funeral Directors are aware of all these programs as they can and will affect our industry, supporting it or adversely affecting it, depending on the direction different firms choose to take. FAMIC, the Funeral and Memorial Information Council includes CFSA, the Casket and Funeral Supply Association, International Memorialization Supply Association (IMSA), International Order of the Golden Rule (OGR), Life Insurers Council (LIC), Monument Builders of North America (MBNA), National Concrete Burial Vault Association (NCBVA), NFDA, National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association (NFDMA), and Selected Independent Funeral Homes (SIFH). FAMIC's mission statement is it will be the leading provider of memorialization information and education.

NFDA is a partner in this endeavor but perhaps it could even have a stronger role. Education and information is paramount to the life of funeral service in America and we have to see that the people we serve get it at a young age and keep getting it long after the funeral is over. All kinds of conferences are available like Business Conferences, Embalming and Restorative Art, the Asia Funeral Expo in Hong Kong, Celebrant training, Staff Training, Before I Die Festivals, to mention a few, and the list goes on and on. Many of these courses are on-line and you can satisfy your CE credits with them.

Basically the 45 students who took their National and State Board in New York inappropriately by using open

book have been given the opportunity to gain their licenses with limited consequences. The litigation in North Carolina has not been settled as of yet.

The NFDA Advocacy summit will be April 3rd and 4th in Washington DC, the Leadership Conference will be in June in San Diego, and the NFDA National Convention will be in early October in Chicago. If you can please attend these events, they are great learning experiences.

In the last newsletter I reported that NFDA had put out information that Montana would have the second highest state average for cremation by the year 2030. They have changed their predictions and now report it will probably be about sixth or seventh highest at that time, although many states will be right in that mix.

One of the interesting discussions we had in Milwaukee (Brookfield is a suburb of Milwaukee) is what impact NFDA would have or what part they would have in a State Funeral as President George Bush's funeral had just been completed. Actually the NFDA did not have any part in the arrangements for that service. All decisions were made of course by the family, the State of Texas, and the Federal Government.

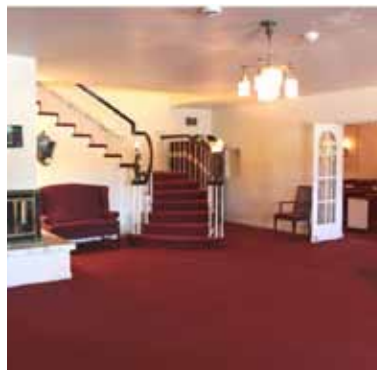
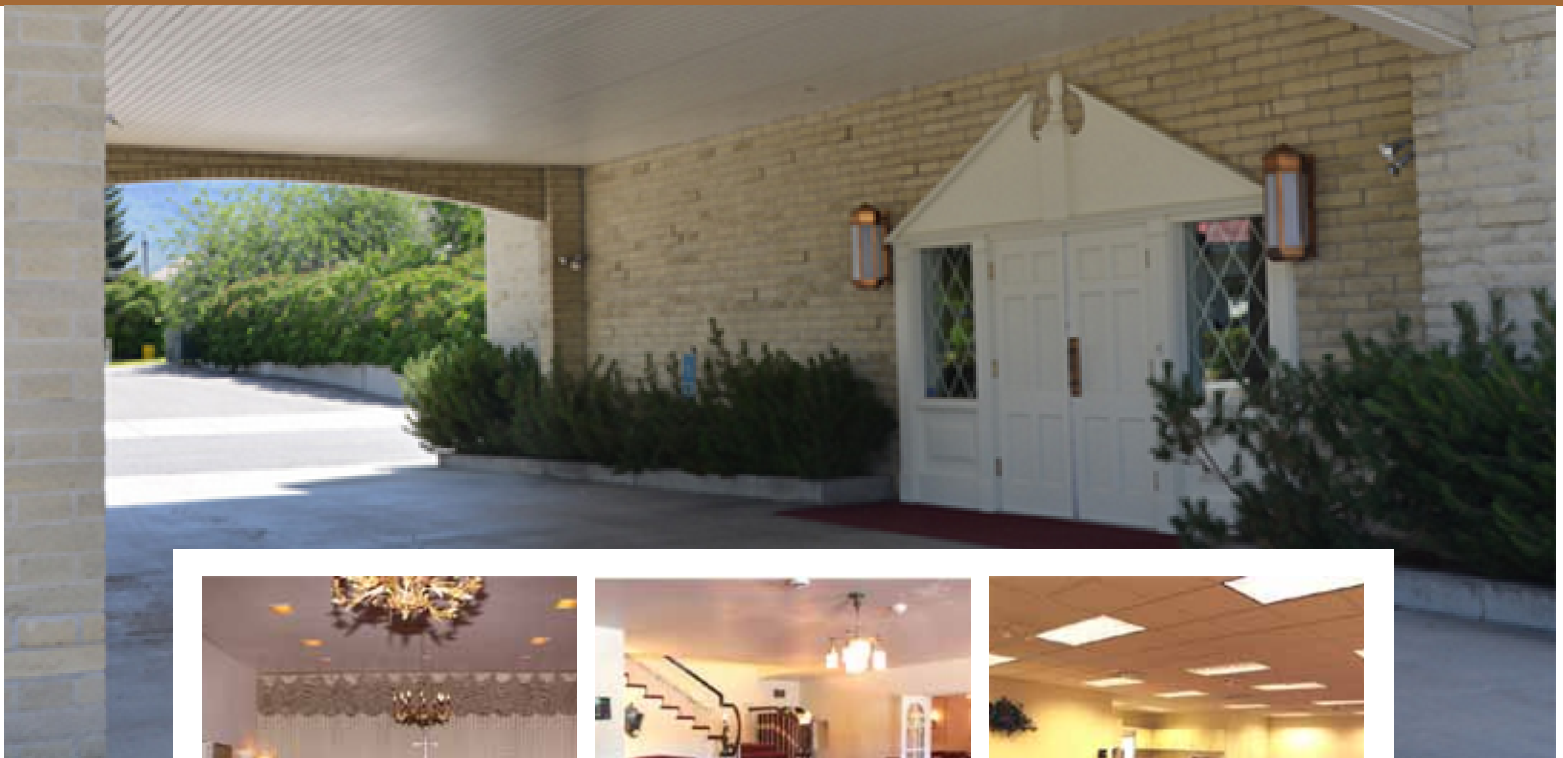
Funeral Service has to play a more active role for information and education for the people we serve than we have in the past and our boundaries must encompass a lot more than just the funeral process.

Respectfully;

W. Kent Bell  
Policy Representative



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# NEW BOOK BY ALAN WOLFELT OFFERS HEALING DAILY PRACTICES

Companion Press has announced the publication of a new book, "Grief Day by Day: Simple Practices to Help Yourself Survive... and Thrive," by grief educator Alan Wolfelt. Wolfelt has often said, "When words are inadequate, use ceremony." In this new book he provides readers with the tools to do just that. Whether you are experiencing grief or a caregiver to those that grief, this new resource will provide you with everyday practices to allow your grief to become authentic mourning.

Learn the essential ingredients that make up a healing ritual. Try some of the many solo rituals gathered here or reach out to friends and loved ones who might like to try one of the simple group ceremonies. By incorporating the healing power of ritual into your days, you will be not only surviving your grief, you will be building in meaning and hope so that you can go on to thrive.



"Grief Day By Day" is an ideal resource for caregivers to provide to those in grief to help facilitate their healing.

Author, educator, and grief counselor Wolfelt serves as a director of the Center for Loss and Life Transition in the Fort Collins. The author of "Grief One Day at a Time," "understanding your Grief," and many other books for grief caregivers and mourners, Wolfelt is committed to helping people mourn well so they can live well and love well.

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# MEMORIAL

## — MONUMENTS —

### Standard Mileage Rates for 2019 Up from Rates for 2018

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service issued the 2019 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2019, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 58 cents per mile driven for business use, up 3.5 cents from the rate for 2018
- 20 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes, up 2 cents from the rate for 2018, and
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.

The business mileage rate increased 3.5 cents for business travel driven and 2 cents for medical and certain moving expense from the rates for 2018. The charitable rate is set by statute and remains unchanged.

It is important to note that under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, taxpayers cannot claim a miscellaneous itemized deduction for unreimbursed employee travel expenses. Taxpayers also cannot claim a deduction for moving expenses, except members of the Armed Forces on active duty moving under orders to a permanent change of station

The standard mileage rate for business use is based on an

annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile. The rate for medical and moving purposes is based on the variable costs.

Taxpayers always have the option of calculating the actual costs of using their vehicle rather than using the standard mileage rates.

A taxpayer may not use the business standard mileage rate for a vehicle after using any depreciation method under the Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS) or after claiming a Section 179 deduction for that vehicle. In addition, the business standard mileage rate cannot be used for more than four vehicles used simultaneously.

Notice 2019-02, posted today on IRS.gov, contains the standard mileage rates, the amount a taxpayer must use in calculating reductions to basis for depreciation taken under the business standard mileage rate, and the maximum standard automobile cost that a taxpayer may use in computing the allowance under a fixed and variable rate plan.

# BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE

## REMINDER

### REMINDER FROM THE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE

The Department of Labor and Industry Montana Board of Funeral Service would like to remind you that the annual preneed and cemetery trust reporting period is open. The reporting submission deadline is **March 1, 2019.**

Use the current forms. All forms and FAQs were updated and located on the "Forms" page.

Initial notices were emailed to licensees on December 20, 2018. Two additional reminder notices to be sent out prior to the March 1, 2019.

The department uses the contact information currently on file in your license record. Log into your online account to make sure your contact information is current. If you have forgotten your password call 406-841-2300.

We encourage you to review the FAQ before completing your report

Cemetery FAQ

Mortuary, Branch Establishment, and Crematory FAQ

Contact Tiffany Huss at 406-841-2321 or [ordlibsdnfr@mt.gov](mailto:ordlibsdnfr@mt.gov) if you have any questions.

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## Oldest Cemetery in the United States

According to the American Cemetery Association, the Myles Standish Burial Ground is the oldest maintained cemetery in the United States. The cemetery is located in Duxbury, Massachusetts and was in use from 1638 – 1789. It only contains about 130 marked graves, which belonged to several well-known Pilgrims who traveled on the Mayflower, including Captain Myles Standish, the cemetery's



namesake. A majority of the early graves were only marked with fieldstones or wooden markers, which have deteriorated or vanished. The oldest existing carved gravestone belongs to Captain Jonathan Alden who died in 1697. The cemetery was abandoned in 1789 and reclaimed in 1887 by the Duxbury Rural Society. They set out to find Myles Standish's grave, which was unmarked and eventually found it and built a memorial over his gravesite. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2015.



# HOW CHILDREN ARE AFFECTED BY SIBLING LOSS



The death of a brother or sister at any age profoundly changes the lives of surviving siblings. But children who lose a sibling often face long-term challenges that differ from those for adults who lose a sibling. Research shows that the death of a sibling adversely affects surviving children's health, behavior, schoolwork, self-esteem and development. Surviving siblings may be troubled throughout life by a vulnerability to loss and painful upsurges of grief around the date that the sibling died. They may develop distorted beliefs about hospitals, doctors and illness. Many bereaved siblings describe feeling sad, lonely and different from their peers. The impact of loss may be felt most by the brother or sister who shared the greatest amount of "life space" with the one who died. Siblings who shared a room or who played or spent their spare time together are likely to be those most profoundly affected. Just like adults,

many children who lose a sibling can experience strong feelings of guilt. When a brother or sister dies, they remember all the fights and name-calling, seeing themselves in their memory as the bad child and the dead sibling as the good one. This can result in feeling that they are not good enough.

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***For my brother Kiel. I love and miss you.***



God had called you home that day but left me with so many words left to say. I have so many regrets and wishes in my heart too, but also with them are

memories of you.

There was many a time when we did not agree, but you were always there in my time of need. I never had the chance to say goodbye, even if I did, I wouldn't try, because I know I'll see you again soon, when I make my journey beyond the moon.

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## BERNARD DAHL OBITUARY



John "Bernard" Dahl, 93 of Billings died November 21, 2018 surrounded by his loving family.

Bernard was born February 28, 1925 in Rhame, North Dakota to Danish immigrant Emil and Irish homesteader Alice (Kane) Dahl.

Bernard was the youngest of five children. Bernard and his family spent his early years in

Rhame and moved to Bozeman, MT in 1939. He graduated from Holy Rosary High School. He was one of four siblings that served in the US military in WWII. His gold star mother Alice christened the USS Bozeman. His brother staff sergeant Raymond was shot down over Germany and killed in 1941. His brother Eldon was a POW in Italy. Sister Mary served in the Pacific at Iwo Jima.

Dahl was a graduate of Columbia University Midshipman School in New York, New York. He was a three-year veteran of World War II, having served as a gunnery officer on the USS Tumult minesweeper in the Pacific. He was a lieutenant junior grade in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

After WWII, he attended Carroll College, Marquette University and Montana State. He had degrees in biology and bacteriology.

July 6, 1950, he married Mary M'Lis Eaton and moved to San Francisco for Mortuary Science college. He then returned to the family funeral business in Bozeman and had Mary, Teresa and Ann Denise. They moved to Helena and had Linda. They established Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings in 1956. In Billings, they had their first and only son John. This was followed by Anita, Irene and Deana.

Bernard was a member of Holy Rosary Church and St Patrick's Co-Cathedral. He was a Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus. His faith was precious to him and an example to his family and friends.

As a funeral director, he was a member of the order of the Golden Rule and National Funeral Directors Association and past president of the Montana Funeral Directors Association. He served as county coroner. He was President of the Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved.

His life's work was compassionately caring for families in bereavement. He was on the board of hospice and brought many nationally known grief specialists to Billings. His deep care and commitment to families evolved into grief ministries including Stephen Ministries, Association of Christian Therapists and Hospice.

Bernard's favorite hobbies included photography, travel, cooking,

camping and snowmobiling. He loved presenting slide shows on the Holy Land to churches and schools. He loved taking visitors and family out on his pontoon boat on the Big Horn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Eldon, Vera Jensen, Raymond and Mary Jorgensen and two grandchildren Marion Rose Stroebe and Simon Dahl Reinhart.

Bernard was so grateful for his wife M'Lis, of 68 years, his eight children, 24 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren:

(1) Mary (Mike) Cater and their family: Sara (Zach) Clark and children (Maya, Nora, Caleb); Joseph (Kristen) Cater and kids (Jane, Alice, Thomas);

(2) Teresa (Conrad) Stroebe and children: Marie Taylor and kids (River, Cash); Raymond Stroebe and children (Brianna, Erica, James, Spencer); Beth (Justin) Gress and children (Lincoln, Miles); Emily (Brian) Edwards; Frank Stroebe; Marion Rose; Genevieve Burhans and child (Elise); Hannah (Travis) Hutchinson; Chalice Stroebe; and Xavier Stroebe;

(3) Ann Denise Dahl and children: Holland Davis, Jens (Bridgett) Davis and child (Porter);

(4) Linda (Dale) Reinhart and kids: Michele (Bill) Levine and children (Kate, Grace); Simon; and Sean;

(5) John (Brenda) Dahl;

(6) Anita (Reese) Jones and kids: Dan; Brielle (Earl) Platt and child (Sienna); Erin (Richard) Hall and child (Braeden); Marina; and Ula;

(7) Irene (Mark Peterson) Dahl;

(8) Deana (Dave Wendell) Dahl and children (Eileen and John).

Visitation will be held Sunday and Monday from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings. A vigil service will be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, November 26, 2018, at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings. The funeral mass will be held at noon on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral.

The Graveside Committal service will be held at 11:00 AM, Wednesday at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Bozeman. (Please meet at Dahl Funeral and Cremation Service in Bozeman at 10:30 AM to process together to the cemetery.) Memorials may be made in Bernard's name to St. Vincent De Paul, 3005 First Ave. North, Billings, MT 59101 or the Alice Kane Dahl Nursing Scholarship at Montana State University, c/o the MS Foundation, 1501 S. 11th Ave, Bozeman, MT 59717.

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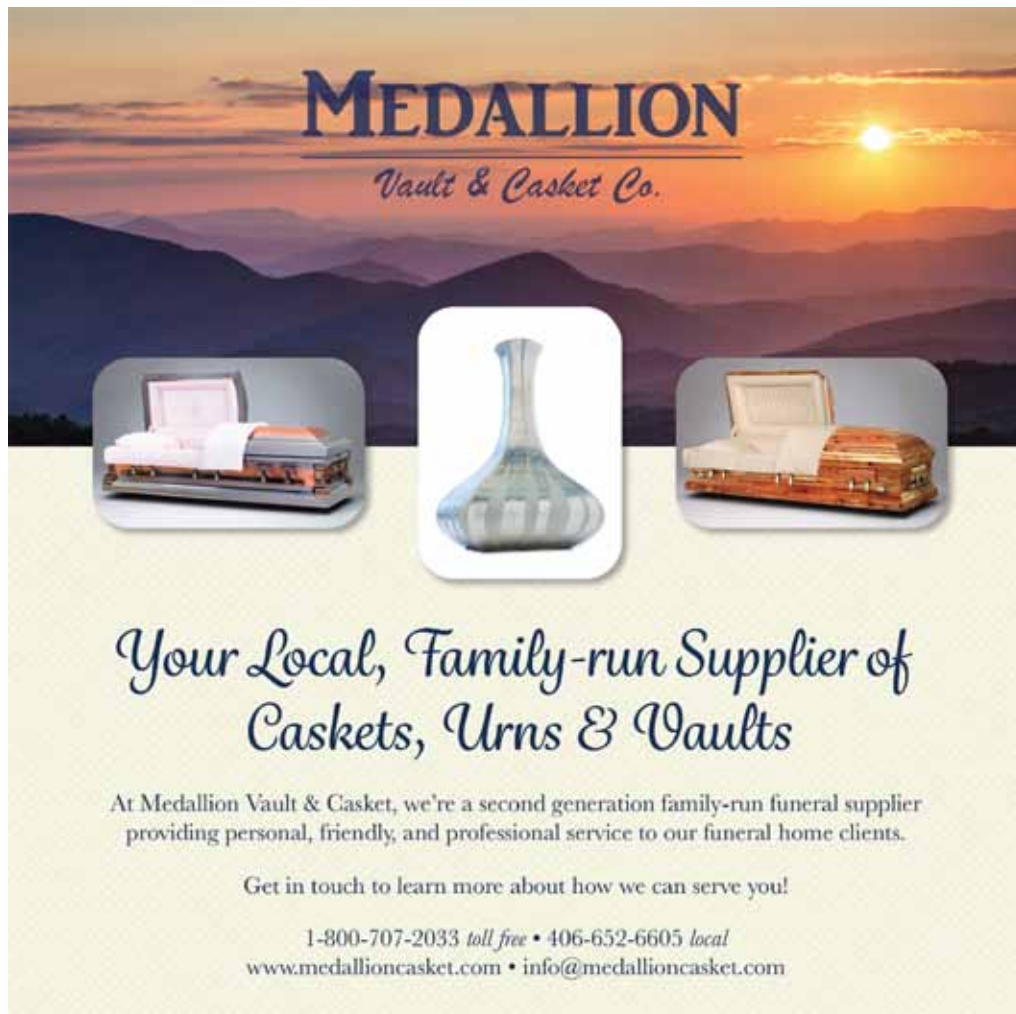
## DOMINICK ASTORINO

### GUEST SPEAKER AT THE CONVENTION



**Dominick Astorino** is on faculty at the Wayne State University School of Mortuary Science in Detroit, MI where he oversees the lecture and laboratory of all the Restorative Art courses. He played in active role in making Wayne State University the only mortuary school in the country to currently offer a fully hand-on cranial reconstruction lab, which he teaches, and is a recipient of the University's "Excellence in Teaching for Part-Time Faculty Award". His work in the field of Restorative Art has been highlighted by invitations to speak as well as publications in professional journals across the United States, Canada and Europe. A proponent of education, Dominick holds degrees in cellular biology and mortuary science and is a member of the Michigan Funeral

Directors Association, National Funeral Directors Association, British Institute of Embalmers, and the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice. Mr. Astorino has been a licensed funeral director & embalmer since 2003 and since 2004 has worked at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc., a 4th generation family owned firm handling 1500 funerals a year in the suburbs of metropolitan Detroit.



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As of 2016, archaeologists have excavated nine skeletons and there is evidence that there are many more at the site. Five of the remains belong to children under six years old with one of them belonging to an infant. It is the oldest infant skeleton ever found in Germany and one of the earliest in Europe. The graves and their contents provide significant insight into this time period in early human history.



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- Online submissions only.

Scholarships are available to full- and part-time students pursuing a degree in mortuary science from ABFSE-accredited schools or accredited Canadian schools.

- New applicants as well as those who have applied in previous years but have not been awarded an academic scholarship from the Foundation, are encouraged to apply.
- Foundation scholarships are subject to available funds and are not renewable; a Candidate may only receive a Foundation-awarded academic scholarship one time.
- Foundation academic scholarships are for mortuary science/funeral service study only.
- Funding is sent directly to the school; under no circumstances will the Funeral Service Foundation make a payment directly to the student.
- Funding may be used for tuition, fees, books and supplies.
- Alternates may be selected in the event that a scholarship recipient decides not to accept the award.
- The Foundation has no loan programs, vocational grants or assistance for graduate study available.
- The Funeral Service Foundation will only confirm receipt of completed applications and reserves the right to eliminate from consideration unsigned or incomplete applications without further notice to the applicant.
- If a student terminates his or her enrollment in the school for any reason, the remaining/unused balance of the scholarship must be returned to the Foundation only, may not be transferred to another school, and may not be paid to the student personally.
- Serious protracted illness or injury that would delay participation in the program may be considered reason for holding an award in reserve. Time limits and other restrictions may be set by the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Other leaves of absence will be considered on an individual basis.

All award decisions of The Funeral Service Foundation are final.

To apply visit <http://www.funeralservicefoundation.org/academicscholarships/>

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### NFDA Foundation Dennis Schoepp Memorial

**Paul Alt | \$2,500.00**


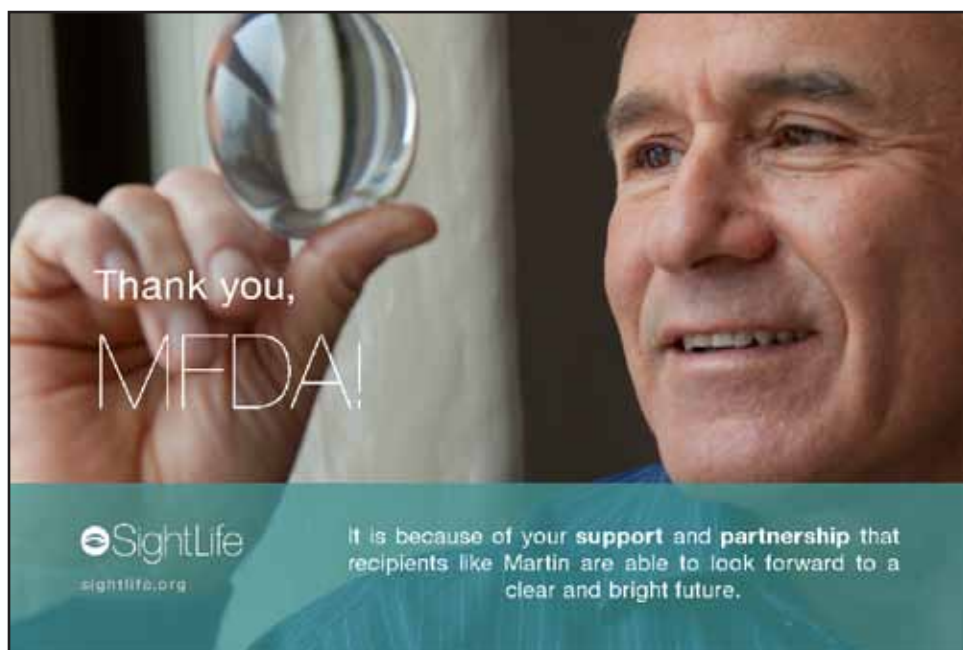
Being awarded this generous scholarship is exactly the driving force that I need to finish my degree. As beneficial as this scholarship is for me financially, it is equally as beneficial knowing that there are others in the funeral service foundation that believe in me. As I get ever closer to finishing my degree, being able to truly serve families in their time of great need is nearly a reality. Thank you Funeral Service Foundation



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2019 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

# JUNE 20-23, 2019

Thursday Evening

Presidents Reception /Moss Mansion includes free mansion tours

Friday

Golf Tournament

Tour of Montana Crime Lab

Friday evening Vendor Reception

Saturday

Education Classes

Membership Meeting

Evening Gala Reception

Masquerade Party and Award Ceremony

Sunday

Service of Remembrance

Education Classes

Luncheon Keynote Speakers