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Sindelar charged in Ballantine shooting death of son



Yellowstone County sheriff's deputies, Montana Highway Patrol troopers and emergency medical personnel responded to the home of Wesley Brian Sindelar on Thunderstick Road in Ballantine Monday evening after his father, James Sindelar, called 911 to report he had shot his son with a handgun. (Jonathan McNiven photo)

HP Schools to seek curriculum coach

by Judy Killen

WORDEN — On a split vote, the Huntley Project School Board decided on Monday to pursue hiring an administrative employee to oversee the district's curriculum development.

Although they supported

the concept, trustees Tim Ley and Bob Crane voted against hiring someone at the administrative level, suggesting instead a teacher who could also lead curriculum development.

"We're shooting ourselves in the foot," Crane said, pre-

dicting that voters would turn down a future mill levy in retaliation.

But trustee Mark Jones said developing consistent curriculum and teaching practices that meet standards and requirements should be a top goal for the district.

"I feel strongly about this," Jones said. "Where do you value curriculum? Where do you prioritize?"

Jones, Board Chairman Steve Erb and Clint Johannes voted in favor of seeking an administrative-level position. Johannes conceded that district patrons may see another administrator as an unnecessary expense.

Ley, although he voted against the proposal, said that to develop strong curriculum and work with teach-

Panel proposes 2.5% raise to commissioners

by Evelyn Pyburn

BILLINGS — In a near-unanimous decision on Tuesday the Elected Officials Compensation Committee agreed to recommend to County Commissioners a 2.5 percent increase on wages for most elected officials. Only County Commissioner Bill Kennedy, a member of the committee, voted against increasing the

base by 2.5 percent and the longevity pay by 2.5 percent.

The recommendation will be the second that the committee has made to the county commissioners — the first was rejected by commissioners. The first proposal was a 1 percent increase on the base and a 1 percent increase on

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Kitchens completes four-year post as manager at Pompeys Pillar

by Judy Killen

POMPEYS PILLAR — Jeff Kitchens is going to enjoy Clark Days, from the early morning pancakes to the embers glowing in the evening campfire as he tells one last ghost story.

It's his last day as manager of Pompeys Pillar National Monument before his next post as field manager in the BLM's Prineville District in Oregon.

Kitchens loves working in the Bureau of Land Management because of the collaborative relationships it requires.

"What makes the job, and the BLM, so unique," Kitchens said, is the land pattern — while Forest Service land usually has a contiguous bound-

ary, BLM land usually evolved from several sources and can form a checkerboard or atypical pattern.

Since BLM land can adjoin so many different owners and types of owners, including private, corporate, state and federal, it places "such an emphasis on partnering," Kitchens said.

"Our culture really requires it."

And he enjoys building those partnerships.

He relishes the somewhat unique path Pompeys Pillar took to become a national monument.

William Clark camped at

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Jeff Kitchens is wrapping up four years as manager at Pompeys Pillar National Monument. He will move to Oregon to work as a BLM area manager there. He promises to tell one last campfire ghost story Saturday night before he leaves. (Judy Killen photo)

BLM Friends of Pompeys Pillar host Clark Days

POMPEYS PILLAR — The Bureau of Land Management is teaming up with the Friends of Pompeys Pillar National Monument to host its annual Clark Days celebration on Saturday July

25th at Pompeys Pillar National Monument east of Billings.

The theme for this year's Clark Days is "Clark's Return." Speakers, presenters, musicians and dancers will

tell the story of Pompeys Pillar from the time of Clark's visit to today. As part of this special event, there will be Native American cultural presentations, cowboy poetry

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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

A new Master Plan for Shepherd School District 37:

After several years of building facility assessments, community meetings, and space programming, the Shepherd School District has settled on a course of action, and plans to run a mail-in ballot, for bond election, this coming fall.

The process began in August of 2008, with a Building Assessment report, performed by MGT of Washington state. The information gathered in this report outlined each of the district facilities, and listed ADA concerns, structural stability, energy efficiency, and useful

life of the building systems. Between August 2008 and March 2012, the Board of Trustees reviewed the data, and began the process of collecting information, comments, and suggestions from staff, students, and community members. In March 2012, District Superintendent Dan Jamieson requested in his Superintendent Message of the Shepherd School Newsletter, for individuals interested in participating on a facility committee, to contact the school; this culminated in the informal formation of a group of staff, students, and community members to form the Facility Building Committee, to further address the needs

and future of the Shepherd School District educational buildings.

From March of 2012 through December of 2014, this Facility Building Committee, in conjunction with Spectrum Group Architects, participated in on-site space programming and design workshops involving the staff, students, and community groups. The Master Plan that developed from these workshops was on display in each school lobby, with additional exposure during several basketball games, School Carnivals, and Community Showcase events.

In December 2014, with the goal of fiscal responsibility to the community in mind, the Board of Trustees, working with the Facility Building Committee, painstakingly reduced the scope of the Master

Plan, to address those areas of highest priority; issues and concerns that affected:

- *Life Safety
- *Health and General Welfare
- *General Safety

end of July; this information will also be available on the school district website and the shepherd community website.

Jenny Aigner
Shepherd

Dear Editor:

I wanted to encourage you all to do a Google search for "Lockwood Lions Lair." You may be pleasantly surprised to find we have almost three pages of search results. Word is starting to get out around town more, and people are starting to pay attention. "YEY!!!"

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Thanks to the Shepherd Lions Club for their calendar. To order a calendar or add a name, call Calendar Chairman April Beddes at 671-5960.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 24

- Worden Senior Lunch, VFW Hall, 2445 Main Street
- Heights Senior Lunch, Hope United Methodist Church, 244 Wicks Lane

SATURDAY JULY 25

- Clark Days at Pompey's Pillar Monument (See page 7 for schedule of events)

SUNDAY JULY 26

- District 4 Fiddlers outdoor concert at South Park Senior Center in Billings, Potluck, Dancing from 1-4pm.

MONDAY JULY 27

- Custer Senior Lunch, 322 6th Street
- Heights Senior Lunch, Hope United Methodist Church, 244 Wicks Lane

TUESDAY JULY 28

- Lockwood Senior Lunch 1413 Rosebud Lane
- Huntley Project Lions Club Meeting, Homesteader Hall, 7 p.m.
- Heights Senior Lunch, Hope United Methodist Church, 244 Wicks Lane

WEDNESDAY JULY 29

- Shepherd Senior Lunch, Feedlot Steakhouse, 11:30 a.m.
- Huntley Project Masonic Lodge Meeting, Masonic Lodge, Worden, 7:30 p.m.
- Heights Senior Lunch, Hope United Methodist Church, 244 Wicks Lane

THURSDAY JULY 30

- Custer Senior Lunch, 322 6th Street
- Lockwood Senior Lunch 1413 Rosebud Lane
- Heights Senior Lunch, Hope United Methodist Church, 244 Wicks Lane

FRIDAY JULY 31

- Wrangler Team Roping Championships event, @ Blue Cat Arena in Huntley. Entries at 6pm and Rope at 7pm

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by Carl Wolf

The Outdoors

First let me thank all those folks who pointed out I don't know the difference between the birds and the bees. The woodpecker photo from two weeks ago was supposed to be replaced with the bee on the sunflower last week and the caption should have said HONEY BEE ON A SUNFLOWER. After driving over to the YCN office and seeing how busy and swamped both Jonathan and Judy were I decided not to hassle them. Jon was especially nice and after cutting my salary in half assigned me the next critter to write up so here it is..... grasshoppers.

Walking with my two black Labs along the edges of fields being farmed by Larry Fox, Bill Hein and others I noticed the weeds and plants were constantly moving but there was no wind. Looking closer I made out a huge assortment of tiny hoppers. All kinds and colors yet most were not much more than a quar-

ter inch long. Boy, if all those dudes grow up to be as hungry as my neighbor's chickens we are in for a big defoliation problem! I could almost hear the little things chomping on leaves and my socks.

According to the encyclopedia grasshoppers are insects (duh) and some scientists refer to them as short horned grasshoppers to differentiate them from katydids (crickets). When they change color and how they act during high population densities they are called locusts. As plant eaters they can cause serious damage to cereals and other crops. I recall about 20 years ago working for the Forest Service down in Eka-



Grasshoppers in turkey crow. (Carl Wolf photo)

laka stopping on a county road and trying to place a credit card on the ground without hitting a hopper, and could not do it for miles!

Female grasshoppers are generally larger than the males and both sexes have four wings. When

they jump up in front of you (or any predator) they try to startle the attacker by quick jumps and spreading various bright colors of wings. When you hear hoppers doing that 'sawing' noise it means they are rubbing pegs on their rear legs against the edges of their front wings. If you want to check the difference between grasshoppers and crickets it will mean scrutinizing the female uh (innards) to do so.

The world has about 11,000 species of hoppers and scientists think a bunch

more exist but have not been studied yet. Now, if we could train grasshoppers to eat mosquitoes instead of beets and grass we would really have something. A big locust hopper can jump about three feet without using its wings and can fly for hundreds of feet especially when I am on the Bighorn trying to offer a meal to hungry trout. They lay eggs in pods in the summer usually in the ground near plants they like to eat. After the little guys develop for a few weeks the eggs go into dormancy and pass through winter in that state. When the ground warms in spring/summer they get busy developing some more and within minutes the whole batch in a pod hatches out.

Grasshoppers are used as food in many places (remember the chocolate grasshopper & ant craze a few years ago?). In lower Mexico they are a normal ingredient in various dishes including tortillas

with chili sauce. I remember eating them in China when they were skewered on sticks on open fires. Some places like to boil; salt and sun dry hoppers then eat them as snacks. As to swarms the largest on record was in 1875 and hoppers covered an area 1,800 miles long and 110 miles wide. Locally some wild turkeys I have taken have lots (sometimes hundreds) of grasshoppers and Russian olives in their crows (see my photo). Another critter? 967-2365, wordenwolf@nemont.net.

Editors Note: Carl, I'm so happy that you decided not to go public with our mistakes from swapping the pictures and captions with the stories. Please be assured it won't be the last time it happens. :-) Next week's assignment is in regards to "eating crow". :-)

*Keep up the good work!
JDM*

Letters to the editor ...

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I absolutely LOVE the fact that when I am talking with people about "2.0" or hear stories from others who have been getting the word out, most seem to LOVE Lockwood and talk about their connection to the original Lion's Lair with fond memories, great affection and enthusiasm. It continues to amaze me, the plethora of people with connections to the Lair and this wonderful community of ours. Lockwood, and even the broader Billings community, wants to see a new structure back... and they're very fired up about it!

Many of you have given so generously of your time, money and resources and for that we are grateful. Partnerships and cohesiveness are vital to our goal being accomplished, and we appreciate all the

community has brought forward thus far. So proud to be a part of such a phenomenal community!

We have a lot of ground to cover in a short amount of time in order to meet our Spring 2016 goal, and I am confident it is an obtainable goal. It also means we need to find creative avenues of meeting our funding, getting the word out, and motivating people towards our goal. We are encouraging people to reach out to all their connections, whether it's financial, visible(PR), volunteers passionate about this project, ideas/visions, grants you are aware of, businesses who may partner with us or millionaire

Something just buggin you? Well, let us know by your letters to the editor to YCN

friends! ;-)

We are currently just over \$110,000 toward our goal of \$230,000.

Our contact information is as follows:

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EVENTS/FUNDRAISERS

50th Anniversary



Duck & Donna Hultgren
Please join us for an open house on July 25th at YVEC hospitality room in Huntley. 1-4pm
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coming up:

Aug. 21: Golf "Fore!" Lison's Lair 2.0 golf tournament http://lockwoodlionslair.weebly.com/golf-tournament.html

Sept. 12: Lockwood Lions Lair 2.0 5k Family Fun Run http://lockwoodlionslair.weebly.com/5k-fun-run.html

Sept. 26: Knuckles Up Presents Bingo to BBQ (A motorcycle fun run type event-more to come on this!)

Oct. 1: Brax Cups Sales Round 2 Kick-off

Ongoing:
Lions Lair t-shirt sales http://lockwoodlionslair.weebly.com/t-shirts.html
Box Tops collections

We are always accepting donations which are tax deductible to the full extent of the law as we are a 501(c)3 non-profit.

Upcoming: Grants, bricks sales, Lockwood Cookbook,

possibly a silent auction evening, possible Read-a-thon or Laps for Lair Round 2 and "Adopt a Playground Piece" are just a few of the plans in the making.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Loree Baasch
Lockwood PTA
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17	81	54	.02/.00"	101 (1977)/45 (1982)	88/53	93/55	.08/.00"
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River data from the U.S. Geological Survey (waterdata.usgs.gov)

Four projects approved by Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC)

by Evelyn Pyburn

BILLINGS- Four projects were approved by the Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC) to be submitted to the state funding process under the 2015 Transportation Alternatives program.

The Montana Department of Transportation will fund selected applications submitted from communities throughout the state, disbursing about \$2.8 million that has been made available to fund alternative transportation projects.

Considering that most projects cost between \$500,000 and \$600,000, only about seven projects in the state are likely to get funded, said Scott Walker of the City County Planning Department. Walker said that while they hope all four of the Yellowstone County projects will be funded, they are realistic that probably not all will be successful. But, he said, they have developed the plans to make it as difficult as possible not to select the projects.

One of the projects involves developing the connectivity of

pedestrian walk/bike ways in the vicinity of the proposed Ben Steele Middle School at Grand and 54th Street. The estimated cost of the project is \$440,000,

Another project is one on Laurel Road, which would place a sidewalk from King Avenue Interchange to Parkway Lane, along the southside of Laurel Road. It would cost about \$460,000.

A third proposal is the construction of Rimrock Parkland Scenic Overlook and Trail Project on the rims fronting the area between the Airport and downtown Billings. The project is one proposed last year, but is being resubmitted in a scaled-down version more in keeping with the available funding, said Walker. It is projected to cost \$500,000 to \$600,000 to build a 5/8 mile pedestrian/bike lane.

A fourth proposal would build a pedestrian/bike lane along Becroft in Lockwood, a street that has been targeted as a priority need by Lockwood citizens concerned about the safety of children. A child died when struck by a vehicle along

Becraft Lane a couple of years ago. Walker said that there were some concerns about the viability of the project because of right-of-way issues, but Deputy County Attorney Dan Schwarz investigated and determined that there are no right-of-way issues. The estimated cost of that project is \$590,000.

All four projects come to a total of \$1.8 million.

The PCC is the final authority regarding most transportation and land use issues in Yellowstone County and for the City of Billings. It is comprised of a representative of the Board of County Commissioners, a representative of the Council for the City of

Billings, the Chairman of the Planning Board and District Manager for the Department of Transportation. Non-voting members include representatives of the Montana Department of Transportation and the Federal Department of Transportation, who usually monitor the meetings via phone.

TEDD leaders seek grant for more research work

by Evelyn Pyburn

LOCKWOOD — It will take longer and involve more research than originally estimated to do the scope of work that will be involved in producing a comprehensive plan for the Target Economic Development District (TEDD) in Lockwood, according to Big Sky Economic Development (BSED).

Yellowstone County Commissioners approved a request this week from BSED to submit another grant application for additional funding to pay for the additional work.

The Big Sky Trust Fund awarded \$25,000 in response to the first grant application, which was matched by \$25,000 in private sec-

tor contributions, including Weave Management, Pacific Recycling and BSED.

A request for proposals from firms interested in doing the study has been issued with a July 31 deadline.

The TEDD involves planning for a proposed industrial park in Lockwood at the intersection of Johnson Lane and Interstate 90. In April, County Commissioners granted BSED the authority to proceed with the project, after having held public meetings in which they gathered comments and support. It is to answer questions raised in that process and because of other questions posed by County Commissioners, that the cost of the comprehensive

plan is more than anticipated, said Diane Lehm of BSED in explaining the reasons for the need for additional funding.

Following an earlier study, BSED determined that there is a need in Yellowstone County for an industrial park to meet the future growth needs of industry. They identified a proposal by private sector developers for the Trailhead Industrial Park as the preferable location. The financial structure for the industrial park is expected to be some kind of public-private partnership and include the use of a tax increment district within the TEDD to help pay for infrastructure improvements.

2.5% salary increase ...

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longevity. Commissioners John Ostlund and Jim Reno, who had approved the 1 percent increase in Committee, changed their minds, they said, when they understood that a 1 percent increase would have meant only a minimal increase for sheriff's deputies and deputy county attorneys, whose wages are tied to that of the base of elected officials.

Commissioner Bill Kennedy disagreed with the assessment, saying that at 1 percent the deputies and attorneys would have gotten an almost 2 percent increase, and he does not believe there needs to be an increase on longevity,

which for most officials is over \$20,000 annually. The level of longevity pay does not impact salaries for other county employees, but it has been frozen for a number of years. He said that he doesn't understand the rationale, if the county is in such a tight financial situation that it must reduce funding for spelling bees. (In June, the other two county commissioners, in an austerity move, voted to reduce from \$2,000 to \$1,000 the amount the county has historically contributed to support the county spelling bee.)

The 2.5 percent increase, which will be considered by county commissioners next Tuesday will give every elect-

ed county official over a \$2,000 increase in salary in 2015-16. It will cost the county budget an additional \$16,909.57 of total compensation of \$678,819 that the county will pay to elected officials in the fiscal year.

The increase will give Auditor Debby Hernandez a total salary of \$87,449.

County Commissioners, who also get an automatic bump of \$2,000 by state law, will each be paid \$89,868. Sheriff Linder also gets an automatic \$2,000 increase by state law, and will receive \$84,954.

Clerk and Recorder Jeff Martin, who also receives additional pay for duties as County Surveyor, gets \$89,869.

Treasurer Sherry Long gets additional pay for services as Assessor and Superintendent of Schools for total pay of \$73,399, and Clerk of District Court Kristie Boelter gets \$74,797. Both Boelter and Long have not reached their cap on longevity pay. Longevity pay is earned at the rate of \$4217.27 annually for a maximum of five years, after which it has been capped. This year's 2.5 percent increase will bump the cap from \$20,572 to \$21,086.

The compensation committee is composed of all three county commissioners, Sheriff Linder, Auditor Hernandez, Clerk and Recorder Martin, and County Attorney Scott Twito (whose salary is set by state law commensurate with that of District Court judges). Also on the committee are two public representatives, Oscar Heinrich and Billie Ruff. On Tuesday, Ruff was absent and so was Commissioner Ostlund. Ostlund had given direction to Twito, however, that he wanted to support the 2.5 percent increase proposal.

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Club News

Spring weather beckons Pineview Club members

by Jackie Schleider

SHEPHERD — The Pineview Club met at the Shepherd Lutheran Church on June 4 for its monthly meeting/quilting day. It was a nice spring day. Maybe too nice, as many of the members were absent, with vacations, company and just plain "things to do."

Our charter members at the time of the club's organization had decided that the club would not meet during the summer months, as the members were "just too busy." Also, school was out and the children were home from school and since members brought the kids to meeting in those days, the homes would simply not be big enough.

Since the attendance was so low, the members in attendance decided they would not attempt quilting, but just have a short meeting and enjoy each other's company.

President Judy Smelzer called the meeting to order with the club collect. Minutes were read and approved as read. The treasurer's report was given. Communications was a thank you letter signed by the staff at RiverStone Health for the baby items the club donated last month.

Dawn Petty donated a roll of quilt batting. The group discussed whether we should focus on baby quilts for a while. Judy Smelzer will call RiverStone and check on the amount of clients with babies they serve during a year.

Catherine Johnson made motion to adjourn, seconded by Louise Nunemaker. Meeting adjourned.

After the meeting, a delicious lunch of pulled pork sandwiches, fruit and rhubarb cake was served by Dawn Petty.

Members in attendance were Dawn Petty, Louise Nunemaker, Catherine Johnson, Naomi Boley, Judy Smelzer and Jackie Schleider.

Huntley Seniors enjoy picnic-style lunch, plan to attend MontanaFair

by Phyllis Morehouse

HUNTLEY — Our July meeting was held at the Sportsman's Club in Huntley. The tables were decorated in a "picnic" theme by Pat Reed. The Gathering Place made

a wonderful picnic dinner of fried chicken, potato salad, coleslaw and rolls. We also had baked beans, ice cream and cookies furnished by the Club.

Rita Cady from Alliance in Billings gave a report on insurance help that is available to seniors. Cliff Morehouse reported on "Scams caused by Medicare number changes." Secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved. Donna Drinkwater reported on all the cards she mailed in July for birthdays and "thinking of you" cards for seniors who were not well, or recovering. We received a thank you from the Huntley Community Club for our donations.

We have tickets for "Free Senior Day" at the fair, which is Aug. 10 from 11:30 for dinner and 1 to 3 for entertainment and ice cream. This is furnished by Alliance, Blue Shield and Humana.

Sarah Fowler led us in singing "Happy Birthday" to our August birthdays. They are Beth Daylis (17), Marian Moots (20) and Joe Bruno (25). We also have anniversaries for Woody and Marian Dick (22) and Clifford and Phyllis Morehouse (23).

We are busy collecting items for the September Evenings Alliance fundraiser. Each club makes a basket that is auctioned off at an elegant dinner on Sept. 11. This helps fund many senior activities for the year. We will be selling tickets at our next meeting for a chance to win two free tickets to this event. The chance tickets are \$2. If you purchase tickets they are \$60 so that is a big prize!

We will have a list of all the times and the people who donated them after next meeting, which is Aug. 20.

If you are 60 or over, come join us. We have great food and fun. It was great to see Joan Sutton from Arizona at our meeting with her mom, Mary Hoehne.

Pineview Club completes quilts, plans baby shower

by Jackie Schleider

SHEPHERD — The Pineview Club met at the Shepherd Lutheran Church on July 9 at 9:30 a.m. for its monthly quilt/meeting day. The morning was spent quilting on tops put together by members dur-

ing the past months. Three quilts were completed with two in various stages of completion at the end of the day.

At lunch, Louise Nunemaker served a very refreshing lunch of sandwiches and salad followed by an angel food strawberry shortcake.

After lunch, the meeting was called to order by President, Judy Smelser, with the reading of our club collect. Roll call was answered with "your pet peeve." Interesting as to how many centered on TV commercials, their content and number during each break in news or whatever. Also inappropriate commercials during the dinner hour or prime time.

The club members discussed quilts for RiverStone Health. In question was if they need single size quilts for adults. Also, Agnes Beddes suggested that quilts for those in grief counseling may be of use. Bonnie Wilson will call Jamie at RiverStone and discuss these questions.

We did an inventory of the quilts we have on hand, including those kept back for fire victims. It was decided that we could hold more as the wildfire season is predicted to be high this year.

A baby shower for RiverStone during the Christmas season was discussed. This would be in addition to our gift exchange among the secret sister project the club has. Bonnie Wilson made a motion to do the shower, seconded by Jackie Schleider. The motion carried.

We are having low attendance of members during the summer because of member vacations, visitors and just so many things to do. At the September meeting, while completing the next year's schedule, we will address not having meetings during the summer. At the organization of the club in the beginning, members did not meet from the May meeting until September after the children were back in school. In those days, members brought their children to meetings and with the children home from school, it was simply too many for the small houses at that time. Also, the members at that time simply had too much to do during the summer.

After lunch and the meeting, the group went back to their quilting, until time to quit for the day.

Members attending were Agnes Beddes, Louise Bischke, Louise Nunemaker, Bonnie Wilson, Naomi Boley, Judy Smelser, Rose Fritz and Jackie Schleider.

after months of recovery. Mary Cossitt's eyes seem to twinkle since her cataract surgery! We continue to pray for our members who have had recent health issues: Clarence and Agnes Beddes, Eileen Harbaugh and Georgia Clark.

We enjoyed a beautiful day at our annual potluck picnic at the Community Center. Bob Fritz gave a tour of the building that is now on its permanent foundation. The playground equipment is roped off until pea gravel is installed. It is so exciting to see it coming together!

Remember Aug. 10 is Senior Day at the Montana Fair! The Fairgrounds open at 8 a.m. that day and seniors 60 and older are admitted at no charge, with a BBQ hamburger lunch at noon. This will be followed by entertainment and ice cream at the Community Stage from 1 p.m. Please remember that family members under 60 are not eligible for the senior tickets that were available at luncheon sites. It is always a fun time! See you there!

AUGUST MENU & ACTIVITIES

Aug. 5 — Stuffed peppers; Bingo

Aug. 12 — Soup and sandwich; Bingo and Bookmobile

Aug. 19 — Taco bar; Bingo and book exchange

Aug. 26 — Hot roast beef; Bingo, Bookmobile and birthday cake

Shepherd Seniors enjoy potlucks, garden produce

by Donna Mullin

SHPEHERD — What a great summer it has been so far! Have you been enjoying the produce from your home gardens? Thank you to those who share their surplus vegetables at the Wednesday luncheons. Also remember the invitation to participate in the Emmanuel Lutheran Church BBQ potluck held every Wednesday through the summer at 6 p.m.

Happy Birthday wishes to Larry Allred, Joe Bruno, Evagene Emmett, Bill Green, Sharon Robinson, Judy Smelser and Leona Vannorman.

We enjoyed the company of many guests this month. They were Joan Kimball, Judy Hughes, Pam Armstrong, Minnesota Mike, Jim, Chris and Megan Skelly, Jon and Veda Hence, Larry and Paulette Allred. Welcome also to Larry and Paulette Allred, who decided to become members of our group!

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Worden educator named “AgriScience Ambassador” by DuPont NATAA

WORDEN — Robert Yates, an agriscience teacher at Huntley Project High School, successfully completed the 13th annual DuPont National AgriScience Teachers Ambassador Academy (NATAA) at the company's Chesapeake Farms in Chestertown, Md. Upon receiving the certificate of completion, Yates became an “Ag Ambassador,” joining the other 322 outstanding teachers from across the country who have attended NATAA and earned that designation.

The NATAA “Ag Academy” is a professional development institute sponsored by DuPont and a special project of the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE). This year, Yates joined other top-ranked agriscience teachers selected to engage in inquiry-based activities and explore state-of-the-art teaching concepts, with a majority of their training time in hands-on activi-

ties on DuPont's 3,300-acre working farm. The dual farm and classroom approach is designed to energize teachers and to infuse that learning experience in the classroom with their students. Teachers also visited labs and engaged with scientists and engineers to learn about global food security, food safety, global water issues, and solar energy solutions.

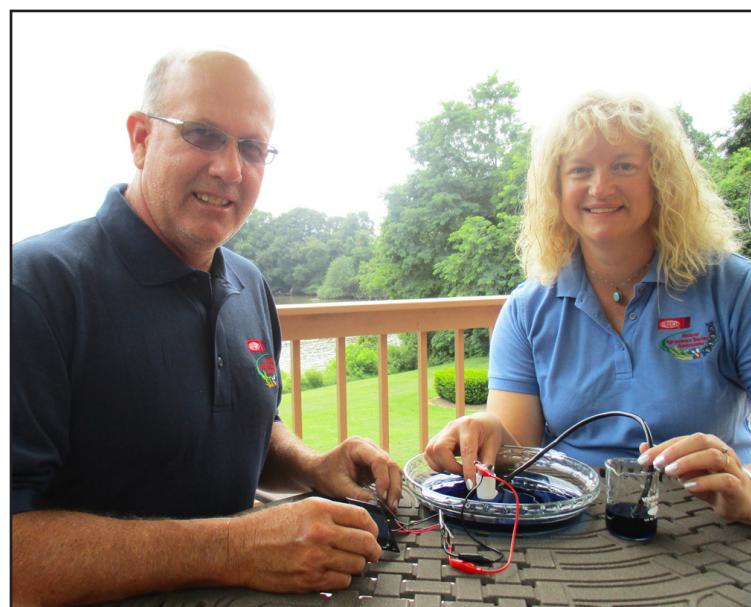
“We recognize the impact great teachers make. Agriscience teachers can create the inspiration and passion in students now that will inspire them to make the game-changing breakthroughs in agriculture and nutrition needed to feed the world in the next 30 years,” said Rik Miller, president, DuPont Crop Protection. “The Ag Academy is an important professional development experience that gives teachers the tools they need today to help students become agriscience innovators tomorrow.”

With the Ag Academy

training, teachers are able to bring a better comprehension of scientific concepts and open the door for students to pursue careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). Each class of Ag Ambassadors impacts more than 10,000 students. Combined with multiple workshop presentations to their peers, over 12,000 teachers across the U.S. including Puerto Rico and Alaska have participated, having a direct impact on over a million students during the life of the program.

“The Ag Academy has been an eye-opening experience,” said Yates. “With a wealth of new knowledge, materials and resources I'm eager to start preparing my classroom curriculum and share what I've learned with my students and other teachers.”

The NAAE is a federation of state agricultural educators associations with



Robert Yates (left), agriscience teacher, and Jo Ann Pfeiffer, NATAA facilitator, demonstrate how solar energy can be used to pump water to irrigate crops in remote locations around the world. (Courtesy photo)

more than 8,000 members. Currently NAAE is focusing on advocacy for agricultural education as well as professional development for and

recruitment and retention of agricultural educators. NAAE offers a variety of programs and services to support this mission.

Dedication ceremony for ‘Clarks Crossing’ 209 years after Lewis & Clark Expedition’s stop

BILLINGS — The Billings Chamber of Commerce will host a dedication ceremony for Clarks Crossing on Friday, July 24, 2015, at 10 a.m.

The dedication ceremony for Clarks Crossing will officially adopt the name, share the site's heritage and present greater visions for the site and the Heritage Trail System.

The ceremony, which will include a volley from the Pompeys Pillar Elk River Brigade, will be held near the old Washington Street Bridge just off Garden Avenue adjacent to the north bank of the Yellowstone River, near the actual place where the Lewis and Clark Expedition crossed the river on July 24, 1806.

“This is yet another opportunity to connect a significant part of our community's history to the Heritage Trail,” said Chamber President and CEO John Brewer. “Offering a venue that shares this history and the incredible story of Clark's return trip along the river gives visitors more reasons to stay, and encourages families to move here, ultimately addressing our community's workforce shortages.”

The dedication date, July 24, is the anniversary of the original day of the historic crossing and falls on the day before Clark Days 2015 at Pompeys Pillar.

On July 10, 2014, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names approved an application to name a locale in Yellowstone County as Clarks Crossing. The name originated from the location where William Clark, on his 1806 return to St. Louis, had the Corps' remaining horses crossed to the south side of the Yellowstone River. The objective was to take the horses on an overland shortcut to the Mandan villages.

The name Clarks Crossing has been entered into the Geographic Names Information System, the nation's official geographic names repository, which is available and searchable online at <http://geonames.usgs.gov>. Only two names pertinent to the Lewis & Clark Expedition have been applied for and approved in Montana since the year 2000. The other name is Yorks Islands near Townsend, which honored Clark's servant and boyhood companion on the Expedition.

After having the horses crossed to the south side with Pryor, Windsor, Shannon and Hall, Captain Clark continued his journey in their two recently constructed canoes, and on the next day signed his name on the famous Pompeys Pillar. The two sites, Pompeys Pillar and Clarks Crossing, are two of the most significant historical Lewis & Clark locations on the Yellowstone River, along with the location where Captain Clark had constructed their canoes south of Park City.

The Yellowstone County Museum at Billings Logan Airport currently has a significant display of exhibits in regard to Clark's Canoe Camp, including the artifacts that were discovered on that site near current day Park City. The campsite has been recognized by the state of Montana and the federal government with a Smithsonian number, 24ST0720.

Shooting ...

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struggled with the gun and it fired.

James Sindelar went outside to call 911, he told detectives, noting that the couple's young children were playing outside.

James Sindelar remains in jail on a \$250,000 bond. His District Court arraignment is scheduled dfor Aug. 7.

An autopsy was performed Wednesday in Missoula, said Sheriff Mike Linder.

“It's a tragedy in the community,” Linder said.

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Jeff Kitchens, whose term as manager at Pompeys Pillar ends Saturday, is intrigued by years of efforts to preserve the signature carved in the rock face in 1806 by William Clark, seen here in a protective glass case. (Judy Killen photo)

Jeff Kitchens ...

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the site in 1806, famously signing his name on the sandstone. Decades later, in the 1880s, railroad officials "came along and protected the site," which was in the railroad right of way, for historical significance. They put up a grate to protect Clark's signature, Kitchens said, but it wasn't until much later, when the Foote family owned the site, when "they saw the benefit of the tourist attraction" and bringing people to the site for its unique importance as the only physical evidence of the Lewis and Clark expedition, "which is pretty remarkable and kind of cool."

By the late 1980s, the Foote family sold the property to the BLM, and in 2001 it became a national monument.

Today, it boasts excellent facilities, including a visitor center, but hasn't lost the past, Kitchens said.

"It's always been a very welcoming place," he said, "but now it feels like it offers even more."

Kitchens pointed out that Pompeys Pillar brings in a lot of people who are traveling through, see a sign or note on a map, and impulsively pull into the parking lot.

"So many people come here without any idea of what it is," he said, and many express

disbelief that they are seeing the only tangible thing left "on the trail" of Lewis and Clark.

And Kitchens said the story of Clark's journey on the Yellowstone during the time "isn't told very much." Even the vaunted book, Stephen Ambrose's "Undaunted Courage," doesn't tell much about Clark, although it's a great book, Kitchens said.

Another neat thing about the way the BLM operates is that it places "a high emphasis on conservation, but not necessarily preservation," Kitchens said. This means that the 400 or so acres surrounding "The Rock" — outside the monument proper, which encompasses 51 acres — are used for a variety of purposes, including hunting, and the area's agricultural uses continue.

The nearby grain elevator was not without controversy when it was built, he said, but operates without interfering with the monument, its activities or its visitors.

And Pompeys Pillar pulls them in, about 35,000 to 40,000 people every year, Kitchens said. Most of those, about 30,000 to 35,000, come between the first week of May and the last week of September.

Pompeys Pillar also hosts about 3,000 young people every year through school groups, the Boys and Girls

Club and other organizations.

In his four years here, "my biggest surprise is so many people in Billings don't come out to see Pompeys Pillar," Kitchens said. "People lived in Billings all their lives, the surrounding area, haven't been here."

They should "come see our site," he said. No, he corrected himself, "They should come out here and see their site."

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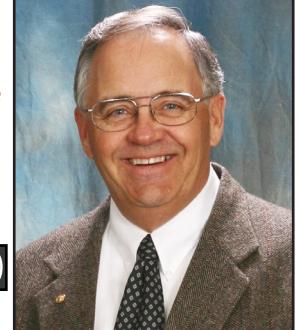
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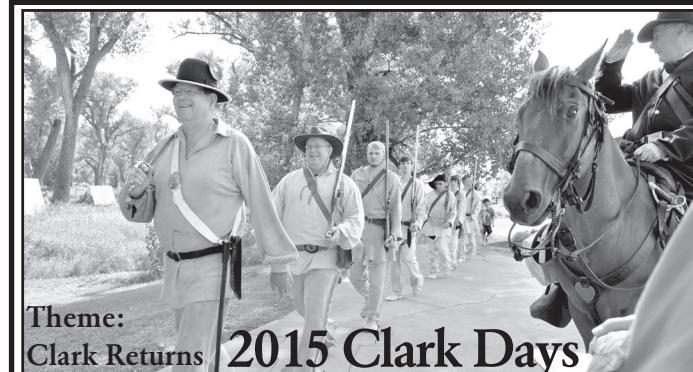
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Saturday July 25

'Clark Returns' Schedule of Events

7:00am	Guided Nature & Bird Walk
7:00am – 10:00am	Pancake Breakfast
9:00 am	Clark's Return
9:30am – 4:00pm	Family Activities, Reenactments, & Demonstrations
10:00am – 11:00am	Cowboy Poets (Main Stage)
11:00am – 12:00pm	Native American Cultural Presentation (Main Stage)
12:00pm – 12:30pm	Violin Playing (Main Stage)
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Cowboy Poets (Main Stage)
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Native American Cultural Presentation (Main Stage)
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Meet Seaman the Dog (Log Cabin)
4:10pm – 5:10pm	Interactive History of Clark on the Yellowstone (Log Cabin)
5:15pm – 6:15pm	What Ever Happened to Baby Pomp? (Log Cabin)
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Clark Days celebration

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sessions, and a number of demonstrations.

Food will be served throughout the day, and camping is open to the public both Friday and Saturday nights. Admission for the event is \$7 per car and those that attend Saturday will receive free admission to the monument on Sunday.

Along with this being a big event and special day for Pompeys Pillar, it is also Monument Manager Jeff Kitchens' last day.

"I am so excited that my last day is Clark Days. What a wonderful way to say farewell to friends and partners," said Kitchens. "The weekend will be mixed with fun activities and informative presen-

tations for everyone, so I hope folks can come out and join us for this great event."

Pompeys Pillar contains the signature of Captain William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Clark's inscription is the expedition's only remaining physical evidence of its actual route. An interpretive center at the site recounts Clark's journey through the Yellowstone Valley in 1806.

Pompeys Pillar is accessible from Interstate 94, using exit 23, or from Montana Highway 312. More information on the national monument can be found at <http://blm.gov/99jd> or by calling the Interpretive Center at (406) 875-2400.



Over the Fourth, the trophy wife and I zipped to Angel Fire, New Mexico, for our Land of Enchantment marathon. We hit the road Thursday afternoon, overnighted in Fort Collins and rose early to beat the Denver traffic. I carried our cooler to the car before returning for the final load, when the trophy wife stepped from our motel room wearing a stunning, bright orange, spandex, spaghetti-

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strap sun dress. Her shoulders were tanned and toned from spending three weeks hoeing the garden, and she looked amazing. Once in the car I mumbled, "You look incredible."

We pulled into Angel Fire about four o'clock and stopped at the Mountain Sports store to pick up our race packets. Seated behind the registration table were four volunteers, and one slid her chair back saying she was exhausted and was leaving. Another co-worker suggested she needed a beer, but the departing official said she couldn't drink because she was running in the morning. Wearing my straw hat, long-sleeve shirt and Wranglers, I quietly quipped, "Well, I'm going to have a beer tonight." The silence hung thick as the three remaining volunteers turned and stared at us.

After sizing us up, the leader of the group nodded toward the trophy wife and said, "Well, it's obvious you are a runner. What is your last name and I will get your packet."

I chuckled and said, "We are both running the marathon." We gathered our packets, stepped outside, and I jokingly said, "Had they assumed I was the only

runner, it would have left a scab you would have picked at for months." Druann just smiled. In terms of appearance, guys are impervious to the opinions of others. We can wear a tattered T-shirt not quite covering our beer belly, which definitely covers our belt buckle, and still think we are top-shelf merchandise. Guys are simple.

Angle Fire is a ski resort in northern New Mexico, and the 8,500 foot elevation would make this particular race a beast. The starting gun fired at seven o'clock on the morning of the Fourth and off we went. In spite of cooler weather, the trophy wife struggled climbing the final mountain pass at mile 16. This was odd. Suddenly, she burst into tears and thanked me for running with her. After 36 years of marriage, I have learned when her emotions and words conflict, it is best to hide or change the subject. We were in an open park, so I blurted, "Boy, look at all the Canada Thistle."

We finished in 5:24 and Druann was first in her age group, thereby making her the oldest female finisher. I was uncertain if this would be good or bad, so I pointed out all the thistle patches as we staggered back to the car.

Angel Fire really has a weed problem. While driving north, we re-fueled our tired bodies from our back seat picnic basket and before long, Druann reclined her seat to catch a nap. She was spent. Any idiot can run, but it takes a special idiot to marathon and an extra-special idiot to finish one in each of the 50 states. Accomplishing this as a married couple raises the idiocy bar to epic levels, as we have yet to meet another married couple tackling this goal together. This was our 17th state and I so look forward to sharing 33 more running adventures alongside my trophy wife. This brings me to my point.

Husbands and wives are

different physically, physiologically, emotionally and genetically, yet we are completely compatible in marriage, a spiritual relationship of God's design. Is it not the height of arrogance for man to redefine His plan? Coupling recent implementation of hate crime and anti-bullying legislation with the SCOTUS same-sex marriage decision forever changes our world.

We are entering an era of hate where electronic eavesdropping will enable the ruling class to ferret out and convict Christians who refuse to abandon their faith and worship government. Believers can run, but you cannot hide.

Homesteader Museum board ready to tackle next historic preservation project

by Judy Killen

HOMESTEADER MUSEUM — With renovations wrapping up on two historic structures, the Huntley Project Museum's board of directors is turning its attention to funding and beginning its next project.

Neal Gunnels, the museum curator, told board members at their meeting Tuesday night that he believes the board can apply for a grant of up to \$10,000 from the Daughters of the American Revolution. The grant requires a one-to-one match so that a \$10,000 grant plus matching funds would generate \$20,000 to work on the next building, which sits at the east end of the boardwalk on the museum boardwalk.

Board members think the grant could cover repairs to or replacing the siding.

Board president Jim Knapp said the building needs quite a bit of work, beginning with the exterior siding, and possibly windows.

"It's in tough shape," he said.

Board member Mike Johnson was tapped to complete initial estimates for the work.

The tin roof on the building is sound and won't need replacing, board members agreed.

Could any of the siding be salvaged, board members wondered, with only the worst being replaced?

"There's some that's better than the rest," Knapp said, "but the best stuff isn't very good," and it may be too difficult to replicate its siding with what's available today.

Knapp said his vision for the building is to transform it into a replica of a mercantile with a post office section in the back of the building.

Board members have been working on renovations to two buildings, also on the boardwalk, a church and the Dassinger building, which will be used for museum exhibits. A few items are still being completed in both buildings, such as ceiling beams and lights in the church and trim and wainscoting in the Dassinger building.

Gunnels said he would like to host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the two buildings with the Billings Chamber of Commerce when they are completed.

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New traffic signal uses flashing yellow arrows for left turns

BILLINGS — A new traffic signal is operating at the intersection of Main Street and Bench Boulevard in Billings. The new signal displays have flashing yellow arrow left-turn indication.

The yellow flashing arrow means that drivers are allowed to turn after yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. Oncoming traffic has a green light, so drivers must determine if there is an adequate gap before turning.

Flashing yellow arrows offer a safer way to handle traffic turning left at busy intersections, according to the Department of Transportation.

Sheriff's Report...

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the deputy found three men walking on the road and was told that two others had fled. They were all leaving the scene of an accident on Highway 87, according to the report. The deputy turned the crash investigation over to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, according to the report.

Vandalism

* A sheriff's deputy investigated vandalism in a restroom at Two Moon Park in the Billings Heights on July 18. According to the report,

the deputy found graffiti in the restroom.

* A sheriff's deputy investigated a report of vandalism at a business in the 200 block of City Center Circle in southeast Billings on July 17. The deputy collected information about a potential suspect through video evidence, according to the report.

Motor vehicle thefts

* A 2002 Honda Odyssey valued at \$4,500 was reported stolen in the 100 block of Hemlock Drive in Lockwood

on July 18.

* A 2007 Ford Expedition was reported taken without permission from the 2200 block of Highway 87 East on July 18.

* A sheriff's deputy arrested Connie K. Bailey, 50, for allegedly attempting to steal a tow truck valued at \$120,000 in the 2700 block of Old Hardin Road.

According to records at the Yellowstone County Detention Facility, Bailey remained in jail at presstime Wednesday, charged with felony theft. Bond was set at

Lockwood Fire station holds opening ceremony

LOCKWOOD-Lockwood Fire Department will hold a dedication ceremony for its new fire station at 501 Johnson Lane on Friday, July 31 at 2 p.m. Fire Chief John Staley announced that refreshments will be served at the event and the public

is invited to tour the facility following the ceremony.

Phones and computer systems were all transferred to the new station last week and staff is in the process of moving in and organizing this week.

Legal Notices

Request for Bid

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Huntley Project Irrigation District (HPID) is requesting statements of qualifications from engineering firms to provide engineering services. The work could include but is not limited to the following areas of service:

- Irrigation Infrastructure Design
- Inventory & Assessment
- Surveying
- Construction Administration
- GIS Mapping
- Planning
- Grant Writing/Funding

The engineering firm would perform normal civil and structural engineering functions for HPID as directed by the HPID Manager and/or HPID Board. The firm would provide engineering services necessary for preliminary engineering studies, preliminary and final design, contractor bidding procedures, inspection and construction engineering, and grant writing and administration.

The engineering firm would perform these services on an as-needed basis for a period of five (5) years beginning on the date the HPID and the selected engineering firm signs a contract for provision of these services. Services to be provided may include but would not be limited to:

- Preparing preliminary engineering studies and reports;
- Providing grant writing services;
- Surveying;
- Preparing preliminary and final engineering design and obtaining approval of appropriate state and federal agencies;
- Preparing construction bid packages and supervising the bid advertising, tabulation, and award process, including preparing the advertisements for bid solicitation, conducting the bid opening, and issuing the notice to proceed;
- Providing construction administration;
- Submitting certified "as-built" drawings; and
- Preparing operation and maintenance (O&M) manuals.

A detailed Request for Qualifications is available from the Huntley Project Irrigation District at the HPID office or by contacting Liz Freeman @ 406-967-3400 or Todd Wilson @ 406-672-5248. All responses to the Request for Proposal must be received by the Huntley Project Irrigation District no later than 3:00 PM on August 6, 2015 at the following address:

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Finalists may or may not be interviewed based on an evaluation of written responses. All factors considering the award of the contract will be made to the most qualified offeror(s) whose proposal is deemed most advantageous to the HPID.

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Montana Thirteenth Judicial District Court, Yellowstone County
In the Matter of the Name Change of Clairissa K. Barnes, Clairissa K. Barnes, Petitioner.

Cause No. DV-15-0770

Judge Mary Jane Knisely

Notice of Hearing on Name Change.

This is notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from Clairissa Kay Barnes to Clairissa Kay Albrecht. The hearing will be on August 27, 2015 at 9 a.m. The hearing will be at the Courthouse in Yellowstone County.

Dated this 25th day of June, 2015.

s/s Kristie Lee Boelter

Clerk of District Court

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AUDIT PUBLICATION STATEMENT:

An audit of the affairs of Custer School District #15, Yellowstone County, Custer, Montana 59024, has been conducted by Strom & Associates, PC. The audit covered the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The audit also covered the extracurricular fund for pupil functions, which is included in the financial statements of the District.

Section 2-7-521, MCA, requires that this publication concerning the audit report include a statement that such report is on file in its entirety and open to public inspection at the School Clerk's office, and that the District will send a copy of the audit report to any interested person upon request.

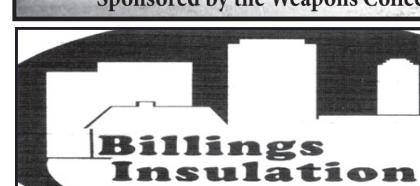
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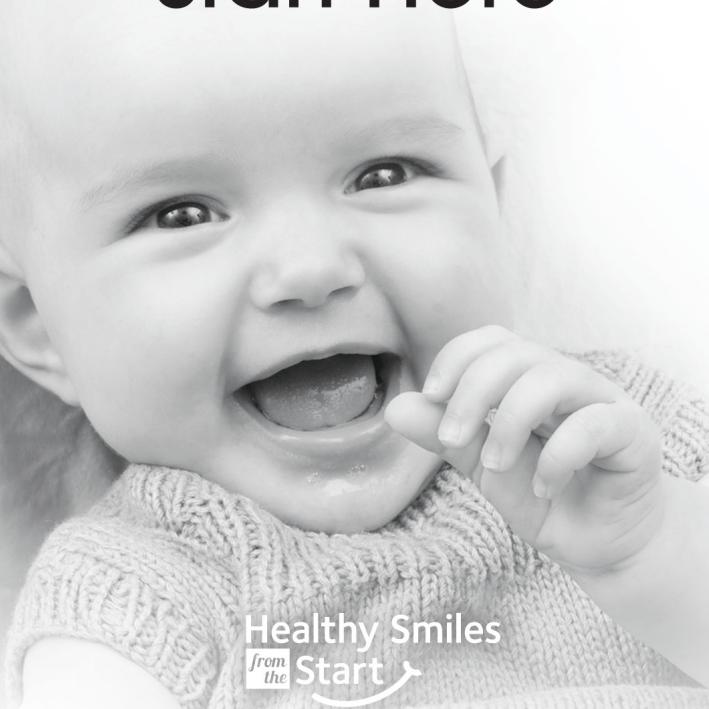
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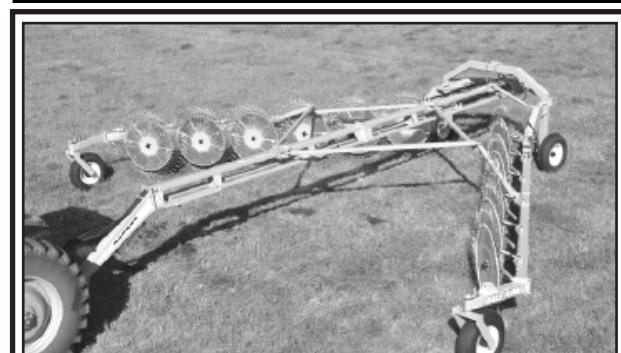


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Brianna Decock from Huntley and Julie Stevens from Shepherd received Dean's Lists honors.

To achieve this honor, students must be enrolled full-time or for 12 semester credits and carry a minimum 3.33 grade point average (GPA).

Mikal Forseth is UW honor student

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Mikal Ann Forseth of Huntley is on the University of Wyoming's 2015 spring semester President's Honor Roll.

The President's Honor Roll consists of undergraduates who earned a 4.0 grade point average for the semester.

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These Angus enthusiasts won peewee showmanship at the 2015 Montana Junior Beef Expo Angus Show in Lewistown. Pictured from left are Cade Vanek of Lewistown, Claire Murnin of Huntley and Tanner Vanek of Lewistown. (Courtesy photo by Kurt Kangas, American Angus Association.)

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Monday Morning Sheriff's Report

Driving under the influence

* Yellowstone County sheriff's deputies investigated a report of a dispute on Kratz Lane in Lockwood where the suspect had left the area in a vehicle on July 16.

According to the report, deputies arrested Chad Donald Hull of Laurel for alleged driving under the influence, criminal mischief, partner or family member assault and alcohol-related criminal endangerment after they allegedly found a child in the vehicle he was driving.

* After responding to a request for a welfare check at Thiel Road and Denittis Lane south of Laurel on July 20, a deputy arrested Devon Robert Lee, 23, of Laurel for alleged driving under the influence of alcohol, first offense.

* After an investigation following a traffic stop at Central Avenue and 24th Street West in Billings, a

deputy arrested Jason Powell Lea, 39, of Billings for alleged driving while under the influence on July 18.

* After an investigation in the 2000 block of Old Hardin Road on July 19, a deputy arrested Rickie Allan Tucker for alleged driving while under the influence.

* A deputy arrested Dennis James Swain, 46, of Billings for alleged DUI, second offense, on July 19.

According to the report, the deputy was parked at Nutmeg Lane and East Maryland Avenue in Laurel when a vehicle driven by Swain allegedly nearly struck his patrol vehicle, because Swain had allegedly fallen asleep while driving.

Criminal mischief

* Sheriff's deputies investigated two reports of criminal mischief on Price Hill Road in the Laurel area on July 17. One report said an incident was reported by a law enforcement officer and the

other report involved vandalism to a cellular tower.

* A sheriff's deputy investigated a vandalism call in the 3000 block of South 56th Street West on July 17. According to the report, someone broke into a home but nothing was reported missing.

* A deputy investigated a report of vandalism to a vehicle parked in the 2000 block of Main Street in Worden on July 19. According to the report, the driver's side front window was broken.

* A deputy investigated a report of criminal mischief in the 3000 block of South 53rd Street West in west Billings on July 19. The report said a plastic BB had been shot into a window of a residence. There were no suspects.

* A sheriff's deputy investigated a report of vandalism to a home under construction on Walker Lane north of Highway 312 on July 19.

The initial damage estimate was \$2,000, according to the report.

Possession of paraphernalia

After an investigation on Hartland Street in the Billings Heights, a deputy arrested Dalton Ray Haynes of Billings for alleged possession of paraphernalia.

Theft

* A sheriff's deputy inves-

tigated a reported theft of tools from a shed on Birch Street in Ballantine on July 16. According to the report, a DeWalt tool set with a drill, saw, sawzall, grinder, light and batteries was taken. The tool set was valued at \$500, according to the report.

* A deputy investigated the theft of firearms in the 300 block of Wapato Avenue in Lockwood on July 16.

According to the report, potential suspects had been identified. The missing firearms included a Remington shotgun, a Ruger rifle with scope and a Mossberg shotgun.

Dispute

A deputy investigated a report of a dispute between neighbors on Summit Ridge Road in Lockwood on July 19. No arrests were made.

Structure fire

A deputy responded to a report of a fire on North 13th Road in the Worden area on July 19. The report said the fire was contained to a bedroom of a residence.

Animal bite

An animal control officer investigated a report of an animal bite on Krumheuer Drive in the Lockwood area on July 14.

Theft from motor vehicle

* On July 17, a sheriff's deputy investigated the theft of several items from a vehicle that was broken into in the 1000 block of JT Lane in Lockwood. The missing items included a blue pencil case, a Craftsman box cutter, a 5-inch hunting knife with a brown and white handle and a cordless drill with a battery and charger, according to the report.

* A sheriff's deputy investigated the theft of several items from a vehicle in the 3000 block of Brookway Drive in Laurel on July 19.

No suspects had been identified, according to the report. The missing items included two 10-inch JL audio subwoofers in a JL Audio Stealth box valued at \$900 and a Rockford Fosgate 400-watt amplifier with a brass knob valued at \$500.

* A sheriff's deputy investigated the theft of several items from a vehicle that was broken into in the 1800 block of Sligo Lane west of Billings on July 19.

According to the report, items belonging to several people were taken, including purses, prescription medica-

tions, driver's licenses, cash and credit cards.

* A deputy investigated the theft of tools from a vehicle that was parked in the 3000 block of Highway 312 on July 19. According to the report, the missing Craftsman tools were valued at \$500.

Temporary restraining orders

* After an investigation on Suburban Drive in Lockwood on July 18, a deputy arrested James David Minton for alleged violation of a protective order, second offense.

* A sheriff's deputy investigated a report that someone violated a temporary restraining order by contacting a person via Facebook on July 16.

Assault

* A sheriff's deputy investigated a report of assault in the 5500 block of Deadwood Drive off Highway 87 on July 17. The report said no arrests were made after the investigation was complete.

* A deputy investigated a report of attempted sexual assault on Hogan Road in the Huntley area. According to the report, a woman reported she woke up to find a man in her room touching her, but she kicked at him and he left. The report said there was no information or description of the suspect.

* After an investigation in the 2200 block of Highway 87 East, a deputy arrested Dakota Lee Baer, 22, of Billings for alleged aggravated assault on July 19.

According to Yellowstone County Detention Facility records, Baer remained in jail at presstime in lieu of \$25,000 bond. He is charged with felony aggravated assault causing permanent or life-threatening injuries and misdemeanor criminal mischief and violation of a protective order, first offense. Records indicated prosecutors are also pursuing revocation of a previous suspended sentence.

Agency service assists

* A sheriff's deputy assisted the Montana Highway Patrol with an evaluation of a person suspected of using drugs at the Yellowstone County Detention Facility.

* A sheriff's deputy responded to a request for a welfare check on four men walking down Highway 87 East, one of whom appeared to be injured, at 5:56 a.m. July 19.

According to the report, (Continued on page 9)

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