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## Compensation board recommends pay raises for county employees

by Evelyn Pyburn

**BILLINGS** — Following considerable discussion the Yellowstone County Elected Officials Compensation Board is recommending that County Commissioners increase the pay of most county elected officials 1 percent on the base and 1 percent on longevity.

An exception will be the Justices of the Peace who will see a pay hike of 19.5 percent as the board attempted to make their pay more in line with District Court Judges.

The Compensation Board held its second and final meeting, on Tuesday, to resume consideration of issues taken up two weeks ago about how they believe the county's elected officials should be paid in fiscal year 2015-16. The final decision will be that of county commissioners during their regular meeting next Tuesday.

Justices of the Peace David Carter and Pedro Hernandez asked that their pay be re-

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Arriving in the Huntley Project Schools van, Erin Reilly prepares on Tuesday to hand out free lunches to children gathered in Barkemeyer Park in Huntley. HP Schools offers free lunch to anyone 19 and younger through the end of July. (Jonathan McNiven photo)

## Come and get it: USDA's Summer Food Service begins

by Judy Killen

**WORDEN** — Huntley Project Schools is offering free lunch this summer to anyone under 19.

And the cafeteria at the school campus in Worden will also serve breakfast.

The free lunch program, which began last week, continues through July 31. Anyone under 19 can have a free lunch at the school cafeteria,

Barkemeyer Park in Huntley, the Longbranch trailer court or the Ballantine Church.

Marlene Krum, the district's lunch and activities clerk, said the free meals are part of the USDA's Summer Food Service Program. Huntley Project Schools qualifies to offer the free meals because at least 50 percent of its students qualify for either free or reduced meals under

federal guidelines, she said.

Adults may buy lunch for \$4 or breakfast for \$2.25. Children do not have to be Huntley Project students — the program is open to anyone, even tourists just traveling through. A map on the USDA webpage locates sites where breakfast and lunches are available.

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## Flag Day ceremony



On Sunday June 14, Worden VFW Post 7407 and Boy Scout Troop 23 participated in a Flag Day Ceremony, where flags were retired with respect and honor. (Photos courtesy Stacy Dean)

## HP school board ponders 'instructional coach'

By Judy Killen

**WORDEN** — The Huntley Project school board is trying to decide whether to hire a new instructional coach.

Superintendent Wes Coy said the board members will continue to discuss the idea after Monday's board meet-

ing, where they talked about whether the district still needs such a position.

"In my heart of hearts," Coy said, he knows the district could benefit from an employee who's dedicated to

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## Fireworks for sale at Huntley Museum

by Judy Killen

**HUNTLEY PROJECT MUSEUM** — Get ready to stock up on fireworks for the Fourth of July.

The board of directors of the Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture will open a fireworks stand at the museum at 770 Railroad Highway off Highway 312

east of Huntley from June 24 through July 5.

Board members on Tuesday night authorized museum curator Neal Gunnels to spend \$5,000 to stock the fireworks stand. He said the museum has a local source for the fireworks, and so he will be able to buy more if the first batch runs out.

"I think if we got \$5,000 worth we'll still be looking for more," Gunnels said.

He said the museum has obtained special insurance to cover the fireworks stand and its contents, although as a security measure fireworks will be stored off-site and not in the fireworks stand overnight.

## Car wreck rescue demonstration



Shepherd volunteer firefighters demonstrate extricating a victim from a wrecked car on Saturday during the Shepherd Volunteer Fire Department's annual open house. Once the "victim" was removed from the car, firefighters carried her by stretcher to a waiting helicopter. The open house included activities for children, refreshments and a chance to meet Smokey the Bear. (Jonathan McNiven photo)

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# McNiven's Meanderings

By Jonathan D. McNiven

**Meander means:** 1. To follow a winding and turning course; 2. To move aimlessly and idly without fixed direction. 3. A circuitous journey or excursion; ramble. Often used in the plural. 4. An ornamental pattern of winding or intertwining lines, used in art and architecture.



Can't help but think about the upcoming Father's Day as time flies with this newspaper as we get it out each week on time. I can finally say we've completed the first wave of our badly needed computer upgrades. I sigh a sense of short relief knowing that we've still been able to get the paper out each week on time even though we were down to one computer (from three) for a month or two, only to know that we can now start on the next week's edition. We are grateful for all those who continue to help us make this a resource of continued value so thank you to all.

There are a couple things I think you might have noticed in the paper. If not, I'll bring them to your attention.

First, I hope you've noticed the Yellowstone County News banner at the front of the paper. I've always been thinking about what would be a good picture and have been looking at something to do with the Yellowstone

River and I like this one at the current time. I enjoy the big blue skies, the river meandering, the green trees and everything else in between. We've made the banner so that the title "Yellowstone County News" is prominent in the title as the previous banner did just the opposite. (Don't worry, I plan to change the banner from time to time.)

Second, did you notice the tag line under the title "Sowing News, Reaping Headlines"? I'll give you a couple moments to look at it and try to find the three meanings or reasons why we at the paper chose it that tag line. It took us a couple months to try to find something that would fit so we hope you'll understand our the reasoning to our madness.

The three reasons for the tagline of the paper are as follows if you haven't figured them out already:

1. We are a weekly newspaper, hence news and headlines flow within our paper.

2. We are a country-style newspaper in the West. Many of our readers are in Montana and Yellowstone County. As does the farmer in looking after his flocks and fields, we also have to tend to the activities of our business and sift through all the information — or as I see it, sow the news and reap the results of that news with headlines. As does a farmer sow his field and eventually reap the harvest, so will we.

3. We are a faith-based business, as I like to see it, and hope our faith and values reflect the way we do business. We are not perfect and make mistakes, but are always willing to do the best we can. In reference to the Bible, read the King James Version of Matthew, chapter 13. It will give you a glimpse into why we also chose sowing and reaping in our tagline, which eventually will allow the separating of the wheat from the tares... well, maybe j/k. Anyhow, we hope you are seeing the changes and like them.

We also hope you are seeing better spelling in the paper, but we are excited to have Norma McNiven includ-

ed among our ranks as she brings her experience from a newspaper at Glendive School District and English background. Hopefully, my spelling and grammatical errors on the front page, meanderings and stories are improved by her now being involved.

We really appreciated Lynne Remington proofing our paper before she recently retired after some 18-plus years and hanging in there until we made the transition. Lynne will be missed here at YCN and we wish her the best.

Finally, meandering back to this upcoming Father's Day weekend, I hope everyone is able to have a great Father's Day and to spend

some time with family. Some of my fondest memories of my father were when we would go horseback riding and completed pack trips in the mountains of Wyoming. I will always have the memory of riding up really steep mountains and then looking back at the many lakes below. That is how high in the mountains we would go and I have yet to forget those memories. As a father of five, I'm amazed how blessed I have been to marry a great partner and supportive person who helps me raise our children.

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers out there!

See you in the Paper, JDM

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Let the people know the facts, and the country will be safe. — Abraham Lincoln

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### HAPPY SHEPHERD DAY!

We want to wish a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary to:

Friday, June 19  
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Myhre  
Kelli Bennett, Erica Unrath  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Nagel

Saturday, June 20  
Mr. & Mrs. Denis Best  
Kendal Damjanovich  
Vernon Smith, Abbie Goggins

Sunday, June 21  
Julie Millard, Allene Relter  
Keath Smith, Travis Stiles  
Mackenzie Lepley  
Mr. & Mrs. John Clark  
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Cossitt

Monday, June 22  
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Jacobs,  
Dylan Cline, Sydney Smith  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lepley  
Mr. & Mrs. Garrett Bauer,  
Macy Wegner, Zackery Goggins

Tuesday, June 23  
Cole Salveson, Avery Shanks  
Vic Halverson

Wednesday, June 24  
Trin Jones, Stacey Grandpre  
Bryce Bennett

Thursday, June 25  
Jim Poliert, Scott W. Smith  
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Marler  
Jeanne Trivisono, Laura Berens  
Brad Green

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 JUNE 19

- Bookmobile 11:30-1pm Worden Senior Center
- Bookmobile 1:30-2:30 pm Huntley Main Street
- Worden Senior Lunch, VFW Hall, 2445 Main Street
- Heights Senior Lunch, Hope United Methodist Church, 244 Wicks Lane

### SATURDAY JUNE 20

- Huntley Community Club - Barkemeyer Park Benefit Auction at Park @ Noon

### SUNDAY JUNE 21

- Father's Day
- Father's Day Breakfast and Lunch at Feedlot Steakhouse 10-12pm 3:30-8pm

### MONDAY JUNE 22

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

### TUESDAY JUNE 23

- 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 JUNE 24

- Bookmobile 11:30-1:00pm Shepherd Senior Meal site-Feedlot Steakhouse
- Bookmobile 2-3pm Brush Meadow Apts, 1203 Lake Elmo Road
- Shepherd Senior Lunch, Feedlot Steakhouse, 11:30 a.m
- Heights Senior Lunch, Hope United Methodist Church, 244 Wicks Lane
- Huntley Project Masonic Lodge Meeting, Masonic Lodge, Worden, 7:30 p.m

### THURSDAY JUNE 25

- Bookmobile 11:30-2pm, Custer Senior Center
- Bookmobile 3:00-4pm, Pompey's Pillar
- Custer Senior Lunch, 322 6th Street
- Lockwood Senior Lunch 1413 Rosebud Lane
- Lockwood Steering Committee Meeting, School Board Rm, 7pm
- Heights Senior Lunch, Hope United Methodist Church, 244 Wicks Lane
- Huntley Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Friday at 7 p.m. at Huntley United Methodist Church. AA Hotline 657-0776

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# The Outdoors

by Carl Wolf

Remember the story of the canary in the mineshaft? The idea was to take birds in cages down into the mines while miners worked. If the little birds keeled over, it meant poisonous gas was present and they were alerted to get out immediately. Sort of the same thing happens around the Huntley Project this time of year. First come the masses of dandelions that slowly turn from bright yellow to the whitish cluster balls of seeds, which attract little birds with specially adapted bills to eat

them. The most noticeable of these colorful little guys are the goldfinches. The American goldfinch male is very bright yellow with a black forehead and black wings. They look a lot like bird cage canaries and years ago people took to calling them "wild canaries." When they are not eating out of our feeders, they land on the dandelions and pick off fluffy seeds one at a time. The fuzzy, downy like stuff which holds the seeds is designed by nature to carry the seeds by



**Male American goldfinch. Wolf photo.**

wind far and wide. The birds take the fluffy seed holders and sort of mangle them around in their bills until they get to the tiny seed

inside then eat them. There are four species of these birds, counting the Lawrence's, Lesser and American Goldfinch, plus the Pine Siskins, all found in the United States. American goldfinches and the striped belly Pine Siskins are common in Montana, especially in the spring and summer. They are about four and a half inches long with 9-inch wing spreads. They have tiny sharp bills that allow them to feed on hanging thistle feeders. These goldfinches feed primarily on weed seeds and

tree buds. Not sure we should call dandelions weeds sometimes, because they do make a nice wine. The yellow colored blankets of dandelions in our fields and lawns are often mixed with the bright yellow colors of the goldfinches as they quickly move from plant to plant with their distinctive bounding flight. Thanks to THE GIRLS for suggesting goldfinches. Want more on some critter? Call 967-2365 or email [wordenwolf@nemont.net](mailto:wordenwolf@nemont.net)

## Letters to the editor

**Dear Editor:**

Lockwood has a Business group that meets for Breakfast once a month. Our next meeting is July 7 at 7 a.m. in the Hitt's the Spot Café at the Billings Livestock Commission building at 2443 North Frontage Road. We welcome other businesses to join us for a one hour meeting.

Our May meeting was hosted by KGHL, who has its tower at the north end of Johnson Lane. At that meeting, our local legislators, Sen. Taylor Brown and Rep. Tom Richmond talked about recent legislation and answered questions on issues of concern to the group. For our June 9 meeting, Vinton Construction hosted, and we discussed how we can more focus the group's mission and goals to items that matter most to the Lockwood business community.

Last summer, we rotated our meetings out to the business locations. It gave each business an opportunity to introduce their business to others and explain their products and gave all an opportunity to know what is happening at businesses where they only knew the name. In addition to meetings at the restaurants Hitt's the Spot and Lockwood Country Café, we held meetings at B & L Scales, Rocky Mountain Compost, First Interstate Bank, Aspen Air, Warren Transport and Weave Management Group.

This summer we continue to have businesses host meetings to promote business in Lockwood. But we will also work to focus the meeting on issues that matter to the businesses of Lockwood. Come join us for our July breakfast at Hitt's the Spot at 7 a.m. hosted by Rocky

Mountain Compost — thanks to Bryce and Lesli Glen. If you need additional information, contact Bob Riehl at 860-0272.

PS. City-County Planning Dept will be rolling out the Lockwood growth policy proposal at the June 25 Lockwood Steering Committee meeting in the Lockwood School Administration Building at 7 p.m.

Thanks,  
Bob Riehl  
Lockwood

**Dear Editor:  
HP All-Class Reunion:  
July 11, 2015 – all at  
Homesteader Days.**

\* 9 a.m. – \$2 fee to enter by museum. It's only \$10 for the reunion (preferably pre-pay). Include your name and your year graduated; ladies, please give your maiden name. I've had many questions, and yes, everything on the grounds is wheelchair accessible.

The \$10 in part covers the rent of the Hall, the deposit, and cost for the Cimmaron Band.

\* 11 a.m. – The parade. Many of the classes may want to be in the parade — which will be very exciting; will your class be in it?

After the parade, meals are on your own. You may want to eat there. Jack Toogood is in charge of the beef and chicken dinners. He keeps a record of this every year. I will give him the number coming for the reunion. True, not everyone will eat at the Homesteaders, but it will give him an idea for a ballpark figure. They have set up more picnic tables, also. Or you may want to get two

or three classes together and go to Barkemeyer Park.

Come back around 4 p.m. At this time there will be a short program in the one-room schoolhouse. Brandon Wittman from the REA will be the commentator, introducing and recognizing former teachers. This should be interesting.

"Free time" – hungry, thirsty and visiting. There'll be a craft show in the Hall until 7:45. At 8 p.m. the Cimmaron Band will set up and we can listen, dance and visit.

The main purpose of an All-Class Reunion is to visit with people, classmates, teachers, we haven't seen for 30, 40 or plus years. A time to renew friendships and make memories — and then fireworks.

If you want to contact me, I'm Carol Reiter, P.O. Box 234, Worden, MT 59088 or call me at 252-0436.

Carol Reiter  
Worden

**Dear Editor:**

Over the past three years, the idea of transferring federally-managed public lands to the states has swelled from a small town dream to a full-fledged national movement. As grass roots support grows, organized opposition bolsters their attempts to distort the truth and dirty the reputations of good, honest people.

For example, opponents have repeatedly told everyone that if Montanans were in charge of our own lands and resources, we would sell them all off. Well, I think that kind of criticism

is selling Montanans short.

Whether it is work, play, or the scenic beauty of our rolling prairies, majestic mountains, or clear blue waters, Montana's public lands are special to all of us. There's no need to sell public lands to make money because wise stewardship of natural resources can produce more than enough revenue to cover land management costs while enhancing the environment and providing world class outdoor recreation opportunities.

Early this year, I introduced SB215, a simple bill that would prohibit the sale of any federal land that may be transferred to the state in the future. Guess who opposed the law that would keep public lands public? It was the same left-leaning organizations who are telling everyone we would sell it! Specifically, paid lobbyists representing Montana Wilderness Association, Montana Wildlife Federation and Montana Audubon Society came into our State Capitol and testified against SB215. So did Democrat Gov. Bullock's administration.

Amazingly, just one week later, the same groups held a "keep it public" rally in the State Capitol. They

came up with a lot of money from somewhere to bus hundreds of people in from all over Montana and feed them free lunch to go with the line of "bull" they served up over the megaphone.

A few weeks later the Montana Democrat party piled on with a bogus fund raising letter falsely stating that my bill, SB 215, was a bill to "sell Montana's public lands." In actuality, SB215 reads: "An act prohibiting future sales of land granted or transferred to the state." You can verify what I am reporting here by reviewing the official public record at <http://leg.mt.gov> and search the LAWS database for SB215. I welcome you to read the bill and watch the video of the hearing to see who really testified in favor of keeping public lands public and who opposed it.

Gov. Steve Bullock recently held an expensive statewide "telephone town hall," apparently funded by the Wilderness Association, to perpetuate blatant untruths about the transfer of public lands movement. The latest whopper came two weeks ago from a mysterious new, self-proclaimed "watchdog" group run by

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11	81/57	.00/.00"	93 (1992)/34 (2008)	83/60	65/49	.50/.00"
12	88/59	.00/.00"	96 (1936)/32 (1969)	82/55	75/40	.00/.00"
13	75/54	.00/.00"	98 (1959)/32 (1969)	88/53	77/48	.00/.00"
14	68/55	.00/.00"	98 (1959)/38 (1969)	77/54	65/48	.00/.00"
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YELLOWSTONE RIVER - NOT UPDATED YET AT BILLINGS

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-Valley Weather Almanac supplied by John Pulasky and [www.sarc.montana.edu/wx](http://www.sarc.montana.edu/wx)

River data from the U.S. Geological Survey ([waterdata.usgs.gov](http://waterdata.usgs.gov))

# Letters to editor continued...

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high level democrat political strategists in Washington, D.C. In spite of the fact that transfer of public lands to the states has been done before, this group is claiming it is "fraudulent" to work toward less federal control of the public land in our states! That, my friends, is a desperate attempt to shut down debate, suppress free speech, and stifle our success.

Despite the organized opposition's outrageous rhetoric and relentless attacks, the grass roots movement for local control has been so successful that 17 states and the U.S. Congress have now initiated legislation in favor of turning federal lands over to willing states. Fifty western counties and numerous organizations have issued

official statements of support. Many have donated time and resources to the effort and more are joining every day.

Obviously the idea of thoughtful, accountable, locally driven stewardship of our public lands makes sense to a growing number of people. Many of us realize Montanans would make wiser choices for our lands than distant decision makers in Washington, D.C. We could become a more self-reliant state with better public access, environmental health, and economic productivity on our public lands. And that seems to scare some very powerful, very wealthy bullies who prefer federal control of Montana.

I won't be bullied. Any time you have a question, feel free to contact me at [sen.jennifer.fielder@mt.gov](mailto:sen.jennifer.fielder@mt.gov) or visit [www.jenniferfielder.us](http://www.jenniferfielder.us). You can get more facts about the transfer of public lands at [www.AmericanLandsCouncil.org](http://www.AmericanLandsCouncil.org).

Montana State Sen. Jennifer Fielder,  
R-Thompson Falls

## Dear Editor:

The second anniversary of the Evolution Pyrotechnics Manufacturing Inc. chemical incident in Acton (June 25, 2013) brings to mind the worker who was injured and those who were affected, and how to prevent tragedies like this from happening again.

Chemical facilities are much more common than you might expect. There are at least 147 chemical facilities in Montana, and some are close enough to schools that they put kids at risk every day. Across the nation, there have been over 350 incidents at chemical plants and refineries in the just the past two years, killing 79 people and sending close to 1,500 to the hospital.

So how do we make these plants safer for our kids, communities, and workers? It might surprise you that there are safer affordable chemicals and technologies already out there. We just need to make sure these plants switch.

That's why we need to make sure that EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy makes a rule requiring chemical plants and refineries to switch to the safest cost-effective chemicals and technology available. The sooner we have a strong rule, the sooner we can prevent incidents like Evolution Pyrotechnics Manufacturing Inc. from affecting anyone else.

Dev Gowda  
Toxics Advocate, U.S. PIRG (Public Interest Research Group)  
Chicago

Media Center 20 years ago, public television was well on the way to becoming a statewide reality. University of Montana - Montana State University public television productions can now be picked up by Montana viewers in over 400 communities in every corner of our state. Marcus was instrumental in the collaboration between the two universities that made this happen.

With roots in the small eastern Montana town of Wibaux, Marcus grew up on the back roads of rural Montana. After obtaining a degree in radio - television journalism at UM in 1974, he began as a production assistant on the campus radio station when it couldn't be heard beyond the city limits of Missoula. As he rose in the management of the station so did its reach, until today KUFM Montana Public Radio has transmitter-linked affiliates available to listeners making up more than half of Montana's population.

Marcus' accomplishments in pioneering public broadcasting in our state are great and of enormous significance to Montanans. He is probably best known, however, for his role as host of the Montana PBS series "Backroads of Montana," in which he spotlights rural Montana communities, and the delightful Montana personalities who live in them. Montanans get to see Montanans in an authentic and unrefined state. Marcus has filmed over 40 "Backroads

"episodes, and his loyal viewers will be relieved to know, that though in retirement, he still plans to do at least a few more.

Perhaps most significantly, Marcus has been the executive producer for four regional Emmy Award-winning television documentaries. Though he insists that others deserve the credit more than he, each is truly a Montana masterpiece. They include "Sun River Homestead," "Evelyn Cameron; Pioneer Woman Photographer," "Bicycle Corps," the saga of the amazing cross-country bicycle trek of the all-black 25th infantry from Fort Missoula to St. Louis, and "For This and Future Generations," which is the epic story of Montana's 1972 Constitutional Convention. Though it didn't earn a well-deserved Emmy, "Night of the Grizzlies," the chilling documentary on the fatal Glacier National Park bear attacks, has had more viewers than any other production in the history of Montana Public Television.

In the Montana pantheon, low profile William Marcus stands high as one of our state's most remarkable achievers. To paraphrase the poet, his quiet departure from Montana media leadership will leave a great and empty place against the Montana Big Sky.

Bob Brown, former Montana Secretary of State and State Senate President.

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## Deans returns ...

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## Dear Editor:

William Marcus is the quiet giant of Montana media, and it is ironic that he will begin his long-planned retirement this month, within two weeks of the surprising and greatly unfortunate departures of two other Montana luminaries in the profession of journalism, veteran state capitol reporters Chuck Johnson and Mike Dennison.

When the career of Marcus began 40 years ago, public television didn't exist in Montana. Soon after he took the reins at the University of Montana Broadcast

current rates, but it will jump to \$25,191.10 in 2017. That could be a problem for the district, said Woods. It will short the district \$75,098 for the last six months of 2017, if they do not add more users to the system.

The city lowered its fee to the Lockwood district after initially over-charging it. The district started out paying \$20,356 per month, which was lowered to \$8,962 in fiscal years 2014 and 2015. The LWSD board decided to look

into the possibility of getting a refund on the overpayment in the first year.

The district's new manager, Mike Ariztia of Reno, Nevada, is expected to have assumed duties and attend the board meeting on July 8.

The district sold 22,751,700 gallons of water in May 2015, compared to 24,488,300 gallons in May 2014.

The sewer district discharged 3,014,440 gallons in April 2015, compared to 2,889,060 in April 2014.

## Sheriff identifies man in suicide

WORDEN — A man who recently came to the Worden area from Wyoming has died of an apparent suicide in a Worden area home.

Sheriff Mike Linder said the man was Jack Edwards, 54. He said the investigation did not reveal foul play and indicated the death was a suicide.

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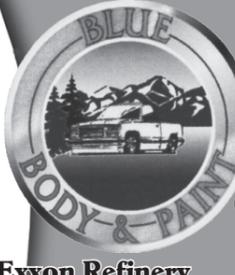
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# Stu Deans returns to Lockwood water and sewer board

by Evelyn Pyburn

LOCKWOOD — Stu Deans served on the Lockwood Water and Sewer District (LWSD) Board from 1996 to 2004; he was again named to the board last Wednesday evening, to fill the vacant position created by the resignation of Gary Forrester. Deans was the only applicant to fill the position.

It was considered quite ironic that Deans should be returning to the board, at the

same time that a BGI request to return to the district was on the agenda. Deans was on the board in 2003 when Billings Generation Inc. (BGI) insisted that they did not want to be included in the proposed Lockwood Sewer District, because while they would be assessed a substantial sum based on property values, they would receive no benefit because they would not ever need the services of a sewer system. Under threat

of suit, the LWSD removed them from the district.

BGI was on the agenda Wednesday night, although the spokesman for the company canceled. The company asked to be on the agenda, because BGI may need the sewer district services after all, because increasingly stringent laws may eliminate their alternative of discharging into the Yellowstone River. The agenda item could come up again in the near fu-

ture if other potential options fail and they have to request to be reinstated within the district.

The LWSD noted that this year the terms of board members Nancy Belk and Carlotta Hecker are up for election.

Request for bids for the Phase II sewer project 2015-01 and 2015-02 are out and bids will be opened July 28. The district decided to bid 2015-01 project with the 2015-02 project when the first

bids came in substantially over budget.

Acting LWSD Manager Woody Woods reported that the district faces a considerable increase in rates charged by the City of Billings over the next two years, as a result of a new rate study the city conducted. The City's reserve capacity fee will be \$9,210.30 per month in 2016 – reflecting only a slight increase over

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## County employee's pay raise ...

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moved from the methodology of establishing pay for other county officials and be set at 90 percent of what state law sets for District Court judges. The recent State Legislature passed new legislation which allowed for the change.

The Compensation Board agreed to the proposal, opting to set their pay at 75 percent of District Court judges, rather than 90 percent – with the understanding that they could increase the percentage next year, if they should decide to do so. District Court judges are paid \$126,132, adjusted every two years, so the justices will be paid \$94,599 in 2015-16. Last year, Carter's salary was \$72,973 and Hernandez' was \$85,316. In adopting the new approach to pay, the justices will no longer receive longevity pay, will receive equal pay, and will get adjustments only every two years.

County Attorney Scott Twito, who heads the Compensation Board, said for the sake of full disclosure, he was instrumentally involved in changing the law so that Justices of the Peace could be more closely aligned in pay with District Court Judges, because their responsibilities as a "court of record" are not much different from District Court Judges. He went on to say that courts of record save the state so much money that he would actually like to see the state help pay for the higher salaries.

Twito receives the same pay as District Court judges, as required by state law. His compensation for 2015-16 will be \$126,132.

The Compensation Board is made up primarily of elected county officials, including all three county commissioners, the sheriff, county auditor, and clerk and recorder. Two citizen representatives

are Billie Ruff and Oscar Heinrich.

For other county officials, the 1 percent increase bumps up the current base pay of \$65,744, and the maximum longevity pay of \$20,572. Longevity pay has been frozen since 2010. The policy of the board in the past has been an increase in longevity pay by \$4,237 a year for five years, at which point it was capped. All county officials are at maximum longevity pay except for Jeff Martin, clerk and recorder; Clerk of District Court Kristie Boelter; and County Treasurer Sherry Long.

Auditor Debby Hernandez urged a higher percentage increase to the base pay and to increase longevity pay to a degree that the elected officials are on a par with hired department heads. In most cases, department heads in the county are paid \$10,000 to \$20,000 more annually than elected officials, she pointed out. Hernandez voted against a 1 percent pay increase, saying it was not enough.

Commissioner Bill Kennedy voted against a 1 percent increase to longevity pay.

Martin pointed out that the decision of the compensation board extends beyond elected officials. The pay of 53 sheriff's deputies and four assistant county attorneys are impacted by the pay levels set for elected officials.

"Sometimes we lose sight of that fact," he said.

Commissioner Jim Reno said that given the voters' rejection of the proposed levy for an addition to the jail and for its ongoing maintenance, that the voters probably would not be impressed with pay increases of "14 percent [for the Justices] or even 3 percent [on the base]."

Citizen representative Billie Ruff said that she did not

believe one issue had anything to do with the other – "they are two different things."

County Finance Director Kevan Bryan said, "Commissioner Reno's comments shouldn't be taken lightly." He pointed out that the city's safety mill levy request failed by a narrower margin than the county's.

In another vote, the compensation board changed the wording about how County Treasurer Sherry Long is paid. Since there are few duties required with her office's

consolidation with the position of county assessor, the 10 percent addition in base pay she does get is attributable to the duties associated with the consolidated position of superintendent of schools. (Former County Treasurer Max Lenington declined additional pay for the consolidated position.)

The board also agreed to increase Long's salary of \$400 a year in compliance with state law regarding the position of superintendent of schools.

Martin also receives a

10 percent addition for duties associated with his consolidated position as county surveyor.

Sheriff Mike Linder's salary is largely dictated by state law. He receives an additional pay increase of \$2,000 annually, as required by state law (as do the county commissioners). And, in addition to his base pay (\$64,744), state law sets his longevity pay, which in 2015 was \$16,186.

All three county commissioners received salaries in 2015 of \$72,973.

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# Legislative Update

by Sen. Duane Ankney

Hello from Colstrip, hoping this finds your early summer going well. I am going to start this article off with an apology to a constituent from Musselshell County, Kathy Galbreath. Kathy had contacted me early about legislation concerning changes to county statutes on animal ordinances. I did fail to get the legislation submitted but worse yet I failed to keep her informed. For this I apologize.

I was not sitting on my butt during the session. There was much to do and I was very busy. Following is a list of bills that I sponsored: SB 102, Revise air quality fee structure laws, passed and signed; SB 111, Clarify wind generation facility impact fee for local governments, passed and signed; SB 112, Require TMDL development for certain water bodies, passed and signed; SB 159, Revise water standards for eastern Montana tributaries, failed; SB 160, Add definitions for natural condition of stream, Vetoed; SB 201, Require evidence of septic tank pumping within 3 years of sale, failed in the Senate; SB 289, Revise campaign finance laws (Dark Money Bill), Passed

and signed; SB 200, Lower individual income tax rates, Vetoed by governor; SB 355, Revise Brownfield site (old gas stations, post and pole yards) site cleanup laws, Passed and signed; SB 402, Revise laws related to utilities and coal fired generation, Failed in House, killed by Eastern Montana legislators; SJ 13, Joint Resolution supporting coal, Passed, filed with Secretary of State.

Just a note on SB 402: I believe that this could have been the most important bill of the session, and not because it was my bill. The implications of this bill are far reaching, that another state can dictate to you their philosophy. As I explained in an earlier article, the bill prevented the state of Washington from closing down Colstrip's Units 1 & 2. Even though the bill failed in the House, it kept the Washington House and Senate from passing their bills. What really chapped my hide were the Billings, Laurel and eastern Montana representatives who voted against it. Washington will be back however, as they have annual sessions. I have visited with the governor, so if they do come with legislation there is a

possibility to convene a special session.

The other bill that failed in the House was the Infrastructure bill. There isn't a city, town or county that does not need infrastructure, just bridges alone. Treasure County has the bridge between Hysham and Forsyth that has been out for years. The bridge by Pompeys Pillar in Yellowstone County. Many more that I do not know about. These bridges are critical to moving ag equipment as well as products. SB 416 was put together by one of the most conservative members of the Senate, John Brenden R-Scobey. This bill had some bonding and general fund cash. The bonding and cash in 2015 and 2016 were dependent on revenues as of June 30 of each year. The project were broken up into two groups, (1) capital projects (2) local infrastructure projects. The total bill was for \$150 million. \$100 million in bonding and \$50 million in cash. Out of the \$100 million, \$50 million was for low or no interest loans that would have been paid back. Capital projects included were renovations to Romney Hall MSU for

a vets center and expanded class rooms, improvements at Montana Tech, College of Great Falls, Montana Heritage Center and a few others. The local infrastructure grants and loans would have been for water plants, sewer plants, solid waste improvements, storm water, roads and bridges, with \$35 million earmarked for Eastern Montana.

It came out to about \$50 million in capital projects and \$100 million in local infrastructure grants and loans. The leader of the opponents, Sen. Art Wittich, a Republican out of Bozeman, squealed, oh we are leaving a debt for our children. Now I am just an old coal miner, but when the state's

board of investments is making 7.5 to 8 percent on the state's money and we can bond for 3 percent and construction costs go up by 8 to 12 percent per year, it sounds like a no-brainer to me. Is it better to leave the infrastructure in disrepair or fix it now when interest rates are low?

On some of these projects like water sewer that have to be done, local levies will have to be passed and then it is on the backs of the property owners alone.

Remember this is my opinion, and is the way I voted. I will not be so long in getting the next letter in.

Sen. Duane Ankney



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## St. Vincent donates paging system to Yellowstone County

by Evelyn Pyburn  
BILLINGS — St. Vincent Healthcare is donating an alpha/numeric paging system to the Sheriff's Department for use by emergency services in Yellowstone County.

St. Vincent can no longer use the system, even though it is in good working condition, because of new regulations regarding confidentiality. The system is valued at between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

The County Commissioners gave approval on Tues-

day to spend \$32,000 to install the system and to get FCC permitting.

The system will have no additional annual costs beyond normal maintenance.

Sheriff Mike Linder said the system will be very beneficial. "We currently have some holes in our system in which first responders may not get messages," he said. Another benefit of the system is it can be received on cell phones and it can send text messages.

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The following captains are entered to bring ranch rodeo teams to Custer:

- \* Bob Lile of Pompeys Pillar
- \* Brad Mitchell of Hardin
- \* Brett Marshall of Lodge Grass
- \* Chad Fink of Hysham
- \* Dale Sargent of Shawmut
- \* Nate Roskelley of Sumatra
- \* Sam Redding of Hardin
- \* Toby Abel of Custer
- \* Wes Sargent of Shawmut
- \* Will Croft of Hardin

Immediately following the ranch rodeo, ranch bronc riders will compete in the Stockman Bank Open Ranch Bronc Ride, and cowgirls are invited to compete in the

Open Ranch Gal Race. It will be a full day for horseback competitors at the Custer Arena, beginning at 9 a.m. with a ranch horse competition followed by A Short Ranch Rodeo (for kids under 15) at 1 p.m. The Custer FFA will serve a brisket dinner at the arena starting at 4 p.m.

On Sunday, June 21 (Father's Day), husband-wife teams of two will compete in the Marital Bliss Muley Ropin' to wrap up the weekend. Spectators are welcome at all events. Tickets to watch the ranch rodeo are \$5 (kids watch for free, and all other events are free for adult spectators). A boot race and calf race for young children will take place during the ranch rodeo.

In its first eight years, the Custer Ranch Rodeo has given:

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Huntley Project Museum curator Neal Gunnels accepts a \$600 grant from the Billings Community Foundation on June 3 at Rocky Mountain College. The grant will be used for new brochures to be distributed throughout Billings and surrounding communities. With Gunnels are, at left, Sara Becker, vice president of the Billings Community Foundation, and Mary Rutherford, right, chief executive officer of the Montana Community Foundation. (Courtesy photo)

## More people visiting Huntley Project Museum

HUNTLEY PROJECT MUSEUM — Visitation to the Huntley Project Museum is way up over recent years.

Museum curator Neal Gunnels told museum board members on Tuesday that 311 people came through the museum in May. That's up from about 100 people in May of 2014 and about 30 people the year before that, he said. And about 100 people have

already visited the museum in June, he said.

Gunnels said three more members also registered since last month, so the museum has now has 63 memberships with 67 total members.

The museum and its board of directors have a number of projects underway, including a church building and the Dassinger building, which

was moved onto the grounds and is being refurbished for exhibit displays. The museum received a grant from the Huntley Project Lions Club for the Dassinger Building project.

The church building will include space for local churches to display historical items, board president Jim Knapp said. Both buildings are nearly complete.



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## Free lunch ...

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At HP Schools, breakfast is served from 8 to 10 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 to noon.

In Huntley, lunch is served from 11 to 11:30 p.m.

At Longbranch, lunch is from 11:45 to 12:15. The Ballantine church has lunch from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.

Erin Reilly, serving lunch in Huntley last week, said 35 to 40 people usually eat lunch at the park. Huntley is the largest off-campus stop, she said.

She recalled one unusual day last year when about 90 people came for lunch, which stretched the food supply pretty thin, she said.

Krum said the district served 1,721 breakfasts and 5,607 lunches during the summer of 2014. No statistics are available yet for this year, she said.

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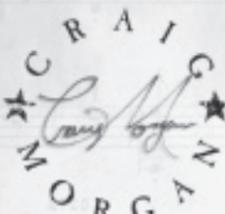
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Right, flooding along the Shepherd Road on June 10 undercut the road's foundation and caused the pavement to buckle, temporarily closing the road until crews repaired it soon after the storm. Above, Pleasant Hollow Trail, a private road, was damaged in the flood but will have to be repaired by nearby property owners. (Jonathan McNiven photos)

# Sudden storm swamps Shepherd

by Judy Killen

SHEPHERD — A “spectacular” flash flood swamped areas north of Shepherd on Wednesday, June 10, overflowing an irrigation canal and washing out roads, stranding or delaying people on their way home from work in the late afternoon.

Allan Workman, superintendent of the Billings Bench

Water Association, said the downpour overflowed the BBWA canal north of Shepherd.

“It overflowed,” he said. “It did not breach.”

In fact — luckily, he said — he had drawn down the water in the canal to about 3 feet to seal the banks downstream.

“We had about three feet of

water in the canal, the banks are 10 feet high,” Workman said. “It just came through the canal and just topped it.”

There was too much water running over Shepherd Road to drive on, he said, as well as other nearby paved and gravel roads.

“I was the one that closed Shepherd Road” when wa-

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## HP ‘instructional coach’...

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helping teachers become better instructors. But he knows the budget is tight and with the recent failure of the mill levy, it's hard to justify the appearance of spending more for something that could be seen as a luxury.

The district's employee who had that role the past three years, Jody Nelson, resigned this year.

“It's a tough go one way or the other,” Coy said. Can the district do the same job with fewer employees, he asked? Possibly.

“Less efficiently? I would argue yes,” Coy said.

Would that position become an administrator, such as an additional principal? Would it be a teaching posi-

tion with additional responsibilities? Would a current teacher who exhibits additional leadership skills take on that role? Any scenario could be possible, Coy said.

Many school districts have similar positions, sometimes called instructional facilitators or curriculum managers. With the implementation of Common Core and Professional Learning Communities, teachers have to learn new skill sets as well as students, Coy said, including reports on job progress to the board and working in teaching teams.

Board member Tim Ley said he thinks the district can make progress without an “instructional coach.”

“We're not in the infancy stage anymore,” he said, noting Common Core and PLC was brand new when Nelson came on board.

Professional Learning Communities (PLC) encourages collaborative work among teachers with an emphasis on ensuring learning, not just teaching. It's a model associated with implementation of the Common Core. Teachers work in teams, not just alone in a sole classroom, and report progress regularly to each other, administrators and school boards.

“Jody had to be a battering ram to get that started,” Ley said, but teachers are more accustomed to Professional Learning Communities now and may not need so much hands-on input.

“I fall in with Tim,” said trustee Bob Crane.

But Steve Erb, board chairman, said, “We need an instructional coach as soon as possible.”

He was echoed by trustee Mark Jones, who said although the district and its teachers could do without that facilitator for now, “I would prefer that we had a director of curriculum development or whatever you call it.”

Without that, over time, he foresees a “diminishing factor” in the district's educational success.

“This is not completely resolved,” Coy said Tuesday. The board members will continue to discuss it and in the meantime, the district will continue sending staff to White River School District in Buckley, Washington, which Coy called a PLC model. Several local school districts have sent teachers there for training on implementing Professional Learning Communities, Coy said.

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# Weekly Ramblings -

by Krayton Kerns

During President George H.W. Bush's 1992 re-election campaign a news clip showed his surprise while seeing his first grocery checkout scanner. The media had a giggle fest looping the video as it perfectly advanced the state sponsored template portraying him as rich and aloof. Presidents and vice-presidents rarely drop by the local IGA for milk and eggs, so it is understandable this advancement slipped his notice during his twelve year White House tenure.

I thought of this a few mornings back when I discovered something equally spectacular. If I publically confess my amazement now, the incident will be old news should I someday run for president. Many people might already be aware of the tidbit I found earth-shattering, but there has to be someone who finds this revelation equally surprising, so I am falling on my sword so they do not have to. Here is the story.

The trophy wife, my friend Tim and I were running before sunrise Tuesday and because it was a balmy 66 degrees, I was shirtless; my tradition celebrating freedom from all the clothing layers worn on my many below-zero winter

runs. As we plodded along, Druann steered the conversation towards her travel with friends to a funeral the day before. Collette was hauling them in her new SUV and she remarked her first fuel stops were frustrating until she learned modern fuel gauges contain an arrow pointing to the side with the filler cap. Neither the trophy wife nor I knew such an arrow existed, but Tim did. I didn't believe it, so we trotted into a nearby parking lot and began peering into parked cars; a maneuver which might have appeared nefarious to onlookers. Had a concerned citizen called 9-1-1, I could imagine police dispatch broadcasting all officers to be on the lookout for "a medium height female, short male and a skinny, really, really, white guy leading a border collie." I'm a cowboy from Irish ancestry, so my tan needs some work.

Leftists will claim my point proves white privilege; insisting had I been a runner of color in downtown Baltimore, the police would have certainly detained and interrogated me and my Apple Dumpling Gang. They are wrong. White privilege is a trendy, misleading, racist catch phrase the ruling class uses to coerce

submission from the little people. To counteract this mythical white privilege in America, the Pacific Educational Group recently instructed government schools to use a two tiered system of discipline with harsh punishments reserved for the whitest students and verbal counseling for students of color. This a far cry from Dr. Martin Luther King's dream of America judging his children "not by the color of their skin, but the content of their character."

Progressives instantly label by race and here is why.

Blaming one's lot in life on white privilege diverts responsibility from where it properly belongs and forever traps said subject in bondage. Eventually, the downtrodden passively submit and blindly support an all-powerful government as the true god to correct this imaginary injustice called white privilege. It is a trap. Never forget, it took less than three generations for America's Indian nations

to trade freedom for dependency. They were step one. After 50 years of President Johnson's Great Society programs, inner-city minorities are as hopelessly trapped as the Indians. They were step two. With 50 million Americans living on food assistance, it is obvious to see who is step three. It is not racism or white privilege which perpetuates misery, crime and poverty, it is progressivism. Reject it.

## Club notes ...

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the Medicare's Chronic Care Program and announced that Medicare was sending out new cards which would not have Social Security numbers on them. Joan told us that the new Alliance Volunteer Program apparently needed

some clarification so AVP personnel will be visiting the Senior Centers to further explain the program.

Denise Armstrong from Big Sky Senior Services spoke on five types of elder abuse and also reminded us of pitfalls of the "grandparent scam."

Nick McColley from the Hearing Aid Institute will be visiting us on July 15 to give a short presentation on hearing loss and be available to service hearing aids.

Please be sure to RSVP to 671-6415 by Monday noon so we have the correct count for the Wednesday lunches. Thank you!

July menus and activities:  
 1-Brat bar, Bingo  
 8- Fried chicken, Bingo & bookmobile  
 15 - Salad bar, Bingo & book exchange  
 22 - Burger bar, Bingo, bookmobile and birthday cake  
 29 - Chef's choice, Bingo  
 \*Menus subject to change

## Sheriff's report ...

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Springfield is listed at \$614 in the report.

tween April 25 and May 25.

### Vehicle theft

\* On June 11, a victim reported a 2000 SeaDoo 22N jet ski valued at \$2,300 had been stolen from a small island in the Yellowstone River just east of Riverside Park near Laurel.

According to the report, the victim's friend had left the SeaDoo and a second jet ski at the island a couple of days before because of mechanical problems. When the two went to retrieve the two jet skis, one was missing, according to the report.

\* On June 8, deputies investigated a report that a 1996 GMC Topkick service truck had been stolen from the 3700 block of Wise Lane in southwest Billings be-

\* On June 12, deputies investigated the theft of a 1995 Saab valued at \$550 from the 1000 block of High Ridge Road north of the Billings Heights.

### Partner or family member assault

After an investigation on June 12, deputies arrested Luke Anthony Rogers of Billings for alleged partner or family member assault, first offense, in the 200 block of Highway 87 East.

### Temporary restraining order violation

A sheriff's deputy investigated a report of a temporary restraining order violation on Highway 87 East. According to the report, the actions that were the subject of the complaint were not clear violations of the restraining order and no arrests were made.



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## Club Notes

Shepherd Senior Citizens hear updates on Medicare, elder abuse

By Rose Fritz

SHEPHERD – Summer has arrived! We hope you are enjoying a variety of activities with family and friends. Many of our members enjoyed Bingo on June 4, which benefited the Worden Seniors group.

Happy birthday wishes to Rosemary Neumiller, Esther Green, Kathleen Kastelitz, Eileen Harbaugh, Judy McCartney and Mark Morganstern.

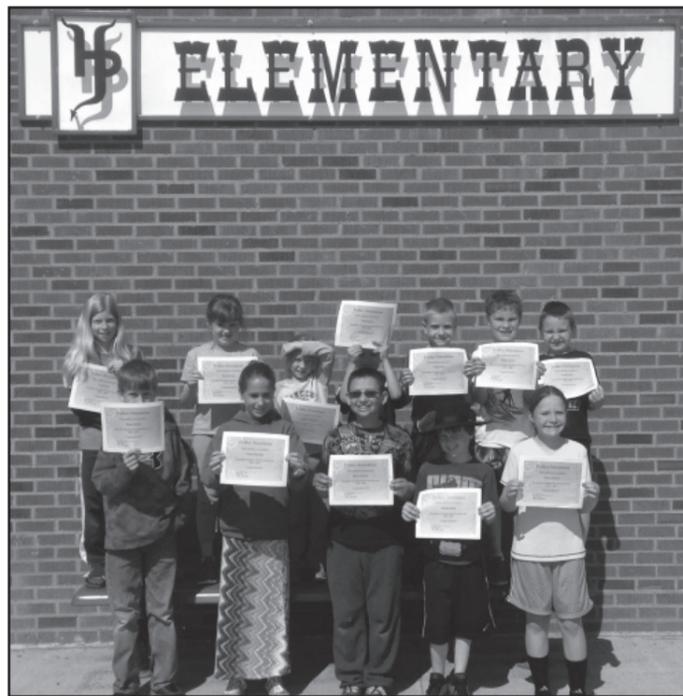
We continue to pray for our members who have had

recent health problems/surgeries: Pete Anderson, Clarence and Agnes Beddes, Donna Mullin, Eileen Harbaugh, Mary Cossitt.

Our guests have been JoDee Samano, Joan Kimball, Joe Johnson, Larry Sands, Norm and Doris George, and Mike from Minnesota (guest of Lloyd and Carol Reimann). Bill Biehle brought his sister Katy and brother-in-law, Roy Matthews, who were visiting from Indiana. Katy was Bill's first birthday present, so she traveled to Montana to celebrate their birthdays together!

JoDee spoke to us about

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Several students at Huntley Project Elementary were recognized for perfect attendance at the end of the school year. Principal Clint Croy said the students receive certificates and are taken to the Mini Merc for treats. The students are, from left to right (starting in the back row): Tanli Croy, Karley Kamp, Isabelle Sundstrom, Evan Osness, Colter Hash, Kooper Beard and Travis Tasker. Front row: Ethan Osness, Cearra Oblander, Bryce LaForest, Sheldon Hofer and Harley Murphy. (Courtesy photo)

## Worden-Ballantine Water & Sewer District report ...

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properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center. Volunteer in your community. Find a watershed or wellhead protection organization in your community and volunteer to help. If there are no active groups, consider starting one. Use EPA's Adopt Your Watershed to locate groups in your community, or visit the Watershed Information Network's How to Start a Watershed Team. Organize a storm drain stenciling project with your local government or water supplier. Stencil a message next to the street drain reminding people "Dump No Waste - Drains to River" or "Protect Your Water." Produce and distribute a flyer for households to remind residents that storm drains dump directly into your local water body.

### Additional Information for Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your public water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased

protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

### Additional Information for Nitrate

Nitrate measured as nitrogen in drinking water at 10 parts per million is a health risk for infants under 6 months of age. High levels can cause "blue baby" syndrome which is like oxygen starvation. Nitrate levels

fluctuate seasonally, sometimes rising very quickly for short periods of time. Ground water tends to have significant nitrates+nitrites more so than surface water.

### Important Drinking Water Definitions

**MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal:** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level:** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**TT: Treatment Technique:** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**AL: Action Level:** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**Variances and Exemptions:** State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique

under certain conditions.

**MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal.** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants. MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**MNR MNR: Monitored Not Regulated**

**ND: Not detected**

For more information please contact: Richard Miller, 2440 Main Street, Worden, MT. 59088 967-2550

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### THREE VIE FOR REPUBLICAN CHAIRMANSHIP

On June 26-27, Republicans will swarm to the Red Lion Inn in Helena to choose the next chairman of the Republican Party and fill support positions. The chairman position is often described as “a pressure cooker job for zero pay – who would want?”

It turns out that three men want it. Will Deschamps, of Missoula, is the current chairman and is seeking re-election. Jeff Essman of Billings is a former Senate president. Dan Happel is a former county commissioner of Madison County. Repub-

licans have enjoyed solid majorities in the Montana Senate and House, yet lost on many of their core bills for the last three legislative sessions. A handful of Republican legislators formed a coalition to give the Democrats the majority on these bellwether bills. Many party faithful are looking for leadership that can give clear signals that the party so many have donated to, and worked to have in the majority, can deliver on its promises.

To that end, the three declared candidates (more may emerge or be nominated from the floor) were given written questions and have submitted answers. Answers may have been edited for length but the intention has been preserved.

For disclosure, I have been a member of the Republican Party Executive Committee and worked well with Deschamps. I have known and respected Essman since he chaired the Yellowstone County Central Committee 20 years ago and have collaborated with him on recent legislation. And I recently worked on a citizens’ advisory committee reviewing the highly controversial Mountain States Transmission Intertie power line chaired by Happle and know him to be an intelligent and capable gentleman.

**Question 1) Why are you running for the Chairmanship of the Montana Republican Party?**

**Will Deschamps:** I believe my past successes are a good reason to re-elect me. There needs to be continuity moving toward the 2016 elections. I have that ability. Also I have a good working relationship with the RNC, something that was missing six years ago.

**Jeff Essman:** I seek to serve the Montana Republican Party as chair because it is critical to advance the principles of the party, i.e. a core belief that smaller government and lower taxes

are the best way to preserve freedom and the opportunity for prosperity. At a time when the prevailing message of the Democrat Party is that our best days as a nation and a people are behind us, the Republican message of freedom and optimism is needed more than ever at the state and national level and I hope to help spread that message. As MTGOP Chairman my goal will be two-fold: get more Republicans elected and give our candidates and local parties the support they need to succeed.

**Dan Happel:** I want to run for the State Chair position because I can provide conservative leadership based on a commitment to principles and not politics. I am very concerned about the direction and future of our state and nation, noting a lack of leadership dedicated to the strengthening of the Party through a return to core conservative principles. We must provide a future for our children and grandchildren that will secure their future with the liberty that made our state and nation the most free and prosperous in the world.

**Question 2) What skill sets do you possess that will help not only in your ability to give direction to the party but also to help people decide for whom to vote in this party election?**

**Jeff Essman:** I believe my broad experience serving

the party as local volunteer, chairman of the Yellowstone County Committee, legislator and most importantly, chair of the statewide Legislative Campaign Committee in 2009-10 that assisted in the election of 68 Republicans in the House and increased our number in the Senate to 28 have prepared me to lead and to serve in this role. I have the proven track record of dedication and hard work and will serve faithfully.

**Dan Happel:** I am a very successful small businessman and have been involved as a Madison County Chair, Finance Chair, and E Board Member of the Montana Republican Party for many years. I have been a County Commissioner in Madison County and currently sit on the Western Montana BLM Resource Advisory Council, Trustee of the Montana Forest Stewardship Foundation and have worked with natural resource groups nationally in support of private property and resource development in Montana. I have served on Boards as Chair and Vice-Chair in several states over a period of decades.

**Will Dechamps:** I approach the chairman’s position from a business point of view. I work EVERY day on party items, every day. My skill set today is built upon successful election results every cycle since I was elected. We have won seats every election, under my leadership.

**Question 3) Should the party get involved in Republican primaries?**

**Dan Happel:** The party should not get involved in primaries, but should actively support the lawsuit against open primary laws, and support legislation promoting some form of closed primaries in Montana. We should require candidates to “pledge the platform” when running as Republicans. If candidates consistently vote against the core tenants of the Republican Platform in the Legislature, they may be in the wrong party and the voters deserve the right to know their voting record.

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## Republican convention ...

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**Will Deschamps:** NO. Never has on my watch and will not moving forward.

**Jeff Essman:** The short answer is no. While it is important that members of the party participate in primaries and support the candidate that reflects their goals and priorities for the state and nation, the party itself should not as it is the obligation of the party to support the nominees selected by Republican voters. It is my hope that the party achieves its goal of having Republican candidates elected by those who are willing to publicly identify themselves as supporters of the party.

**Question 4) Should the chairman get involved in keeping the caucus united during legislative sessions?**

**Will Deschamps:** No, the chairman should not get involved in the legislative caucus during the session. That is for the voters to decide, not the party. In this caucus, the unity has to come from the legislators, and sadly it has not as yet.

**Jeff Essman:** As a former leader of a caucus in two different roles in my service in the Senate, I do not think the party chairman should insert himself into that process un-

less all involved in a particular dispute seek his counsel and assistance. My experience is that the caucuses elect experienced and thoughtful leadership and their official role needs to be respected. The party chair office is one to serve the function of recruiting, organizing and electing

candidates, not that of dictating to people who have been elected by the voters.

**Dan Hoppel:** The chairman of the Republican Party should provide leadership and should support the Platform and Legislative Leadership of the party in support of core Republican issues. Good

leadership cannot stand on the sidelines when defections on key issues are destroying the credibility of the Republican Party before the voters. The chair should not be overbearing, he must provide leadership when public perception and the future of the party are at risk.



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## Flash flood ...

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ter flowed over the surface, Workman said. He parked his pickup across the road "and kind of watched the chaos unfold. It was quite spectacular."

In perhaps a bit of irony, Tim Miller, superintendent of the Yellowstone County public works department, was unable to drive through the flood to his home in the Razor Creek area and had to take a four-wheeler.

Workman said the district had a 42-inch pipe in both Razor Creek and Otis Creek, and water flowed over both pipes during the flood.

And hail piled up like snow.

Workman said hail was "knee-deep on me, and I'm 6-2" in some areas at mid-afternoon Thursday.

Luckily, the flooding did not damage any irrigation district canals or ditches, he said.

"It just receded and went back to normal," he said.

Rain gauges took it hard, he said. The gauge at Miller's home measured 6 inches of rain from the short-lived storm, he said. One gauge at Weschenfelder Feedlot on CA Road tallied 5.2 inches of rain before it broke and two others nearby totaled 6.1 and 6.2 inches, Workman said.

Meanwhile, the town of Shepherd measured about 1.75 inches and his home southwest of Shepherd received about a half-inch of rain.

"I thought, 'You've got to be kidding me,'" Workman said of the light rainfall at his place. "I have seen mass devastation today."

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# Worden-Ballantine Yellowstone County Water & Sewer District - 2014 Annual Water Quality Report

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**Is my water safe?** We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

**Do I need to take special precautions?** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/ Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

**Where does my water come from?** Our system draws water from a ground water spring and a single well both located in the Worden area. The water is chlorinated before entering the distribution system. Source water assessment and its availability. A source water assessment plan may be available from MDEQ.

**Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?** Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

**How can I get involved?** Should you wish more information concerning our water, you may wish to attend our regularly scheduled meetings held every month on the second Monday at 7:30PM. Meetings are located at 2440 Main Street in Worden.

**Description of Water Treatment Process**  
Your water is treated by disinfection. Disinfection involves the addition of chlorine or other disinfectant to kill dangerous bacteria and microorganisms that may be in the water. Disinfection is considered to be one of the major public health advances of the 20th century.

**Water Conservation Tips**  
Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference – try one today and soon it will become second nature.

- Take short showers - a 5 minute shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath.
- Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair and shaving and save up to 500 gallons a month.
- Use a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Water plants only when necessary.
- Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and take only a few minutes to replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it and during the cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation.
- Teach your kids about water

conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce next month's water bill!  
· Visit [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense) for more information.

**Cross Connection Control Survey**  
The purpose of this survey is to determine whether a cross-connection may exist at your home or business. A cross connection is an unprotected or improper connection to a public water distribution system that may cause contamination or pollution to enter the system. We are responsible for enforcing cross-connection control regulations and insuring that no contaminants can, under any flow conditions, enter the distribution system. If you have any of the devices listed below please

contact us so that we can discuss the issue, and if needed, survey your connection and assist you in isolating it if that is necessary.

- Boiler/ Radiant heater (water heaters not included)
- Underground lawn sprinkler system
- Pool or hot tub (whirlpool tubs not included)
- Additional source(s) of water on the property
- Decorative pond
- Watering trough Source

**Water Protection Tips**  
Protection of drinking water is everyone's responsibility. You can help protect your community's drinking water source in several ways: ·Eliminate excess use of lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides – they contain hazardous chemicals that can reach your drinking water

source. ·Pick up after your pets. ·If you have your own septic system, properly maintain your system to reduce leaching to water sources or consider connecting to a public water system. ·Dispose of chemicals

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Water Quality Data Table							
Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCLTT or MRDL	Your Water	Range Low - High	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Sources
<b>Disinfectants &amp; Disinfection By Products</b>							
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contamination)							
TTTHM <sub>5</sub> Total Trihalomethanes(ppb)							
NA	80	20	17.3-17.3	2014	No	By products of drinking water disinfection	
Haloacetic Acids HAA5 (ppb)							
NA	60	10	8.2-8.2	2014	No	By products of drinking water chlorination	
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>							
Arsenic(ppb)							
0	10	2.5	2.1-2.5	2013	No	Erosion, run off orchards, glass,electronics discharge drilling, and metal refineries	
Barium(ppm)							
2	2	0.55	0.23-0.055	2013	No	erosion, water additive discharge fertilizer and aluminum factors	
Fluoride(ppm)							
4	4	0.47	0 -0.47	2013	No	Run off from fertilizer use, Septic tank leaching Sewage, Natural erosion.	
Nitrate as nitrogen (ppm)							
10	10	7.0	2.2-6.8	2013	No		
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>							
Total Coliforms(positive samples per month)							
0	1	0	NA	2014	No	Naturally present in the environment	
<b>Contaminants</b>							
	MCLG	AL	Your Water	Sample Date	# Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL	Typical Source
Lead-action level at consumers taps(ppb)							
0	15	5.5	2012	0	No	Household plumbing	
Copper-action level at consumers taps(ppm)							
1.3	1.3	0.254	2012	0	No	Household plumbing	
<b>Term Definition</b>							
ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)							
ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µ/L)							
NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units. Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.							

## Fire & Rescue

WEEK OF JUNE 7 – JUNE 13	Lockwood:
<b>Shepherd:</b> 5 Medical calls	2 Extinguishment by fire personnel 1 Provide first aid & check for injuries 1 Provide basic life support 5 Provide advanced life support
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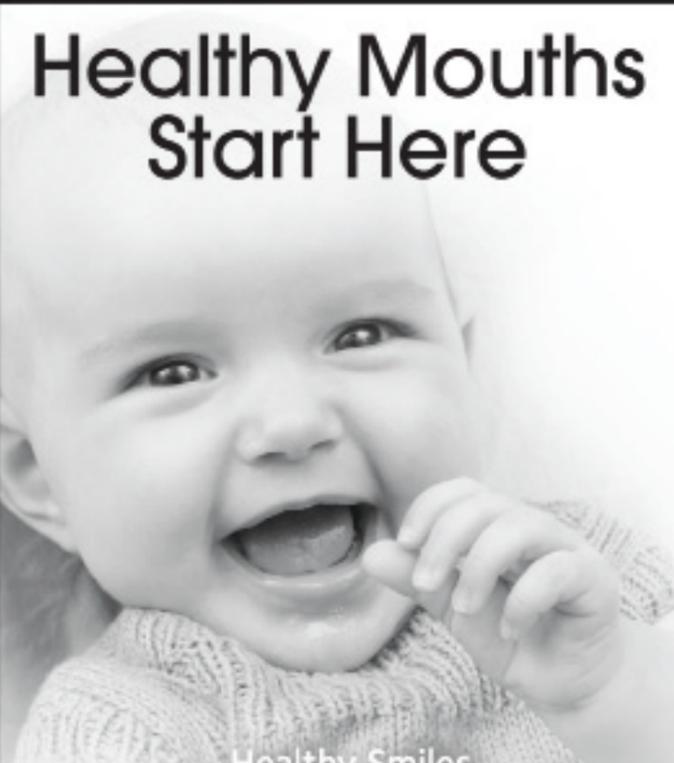


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## Monday Morning Sheriff's Report

### Disturbance

A Yellowstone County Sheriff's deputy who investigated a disturbance in the 7800 block of Shorey Road northwest of Billings on June 13 arrested Christopher Todd Foster of Billings for alleged violation of a protective order, first offense.

### Shoplifting

After an investigation in the 2700 block of North Frontage Road in the Lockwood area on June 13, a deputy arrested Bradley James Tusha, a transient, for allegedly shoplifting a bottle of MD 20/20 wine, a bottle of Boone's Farm wine and four cans of Steel Reserve beer.

The report said Tusha was taken into custody and the stolen items were returned.

### Burglary

\* A sheriff's deputy investigated a report of a burglary in the 600 block of Lacey Road in Lockwood on June 13. According to the report, a soffit near the garage was damaged but it was not known whether anyone was able to enter the home and nothing was reported missing.

\* A sheriff's deputy investigated a "cold" report of burglary in the 5200 block of Station Drive in west Billings. According to the report, cash and jewelry were missing, but no suspects had been identified. The case was referred to detectives, according to the report.

### Theft

\* A sheriff's deputy investigated the theft of prescription drugs including Clonaz-

epam and Lorazepam from a residence in the 1800 block of Canary Avenue in Lockwood.

According to the report, the thefts occurred June 11 or 12. The case remains open.

\* A sheriff's deputy investigated a report that a Troy-Bilt 6500 start-up generator valued at \$800 and Vise Grip adjustable C-clamps (8-10 inch and 2-18 inch) valued at \$350 were stolen from a storage unit in the 9000 block of Kautzman Road in southwest Billings.

The report said the items were reported stolen on June 11.

\* A deputy investigated the theft of a homemade car hauler type trailer with no vehicle identification number from the 8200 block of Beas Lane in Shepherd on June 12.

### Suspicious event

On June 12, a man reported to the sheriff's office that he was driving eastbound on Interstate 94 near mile marker 7 in the Huntley area at 5:46 p.m. when he heard a bang and something struck the driver's side door, shattering the driver's side window.

The driver said no other vehicles were nearby and he did not know what had happened.

### Criminal mischief

The sheriff's office responded to two separate reports of criminal mischief in the 1400 block of Bitterroot Drive at 7:19 p.m. and again at 8:11 p.m. on June 13.

No arrests were made and no other information about the reports was available.

## Riders at Blue Cat Arena roping



Horses and riders wait to compete in a recent roping at the Blue Cat arena in Huntley. Ropings continue through the summer as part of the Wrangler Team Roping Championships. (Jonathan McNiven photo)

### Assault

A woman reported that her juvenile daughter had been assaulted by another girl at a facility in the 5300 block of King Avenue West on June 11. The case was referred to court services, according to the report.

### Theft from vehicle

Two firearms and a cooler were reported stolen from a vehicle parked in the 1500 block of Pacific Avenue in Ballantine on June 10.

According to the report, the firearms are a Zastava Arms M88 9-millimeter pistol in a storage case and a black Springfield pistol with light brown grips, three detachable magazines and a cleaning kit.

The value of the Zastava is listed at \$500 and the

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