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The Home of Oscar Lee

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Investigators are studying the cause of a fire that started in a vacant mobile home, shown at left, at 144 Minecha Avenue on Monday. The fire spread to 142 Minecha Avenue, the home at right.

No cause identified yet in Huntley fire

by Judy Killen

HUNTLEY — A fire that started in a vacant mobile home and destroyed the home next door left a Huntley family homeless on Monday.

On Wednesday, Frank Fritz, a detective with the Yellowstone County Sheriff's office, said it's too early to say

what caused the fire, which was reported at 11:52 a.m.

"We are still in the very, very early stages of the investigation of that fire," Fritz said. Evidence has been sent to the State Crime Lab in Missoula, he said, and of-

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County commissioners reject raises for county employees

by Evelyn Pyburn

BILLINGS — Perhaps for the first time ever, Yellowstone County Commissioners rejected the recommendation from the Elected Officials Compensation Board, returning the issue to the board for a different recommendation.

At one point, on Tuesday, all three county commissioners refused to make a motion to deal with the recommendation. Commissioner Jim

Reno said he would "defer" to Chairman Bill Kennedy, who was the only commissioner to oppose the recommendation as a member of the Compensation Board, upon which all three commissioners serve.

Reno explained that the commissioners were struggling with the issue because of the impact that the proposed wage increase, of 1 percent on the base and 1 percent

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'I already knew that it was too late'



Captain Keenan O'Donnell of the Worden Volunteer Fire Department uses a hose on the fire in the mobile home at 142 Minecha Avenue on Monday. (Jonathan McNiven photos)

Huntley teen watches home go up in flames

by Judy Killen

HUNTLEY — Two teen-aged boys who spread the alarm Monday as a fire burned the home next door were able to save their families and some pets, but one lost his home.

Dylan Boucher, 13, of Huntley and his friend Gary Nixon, 14, came to Boucher's Minecha Avenue home Mon-

day after eating lunch in Barkemeyer Park. Nothing seemed amiss as they entered the Boucher home at 142 Minecha.

The boys waited for Dylan's sister to turn over the X Box video game system, started playing "Mortal Combat" and within five minutes, Gary smelled smoke.

"Then I look out to my

right," Dylan said, and the front porch of the mobile home next door at 144 Minecha Avenue was "completely engulfed" in flames.

"I'm like, 911! 911!" Gary said.

"I already knew that it was too late," Dylan said. "It was halfway through the house

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Barkemeyer Park auction nets \$9,000

HUNTLEY — The annual auction in Barkemeyer Park on Saturday raised about \$9,000 to fund ongoing projects at the Huntley park.

One item that generated a lot of interest was Rojo the Rooster, which sold several times for a total of \$750.

Organizer Steve Erb said another item, a "mystery cooler," sold for \$180.

"The mystery inside the cooler wound up being a gift

box full of goodies from Martinson's Ranch Chocolates," Erb said.

He said 75 people registered for buyer numbers.

Over 100 new items were donated from businesses or individuals. These items were in the form of actual merchandise, or gift certificates for goods or services. Many of the items donated by individuals were hand crafted.

Roxanne Hendricks won

the "Most Excited" award when she prevailed as the winner of the bidding war that occurred over the wheel barrow painted with the American Flag, that was donated by Blue Body and Paint.

Much of the used merchandise was "leftovers" from area garage sales.

Unfortunately, not every-

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Elsie Arntzen

Elsie Arntzen joins race for state Superintendent of Public Instruction

BILLINGS — Elsie Arntzen, an elementary school teacher for 23 years and citizen legislator representing South Billings, has announced her candidacy for Montana's Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Denise Juneau, the current superintendent, is barred from seeking re-election be-

cause of term limits. Kindergarten teacher Melissa Romano, a Democrat, is also seeking election to the office.

Arntzen, a Republican, is married to her high school sweetheart, Steve, and together has two daughters. As a schoolteacher, state representative, and state senator,

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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

A letter to Congressman Zinke;

Once again you have played fast and loose with us. You just sent me an email wherein you stated that giving Obama fast track authority was not a good idea. Today you voted to give him that authority anyway. Perhaps disguising it as a bill to help firemen made you feel better about giving our traitor president authority to ruin our nation by giving it away?

Obviously you feel that Obama can be trusted. How bright is that? The man has given weapons to those who attacked us on 9-11 and you trust him????? You are part of the problem in Washington. You think we are all stupid. YOU are the one who cannot be trusted.

I will NEVER forget this. Your voting record will cost you your position in Congress.

Truthfully yours,

Gary Fredericks
Worden

Dear Editor,

The footnotes for this piece are attached.

Of 168 county party central committees possible under Montana Law, only nine have sufficient elected members to form a quorum of 50 percent in order to conduct business, such as

selecting delegates to send to their respective party's state officer's convention. Six counties, Beaverhead, Fergus, Granite, Ravalli, Sanders and Sweet Grass, elected enough precinct committee persons to be capable of sending delegates to the Republican State Officers Convention in Helena this next weekend.

Three counties, Hill, Granite and Ravalli, elected enough precinct committee persons to be capable of sending

delegates to the Democratic State Officers Convention in Bozeman on Aug. 14 and 15. No counties elected enough precinct committee persons to form a county central committee quorum sufficient to send delegates to a Libertarian State Officer's Convention, as yet unscheduled. [i]

This lack of representation has happened because so few Montanans are willing to put their names on the ballot to be nominated as committee person in their precinct for one of the three parties. Out of 4,679 possible precinct committee person positions in the 2014 primaries, 578 were filed upon by Montanans, including 54 who faced opposition. Willing candidates did not file for 78 percent of Republican positions, 86 percent of Democratic positions and 99.5 percent of Libertarian positions.

Two Montana statutes

permit a state central committee to appoint its own choices to county central committees so that counties can achieve quorums sufficient to send delegates. Montana's Secretary of State does not oversee this process. [ii]

The disappearance of directly-elected grass roots representation now places great responsibility on each

state

party's [iii] county delegate credentialing committee so that it insures any faction, detached from public sentiment, in any of the three parties, does not build in its own delegate advantage.

John Driscoll,
Helena

[i] This information is

the result of direct interviews with the staff of all 56 Montana County Clerk and Recorders, six by telephone, after the 2014 Primary Election filings.

[ii] Secretary of State Linda McCulloch to John Driscoll, email dated Aug. 9, 2014.

[iii] <http://leg.mt.gov/bills/2015/Minutes/House/Exhibits/sth14aad.pdf>

Yellowstone County labor negotiations nearing conclusion

by Evelyn Pyburn

BILLINGS - Yellowstone County is negotiating with two unions to renew labor contracts. The negotiations have been going on since March and have gone smoothly, according to Dwight Vigness, the county's human resource officer. He told county commissioners in a discussion on Monday that they are coming closer together and

he expects a conclusion relatively soon with the MPEA (Montana Public Employees Association) and the county attorneys.

Vigness explained that he hopes to get four-year contracts with both groups.

The county has two strategies in dealing with the contracts. The MPEA is a large group, but its members are also among the lowest paid in the county. To bring their pay level up is a goal, said Vigness, but it has to happen within the capacity of the

county's budget.

County attorney wages must also be brought up to at least a \$62,000 entry level wage, said Vigness. Yellowstone County pays its county attorneys the lowest of any of the five urban counties in the state, which poses a barrier in trying to recruit staff, said Vigness.

Proposals that are being considered in both discussions would increase wages from about 3.5 percent to 5.5 percent, varying from year to year.

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 Susan Peila, Lorán May Murphy

Saturday, June 27
 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Cook
 Greg Tryon, Jamie Owen
 Weston Nauman, Jessika Harman
 Mr. & Mrs. Chad Bomar
 Mr. & Mrs. Milt Damjanovich
 April Beddes, Sariah Artis

Sunday, June 28
 Erin Barta, Brianne Shanks
 Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Mertz
 Mr. & Mrs. Matt Dumas,
 Mr. & Mrs. Brent Bassett

Tuesday, June 30
 Codi Cook, Calvin Kading
 Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Greenfield
 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Kaiser
 Mathew Dillon, Myral Yanchisin
 Mr. & Mrs. S. Andersen,
 Mr. & Mrs. Brandon Lear
 Mr. & Mrs. Jared Friesz
 Kathy Deutscher

Wednesday, July 1
 Denis Best, Leah Aigner
 Mr. Mrs. M. Thompson
 Jocelyn Maney, Brayden Cook
 Travis Bennett, Tim Hindley

Thursday, July 2
 Russ Michaels, Clint Stovall Jr.
 Lauren Sudduth, Lori Berry
 Troy Bergquist, Kalby Banks
 Maggie Heimbicher

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 27

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

MONDAY JUNE 29

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

TUESDAY JUNE 30

- Lockwood Senior Lunch 1413 Rosebud Lane
- Heights Senior Lunch, Hope United Methodist Church, 244 Wicks Lane

WEDNESDAY JULY 1

- Lockwood Fire Board Meeting, Fire Station, 7 p.m.
- Bookmobile 4:00-5:00pm Lockwood School
- Bookmobile 2:45-3:45 pm Becraft & Old Hardin Rd
- Bookmobile 11:30-1pm, Heights Senior Meal Site, 244 Wicks Ln
- Shepherd Senior Lunch, Feedlot Steakhouse, 11:30 a.m.
- Heights Senior Lunch, Hope United Methodist Church, 244 Wicks Lane

THURSDAY JULY 2

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

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The Outdoors

by Carl Wolf

Ever watch a hockey game where the opposing team crowds into a small, half circle, and then hits the puck into a net? At times the White Pelican works just like that. On the Yellowstone you can sometimes see a small gang of them floating along on the current then turn suddenly toward shore and begin dipping their large bills continuously into the water. As they form a line something like a lineup of a football team as they scrimmage, the

ends turn in an arc toward the middle as the birds approach the shoreline, trapping small fish into shallow water. The wide-open lowered bills of the pelicans are used to catch the frightened prey and scoop them up.



Adult white pelican (photo courtesy Jim Stevenson, GOS)

According to Montana

Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the birds do not nest here, at least any more. However, they do nest in Montana and are very adept at soaring high in the air in ever rising circles called kettles as they move along the landscape. On the water they sit high and dry as they bob along with the current. During breeding season (February through June) some adults have a projection on the top, forward part of the bill. Winters are

spent in the lower United States and all over Mexico down towards the Isthmus. At five feet in length and with a nine-foot wingspread, these birds are considered immense. They can weigh over 16 pounds at times. In summer time, the adults sport a thin, dark set of feathers on the back of their heads. Generally considered all white in color until they fly, and then large patches of black can be seen on the underside of each wing running from the body to wing tips. The huge head appears big but is mostly a large bill with a fleshy pouch.

The feet are a very bright orange. The birds summer here and are frequently seen up in those soaring circles. They are very adept at soaring and can cover long distances with easy and warm air currents without spending much energy. They tend to nest or rest on islands in rivers to help avoid predators, since they have trouble getting their big bodies into the air. Want to know more about some critter? wordenwolf@nemont.net, 967-2365, or stop by the shop.

Cyclists can now lock their bikes at MetraPark racks

BILLINGS — Billings TrailNet and Yellowstone County have installed 16 new bike racks at MetraPark. The new equipment will allow riders to ride their bikes to MetraPark and park and lock them while attending events. The project to place the first-ever bike racks on the MetraPark grounds has been in the works for some time. Money was raised by the community for the equipment during a June 2011 event, the Twister Two Mile, orchestrated by Billings first lady Robin Hanel. MetraPark and Yellowstone County provided additional funding for the project. Billings TrailNet board member Kevin Odenthal said, "There are a number

of bike trails that end at MetraPark, but there was no place to lock the bike. Billings TrailNet facilitates more than just trails. If you only have trails and no place to park, it doesn't do much good. We are happy to get these facilities installed." Some of the racks at MetraPark are very stylized racks donated to Billings TrailNet by Stuart Simonson at Montana Cycling. MetraPark General Manager Bill Dutcher said, "This is a project we are happy to have at MetraPark. It will make the facility more accessible and safe for families and riders." If you are interested in getting a bike rack, call Billings TrailNet at 406-281-1244.

Local students listed on MSU honor rolls

BOZEMAN — Montana State University has announced its undergraduate honor rolls for spring semester 2015. There are two MSU honor roll lists: the President's and the Dean's Honor Roll. Students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours to be on either list. Students with a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the semester were named to the President's Honor Roll. An asterisk follows the names of the students named to the MSU President's Honor Roll in the listing below. The Dean's Honor Roll includes the 2,744 students earning grade point averages of 3.5 or above for the semester.

Local Montana students named to MSU's President's or Dean's Lists were as follows: Shepherd: Alexander Bedford, Braden Carpenter*,

Calen Carpenter, Mollie Ekness, Meagan Malchow*, Morgan Murray*, Shay Shelhamer.* Worden: Taylor Becker.

Local students earn degrees from University of Montana

MISSOULA — The University of Montana has 2,459 students who were degree candidates for spring semester 2015. The total includes 229 certificates, 278 associate degrees, four education specialists, 1,295 bachelor's degrees, 358 master's degrees, 74 juris doctor degrees and 108 doctoral degrees. There were 215 candidates

for double degrees. Local UM graduates are as follows: WORDEN: Mathew Groviah, AAS Sociology; HUNTLEY: Teale Steffes, PHARMD Pharmacy; SHEPHERD: Autumn McSweyn, BS Health & Human Performance; Chantanelle Nava, BA Physics; Ellen Whittle, BS Wildlife Biology.

HP 9-10 Majors advance in Tournament of Champions

by Jonathan McNiven
WORDEN — The HP 9-10 Majors Little League team advanced to the quarter finals of the Tournament of Champions on Monday in a pitchers duel to win 3-2 in the bottom of the last inning. The HP 9-10 Majors played head to head against Billings' Boulder Arrowhead Team #5 at Hansen Park in Worden with the first

three innings scoreless at 0-0. However, the score reflected a defensive effort and battle on both sides of the plate as key plays kept the game close all the way. The pitching duel started with HP's Wyatt Hayden pitching the first inning with a 3 up 3 down combo. In the third inning, he was supported by some key plays in the outfield which kept HP into the game when Gage McNiven (center fielder) caught two hits in the outfield to end

the inning. HP hung in there the fourth inning but allowed two runs from Boulder Arrowhead to score while Ethan Osness (left fielder) caught a fly ball to left field and threw out a runner at third base for a double-play to end the inning. Two other exciting plays in the fifth inning that were almost double plays in the infield kept Huntley Project focused as a team on one out at a time. HP continued a team effort from there on out. Wylee Lindeen entered the pitching mound to close out the last 3 innings and helped set up HP for the last inning, leaving multiple players scoreless on base to set up

HP's final push. With HP scoreless and down 2 runs, Wyatt Hayden was walked loading bases for the first time of the game for HP. Feeling the pressure and ready to answer the call of his teammates, Wylee Lindeen hit a line drive to the sweet spot between center and right field to bring in all three base runners, Devin O'Neill, Cooper Lane and Wyatt Hayden, to win their second game of the tournament 3-2. When asked his thoughts

about the team, Coach Shane Lile said that they are really playing like a disciplined baseball team and he's proud of how far they have come this season. The HP 9-10 Majors team was scheduled to play in the quarter final game at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 24 at Veterans Park in Billings. A video of the last inning hit can be found on the www.huntleyproject.net community website.

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WEEK OF June 9 – June 15, 2015



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Date	Temps		Record Hi/Low for date	Temps		Rain/Snow (") 24 hr
	High/Low	Rain/Snow (") 24 hr		High/Low	Last Year High/Low	
16	77/53	.17/.00"	95 (1988)/40 (1945)	64/50	73/51	.00/.00"
17	84/51	.31/.00"	98 (1988)/40 (1994)	77/51	73/52	.05/.00"
18	79/53	.07/.00"	96 (1986)/40 (1939)	85/46	68/47	.30/.00"
19	83/57	.39/.00"	100 (1989)/42 (1946)	80/52	75/46	.05/.00"
20	80/58	.00/.00"	103 (1988)/42 (1978)	84/55	83/46	.06/.00"
21	86/54	.Tr/.00"	97 (2005)/41 (1958)	81/55	78/52	.00/.00"
22	77/53	.Tr/.00"	99 (2005)/43 (1967)	88/49	74/52	.13/.00"

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-Valley Weather Almanac supplied by John Pulasky and www.sarc.montana.edu/wx

River data from the U.S. Geological Survey (waterdata.usgs.gov)

Tractor man: Love of antique implements fuels Dick Tombrink

by Judy Killen

WORDEN – Dick Tombrink knows antique tractors. And steam engines, balers and plows.

The shops behind his home near Worden are an intricate maze of machinery stored just so. In fact, removing equipment for the annual Threshing Bee in August is a daylong process involving volunteer help, he said.

Tombrink knows the lineage of the equipment in the manner that stockmen know bloodlines. He reels off vintages, serial numbers and former locations with ease, and remembers what type of work each piece of equipment needed, or still needs.

Bringing old implements to new life gets in your blood, he said.

“You’re always looking for something that needs to be restored,” Tombrink said. “They’re always a challenge” and “they’re always in bad shape.”

So someone who restores old farm equipment is always hunting for parts, he said. That used to be a bigger challenge, requiring travel and word of mouth connections, but the advent of the Internet has made finding parts much easier.

“Its’ really handy, it’s helped a lot” to be able to Google search or try sites like eBay for parts, Tombrink said.

“But still a lot of parts for the older tractors are not

available,” he said. “You’ve got to make them or cast them.”

But the good thing about old tractors is that their problems usually just need a can-do attitude to fix, Tombrink said. Today’s tractors have electronic components and computerized systems, but old tractors are metal and motors.

“That stuff can all be fixed one way or another,” he said.

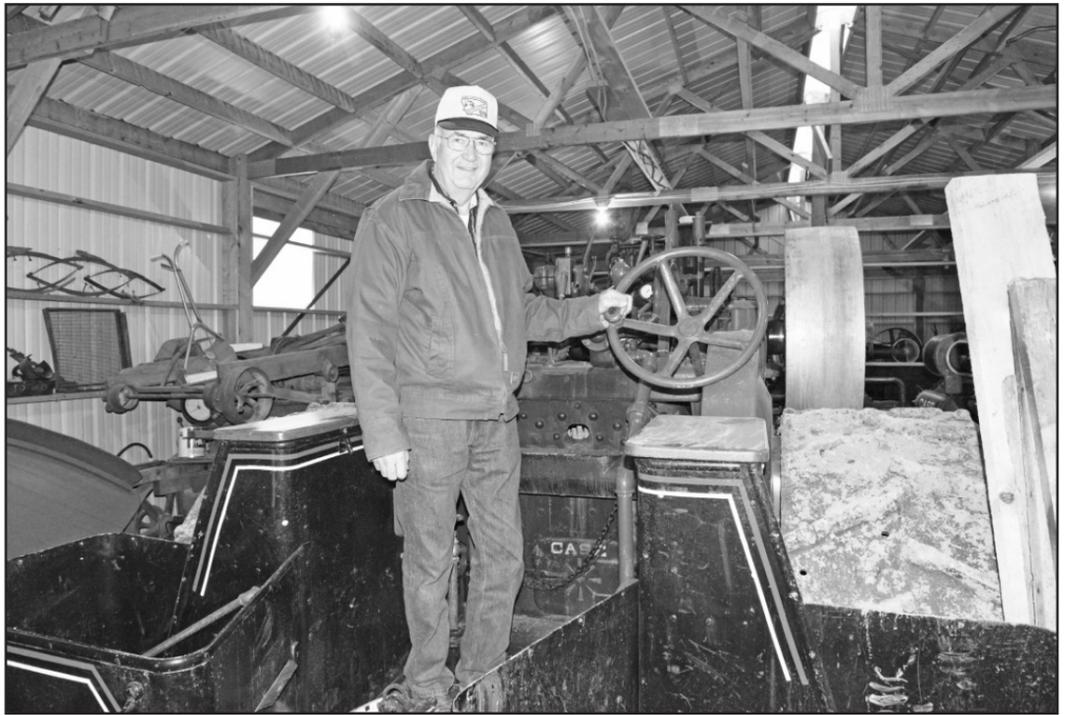
Tombrink helped found the Antique Tractor Club (its complete name is The South Central Montana Antique Tractor And Machinery Association) in 1987, an idea that sparked when he was helping Oscar Cooke set up for one of his Oscar’s Dreamland shows.

Tombrink, Dave and Leo Lambrecht and Duane Shieffer decided that with their own antique machinery and enough other interested in joining up, a tractor club could take off.

Today, the club has about 200 members. New members are welcome at club meetings on the third Thursday of every month at the Yellowstone Valley Electric Coop south of Huntley on Pryor Creek Road.

The club’s big event is the annual Threshing Bee, held this year on Aug. 15-16. This year’s event, the 27th annual threshing bee, celebrates an earlier time when steam power did the work.

“We do what we can to



In a shop full of antique farm machinery, Dick Tombrink stands at the wheel of a Case steam engine he plans to bring to this year’s 27th annual threshing bee, which features Oliver tractors and machinery. (Judy Killen photo)

keep that going,” Tombrink said.

Held on the grounds of the Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture, the bee includes a parade, games for children, music from a

steam calliope, a working blacksmith shop, a sawmill and the threshing.

“We raise grain down there, bind it with a binder and then we shock it,” Tombrink said.

“We thresh it with an old-time thresher” and once it’s ground into flour, “some women bake the bread in Dutch ovens over a fire,” he said.

Keely Johnson graduates from Rutgers



Keely Johnson

In an out-of-state Red and Black Attack, a 2011 Huntley Project student, Keely R. Johnson, graduated from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey on May 17, 2015.

Collegiate Scholars. Rutgers University is in New Brunswick, New Jersey, where she will work in her field of study. Her future plans are to attend graduate school in pursuit of her doctorate. Upon completion of her studies, her ultimate goal is to work within the post traumatic stress field.

RUTGERS UNNIVERSITY — Keely R. Johnson has graduated Magna Cum Laude from Rutgers University with a degree in clinical psychology.

Her graduation was attended by parents, Lewie and Susan Fletcher of Ballantine, and her father, R.W. Johnson of Billings.

Johnson was on the Dean’s List all four years and a member of Delta Epsilon and the

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County Shorts

by Evelyn Pyburn

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BILLINGS — Yellowstone County Commissioners acted to formally give authority to the county code enforcement officer to issue notices of potential zoning code violations.

Commissioners said that the formal notice will do nothing more but give property owners or contractors notice that if they proceed in construction of a project they do so at their own risk — that they may have to remove it if the county attorney or courts find that there is a violation of zoning regulations.

In a split vote, Yellowstone County Commissioners reduced the contribution they

have annually made to the county spelling bee.

County commissioner Jim Reno motioned to reduce the annual contribution from \$2,000 to \$1,000. Reno said his action was in response to the voters' rejection of the county's proposed mill levy to build and maintain an addition to the jail.

Reno said, "We need to re-earn the public's trust -- that we are doing the very best we can with the public's money." Reno said he wasn't picking on the spelling bee, and believes there are "other expenditures beyond our core mission" against which "we have to start pushing back."

Commissioner Bill Ken-

ned, who voted against the motion, said that by cutting the funding in half they would essentially kill the spelling bee. The strategy of cutting "little pieces here and there" to generate needed revenues "is the wrong way to do it; it won't work," said Kennedy.

Reno responded, "Surely, education and spelling is a core mission for some group — it's not ours." Reno said that he expected some educational group could pick up the difference.

Commissioner John Ostlund agreed, "We will have to scrutinize every line item in the budget."

Commenting on county business, citizen Kevin Nel-

son expressed amusement that the commissioners would cut the spelling bee by \$1,000 and yet continue to give some businesses hundreds of thousands in tax abatements as economic incentives, "which just puts money in their pockets and increases taxes on other taxpayers." He asked if they were going to continue to do that. Nelson believes the jail levy failed because commissioners did not get out into the community and promote it.

Nelson went on to suggest to commissioners during Tuesday's meeting that there needs to be more and larger signs along county roads ad-

vising drivers of approaching turn offs for other roads.

He also warned that he believes the city-county planning department is using false numbers regarding the population, and he hopes that no one makes any decision based on "poor data from the planning department." He said that Billings' population grew by 1.5 percent each year from 1990 — 2010, according to the US Census Bureau. The claim has been that since 2010 the population has grown at 4 percent — that's only 1.56 percent a year, he said — the same rate at which the community has always grown.

Fire investigation ...

(Continued from page 1)

Officers continue to interview witnesses.

As fire crews continued fighting the fire early Monday afternoon, Kent O'Donnell, a lieutenant in the Yellowstone County sheriff's office, said during an impromptu outdoor press conference at the Sportsman's Club in Huntley that the fire could be of a suspicious nature.

With the investigation "obviously in the very preliminary stage," O'Donnell said, investigators may determine it was an arson fire.

O'Donnell said there were "no indications at this point one way or the other" about the cause of the fire, but pointed out that the mobile home at 144 Minecha Avenue, where the fire started, was vacant and was not connected to electricity or other

services.

But Fritz cautioned against jumping to conclusions, saying such supposition is "not necessarily true."

The mobile home, owned by Paul Siewert, partially burned in an April fire and had been vacant since.

"Nobody should have been there at the time," O'Donnell said.

Siewert said Monday's fire is the latest in a string of trouble at his mobile home. He didn't know the cause, but "As far as I know, the sheriff's department suspects arson," Siewert said Wednesday. He said he used the mobile home as a rental. He doesn't own the lot.

After the mobile home burned the first time in April, "I was in the process of fixing it" so he could rent it again,

he said.

Then, "a couple of weeks ago somebody broke into it," Siewert said. It was boarded up, but "somebody broke into it again."

He said the 1974 model mobile home was not insured. He had renovated it a year ago, installing new hardwood floors, new windows, a furnace, new front and rear doors and kitchen cabinets.

He welcomes the sheriff's office investigation given the mobile home's recent history.

"That's what I wanted, to find out what happened," Siewert said.

The fire was discovered by boys in the home next door at 142 Minecha Avenue, which also burned to the ground (see related story). That home was owned by Mitch Boucher. O'Donnell said a sheriff's

deputy who happened to be in Huntley in the area of Barkemeyer Park responded quickly, followed by firefighters from the Worden, Shepherd and Lockwood volunteer fire departments.

"For Worden Fire this is a pretty big fire," O'Donnell said. A third mobile home, at 140 Minecha Avenue, owned by Manuel and Kimberly Murillo, was damaged.

Two propane tanks burned, venting propane through safety valves to avoid an explosion of the flammable gas.

"That's what they're designed for," he said.

Minecha Avenue and Peritse Avenue were closed and

deputies evacuated residents from homes on both streets. O'Donnell said three Montana Highway Patrol troopers assisted with traffic control on those streets and nearby Nahmis Avenue. Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative responded as "common procedure."

O'Donnell said deputies have responded to the neighborhood "several times for neighborhood disputes" involving both adults and children. Asked if the disputes involved specific parties or the people living in the homes that burned, O'Donnell said it was "more the neighborhood that can't get along."

Burning home ...

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already. Nobody could really do anything because the fire was so enormous."

The boys got everyone out of their house and started yelling in the street, they said. A sheriff's deputy arrived within minutes and the people on Minecha Avenue and Peritse were evacuated from their homes, most going to the nearby Sportsman's Club.

"It was a big panic," Gary said, although "everyone was trying to hold it in. It was chaotic."

Dylan didn't take much from his home, although he managed to coax the family dog out through the back door. He had to leave his pet turtles behind.

An hour later, Gary said he wished he'd thought to get Dylan's turtles when he picked up his RipStik, a skateboard that is his prized possession. The family thought one cat had escaped but had lost a second.

"I feel so selfish," Gary said. "I could've got the turtles," but "I had to get my RipStik. My grandpa gave it to me" just before he died in 2011.

A neighbor, Jamie Kiser, reassured him.

"You only focus on one thing," she said.

"Your life," Gary replied.

And Kiser should know:

she lived in the mobile home at 144 Minecha Avenue when it burned the first time, in April.

Gary said he felt better knowing that he alerted neighbor CeCe Murillo, who was asleep when the fire started.

"If it wasn't for me they could've been gone," he said of the Murillo family.

By the time everyone got to the shelter at the gun club, Gary felt the brunt of the events.

"I got dizzy and I just fell to the floor," he said. "I thought of my grandpa, I thought of him because he's the one that taught me how to hear sirens from a mile away," the man who was like a dad and grandfather rolled into one.

And Dylan was worried over his dad, who's already survived heart attacks and may have had another one Monday. Dylan said he got to speak only a few words to his dad before someone took him to a hospital in a car.

He lost his video game system but felt worse about losing his Kindle, since he used it to keep in touch with his friends on social media sites.

Dylan said fire drills at school helped him and Gary know what to do, but "it would help a lot" if there was a full fire department closer to all the homes in Huntley.

But Gary said Dylan should remember he has what matters most even though he's lost a lot.

"Dude, I think us coming home was a good thing," Gary said.

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Rep. Tom Richmond assailed by critics at Pachyderm lunch

by Evelyn Pyburn

BILLINGS — Rep. Tom Richmond encountered considerable criticism from his audience when he gave his perspective regarding the successes and failures of the 2015 state legislative session, before the Billings Pachyderm Club in Billings on June 11. One woman became quite emotional and started crying about his support of Medicaid expansion.

Also calling Richmond to task for some of his positions was Barry Usher, who was a contender to fill the House seat to which Richmond was appointed following the resignation of Jonathan McNiven. Usher said that Richmond was appointed based upon his answers regarding his positions on several issues. Usher claimed that Richmond's voting record was not in keeping

with those answers.

About expanding the state's Medicaid program to reach an additional 70,000 recipients, Richmond said, "I was in a box on this. I pledged not to advance Obamacare," but this bill helped people who could not afford insurance, and it still required that they pay a premium. The legislation created the HELP program, which, he said, "isn't Obamacare. It is a Montana solution. We needed to get it off the table... it was a bi-partisan bill." He went on to say that "you can't say you support a bill until you see it."

Richmond said, "I hope we send people [to the state Legislature] who think while they are there rather than follow some kind of score sheet."

"It's a better solution than Obamacare," said Richmond, "because it gets the poor out of emergency rooms, which is the most expensive way to provide care." The clincher for him, Richmond said, was a provision in the legislation that allows the program to "sunset" (terminate) in the future if it is not working.

The legislation requires that recipients pay a portion of the premium depending on their income. In order to help those who have no income to pay for the mandated insurance, the legislature passed the Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership (HELP) Act to provide training to help them get jobs.

Former legislator Roy Brown scoffed about the sun-

set provision, saying that everyone knows that once created no government program ever goes away. He was quite critical of Richmond, saying that when he sent Richmond an email asking him what compelling reason was prompting his support of Medicaid expansion, he received no response.

It was pointed out that the Republican platform called for no Medicaid expansion.

One woman began to cry in making her remarks. She apologized, saying the whole issue makes her so upset. She said that as a single person she cannot afford health care. It is necessary to get the cost of health care down, she said.

"If we had more competition, that's how you drive prices down," said Usher.

Richmond said in general he thought the legislative session went well.

"We didn't raise oil and gas taxes," he said. "We didn't put everyone out of business or add environmental legislation."

He said that understanding that a Democratic governor could veto any efforts on the part of Republicans "to pass far-reaching bills that made strong statements," they focused instead "to make incremental changes and get some things passed."

But still, he said, Gov. Steve Bullock vetoed 10 percent of the bills passed by the Legislature — 58 bills. Richmond added, "Our governor has no taste for lower taxes," referring to Bullock's veto of several Republican advanced tax re-

ductions.

He defended his support of Republicans, saying that he supported 97 percent of Republican bills. He added "we can have a very small purer party or a larger party with broader ideas. . . A bigger party is a better party. We have to send people who can think for themselves and don't have an agenda."

Roy Brown was also upset with Richmond's support of the "dark money" bill. He said that the new law will simply be used by the Democrats to attack Republicans at every turn.

Richmond said that he did not recall making any advance commitment regarding his position on dark money, except to say that he was in favor of as much transparency as possible. The legislation requires the disclosure of campaign donors who advocate for a candidate 60 days before an election. Richmond pointed out that he was a victim of a "dark money" attack by the Northern Plains Resource Council, in his failed campaign prior to being appointed to his current position.

The audience also expressed concern about Richmond's support of the CSKT Water Compact, an agreement with Native American tribes in Montana regarding water rights, touted as a means of avoiding extensive future litigation.

"I am not sure why it was a polarizing issue — it was the 18th compact... going back to the Hellgate Treaty that predates the state. I think this was needed to be done to protect irrigators from court battles... do you want to take chances in the Ninth Court of Appeals...it won't work out well."

Successes of the state Legislature included "reducing the proposed budget from 14 percent to 6 percent — closer to the population growth of Montana. It took a lot of work to get there."

They also shortened the appraisal cycle — "makes it easier for the average person to understand the calculation of property taxes."

The Tax Fairness Act was passed and signed — "It treats all taxpayers the same."

The Legislature mitigated the shortfall to schools that resulted from the oil price decline, and they allowed tax

credits for those who "invest in public and private education." It was also a benefit, according to Richmond, that "we did not fund early education for 4-year olds, which would have cost \$37 million."

There were wins and losses for the local community. The failure — by two votes — of a bill that would have allowed Lockwood and two other schools districts in the state to consider adding high schools — was a big disappointment to Lockwood, which is in his district, said Richmond.

"The teachers' union didn't like it," he said.

Gaining approval to build a new crime lab in Billings will be a benefit for eastern Montana, even though it is starting out small, said Richmond. They also established a permanent sexual assault unit, as well as prohibited the sale of electronic cigarettes to minors.

Vamping up the scholarship program for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education "is better than environmental studies," said Richmond. "The jobs pay well" and the disciplines focuses more on using our natural resources, as opposed "to degree programs trying to stop development."

Richmond was pleased with his bills that passed the Legislature, including one that revises oil and gas laws related to the oil and gas damage mitigation account. It creates a permanent fund to plug and restore orphan and abandoned wells, and to reclaim wellsite and tank battery locations.

Another bill generally revises water discharge laws regarding nutrients and provides for a 20-year compliance window to allow technology to catch up.

Richmond also introduced successful legislation that will prohibit the state, when confronted with legislative mandates to eliminate a program or agency, from simply shifting employees, equipment and resources to another agency and continue with the program without legislative approval.

Another one of his bills gives credit to oil field operators and the state for carbon sequestration that occurs during enhanced recovery.

Richmond said he had not yet decided whether he will run for election.

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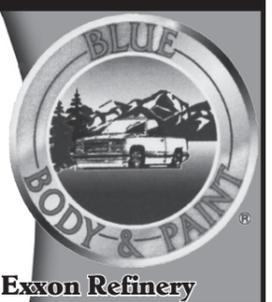
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County salaries ...

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on longevity, would have on other county employees whose wages are tied to those of the elected officials.

"We bargained with them in good faith," said Reno.

Commissioner John Ostlund said that the recommended wage increase would give but a "minimal" increase to some 60 other county employees. Sheriff's deputies and deputy county attorneys, whose compensation is tied to that of the sheriff and the base received by other elected officials, would receive less than a 2 percent increase.

That's not enough for the job they do, said Reno.

Ostlund said that he had asked for more information from the Compensation Board about what the impact of the proposed wage increase would be on the other employees.

"I hope we have more discussion about impacts; we need to treat everyone fairly," said Ostlund.

After being reminded by Deputy County Attorney Dan Schwarz that they had to take some action on the Compensation Board's recommendation, Kennedy, who made a total of three motions, two of which failed, made a third motion to approve the recommendation. Reno seconded the motion.

All three commissioners then voted no.

All three commissioners

then supported Reno's motion to send the issue back to the compensation board for a different recommendation.

Kennedy's first motion, to remove Amendment D in the recommendation which increased the 1 percent increase on longevity, was at first seconded by Reno, who then withdrew his second saying he misunderstood the motion.

When no one wanted to make another motion, Kennedy then made a second motion to approve the recommendation without Amendment D, and that too failed for lack of a second.

Kennedy pointed out that the other two commissioners voted for the recommendation, as part of the Compensation Board. In fact, Reno had said he would support a wage increase of only \$1, reminded Kennedy.

Schwarz said that the Clerk and Recorder will have to re-advertise and hold at least two more public hearings of the Elected Officials Compensation Board. By state law, the Commissioners must make a decision on the compensation level of elected officials by Aug. 1.

The Compensation Board's recommendation included a substantial increase in pay for Justices of the Peace David Carter and Pedro Hernandez. The justices had asked that

their pay be removed 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. District Court judges are paid \$126,132, adjusted every two years, so the justices will be paid \$94,599 in 2015-16. Carter's last year's salary was \$72,973 and Hernandez's 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 he was 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.

Twito receives the same pay as District Court judges as required by state law. His

compensation for 2015-16 will be \$126,132.

For other county officials, the 1 percent increase would have bumped up the current base pay of \$64,744 to \$65,392, and 1 percent increase would have increased longevity pay from its cap of \$20,572 to \$20,777. Longevity pay has been frozen since 2010. The policy of the board in the past has been an increase in longevity pay of \$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.

The recommendation also increased Long's salary by \$400 a year in compliance with state law regarding the

position of Superintendent of Schools. Long receives a 10 percent addition in base pay for performing the duties of County Superintendent of Schools.

Clerk and Recorder Jeff 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, state law sets his longevity pay, which in 2016 would be \$16,348.

Under the Compensation Board's recommendation, the commissioners would have received \$88,169 in FY 2015-16, an increase of .98 percent.

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Park auction ...

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thing sells during the auction sale. The leftovers are gathered in a central area and left to be picked over by the public. As of Monday evening, all that was left was a computer desk, some packing newspaper, and a few cardboard boxes.

The auctioneering was done by Gus Sinclair and Reno Babcock. Stacy Erb, Jamie Kiser and Sharon Erb handled buyer number distribution, compiled the purchases of each buyer, and collected the money. Ashley Erb was the clerk. Shantel Oblander, Tracy Lorash, Cindy Wagner manned the concessions. The Ketterling family — Brad, Kathy,

Aaron and Holly — put beer in coolers and filled them with ice. Rodney Erb and Josh Ketterling worked the “ring.” Erb sent a big thank you to Bailee Stenger, president of the Huntley Project FFA Chapter, who was a huge help in setting up, and unloading the merchandise as it arrived at the park.

“The success of the Barkemeyer Park Benefit Auction is true testament to the generosity of the surrounding communities and the people who live in them,” Erb said. “Without the commitment of the donors, buyers, and all of the volunteers, this success would not be possible. Thank you all very much.”



Prospective buyers check out the wares on display at the Barkemeyer Park auction on Saturday. Items sold ranged from furniture to sporting equipment to Rojo the Rooster. (Courtesy photo)

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Auctioneer Gus Sinclair dons a novelty hat he dug out of a box during the Barkemeyer Park auction on Saturday. Auctioneer Reno Babcock is in the background. The auction raised about \$9,000 for the park. (Becky Robison photo)

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Daniel Sublette, a first-year pharmacy student, earned a \$2,000 Stanley M. Reinhaus Family Foundation Scholarship from the UM Skaggs School of Pharmacy. He is a 2008 graduate of Shepherd High School and the son of John and Crystal Sublette of Albany, Ore.

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All-Star game ...

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der Rice. Myka Penney made the kick and Blue led 8-0.

Red answered with a touchdown pass from Tanner Hoff to Jordan LaFontaine with a Darren Malek kick to tie the score at 8 at the end of the quarter.

Blue led 22-16 at the half, scoring in the second quar-

ter on a pass from Dillon Brunelle to Thomas Field and Penney kick, then a short run by Braden Feisthamel. That point-after kick failed.

Red answered with a touchdown run by Jake Malek and kick by Darren Malek.

In the third quarter, Blue scored on touchdown runs from Feisthamel and Rice (with a kick by Penney) and Red answered with a pass from Tanner Hoff to Lane Foster followed by a Darren Malek kick. Blue led 32-24 at the end of the third.

Red turned up the heat in the fourth. Darren Malek threw a pass to Luke Davison, then followed with the point-after kick to tie the game with 8:49 left. Logan Ferda ran in a second TD with a kick from Darren Malek to go ahead 40-32.

But Blue answered with a scoring drive that culminated in Rhoads' score to win the game 42-40. Braden Fiesthamel of Savage (Blue) and Darren Malek of Geraldine-Highwood (Red) were the offensive MVPs. Defensive MVPs were Ryder Rice of Savage (Blue) and Nate Gray of Hot Springs (Red).

Blue All-Stars win 6-man championship at Custer field

by Judy Killen

CUSTER – When it came down to the wire, Tate Rhoads took the home team home.

Rhoads, who graduated from Custer High School last month with the Class of 2015, caught a 2-yard pass from Kyle Lassle of Terry with about three minutes left in the game to give the Blue All-Stars a 42-40 victory over the Red All-Stars on June 6.

The two teams, made up of recently graduated seniors selected from 6-man football teams from across Montana, met at the 19th annual Six-Man All-Star Football Game at Hoffman Field in Custer.

Rhoads' catch and touchdown capped a short, rough drive that put him in every play. Six-man football rules make almost every player eligible to receive on almost every play, but Rhoads was in on the action as the Blue team tried to catch the Reds.

The Red All-Stars had just taken their first lead in the game on a touchdown run by Logan Ferda of Geraldine-Highwood, whose team won the state 6-man title in 2013 and 2014.

Taylor Haug of Custer-Hysham also played for the Blue All-Stars.

The Red team threatened throughout the contest, but was shut down several times by Blue defensive stands.

The annual all-star game rotates among locations. Troy

Walters of MonDak High School was selected as head coach for the Blue Stars, seen as the local fan favorites. Coach Brad Hoffman of host Custer-Hysham was an assistant, along with Will Neuman of Tri-Cities High school and Jim Miller from Savage High School.

Brandon Gondeiro of Geraldine-Highwood High School coached the Red All-Stars, assisted by Jim Lawson of Hot Springs, Steve Simonson of North Star High School and Matthew Bakken of Lone Peak High School.

The game was played on Hoffman Field at Custer High School, built by volunteers with donated land and supplies.

Six-man football, played on an 80-yard field that's 40 yards wide, is typically fast-paced. With all six players eligible to receive, the ball has to advance 15 yards for first down. Touchdowns are worth 6 points, but the point-after kick is worth 2 points because having few blockers makes kicking more difficult.

Six-man football is currently played in Montana, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Nebraska. In Montana, 34 teams will take the field for the upcoming 2015 season.

The Blue team got on the scoreboard first, scoring on a pass from Kyle Lassle to Ry-

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Tate Rhoads of Custer-Hysham signals to a referee at the start of a play in the 19th annual Montana 6-man All-Star football game on June 6. (Judy Killen photos)

Up and away



After studying machines and force in science, every fourth grader at Huntley Project Elementary School designed and built an egg launcher that would propel an egg at least 20 feet without breaking it. They tested them on the playground the last week of school. Here, Carrie Killen successfully launches her egg as her classmates, her sister Ann, and her dad, Mike, watch. (Judy Killen photo)



Taylor Haug of Custer-Hysham, playing for the Blue All-Stars in the 19th annual 6-man All-Star game, goes out to receive a pass. Defender Jordan LaFontaine of Geraldine-Highwood is in the background.

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The trophy wife and I first attempted to run the jeep trail to the top of the Hellroaring Plateau on Mothers' Day in 2007. This 1916 primitive road served several short-lived silver mines at timberline. It was a great morning run, but at around the 8,000 foot level we found our route packed with winter snow. Our pace slowed as we post-holed our way through the drifts and every time we considered turning back we would hit an open stretch where we could run a couple hundred yards. Eventually, facing our final mile of waist deep snow, we pulled the pin and turned around. The mountain was leading one to zero.

On Fathers' Day of that year we tied the score by successfully running the 6.3 mile and 2,600 foot climb

from Greenough Lake to the wilderness boundary. The view from the plateau is spectacular, just as is the relief felt at the bottom once the out and back is safely completed. The climb is taxing as the air thins with every step, but the route up is a cake walk compared to the run down. Gravity begs you to cut loose and run like a Border collie chasing a jack-rabbit, but sprinting down a steep trail of granite, ankle breakers is insane. Riding your brakes and studying the terrain to properly place every foot strike strains core muscles and it is a humbling four-hour run.

Our annual trot to the top is intermittent, but we did run it last Sunday. Every time I near the plateau I am humbled thinking of the sweat it took to build the

many service roads etched into the granite mountain-side. Previously, I have labeled America's early trappers, miners, farmers and ranchers as being a special breed, but on Sunday it hit me those same traits exist all across America today. The main difference between entrepreneurs of 1916 and those a century later is the chokehold today's government places on patriots willing to risk and work. Modern day permits to build these roads would outweigh the 50 tons of ore ever hauled from the mine. Remember, for the ruling class to be champions of the poor, they need folks stuck in poverty and here is how they do it.

Nothing hampers economic growth more harshly than a graduated income tax. To punish those working the

hardest by confiscating a greater percentage of their bounty is criminal. The income tax began in 1913, and for 102 years it has been the primary tool progressives use to redistribute wealth, hamper growth and promote dependency. In spite of this theft of wages, free-market capitalism is a powerful economic system, so America's economy continued to grow. In 1970, additional restrictions were imposed by progressive President Nixon when he established environmentalism as America's national religion. His Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) quickly became the bureaucratic champion at halting entrepreneurship. The only difference between the EPA and a slave master whipping your backside is the EPA claims they are beating

you for your benefit. Nixon wasn't finished with just the EPA, so one year prior to his taking early retirement, he cursed America with the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Sadly, this act only garnered a measly four "No" votes while passing Congress and this brings me to my point.

Government is not freedom's friend and without constitutional restrictions it devours all it touches. Our lives are now controlled by an unelected bureaucracy hell bent on destroying initiative and promoting dependency. We do not have a problem with free-roaming bison, grizzly bears, wolves, sage grouse, or climate change. We have a federal government problem. Think about it.

Why do some dogs attack and bite? Tips to tame your dog

by Darla Day, Huntley postmaster

HUNTLEY – Would your dog attack? The American Veterinary Medical Association estimates that more than 4.5 million dog bites are reported to local authorities

each year. Countless more go unreported.

Dog attacks can range from a relatively painless nip to a fatal mauling. Dog attack victims account for up to 5 percent of all hospital emergency room visits. Children are most often the victims. Dog attacks are the most commonly reported childhood public health problem in the United States.

You may feel confident that your dog won't add to these statistics, and it is probably true that your trusty companion will never seriously harm anyone. However, if your dog does attack or bite someone, you could be liable for the victim's pain, suffering, and

medical expenses. Potential victims include your letter/rural carrier and neighborhood children. There are several ways you can avoid liability. Reducing the likelihood your dog will ever bite someone helps protect you, your canine companion and everyone else in the community.

Why do some dogs attack?

Lack of socialization, improper training, excitement, and fear can all contribute to a dog attack. Even a nip on the leg is unacceptable behavior

for a family dog.

Three suggestions to help take the bite out of your dog:

*Teach your dog appropriate behavior. Don't play aggressive games with your dog such as wrestling, tug of war, or siccing your dog on another person. It's essential that your dog recognize members of your family as dominant figures not to be challenged.

*Be a responsible pet owner. For everyone's safety, don't allow your dog to roam. Make your pet a member of

your family. Dogs that spend too much time tethered to a dog house or in the backyard have a much greater chance of developing aggressive behavioral problems.

*Stay on the safe side. Help your dog become accustomed to a variety of situations. If you don't know how your dog will react to a new situation, be cautious. If you think your dog could panic in a crowd, leave him or her at home. If your dog may overreact to visitors or delivery people, keep him or her in another room.

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HP players on roster for East-West Shrine Bowl

WORDEN – Huntley Project football fans have another chance to catch some Red Devils in action as sev-

eral players suit up for the Montana East-West Shrine Bowl in Great Falls later this summer.

All three graduated from Huntley Project High School with the Class of 2015.

Tanner Miller, who is slated to play football at Rocky Mountain College in the fall, was tapped for offensive guard in the annual game. The 6-3 Miller weighs in at 255 pounds.

On the roster as alternates are Kian Brown and Blake Jesson.

Brown, 6-0 and 195 pounds, is listed at running

back. The 6-1, 200-pound Jesson, who will wrestle for Montana State University-Northern as a freshman, is listed at outside linebacker.

All three former HP players were on the roster for the Big Sky Class B All-Star football game at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, where they helped their South All-Star team to a 37-28 victory over the North All-Stars.

The Shrine Bowl is at 7 p.m. July 18 at Memorial Stadium in Great Falls. Tickets for the game or the players' banquet on July 17 are for sale at the City of Great Falls Mansfield box office.

Club Notes

Worden Riverdale 4-H focuses on community service

by Courtney Geck

WORDEN — The May 19, 2015 Worden Riverdale 4-H meeting was a community service meeting. Club members planted flowers in the planters at the Huntley Project School before the 2015 graduation ceremonies. Club members also planted flowers in the planter under the Welcome to Worden sign.

No further information was reported to the Secretary for the May 19, 2015 meeting.

Huntley Senior Citizens celebrate Father's Day

by Phyllis Morehouse

HUNTLEY — The Huntley Senior Citizens held their June meeting at the Sportsman's Club. A wonderful luncheon was catered by Chuck and Sarah Fowler. The tables had a great Father's Day theme, all done by Patricia Reed.

The S.M.P. report given by Clifford Morehouse was, "Are You Medicare Smart?" followed by many questions and discussions.

This week was "Elder

Abuse Awareness" week. Mark Cassel from Intermediate Care gave a very informative talk about not only physical abuse, but also that we should always be aware of mental and financial abuse. We were given purple ribbons to wear as a reminder to always be aware.

Each man was presented with a gift for Father's Day and they all enjoyed their new tools. Regular and Black-out Bingo was also played. Sarah Fowler led us in singing "Happy Birthday" to our June birthdays again and then to our July birthdays — Patricia Reed (1), Clarence Hein (1), Eilleen Harbough (4), George Daylis (12) and Marian Dick (30).

Much new and old business was discussed. It was voted to give a donation to the Huntley Community Club for the Barkemeyer Park fundraiser. A fun time was had by everyone.

The next meeting is July 16 at the Sportsman's Club in Huntley.

Huntley Eagles 4-H Club hosts Prospect Show

by Jamie Lane

HARDIN — The Huntley Eagles 4-H Club hosted its

annual Prospect Show on June 13 at the Big Horn County fairgrounds in Hardin. The Prospect Show provides an opportunity for 4-H members from around the state to come together and exhibit their livestock before MontanaFair. The animals and their owners gain experience, knowledge and confidence before the fair.

At this year's Prospect show, swine, beef, lambs, and goats were exhibited. Each species had a conformation class and a showmanship class. All species' showmanship classes were divided by age with a Beginner (8-10 year olds), a Junior (11-13 year olds) and a Senior (14 and older) division.

In the swine show there were approximately 60 head shown. The Grand Champion was exhibited by Lexy Dietz from Shepherd. The Reserve Grand Champion hog was exhibited by Cooper Lane from Huntley. The third overall hog was shown by Trista Bates from Manhattan and the fourth overall pig was shown by Brighton Lane from Huntley. Other class winners included Brighton Lane, Leighton Green from Hardin and Trista Bates.

In swine showmanship, the Champion Beginner

showman was Gavyn Bickel from Joliet and Cooper Lane was Reserve. Grand Champion Junior Showman was Lexy Dietz and Brighton Lane was Reserve Champion. Grand Champion Senior showman was Karlie Snell from Worden and Trista Bates was the Reserve Champion.

There were 21 steers and 13 heifers shown in the beef division. The Grand Champion steer was exhibited by Bailey Bice from Miles City. The Reserve Grand Champion was shown by Helanina Fowler from Lewistown, and the third overall steer was shown by Ashley Davis from Billings. Bailey Bice exhibited the other class winner. The Grand Champion breeding heifer was owned by Garrett Bromenshenk from Billings, and the Reserve Champion breeding heifer was shown by Trista Bates of Manhattan.

The Champion Beginner showman was Cooper Lane and the Reserve Champion showman was Caden Green from Hardin. The Champion Junior Showman was Lexy Dietz and the Reserve Champion was Helaina Fowler. The Champion Senior showman was Reece Idland from Circle, and the Reserve was Brooke Vincent from Moccasin.

There were 29 lambs shown with the Grand Champion belonging to Lexy Dietz. The Reserve Champion lamb was exhibited by Kolby Dietz from Shepherd and the third overall was shown by Trista Bates. Other class winners included Kolby Dietz and Ashley Uffleman from Hardin. Grand Champion beginner showman was Jordyn Whitmus from Shepherd. The Grand Champion Junior showman was Lexy Dietz and Jolene Frost from Livingston was Reserve Champion. The Grand Champion Senior showman was Kolby Dietz and reserve was Trista Bates.

There were 20 head of market goats exhibited. The Grand Champion Market Goat was shown by Kolby Dietz.

The Reserve Champion Market Goat was shown by Dustin Huntington from Billings and the third overall goat was shown by Lexy Dietz. The Grand Champion Beginner Showman was Katelyn Frost from Livingston and Reserve was Gavyn Bickel. The Grand Champion Junior showman was Lexy Dietz and Jolene Frost was reserve. The Grand Champion Senior Showman was Kolby Dietz and Dustin Huntington was reserve.

Jacob Michels of Shepherd wins Character Counts scholarship

BILLINGS — Jacob Michels of Shepherd is one of four recipients of the 2015 Big Sky State Games Character Counts! Scholarship.

The \$500 scholarship winners will be recognized at the 30th Annual Big Sky State Games Opening Ceremonies event Friday, July 17. The winners were chosen based on their character, com-

munity involvement, and participation in sports.

Michels has participated in the Big Sky State Games Triathlon for two years. He is the treasurer for both National Honor Society and FFA. As an active member in FFA, Michels has placed third in the nation with the Agriculture Science Team, first High Team in Agricul-

ture Mechanics and placed second as a team in Agriculture Sales at District in 2013. He spends time volunteering for March of Dimes, Flakes-giving, ETS Car Wash, Meals on Wheels, Toys for Tots, Family Services and Flat-head Gateway Mall. Michels is also an active member of Student Council and participates in football, basketball

and track.

Character Counts! promotes sportsmanship and fosters good character by teaching, enforcing, advocating, and modeling, the "Six Pillars of Character" — trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

High school juniors during the 2014-2015 school year

were eligible to apply for the scholarship. Selecting students who are finishing their junior year in high school ensures that the winners may be observed as role models during their senior year.

Spencer Drange and Abigail Lohof of Laurel and Hannah Amtmann of Butte were the other three winners.

Arntzen candidacy ...

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she said she is most proud of her roles as a wife, mother and grandmother.

"Nothing is more important to me than the future of my family, and of families across Montana," said Arntzen. "When it comes to educating our children and preparing them for a successful future, I believe that the decisions are best made locally. Federal one-size-fits-all education is not the answer—the answer is restoring accountability to OPI and trusting our local school districts."

She was born and raised in Billings. Her parents were teachers, and she shared their passion for education. She earned a degree in economics, and later a degree

in education from Montana State University and graduated with a degree in education.

During her tenure in the state Legislature, representing South Billings in both the Montana House and Senate, she served as chairwoman of the Ethics, Business & Labor, Local Government and Highways and Transportation Committees, providing her with insight and experience on the issues Montana students will face after graduation and the skills they will need to be successful.

"Our children depend on us to provide them the educational tools they need to compete in our swiftly changing and evolving workforce," said Arntzen. "My goal is to

help our local schools provide them those tools by working to make the Office of Public Instruction a resource that will help serve our school districts. Our schools don't need another layer of federal bureaucracy or an office that serves the edicts of the federal government — they need a Superintendent of Public Instruction that serves them."

For more information on her candidacy, visit www.ElsieforMontana.com.

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EFFORT UNDER WAY TO DERAIL NEW CSKT TREATY

During the recently adjourned legislative session, a “sleeper” issue that turned out to be one of the “Big Three” losses to the Republican majority was Senate Bill 262, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Compact or treaty (CSKT), which was sponsored by Chas Vincent, R-Kalispell. Senate Bill 262 was killed in the House Judiciary Committee twice, but by using now famous rule-changing techniques, liberal House Republicans joined the Democratic minority to form a majority coalition. When the treaty passed the House on a 53-47 vote, Gov. Steve Bullock and Sen. Vincent had a signing

ceremony. Sen. Vincent voted against the compact in the 2013 session.

PUSHBACK

In a prior Billings Outpost exclusive, we covered the costs, uncertainties and constitutional issues surrounding the passage of the CSKT Water Compact. Now a fight is brewing as the compact/treaty heads to Congress seeking a ratification vote.

In an invitation-only meeting at Billings’ Lexington Inn on May 21, a collage of activists and political leaders came together to hear of, and be asked to join, an effort to derail the CKST water compact using the tools at their disposal. Robert Fanning, a gubernatorial candidate in

2012, introduced presenters which included the team of Lawrence Kogan, a Washington, D.C. attorney; Quentien Rhodes, a Montana constitutional attorney; and Elaine Willman, a nationally recognized expert on Indian law and history. State Rep. Clayton Fiscus, R-Billings, and career real estate agent, gave the legislative history of the water compact and stressed that two-thirds of the water in Montana is sold with the land. “Laches” is the legal argument that too much time has passed since an agreement to suddenly challenge issues contained in the agreement, as too many people have relied on the original interpretation for decision making. Rep. Fiscus stated that the “latches” issue had not been raised in House Judiciary Committee or on the House floor. The treaty supplanted by the new compact was written in 1855.

BOB FANNING

Robert Fanning opened with, “This is a critical meeting. It is critical for the survival of our country, a country that was founded on the concept of private property, a concept that 2 million of our sons died fighting to preserve.”

According to Fanning,

“This (CSKT) has its roots in (the United Nations) Agenda 21, but it is not the UN (United Nations) forcing it on us. It is our own people. The new treaty supersedes the old treaty, the Constitution, and property rights.”

Speaking of funding the pushback, Fanning continued, “We have a negative right, the right to be left alone. This is not going to happen out of patriotic fervor. It will happen when we realize what this will do to us and to our children. We need half a million dollars for starters to make a fight of this. We are seeking individuals that recognize that if the rights of one are violated the rights of all are violated.”

STATE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

Quentien Rhodes covered possible state constitutional issues. He addressed the oaths of office taken by legislators to protect the U.S. and Montana constitutions. Article 9 Section 3 (3) of the Montana Constitution clearly states all of the water in Montana to be held for the beneficial use of the people of Montana. Rhodes claimed that under the new treaty, just some of the water is held for the people of Montana, and this happened without amendment.

Article 9 Section 1 says in total: “All existing rights to the use of any waters for any useful or beneficial purpose are hereby recognized and confirmed.” But Rhodes says that SB 262 stripped many Montanans of their water rights without compensation.

The other constitutional issue of concern to Rhodes is that for the measure needed to pass by a two-thirds majority to protect the people of Montana from liability for its consequences. SB 262 did not.

NOT JUST TALK ANYMORE

Kogan has confirmed that the process of picking the best avenue and team to ensure Congress gets an in-depth review of the treaty before a vote is taken is under way, with the ultimate goal of stopping Congress from ratifying the treaty. He cautions that this process is not completed yet. He did say that new facts have been secured establishing the treaty was signed by “unclean hands,” meaning that the

treaty was not entered into in conformance with various state, tribal and federal laws. He re-emphasized that the list of possible actions consists of only possibilities and theories that must be further researched before inclusion or rejection.

Issues being considered for inclusion include that SB 262 bill gives primacy to included descriptive water abstract assessments, including informational remarks, referenced in the bill’s many appendices if the assessments contradict the wording of the Compact. Kogan explained that the wording of the bill may have been compromised by use of a “cram down” method (only five days for committee members to read the bill and only minutes to read the 1,400 page bill before full floor votes were taken) and legislators were denied the opportunity to review and understand so the legitimacy of the law may be in question.

Another issue being investigated is whether the legislation relied on studies, reviews and assessments of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. According to Kogan, to comply with the National Information Quality Act, those studies, reviews and assessments must undergo peer review to be considered valid. Kogan stated that he cannot find the normal certification language in the assessments, so the peer review requirement applicable to “highly influential scientific assessments” has not been satisfied and this may be a fatal flaw on the part of the Legislature.

And there is the matter of the federal government’s noncompliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). None of the Department of the Interior agencies involved in the CSKT Water Compact/Treaty – i.e., the Bureau of Reclamation and Indian Affairs and the Fish & Wildlife Service- had performed an environmental assessment of the treaty’s alteration of water flows to even know whether a more robust environmental impact assessment was required.

Lawrence quipped, “If a

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Enrollment begins for USDA farm programs

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that eligible producers may now formally enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for 2014 and 2015. The enrollment period began June 17 and will end Sept. 30.

“The extensive outreach campaign conducted by USDA since the 2014 Farm Bill was enacted, along with extending deadlines, is central to achieving an expected high level of participation,” said Vilsack. “We worked with universities to simplify these complex programs by providing online tools so producers could explore how program election options would affect their operation in different market conditions; these tools were presented to almost 3,000 organizations across the country. The Farm Service Agency also sent more than 5 million educational notices to producers nationwide and participated in over 4,880 educational events with more than 447,000 attendees. I am proud of the many committed USDA employees who worked hard over the last

several months to provide producers support to help them make these important decisions.”

The new programs, established by the 2014 Farm Bill, trigger financial protections for agricultural producers when market forces cause substantial drops in crop prices or revenues. More than 1.76 million farmers have elected ARC or PLC. Previously, 1.7 million producers had enrolled to receive direct payments (the program replaced with ARC and PLC by the 2014 Farm Bill). This means more farms have elected ARC or PLC

than previously enrolled under previously administered programs.

Nationwide, 96 percent of soybean farms, 91 percent of corn farms and 66 percent of wheat farms elected ARC.

Covered commodities under ARC and PLC include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a

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private party had made a proposal engendering the same or similar changes, you could bet that environmental NGOs would have publicly demanded such a NEPA review.”

Kogan is also concerned that in non-criminal matters, non-tribal members must give permission to be under tribal jurisdiction and the treaty appears to provide the CKST government the legal means to assert such jurisdiction.

“Clearly many downstream users did not give such permission.” “Actually”, said Kogan, “the CKST water compact replaces private property rights, established water rights, and constitutional rights with aboriginal rights.”

While Kogan left open whether and when these and other legal actions might be instigated in the state and federal courts, he indicated that an educational effort would definitely be forthcoming in the halls of Congress.

When asked how he felt now that at least a partial

course had been charted, Bob Fanning replied, “I hope that decades after my passing I am remembered as the guy that stood up for his rights and inspired others to get off the couch and be counted.”

Champ Edmunds, a former

legislator, congressional candidate, and now candidate for state auditor, asked during the original meeting, “During the 2013 legislative session it was claimed the water compact was worth \$3 billion to the tribes. Won’t the other tribes want to do the same thing?”

Larry Kogan replied, “Bingo.”

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This is notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from Madelyn Shae Lees to Madelyn Shae Spiering. The hearing will be on July 30, 2015 at 9 a.m. The hearing will be at the Courthouse in Yellowstone County.
Dated this 9th day of June, 2015.
s/s Kristie Lee Boelter
Clerk of District Court

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Obituary

Jane Evelyn (Carlstrom) Nuxoll passed away on June 9, 2015, in Anchorage, Alaska, at age 88.

Jane was born on Aug. 10, 1926, in Yellowstone County, to Lois Adelle (White) Carlstrom and Carl Herman Carlstrom, both deceased.

Jane had one sister, Esther (Carlstrom) Eaton, deceased, and one brother, David Carlstrom. Jane had 12 nieces and nephews. Irene Messmer, her close friend since college and also her sister-in-law, is also grieving her death.

Jane was an elementary school teacher, starting in a one-room school north of Shepherd, then teaching at Winnett, and finally teaching in Worden. She left teaching



Jane Evelyn (Carlstrom) Nuxoll

to marry Walter Nuxoll.

Jane and Walt married on May 28, 1956. They ranched outside of Volborg for many years. Afterward, Jane and

Walt retired to Worden, where Jane was a member of Rebekah Lodge #14, a board member of the Sunnyside Library in Worden and a board member of the Worden Seniors group.

Jane and Walt had planned to honeymoon in Alaska; however, they were disappointed as the Al-Can highway was under construction and impassable at that time. Jane fulfilled this lifetime desire to visit Alaska when she joined four of her nieces on a trip to Anchorage this June.

Jane passed away surrounded by the love of her family.

She will be fondly remembered as a favorite aunt, sister and teacher.

A Memorial Service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, July 4th, at the Homesteader Hall in Huntley.

Remembrances may be shared with the family by visiting www.michelottisawyers.com.

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Tragically we lost our family best friend two weeks ago to cancer. It has been devastating to all four of us. This was not a typical best friend but a four legged, tail wagging, happy to see you everyday 7 year old black Labrador retriever. I am taking this loss as hard or even harder than the loss of a human friend, is that normal? What are some steps I can pursue to help myself and my two children with this grief?

I'm sorry to hear about the loss of your best friend. Many pet owners develop relationships with their animals that are very significant to them.

For children, the relationship is usually more significant and when the pet dies, the event is even more devastating. It is completely normal to experience a high amount of pain and grief upon the death of an animal.

It is important to revisit the relationships that your children had with the pet that has died. Each child's relationship was different and the experiences with the animal were very unique. Start by discussing the first memory when the Labrador came into their lives and discuss the different events that took place

over the years. This should help everyone in the family. It is very important to not be anxious to "replace the loss". You and your family will need time to recover before bringing another animal into the home. A wonderful book that I recommend to parents who are looking for a way to help their grieving children is "When Children Grieve" by John W. James, Russell Friedman and Dr. Leslie Landon Matthews. It is a wonderful read and will give insight into how children grieve.

There are many events that cause grief aside from the

death of a human loved one. The death of a pet, divorce, loss of job, or even loss of a limb can all cause the same amount of grief. In order to get a handle on your grief or to better assist others by learning how to deal with friends or family who are grieving, I would encourage you to look into registering in Grief Recovery. There is no charge for the sessions although they are currently limited to adults. You can register at Heights Family Funeral Home by calling 259-7155 or by emailing office@heightsfuneral.com.

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Monday Morning Sheriff's Report

Vehicle fire

Yellowstone County sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a vehicle fire in the 5700 block of Creekview Drive in Shepherd at 4:32 a.m. June 22. According to the report, the fire is under investigation as a possible arson. The case was referred to detectives.

Possession of drugs

Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a disturbance in the 100 block of Hickory Drive in Lockwood at 2:16 a.m. June 22.

After an investigation at a party at which minors were drinking alcohol, deputies arrested Russell Gray of Billings for alleged criminal possession of dangerous drugs, obstructing a peace officer and possession of intoxicants while under 21 but over 18 years of age, according to the report.

Possible aircraft accident

A sheriff's deputy responded to a report of a possible aircraft accident at the Laurel Airport at 7:28 p.m. June 21.

According to the report, an airplane had landed with its landing gear up, but no one was injured.

Theft

A sheriff's deputy investigated the report that a ladder had been stolen from the 5000 block of Jellison Road at 6:22 p.m. June 20.

According to the report, the ladder was 4 -5 feet tall. A witness provided information about a possible suspect, the report said. The case was assigned for follow up within

the sheriff's office.

Recovered stolen vehicle

A 1981 Volkswagen Rabbit that had been stolen was recovered from Eggebrecht Lane and Sumatra Place west of Billings on June 18. According to the sheriff's report, the cars' owner found it, and deputies returned it to him after processing it for evidence.

Harassment

A woman reported to the sheriff's office that a man had been contacting her using Facebook from June 13 through June 18. She supplied information about the suspect, and the case was referred to detectives, according to the report.

Burglary

Sheriff's deputies investigated a burglary in the 3900 block of Bluebird Street in Lockwood on June 18. According to the report, a camping hatchet, four or five cell phones and miscellaneous jewelry was taken. No suspects had been identified.

Pursuit

A sheriff's deputy attempted to stop a vehicle in the eastbound lane of Interstate 90 near the east Laurel interchange at 5:40 p.m. June 20. The driver fled in a vehicle, according to the report, but was caught and arrested.

According to the report, Jeremy Allen Marquant of Laurel was charged with obstructing a peace officer and possession of drug paraphernalia. The report said he was driving a stolen 1994 Chevrolet S10 pickup, which was recovered.

Recovered stolen vehicles

* Sheriff's deputies recovered a 2008 GMC Sierra 1500 pickup with tonneau cover from the Bundy Bridge fishing access north of Highway 312 on the Yellowstone River near Pompeys Pillar on June 18.

According to the report, the pickup, which was valued at \$10,000, belonged to Lithia Dodge of Billings.

* Deputies recovered a stolen 2012 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup on June 20. According to the report, the pickup, valued at \$10,000 was recovered on Interstate 94. The case remained active, according to the report.

Stolen license plate

A woman reported that a license plate had been stolen from a 1998 Kia Sephia in the 300 block of Reynolds Street in Lockwood June 17 or 18.

No suspects were identified, but deputies dusted for fingerprints as the woman said she would like to press charges.

Driving under the influence

After an investigation following a traffic stop in the MetraPark parking lot at 2:27 a.m. June 19, a deputy arrested Darcy Mae Irby of North Richland Hills, Texas for alleged driving while under the influence, second offense.

Criminal mischief

A sheriff's deputy investigated a report that unknown suspects had broken windows that had already been damaged by hail in the 400 block

of Westgate drive in Lockwood on June 19.

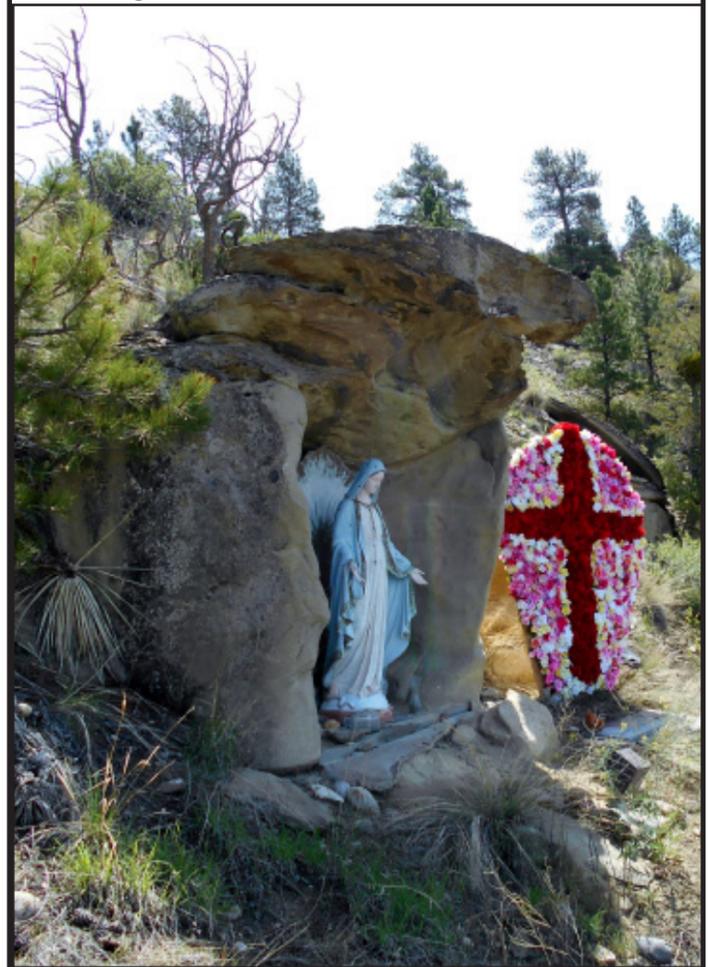
Partner or family member assault

Sheriff's deputies investigated a report of a disturbance in the 4200 block of Ellington Avenue Southwest in south Billings at 3:03 a.m. June 20.

According to the report, deputies arrested Minrod Raymond Blackhawk, 34, of Billings later that day.

He was charged with misdemeanor partner or family member assault, first offense and three traffic offenses: failure to give notice of an accident, operating a motor vehicle without liability insurance and reckless driving.

Prayer service at shrine



On Sunday, May 31, parishioners from Saints Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church and Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Forsyth held a prayer service and placed a new flower wreath at the grotto of Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine. The shrine is located off Interstate 94 near mile marker 36. (Courtesy photo)

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