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Forty JHS grads mark transition

by Jan Anderson, editor

Forty Jefferson High students received diplomas Sunday afternoon. Receiving was not all they did, however. They also gave.

The graduates gave a \$3000 donation to the Booster Club in honor of all that the group of parents and community members does for the school. They thanked retired teacher Linda Piccolo, their invited guest speaker, for the guidance she gave them over the years. They gave recognition to those who had helped them through their school careers: coaches, teachers, parents, grandparents, administrators and more. They presented dozens of roses to the special people in their lives.



Valedictorian Jacob Smith listens to speaker Linda Piccolo after he addressed classmates.

Superintendent Tim Norbeck was the recipient of a very special thanks from the graduates. On behalf of her classmates, Darcie Bullock said Norbeck had brightened the final years of their high school careers, taking special interest in all of them.

As each crossed the stage to receive a diploma, they gave Norbeck a token of their appreciation. Rudy Preskar, who enlisted last summer and will continue in the Montana National Guard now that he has graduated, presented Norbeck with an American flag. Others gave candy See **GRADUATION**, p. 8



A new beginning...

Sydney Jones, left, and Zach McFadden enter to the encouragement of community members as they celebrate their graduation from Jefferson High Sunday afternoon. (Photos by Jan Anderson)



Clancy Days coming

from Clancy Days

Clancy Days will offer bargains amid small town fun on Saturday, June 13. Cinnamon rolls and caramel sweet rolls baked by the Clancy United Methodist Women plus hot coffee will be for sale to get the morning started off right.

Clancy Book Cellar will have a large book sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the Clancy Volunteer Fire Department will hold the 'puck duck race' down the creek. The fire department will also hold a firewood raffle.

At 11 a.m. the Friends of the Library North will serve up a barbecue lunch until the food is gone. Then at noon comes See **CLANCY DAYS**, p. 16



MDC client privacy rights debated

by Jan Anderson, editor

Disability Rights Montana's posting of video of two residents of the Montana Developmental Center on social media was at least ill-advised and perhaps illegal, a letter from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services director says.

But DRM Executive Director Bernadette Franks-Ongoy says the organization had full legal consent from the clients. The videos were shot and posted because the clients both wanted to testify before the legislature but were unable to because the state refused to transport them to Helena, she says.

The two videos in question were shot April 6 as the Montana Legislature debated whether to close the MDC in Boulder. As of Monday, both videos remained online.

One, running just over five minutes, features a 23-year-old resident. The video gives the client's full name and identifies the Montana community in which the client's parents live. It also includes information

on the client's diagnosis.

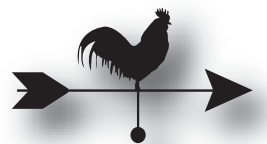
The other video, about 4 1/2 minutes long, features a 22-year-old MDC resident who has been court-ordered to MDC more than once. It also includes information on the client's home community.

Both videos were posted on the DRM website, Facebook and YouTube as part of the DRM efforts to convince legislators to close the MDC. Both were edited.

In each, Franks-Ongoy asks questions of the clients. In answer to those questions, each client says he has previously been in a group home setting. Each says he/she would like to live on his/her own out in the community. Franks-Ongoy tells each that skills they claim, such as cooking ability, could enable them to live independently.

The 23-year-old says, "I think I could do it all," and says he might need "therapy maybe once a week." The 22-year-old says, "I can do everything, you know, that any other person can do."

See **VIDEOS**, p. 5



Weather Statistics

Date	H	L	Precip
Tues	69	45	1.0
Wed	65	45	.11
Thurs	57	46	.06
Fri	70	43	.02
Sat	66	44	.01
Sun	78	42	.01
Mon	71	47	.04

Weather statistics reported here are not the official National Weather Service records.

What's for lunch?

Lunch menus for area schools for June 8 - 11

Clancy School

Monday, June 8 – Chicken nuggets, tator tots, veggies, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, June 9 – Last day of school - Early dismissal

MUSEUM BOARD MEETING NOTICE

The Jefferson County Museum Board will meet June 5 at 3:00 p.m. at the Jefferson County Museum in Clancy.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD AGENDA

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015 - 10:30 a.m.
County central shop

Call to order; Minutes;
Manager's report: Incident reports - 1; Updates - Recycling, Site issues, etc; Budget
Correspondence - none; **Public comment**
Items for Board's action or consent
Applications for adjustment and/or cancellation: None
Adjourn

Jefferson County Fair Board

Monday, June 8, 2015
7:00 pm, Volunteer Hall

Jefferson County Recreation Park

Jefferson County Fair & Rodeo dates: August 27-30, 2015

Proposed Agenda

Opening bids on building projects; Public Comment;
Treasurer's report; Caretaker's report; Rodeo Club report;
Building projects update; Jefferson County Fair 2015 planning;
Next meeting date; Adjournment

Jefferson County Health Board Agenda

June 10, 2015 • 6:30 p.m.
Health Dept. Waiting Room

Call to Order; Additions or Changes to the Agenda; Approval of Previous Minutes;

Subcommittee reports (if any); **Staff reports** - Environmental Health Dept., Public Health Dept., Health Officer, Public Health School Nurse;

Old business: Budget and claims; Correspondence

New business: Subdivision review procedures; Staffing update; Building update; Preliminary budget

Public Comment; Next Meeting; Adjournment

Jefferson County Library Board Meeting Agenda

June 11, 2015

Whitehall Library ~ 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER; REVIEW AGENDA; PUBLIC COMMENT APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES; CORRESPONDENCE

REPORTS: Boulder Library; Boulder Friends of the Library; Whitehall Library, Whitehall Friends of the Library

OLD BUSINESS: Policy review, revision, and/or finalization

NEW BUSINESS: Vote to send approved policy out for public comment

FINANCIAL/BILLS; ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING – JULY 9 - BOULDER LIBRARY

The public is informed that the county commissioners may attend this library board meeting.



Service Schedule for St. Catherine's and St. John's Catholic Churches

St. Catherine's

214 S. Elder, Boulder
Sunday Mass 10 am

St. John's

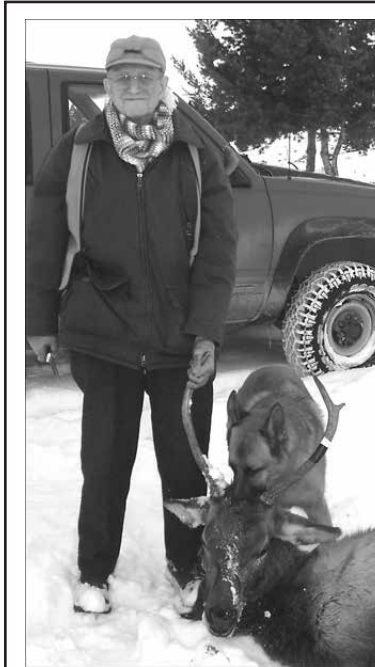
Hwy 69 Boulder Valley
Saturday Mass 7 pm
Now thru Sept. 5

Labor Day Mass
Sept. 7 at Noon

For information call 225-3222

OBITUARIES

Memorial for Bob Rux June 13



A celebration of the life of Robert E. Rux, Sr. will take place at Volunteer Hall at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds Saturday, June 13, 2015 from noon to 5:00 p.m.

Anyone who knew Bob and would like to come and visit and eat a good meal is invited. Gathering will start around noon and food will be served at 2:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to: Bob, Jr. at brux@dowl.com or 406-698-2461 or Janine at jruxsteel@yahoo.com

Boulder Senior Citizens Dinner Club Menu

Thursday, June 4 – BBQ chicken, potato salad, baked beans, whole grain roll, fresh apples.

Tuesday, June 9 – Turkey tetrazzini, green beans, tossed salad, mixed fruit.

Wednesday, June 10 – Goulash, lima beans, green salad, peaches.

Senior Bingo, 10 a.m. – noon, Tuesdays & Thursdays

Reservations: No later than 9:30 a.m. Senior Center, 225-3656.

Take out meals may vary. Bread or rolls served at every meal.

Happy Birthday

June 5 - Terry Minow, Linda Wyrick

June 8 - Kip Grant, Tonna O'Neill, Patty O'Neill, Taylor Drakos, Stacy Hale

June 9 - Brud Smith

June 10 - Emmy Parsons, Harley Bailey, Mike Simpson

June 11 - Amanda Fuller

AGENDA - BOULDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BOULDER ELEMENTARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

5:30 p.m., Monday, June 8, 2015

Boulder Elementary School Board Room

Call to order; Pledge of Allegiance; Agenda Review

Elementary announcements and public comment on elementary issues.

Communications and comments: Letters to the board, Student issue

Commendations and recognitions

Unfinished business

Committee reports: Leadership; Handbook/policy; Budget/finance and Negotiations/personnel; Facilities; Transportation; Curriculum

Superintendent/Principal's report

New business: Personnel (one year elementary curriculum position, band position, para sub application); Non resident student acceptance; Liquidation of school property; Food Corps update; Approval of TR4's (individual transportation contracts with Elk Park students); Use of metal mines funds, second vote; Superintendent/District clerk contracts; Board self evaluation; Cancellation of July meeting

Topics for Future Meeting Agendas; Adjournment

Boulder Community Clean-Up Week

June 8th - 12th

During Boulder Clean-Up Week the Jefferson County Solid Waste - Boulder Container Site will be open regular hours and will offer *amnesty* for appliances containing Freon. Paperwork will be filled out for each appliance on-site. Other services available are:

- Compost area for leaves, branches and yard debris
- Drop-off area for old paint, stain and varnish
- Drop-off area for used motor oil, anti-freeze and batteries
- Tire disposal is available for a fee starting at \$3
- Accepting cement without rebar for \$15 cubic yard
- Accepting construction waste for \$20 cubic yard



City personnel and equipment will be available to assist residents with clean-up activities. All volunteers are encouraged to wear protective gear. Garbage bags and vests will be available at City Hall.

Please join these efforts in making this clean-up week a success. You can contact City Hall at 225-3381 for more information or your individual requests.

BIRTHS

Brantley Dee Lewis extends the Craft clan

IT'S A BOY!

Brantley Dee Lewis was born May 16, 2015 at 9:07 a.m. in St. Peter's Hospital in Helena, MT. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21.18 inches long.

Proud parents of Brantley are Jessica Craft of Boulder and DJ Lewis of Butte. Maternal grandparents are Rhonda Craft of Boulder and the late Daryl "D.D." Craft. Paternal grandparents are Donald Lewis, Sr. of Missoula and the late Bernadine Lewis. Great-grandparents are Rose Hagerty of Corbin, MT and Kay Aguirre of Butte, MT.



Brantley Dee Lewis

AGENDA - JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2105

Jefferson High School library

Board packet available upon request at Central Office

Call to order; Pledge; Announcements and public comment; Student report; Staff report -

Technology update; **Committee reports:** Technology, Negotiations

Administration reports: Clerk/Business Manager - Budget-to-actual; Principal/A.D.; Superintendent - Report of annual objectives, Report on instructional progress, Report of fee schedules

Unfinished business

New Business: Personnel - Substitute applications, certified evaluations (possible closed session), coaching evaluations (possible closed session); Possible ratification of BAT contract; Possible ratification of BACE contract; Superintendent report/plan on educational program; Establishment of lunch fees; Board self-evaluation; Policy review; Technology update funding - possible use of metal mines and year-end funds

Communications and comments: Letters to the board

Commendations and recognitions;

Consent agenda: Approval of previous minutes and high school claims & accounts

Follow-up/Adjournment

LIVING ESTATE/MOVING AUCTION

Saturday, June 13, 2015 • 2855 York Rd. Helena, MT
12:30 pm, Viewing 11:30 am

Photos and Listing: www.SteveMandeville.com

Tractors & Motorcycle: 1952 McCormick Farmall Model A Culti-Vision; Yanmar YM1610D tractor w/110 Koyker front end loader; 2 riding lawn tractors; 1984 Honda 1200 Goldwing Aspencade motorcycle, 19,901 miles

Trailer & Implements: Pace trailer - 10.5' x 6'; #9 John Deere PTO mower; King Kutter 3 pt. road leveler, 3pt plow; Yanmar RS 13303 3pt 53" roto tiller; 44" pull mower; Various mini farm implements/equipment

Shop Equipment: Jet-16 - drilling/milling machine; Logan metal lathe; Drill press; B&D valve grinder; Argon, Acetylene, & Stick welders; Steel cutting tools; Jacks and lifts; Body and motor repair tools; Wrenches, hand tools, fluids, shelving and shop storage; Benches; etc.

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Surveying the views

Mr. Cooley & Henry Ford: Reflections on minimum wage

by Jim Elliott

“Jim,” Mr. Cooley said to me, “We treat all our help alike here, white or colored, it doesn’t matter to us.”

This was in the South in 1960. So far, so good, I thought, until I realized that Cooley basically meant that he was an equal opportunity exploiter. He went on to outline the job benefits: fifty cents an hour, ten hours a day, six days a week (no overtime), lunch and dinner included, ten minutes for lunch, fifteen for dinner, and that included the time it took to put your meal together.

“Ay-yi-yi!” I thought, but it was the only job in the small resort town, and I took it. I was now head pearl-diver (dishwasher) at Cooley’s Box o’ Chicken in Briny Breezes, Florida.



Jim Elliott

I don’t know how many of you have worked minimum wage jobs, but if you have, you’ll know it is no walk in the park. Cooley was paying only one half of the 1960 minimum wage, but to prove he was an otherwise honest man, he took out taxes and social security from the paycheck. I grossed 30 bucks a week; I took home \$24.50.

On the upside, slim as it was, I got my meals, didn’t have a car, and my only major expense was rent at \$20 a week. So I had \$4.50 a week reserved for pure pleasure, \$3.50 of which went for cigarettes (yeah, I was a chimney). And since I was so tired at the end of my shift, I slept most of the time, anyway.

Even the legal minimum wage and a standard 40 hour week with

a take home of \$33 looked like a good deal to me, but not by much. Granted, prices were a lot lower in 1960, but minimum wage still barely cut it for a single man, and really didn’t work for a family.

I worked for Mr. Cooley as long as it took to find another job (at minimum wage) and quit “Cooley’s Box o’ Chicken” about three months later. When I gave notice, Mr. Cooley – I swear this is true

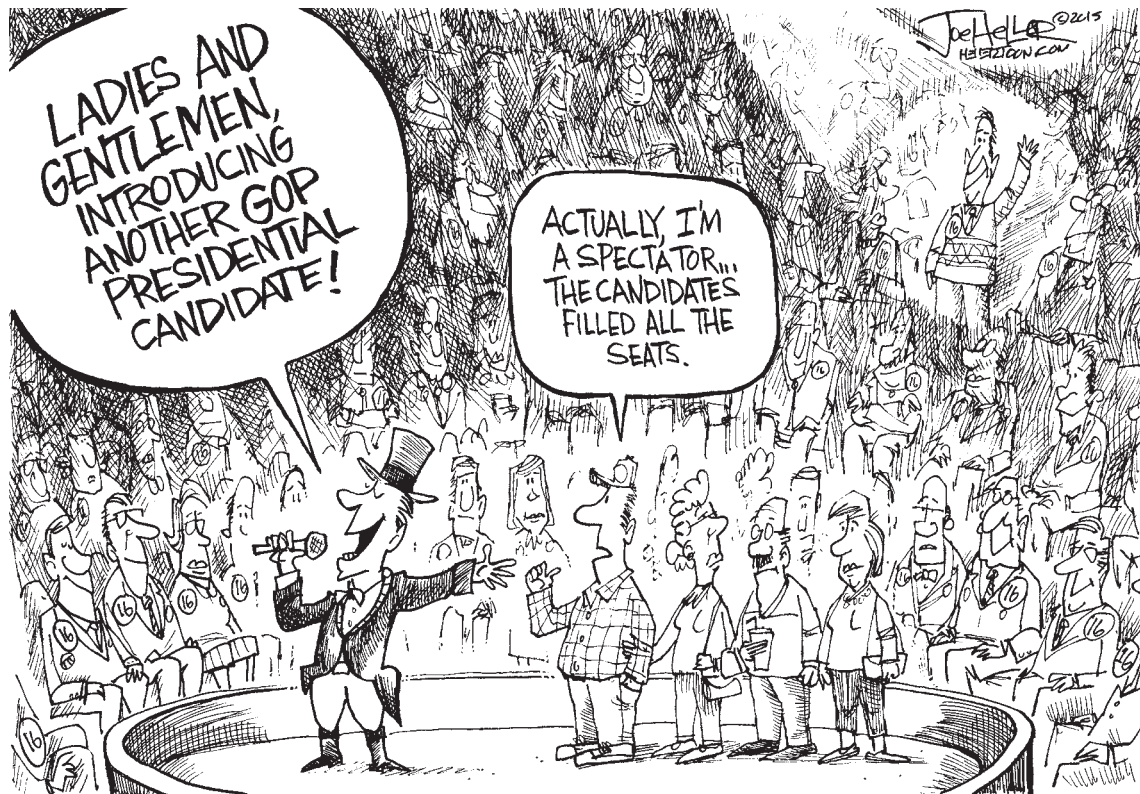
– told me I was crazy to leave “a good job like this” and I should see a psychiatrist. I skipped the psychiatrist, which with my weekly take home of 24 bucks was beyond my ability to pay, and hired on as a busboy at the Delray Beach Hotel. The Delray had seen better days, but it looked good to me, and my take home pay was about ten bucks more.

Today, that 40 bucks gross I

was happy to get in 1960 would be about \$325 a week – 8 bucks an hour, and sure enough, today’s minimum wage in Montana is \$8.05. But I can tell you one thing, for nothing: forty bucks in 1960 or 325 bucks in 2015 is not enough money to do anything but survive on – barely.

Today, eight years after the start of the Great Recession, job growth
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A Heller perspective...



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2015 Member

New law aims to improve youth suicide prevention

from the **Office of the Governor**

Responding to a series of youth suicides in Montana, Governor Steve Bullock hosted a ceremonial bill signing in May of a piece of legislation to combat this trend. Bullock was joined by bill sponsor, Rep. Edie McClafferty, at the signing at the Butte Health Department.

“Montana must do more to combat youth suicides in the state,” Bullock said of the measure. “This law will ensure that teachers and faculty members will know the signs demonstrated by students contemplating suicide, and ensure they know how best to address them.”

The law instructs the Montana Office of Public Instruction to develop a suicide awareness and prevention training curriculum for faculty and staff at schools, as well as recommending training for staff throughout the state.

“There is no community in Montana that has escaped the pain of youth suicide. Here in Butte, we know that pain all too well,” McClafferty said. “That is why I agreed to carry this bill during the 2015 legislative session. I strongly believe that as a school teacher, I want to be sure that my colleagues and I are doing everything we can to support students who are struggling, and ensure we’re able to take action in a timely and responsible manner.”

Since taking office, Bullock has worked to reduce suicides in Montana, as well as continuing to work to identify the causes of Montana’s high suicide rate. In addition to the legislation signed today, Bullock also provided funding for suicide prevention efforts in tribal communities in the budget he signed into law. He also signed into law measures to bolster the state’s community mental health infrastructure. In 2013, Bullock established the Suicide Review Team to identify the factors associated with suicide, in an effort to develop prevention strategies.

Studies have shown that suicide is the third leading cause of death among Americans aged 15-24.



Gov. Steve Bullock

VIDEOS: views on permissibility vary, from p. 1

Not included in the videos is information on what led to the court commitments to the MDC, what testimony was presented in court, or what issues may have kept the clients at the MDC since their arrival. Also not included in the videos is any expert medical input on the clients.

Court records on the commitment hearings as well as records on the treatment of the clients at the MDC are sealed due to privacy rights determinations.

In a May 22 letter to State Rep. Kirk Wagoner, DPHHS Director Richard Opper said he reviewed a request from Wagoner about the matter with "my legal and clinical staff."

The letter cites a Montana law, MCA 53-20-144(2), which prohibits the taking or using of "nonmedical or nonhabilitative photographs without the consent of the resident's parents or guardian or the responsible person appointed by the court." It also says, "An entity is in violation of HIPAA [a federal law on medical privacy rights] if it discloses protected health information, including the identity of residents of MDC and the fact they reside there, without appropriate and competent written consent."

In one of the videos, the client is shown a multi-page document which is explained by the DRM representative as giving DRM permission to shoot the video. Without evidence the client read the document or even quickly reviewed it, the client signs the form. The other video does not include any such reference.

Opper's letter says DPHHS' chief legal counsel asked DRM to provide copies of any releases but DRM refused.

The letter also questions the legal competency of the two clients to give informed permission. "These clients would not be MDC residents if a court had not determined they were 'impaired in cognitive functioning,'" says the letter from DPHHS.

Franks-Ongoy says both clients signed a release and were empowered to do so.

"We are certainly aware of confidentiality," says Franks-Ongoy. "Those two clients are their own legal guardians," neither has a court-appointed guardian, and "both legally have the capacity to give consent," she adds.

Opper's letter questions the widespread release of the videos.

"Many unimpaired internet users fail to understand the permanence of internet postings and learn to regret the detrimental effect such public exposure can have on their future reputation, security and safety," says Opper in his letter to Wagoner. "People with cognitive impairments like these clients are even more vulnerable to exploitation resulting from such exposure."

Opper says DRM did not inform DPHHS of their plans to videotape the clients and post the videos online. "DPHHS staff has no authority to censor the day-to-day interactions between DRM and MDC clients, or DRM's posting of these videos on the internet. DRM alone was responsible for taking and posting the video tapes," concludes Opper.

The DRM website says, "Disability Rights Montana is the federally-mandated civil rights protection and advocacy system for Montana. We have the legal authority to represent almost any person with a disability."

Had DRM given the MDC prior notice of its plans, Opper says, the staff psychiatrist at MDC would have discouraged such action because it "might lead to clinical decompensation and recurrence of symptomatology that could include harm to self and others."

Dr. Michelle McCall also would have "vehemently advised against" sharing the videos on social media be-

cause "it is well-established that social media is used by many a predator looking to exploit those who are vulnerable, whether that be fiscally, sexually, emotionally, or any number of other ways."

Noting that DRM has advocated for community placement for people with developmental disabilities, Opper says, "It is puzzling that DRM, which urged that MDC be closed for client safety, would take ill-advised actions that may expose these clients to much greater risk in community settings when they leave MDC."

Asked whether DRM consulted any medical personnel regarding the clients prior to the videotaping, Franks-Ongoy said, "We consulted all the necessary people we needed to consult."

Well aware of the need to protect the people with developmental disabilities whom they represent, Franks-Ongoy added, "We take multiple things into consideration before we act."

She also says many of the issues raised in Opper's letter were never raised when DRM was trying to get the clients to Helena to testify as they had requested.

MDC "never raised the issue of medical concerns or psychological concerns," she says. "They only said they did not have enough staff to be able to transport them."

During the legislative debate on closing the MDC, the DPHHS remained neutral and did not testify either in favor or against the proposal.

Opper's letter adds, "Whatever DRM's reasons were for publicly posting the videos of vulnerable clients, it is hard to argue that the decision was in the clients' interest."

But Franks-Ongoy says the action was in the best interest of the clients, giving voice to their desires on an issue important to their future.

WAGES, from p. 4

continues and we once again are close to having what economists call "full employment," meaning that "all available labor resources are being used in the most economically efficient way" (definition thanks to investopedia.com).

Whether or not you agree with that, with the unemployment rate at 5.4 percent (full employment is between 5 and 5.2 percent), it is at full employment that the labor market can command higher wages, and thus wages should now be rising. However, they aren't.

My guess is that people who have jobs are scared to ask for salary increases, having just come off the worst economic roller coaster ride in 90 years. But even as profits are up in most industries, employers haven't felt a need to increase wages. That's too, bad, especially because it would work to employers' advantage.

Henry Ford, who was not known as a spendthrift, decided to pay his employees five dollars a day at a time when average wages were half of that. Businessmen thought he would go broke - in

fact, hoped for it so they wouldn't have to raise their own employees' wages. But as a result of Ford's decision, worker efficiency improved, turnover decreased, and employee loyalty increased. Even paying twice as much as other manufacturers, Ford's operating costs fell. Ford called it, "One of the finest cost-cutting moves we ever made."

A word to the wise, as they say.

Jim Elliott is a former Montana state legislator.

Whitehall museum opens for summer

from Jefferson Valley Museum

The Jefferson Valley Museum in Whitehall opened for its 20th summer season Saturday, May 23. The museum at 303 South Division will be open noon to 4 p.m., Tuesdays through Sundays until September 15.

Exhibits feature local history from Lewis & Clark through gold miners, pioneers, railroad, agriculture and more. A cowboy room depicts one man's collection of spurs, branding irons, and other local memorabilia. Also on display are some old mine cars contributed by the Golden Sunlight Mine. New this year is a window from the old Catholic Church in Whitehall.

The Town of Whitehall, founded in 1890, is marking its 125th anniversary this year. The museum will be joining the Whitehall Chamber of Commerce in observing the anniversary.

The museum is south of Legion across the railroad tracks in a big red barn.




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**City of Boulder Wastewater System
Improvement Project
June 2015 Update**

Construction of the new mechanical wastewater treatment facility located on Muskrat Lane and led by Swank Construction is over 53% complete and continuing for a late August or September startup. The facility construction is continuing with the bio-reactor treatment structure complete, the treatment building erection, drying bed construction, piping and equipment installation. The water meter installation, as required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), has continued at all existing City residence and business locations under a separate contract with Bullock Contracting. Approximately 99% of all water meter installations are complete with cleanup work continuing around town. Anticipated activities for the month of June, with continued increased traffic on Main Street, Fourth Avenue and in residential areas from large trucks and equipment, include:

- Continued treatment building construction at the site
- Continued yard piping and equipment installations at the site
- Continued material and equipment deliveries to the site
- Completion of water meter installations and clean up around town
- Sewer line replacement between W. Leslie and W. 1st Ave., west of Monroe St.

As the water meter installation and cleanup is completed around town, please continue to be aware of the heavy traffic and excavation activities.

Funding for the project comes from grants and loans obtained by the City of Boulder from government agencies; the largest of which was received from the USDA Rural Development Grant and Loan Program. Additional funding was received from the Montana Department of Commerce Treasure State Endowment Program and Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Renewable Resource Grant offices. Scheduled completion is October 2015.

City of Boulder - PO Box 68 - Boulder, MT 59632 - 406-225-3381
For more information regarding the Wastewater System Improvement project
- or any other city projects - please call Diana Van Haecke or Rick Streib at 225-3381.

The City of Boulder is an equal opportunity provider.

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NOTICE - TAX APPEAL BOARD IN SESSION

The Jefferson County Tax Appeal Board will be in session from July 1 through December 31, 2015, for the business of hearing appeals. Any taxpayer who disagrees with the appraised value of his or her property may file an appeal with the Jefferson County Tax Appeal Board on or before the first Monday in June or within 30 days of receipt of a Notice of Classification and Appraisal, or Notice to Change Valuation (assessment notice), whichever is later. If you have not yet received a notice of classification and appraisal, consider the first Monday in June as the deadline to file an appeal. It is possible that not all taxpayers will receive an assessment notice. Appeal forms are available at the Dept. of Revenue (Assessor's) Office.

Bonnie Ramey, Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder

Legal 15-054 Published in the Boulder Monitor May 13, 20, 27 and June 3, 2015 MNAXLP

Clancy Days is coming

Saturday, June 13th

- flea market/vendors
- gigantic book sale
- BBQ • puck duck race
- parade • live music

Contact Marci Parks at 202-0633 for more info.

WANTED: ARTISAN VENDORS

Boulder Artisan/Farmer's Market is expanding!

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Contact: Bob or Terri Anderson (406) 470-0496, Connie Grenz 225-3288 or email robertanderson217@gmail.com

Quinn Memorial Scholarships accepting applications

The 2015 Quinn Memorial Art, Theatre, and Agriculture scholarships have been opened up to past recipients and past applicants. If you meet the requirements for one of these scholarships, please send a letter of application and copy of current college transcripts to:

Jefferson High School
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Applications must be post marked by July 1, 2015

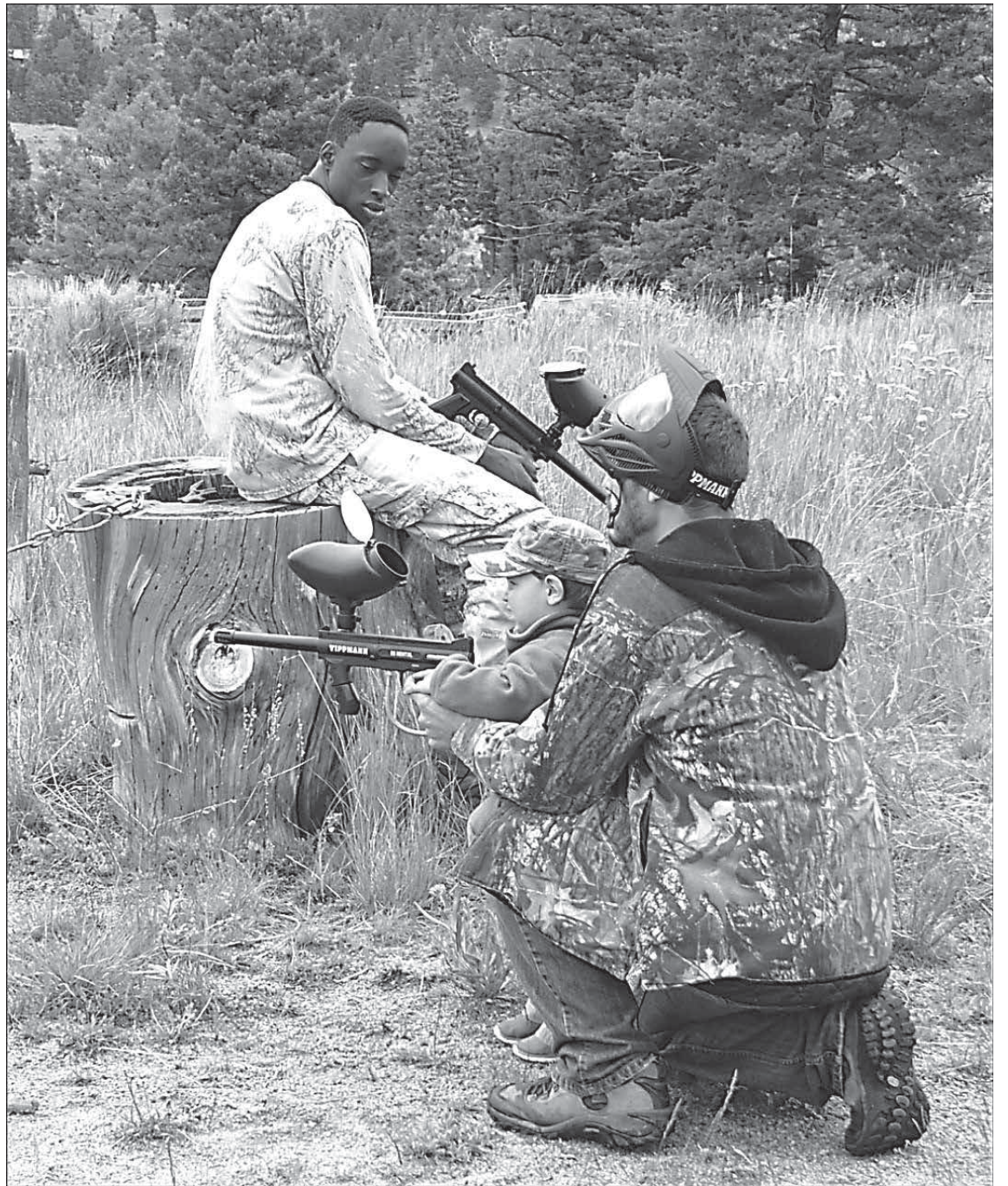
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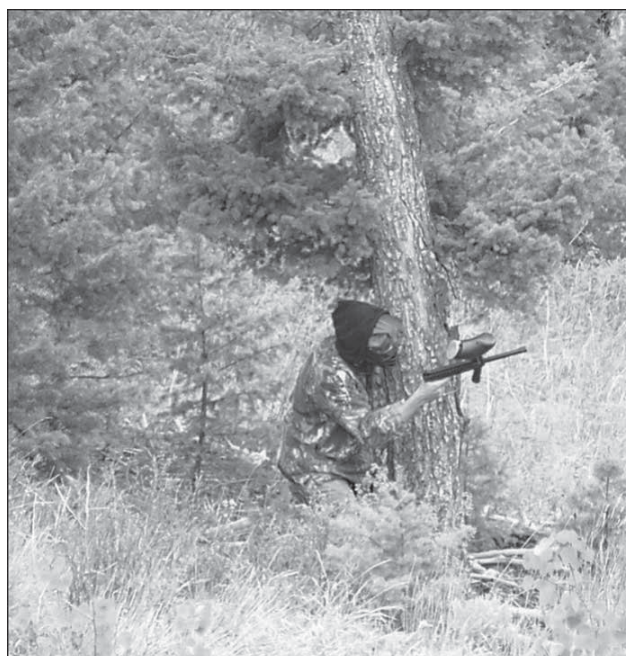
Mick Freeland shows his son, two-year-old River, how to shoot at the target during a break in the action, while uncle Rahkei Eyer looks on. (Photos by Cristina Ronayne)



During a game of capture the flag, Mick Freeland keeps the opponents holed up. At right, Liam Ronayne takes cover from the fire, trying to get closer to the flag.



Tap, tap, tap, tap, splat...taking aim at childhood abuse and neglect



Using a tree and other vegetation for cover, this participant scopes out where he should place his next shot.

from **CASA of Southwest Montana**

The 5th Judicial Voice for Children CASA of Southwest Montana hosted a paintball tournament on Saturday, May 30 just outside of Boulder. The weather dampened the participation, but those that showed up had a blast.

The goal of the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) program in Montana is to attend to the needs and welfare of abused and neglected children. Working through trained volunteers, this local non-profit group works with children to provide them with a voice, and a hope, and a future.

CASA volunteers in the 5th Judicial District of Montana work in Beaverhead, Jefferson, and Madison Counties. Advocates are appointed by judges to speak out for the best interests of children who have been removed from their homes through no fault of their own. These children are usually in temporary foster care and group homes. The CASA is often the only constant in the lives of such children who often face an uncertain future.

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Left, hippity hops, sack races and dress up relays were some of the games students participated in during the annual fun day hosted by Boulder Elementary's Parent Council. The volunteer fire department turned the field into a water park, allowing students to slip and slide across the lawn or run through the giant "sprinkler".

Boulder Elementary holds annual Fun Day



Kindergartners toss the egg hoping it won't break on them.



Alyssa Conroy is hoping for a strike in Soda Bowling. The pins got the best of her game. (Photos by Cristina Ronayne)



Lots of carnival style games filled Fun Day. Above, first graders try their hand at ring toss, aiming for the pegs with the most points.



Sixth graders take a break from the outdoor activities and work on quilt squares that will soon decorate the hallway of the school.

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Left, graduates show appreciation to teachers and family members for support during their high school years. Above, Braden Rykal and Jenna Ryan walk down the aisle ready to celebrate the end of high school. Below, one graduate takes time to ponder what the future will hold after high school with a quote from "Dead Poets Society." (Photos by Jan Anderson)

GRADUATION: a time for giving and receiving, from p. 1

bars, stuffed animals, a toothbrush, a rock – trinkets with a special meaning for them.

Giving is what the Class of 2015 has been all about, said commencement speaker Piccolo. From the day he first arrived in her classroom, Jesse Lantz always asked what he could do to help her, she said. Becky Gerst always had just the right words for her to make the day better, noted Piccolo.

Every graduate was named in Piccolo's speech, each recognized for a special talent or achievement or quality that helped make the Class of 2015 unique and special.

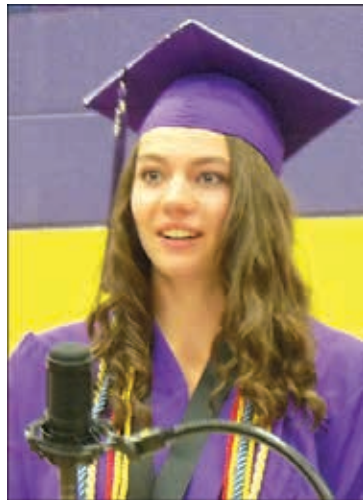
An outward symbol of their individuality, many of the class members had decorated their mortarboards with messages. From the simple "Hi, Mom," to a lengthy quote from the movie "Dead Poets Society," the mortarboard messages carried special significance for the graduate under the cap.

A highlight of the ceremony was a class video filled with images of the graduates as infants and toddlers, comments on what high school meant to them, advice for the freshmen, and role reversals in which a graduate portrayed a teacher and the teacher portrayed the student.

Scholarships, not mentioned aloud at the ceremony but listed in the program, honored many of the class members. A new scholarship, the Dillon Foundation "Good Person Award" went to four class members: Logan Brensdal, Colter Brustkern, Darcie Bullock and Lexi Vossler. Numerous other community organizations and businesses also honored the graduates with scholarships.

Salutatorian Jordan Riggs and Valedictorian Jacob Smith each briefly addressed their classmates, offering thanks and encouragement.

Members of the Class of 2015: Holter Bailey, Logan Brensdal, Colter Brustkern, Darcie Bullock, Bryson Champa, Keenan Charlton, Austin Clark, Becky Gerst, Faith Hauptman, Makila Hicks, Will Hoechst, Tyler Jacobs, Dylan Johnson, Sydney Jones, Tyler Kauffman, Jesse Lantz, Ana McDougall, Zach McFadden, Katherine Fjeldseth, Marcus Maniz, Mickenzie Palmer, Rickelle Powers, Rudy Preskar, Brayden Rader, Lane Rapley, Jordan Riggs, Katina Rogge, Trevor Russell, Jenna Ryan, Braden Rykal, Ivy Scoville, Jacob Smith, Cheyanne Sutherlin, Lexi Vossler, Allysha Wilkinson, Bethany Wilkinson, Janessa Williams, Moa Winnige and Gabe Youde.



Above, Janessa Williams introduces guest speaker, Linda Piccolo. Left, Jordan Riggs, diploma in hand, takes his first steps as a high school graduate.

Scholarship recognition

The following scholarships and military service were noted in the Jefferson High graduation program.

Scholarships

Jacob Smith: Governor's Best & Brightest, JHS Student Council, Masonic Lodge, MSU Premier Scholarship

Logan Brensdal: Janice M. Cooper, Boulder Monitor/Courier, Tom Bell, Ronald Fuller Memorial Scholarship, Mike Bullock Scholarship, Dillon Foundation "Good Person Award"

Colter Brustkern: William Kosola, Boulder Monitor/Courier, Nelson & Eve Seeley, Helena Engineers Club, Carroll College Presidential Scholarship, Opportunity Award Scholarship, Student Assistance Foundation Circle of Success, Dillon Foundation "Good Person Award"

Darcie Bullock: Golden Sunlight Mine, Dillon Foundation "Good Person Award"

Lexi Vossler: Golden Sunlight Mine, Dillon Foundation "Good Person Award"

Jordan Riggs: Student Council

Jenna Ryan: Masonic Lodge

Becky Gerst: Track Scholarship MSU-Billings, American Legion Oratorical

Holter Bailey: Youth Serve Montana Scholarship

Sydney Jones: U of M Educational Scholarship, DUI Task Force

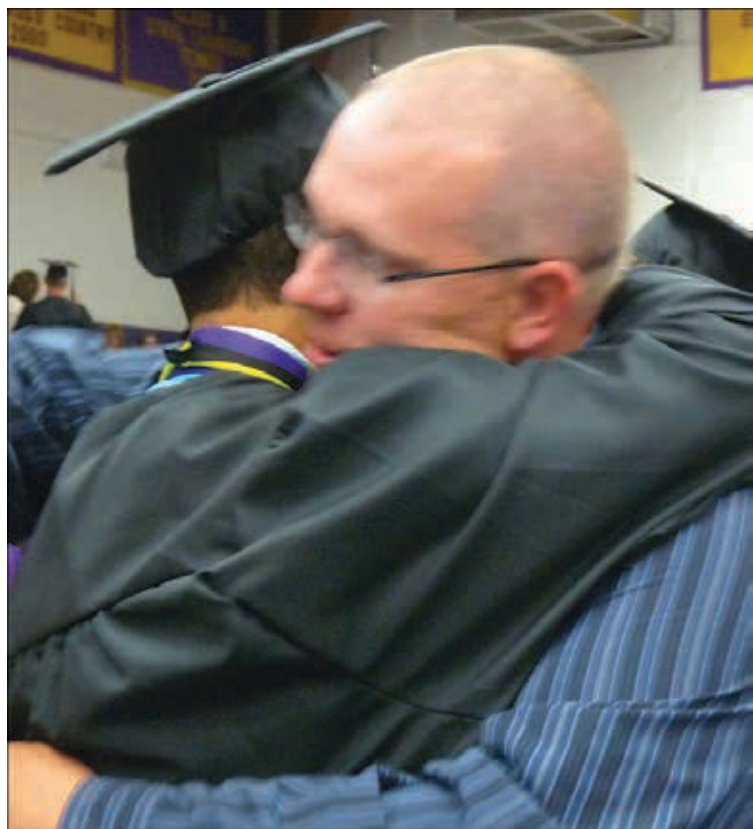
Military Service

Ivy Scoville: US Army Reserve

Ana McDougall: US Army Reserve Post 9/11 GI Bill

Rudy Preskar: Montana National Guard Post 9/11 GI Bill

Zach McFadden: Montana National Guard



Jefferson
High
celebrates
the
**CLASS
OF
2015**



Clockwise from top left: A photo of Zach McFadden as a youngster lights the screen during the senior video; Darcie Bullock and Lexi Vossler enter the graduation ceremony; Roses lie ready to be handed out to loved ones in recognition of their support of the graduates; former JHS teacher Linda Piccolo addresses the graduates; A mortarboard acknowledges a graduate's mom; Hugs for the graduates and loved ones. (Photos by Jan Anderson)



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Hill School, rehabilitated with a Preserve Montana Fund grant, proudly shines against the Montana landscape. (Photo by the Montana Preservation Alliance)

ABCs & 123s: Montana's historic rural schoolhouses

by **Christine Brown**

Outreach & Education Director
Montana Preservation Alliance

Montana is well known for its breathtaking mountain views, majestic lakes and vast expanses of open prairie, but one new study is honing in on a particular type of building often seen within those iconic viewsheds – the country schoolhouse.

At one time, there were an estimated 2600 rural schools in Montana. Beginning with the missions and gold camps, schoolhouses became essential community institutions and in the era of statehood and homesteading, they multiplied across the state. Today, Montana has more one- and two-room schools still in operation than any other state. Those still in operation are in good shape, but many of these beloved historic buildings are in urgent need of care and upkeep. Unless painting, roofing and repairs are done, these schools will be lost, erasing an essential part of Montana's heritage.

That's why the Montana Pres-

ervation Alliance recently has launched the Big Sky Schoolhouse Survey, a comprehensive statewide architectural survey and evaluation of Montana's historic rural one- and two-room schoolhouses. In every corner of the state, rural heritage is reflected by log, wood, brick and stone schools from days gone by. As time marches on, many school districts, rural communities and citizens struggle to maintain these handcrafted buildings. To that end, MPA announced this new effort to spotlight Montana's rural schoolhouses and to work to preserve them.

In fall 2014, MPA began compiling historical and geographical information on schoolhouses in each county with a grant from the Montana History Foundation. In addition to reaching out to county superintendents and local historical societies for information, they've combed the history books for references to small town schoolhouses and used historic topographic map information to



pinpoint school locations. They also created a comprehensive database to hold information for each schoolhouse, which eventually will be available online for researchers to use.

In summer 2015, a student intern from Middle Tennessee State University's Historic Preservation program and a seasoned MPA volunteer will hit the road to locate and photo document schools that are still standing. The focus this year is on counties in southwest and north central Montana. Ultimately, the goal is to locate and document schoolhouses in every county, and actively encourage stabilization of those most threatened.

"Through these efforts we hope to identify and help property owners who are interested in stabilizing and repairing their school," says program coordinator Christine Brown. "Not every schoolhouse can have a new use, but our hope is to encourage stabilization of rural schoolhouses

so that this strong and tangible piece of Montana history is there for future generations to learn about and enjoy. In many ways, any schoolhouse can continue to be a teaching tool."

Three important and well-coordinated efforts to raise awareness and revive historic schoolhouses have been underway since 2012. The Preserve Montana Fund at the Montana History Foundation was established that year and has distributed over \$50,000 to stabilize rural schoolhouses in the past three years with the dollar amount going to schools increasing every year. The driving force behind that increasing grant fund is the book "Visions and Voices: Montana's One-Room Schoolhouses" by Charlotte Caldwell. The first printing in 2012 sold out quickly, and the second edition was released in fall 2014. Caldwell has dedicated 100 percent of the profits from the book's sales to MHF's Preserve Montana Fund specifically for preserving

schoolhouses.

Through the Big Sky Survey, MPA hopes to encourage more property owners to apply for schoolhouse preservation grants and seek advice from MPA's experienced staff. More information on the grant program can be found at mthistory.org/.

The third noteworthy effort to bring Montana's country schools into the spotlight came when the National Trust for Historic Preservation listed Historic Rural Schoolhouses of Montana on its 2013 List of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. In the words of NTHP President Stephanie Meeks, "The proud rural heritage of Montana is reflected in its unparalleled collection of historic country schools." The listing was accompanied by much statewide press and a subsequent article in the trust's monthly publication, Preservation Magazine.

The Montana Preservation Alliance is a statewide nonprofit organization working since 1987, through advocacy and educational programs, to save and protect Montana's historic places, traditional landscapes and cultural heritage.

If you would like to share information about a historic rural schoolhouse or volunteer to document or research schoolhouses, email christine@preservemontana.org or call 406-457-2822.

STUDENT NEWS

Martha Hartnett of Clancy has earned a spot on the Montana State University-Northern's spring semester Dean's List. To achieve the honor, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.25 or better while taking at least 12 credits. Students who receive a pass, incomplete or "F" during the semester are not eligible for the list.



County building rising quickly

What a difference a week made in the construction of the new Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder building. Above, workers smooth and level the floor of the building on May 19. Exactly one week later, the building's walls were up and the rafters were being hoisted into place. Although the contract allows until the new year for completion, estimates are that it will be ready in November, officials say. (Anderson photos)



Crossword: On The Farm

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1. Staples Center, e.g.
- 6. *Some tractors have an enclosed one
- 9. French cabaret legend Edith
- 13. Hogwarts professor and part werewolf
- 14. Female gametes
- 15. "A ___ ate my baby"
- 16. Through this and thin
- 17. Aquatic shocker
- 18. Happen
- 19. *Fruit trees
- 21. *Traditional "mower"
- 23. E in BCE
- 24. 1950s pin-up
- 25. Accounting degree
- 28. Month of Purim
- 30. Stream of revenue
- 35. *Barbecued pig or cow anatomy
- 37. Away from wind
- 39. Swamp plant
- 40. Elliptical
- 41. *Livestock farm
- 43. Pineapple producer
- 44. Some are cuckoo for these puffs
- 46. "Why not?"
- 47. Rushed
- 48. *Animal house

- 50. Juicing byproduct
 - 52. They often pop up
 - 53. Beer spouts
 - 55. Lake in France
 - 57. *Used on sheep
 - 60. *Pullets and drakes, e.g.
 - 64. To bake an egg in its shell
 - 65. It's sometimes high or low
 - 67. Sound of pinched nose
 - 68. One who ___ around
 - 69. Hammurabi's code, e.g.
 - 70. "It's the latest ___"
 - 71. Edible root of taro plant
 - 72. Wife's title
 - 73. Wives of one man
- DOWN**
- 1. Choir member
 - 2. German industrial valley
 - 3. Larger-than-life
 - 4. A position well suited to person occupying it
 - 5. Turkish capital
 - 6. For boys and girls
 - 7. As opposed to St. or Blvd.
 - 8. Crafter's wood
 - 9. Ancient Briton
 - 10. Give some this and they take a mile
 - 11. Malaria symptom
 - 12. Hemingway's "___ Whom the Bell Tolls"
 - 15. A man who is senior member of group, pl.
 - 20. Kind of police gun
 - 22. Computer-generated

- imagery, acr.
 - 24. Engaged couple's contracts
 - 25. The Nile is famous for these
 - 26. Turning point
 - 27. Manila hemp
 - 29. "Oh, my!"
 - 31. U.S. law-enforcement agents
 - 32. Used to treat Parkinson's disease
 - 33. Amorously checked out
 - 34. *Pesky farm intruders
 - 36. Like Oscar in "The Odd Couple"
 - 38. Very light brown
 - 42. Conversation starter
 - 45. Communion tables
 - 49. *Corn piece
 - 51. Protruding belly
 - 54. Sacred song
 - 56. "The Nutcracker" protagonist
 - 57. Food fish
 - 58. *A quadruped's ___ quarters
 - 59. Consequently
 - 60. Seats for a flock
 - 61. One of the Romanovs
 - 62. Level to the ground
 - 63. Original matter
 - 64. Female
 - 66. Hot Wheel
- For puzzle solution see page 13**

Challenge your word skills every week with the *Monitor* crossword.






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Kids: color stuff in! 

Are you thinking about going to camp this summer? There are many kinds of camps, all with different activities and schedules. Some kids go to camp for all or part of a day. Children who go to an overnight camp often sleep in a cabin with other campers. Whatever kind of camp you choose, have fun and make new friends!

Going to Camp

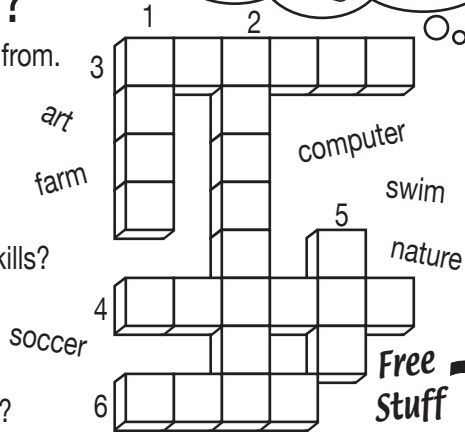
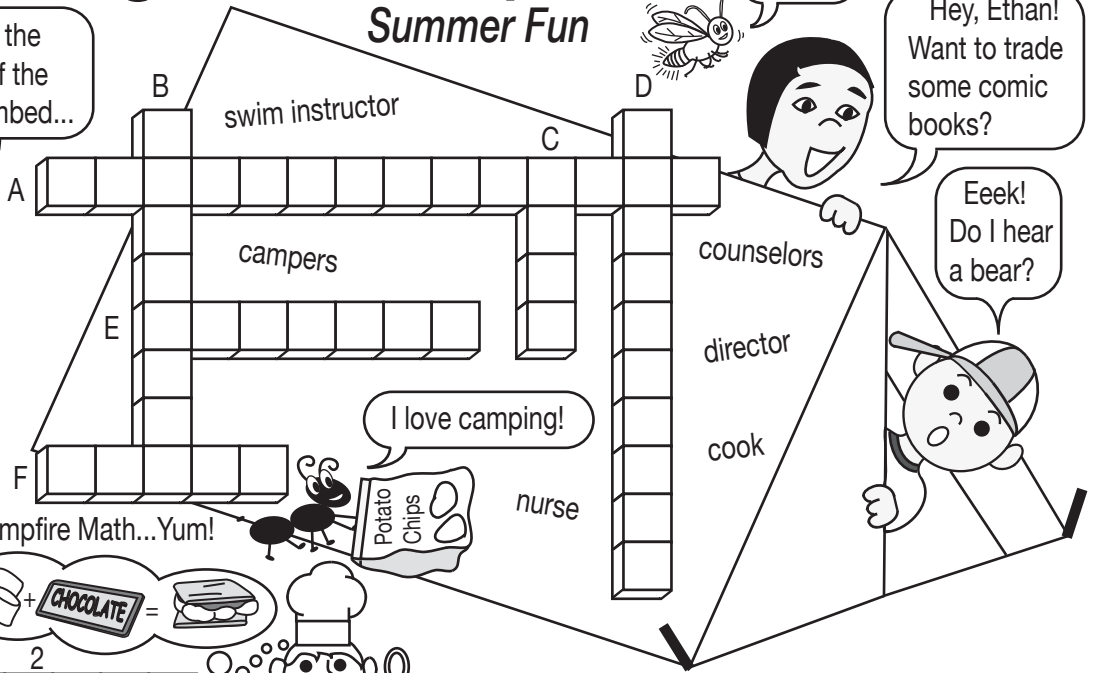


What Kind of Camp?

There are many kinds of camps to choose from. Which camp are you going to if you are:

1. learning water safety, practicing water skills?
2. programming, drawing graphics?
3. learning the rules of the game, practicing skills?
4. hiking, learning about plants and animals in the woods?
5. cartooning, painting, dancing?
6. learning to care for animals, growing plants?

...and so the ghosts of the trees climbed...

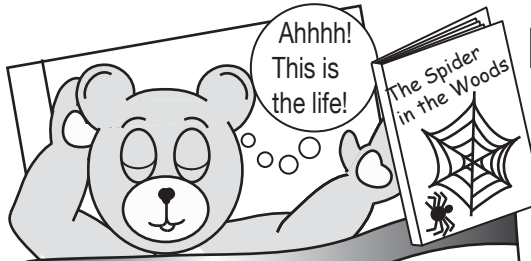


You can camp right in your own backyard. Invite a friend. Pitch a tent and have a blast!

The people at camp make camp exciting! Who are they?

- A. teaches water safety and swimming skills
- B. head of camp, runs programs, greets campers
- C. decides what you eat, prepares it
- D. lead children in activities, help with all questions
- E. children who come to learn or have fun at camp
- F. person who helps when you're not feeling well

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Packing For Camp?

Kids going to overnight camp will get a list of things to bring with them. Find and circle these items that may be on that list:

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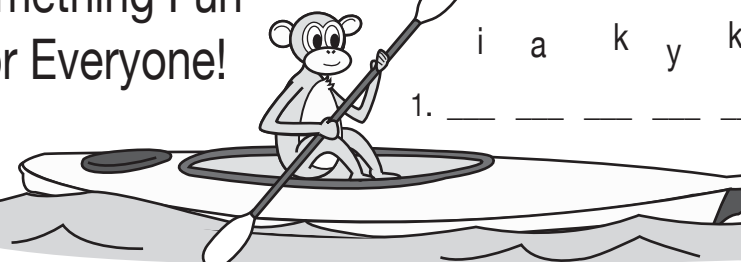
Night Hike!


Start at the moon. Find a pathway to the cabin so the moon can light the way to where you'll be sleeping.





Something Fun For Everyone!

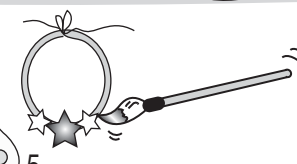
There are many activities to choose from at camp. Can you unscramble these?


1.  i a k y k a n g

2.  n i g f i h s

3.  a d e n c

4.  u s c m i

5.  c s r t a f

6.  i s a m g n y t c s

New old sign

An old sign about old things has a new location. A sign describing the history of the Jefferson County Courthouse had been sitting inside the courthouse for about nine years until Ellen Rae Thiel of the Heritage Center asked the newest commissioner, Cory Kirsch, why it had never been installed. In just over two weeks, "he made it happen," she said. The sign now sits at the south entrance to the courthouse. (Courtesy photo)



PUZZLE SOLUTION

Answers to page 11 crossword puzzle.

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Becoming an Outdoors Woman

from FWP

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks' Becoming an Outdoors Woman Program (BOW) is sponsoring several workshops this spring and summer.

The following classes are designed for adult women but are open to anyone 18 years of age and older.

- A Firearms Shooting class will be held at the Central Montana Shooting Complex in Lewistown on June 13. Participants will gain comfort and confidence in shooting rifles, shotguns and pistols. Participants must have completed a Hunter Education course, NRA shooting course, or the BOW Basic Gun Handling course as a prerequisite to attend. The registration fee of \$40 includes lunch and the use of all firearms.



- A Muzzle Loading and Primitive Skills Rendezvous class will be held near Thompson Falls June 13 & 14. Participants will experience an 1800s style mountain man camp and learn to shoot a muzzle loader, throw tomahawks, cook in a Dutch oven, and start a fire with flint and steel. The registration fee of \$85 includes two nights camping and some meals.

- A Nature Journaling class will be held at Spring Meadow Lake State Park in Helena on June 14. This class will explore how to cap-

ture not only the physical presence of our experiences in nature, but also the journalists' feelings and interpretations. The class is open to beginner and experienced nature journalists. The registration fee of \$15 will include some art supplies.

Registration forms are available at fwp.mt.gov; click "Becoming an Outdoors Woman", under the Education tab. For more information, contact FWP-BOW, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT, 59620; call 406-444-9940; or email Liz Lodman at: lloodman@mt.gov.

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FWP: If you care, leave them there

from Montana FWP

Every spring Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks issues a message to Montanans to leave new born fawns, birds, and other infant wildlife where people find them.

"If you care, leave them there," said Ron Aasheim, spokesman for Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks in Helena.

Aasheim said that most birds, for instance, learn to fly from the ground up, and not from the nest.

"Whether you find a fawn or fledgling bird under a tree in a neighbor's yard or bunny under a bush it's important to know that wild animals commonly cache their young for periods of time to protect them from predators while the adults are feeding."

Montana law prohibits the capture, feeding, possession and ha-



A young deer rests in the forest. Though endearing in a way that seems to invite taking him home, that is not a good idea for you or the animal. (FWP photo)

rassment of wildlife—both game and nongame species. These laws also protect Montana's wild animals from becoming "pets."

To learn more about living with Montana's wildlife, visit the FWP website at fwp.mt.gov then Living With Wildlife.

LEGALS

NOTICE

An application for a Floodplain Development Permit has been submitted to the Jefferson County Floodplain Administrator. Your comments and concerns are welcomed.

Date of Notice: June 3, 2015

Date of Application: March 31, 2015

Applicant: Montana Department of Transportation

PO Box 201001

Helena, Montana 59620-1001

Scope/Purpose of Project: This is an application proposing to rehabilitate and reconstruct MT Highway 69. The project includes roadway widening and resurfacing, major grading, and

replacement of drainage structures including one bridge over the Little Boulder River, with changes to the horizontal and vertical alignment. The project has been designed to avoid impacts to the Boulder River; however, numerous irrigation crossings will be affected due to the widening of the roadway.
Name of Stream/Water Body: Murphy Ditch, Franchi Ditch, Killian's Spring, Farnham Creek/Goat Canyon Creek, Little Boulder River, Franchi-Smith Ditch, State Ditch, Evans-State Ditch

Location of Project: Sections 3, 4, 10, 11, 13 and 14 Township 5 North, Range 4 West; Sections 32 and 33,

Township 6 North, Range 4 West

Comments concerning this application for a permit related to this activity in the floodplain must be submitted within fifteen (15) days of this notice, or by June 18, 2015.

Jefferson County Floodplain Administrator

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How to compare and locate senior housing options

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Jim Miller

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you go over the different types of housing options available to seniors, and recommend some good resources for locating and choosing one? I need to find a place for my elderly mother, and could use some help.

Searching Daughter

Dear Searching,

There's a wide array of housing options available to seniors, but what's appropriate for your mom will depend on her needs and financial situation. Here's a rundown of the different levels of senior housing and some resources to help you search.

Independent living: If your mom is in relatively good health and is self-sufficient, "independent living communities" are a good place to start. Typically available to people over age 55, this type of senior housing is usually apartments or town homes that are fully functional. In addition, many of these com-

munities also offer amenities such as meals served in a common dining area, housekeeping, transportation and a variety of social activities.

To locate this type of housing, contact your Area Agency on Aging (call 800-677-1116 to get your local number), or use on-line services like *newlifestyles.com* and *caring.com*. Most of these communities are private-pay only, and run anywhere from \$1000 to over \$4000 per month.

If that's too expensive, another option is "senior apartments," which are often subsidized by HUD for lower income seniors. You can locate these through your local housing authority or online at *hud.gov* - click on "Find Rental Assistance."

Assisted living: If your mom needs some help with daily living activities, an "assisted living facility" is another option. These facilities provide personal care (like bathing, dressing, eating, going to the bathroom)

as needed, as well as meals, housekeeping, transportation, social activities and medication management. Many facilities also offer special care units for residents with dementia. Costs typically run between \$2000 to \$5000 or more per month. Most resident's pay for assisted living from personal funds, and some have long-term care insurance policies. But, some states now have voucher plans that let you use Medicaid money.

Another similar, but less expensive option to look into is "board and care homes." These offer many of the same services

as assisted living facilities but in a much smaller home setting.

Your Area Aging Agency is again a good resource for finding these facilities, as are the previously listed senior housing locator websites. And for help choosing a facility, the Assisted Living Federation of America offers an excellent guide at *alfa.org/checklist*.

Nursing homes: If your mom needs ongoing medical and personal care, a "nursing home," which provides 24-hour skilled nursing care, is the next option. To find a good one, use Medicare's nursing home compare tool at *medicare.gov/nursing-homecompare*. But be aware that nursing home care is very expensive, costing anywhere between \$4,500 and \$11,000 per month depending on location. Most residents pay from either personal funds, a long-term care insurance policy, or through Medicaid after their savings are depleted.

Continuing-care retirement communities (CCRC's): If your mom has the financial resources, a "CCRC" is another excellent option that provides all levels of housing (independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing

home care) in one convenient location. But, these communities typically require a hefty entrance fee that can range from \$20,000 to \$500,000 or more, plus on-going monthly service fees that vary from around \$1000 to over \$5000. For more information see *carf.org/aging*.

Need Help?

Consider hiring an aging life care expert (*aginglifecare.org*) who can evaluate your mom's situation, and find appropriate housing for a fee - usually between \$300 and \$800. Or, you can use a senior-care advising service like A Place for Mom (*aplaceformom.com*, 866-344-8005) for free. (They get paid from the senior living facilities in their network.)

Some other helpful resources include the National Clearinghouse for Long-Term Care Information (*longtermcare.gov*), and your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (*shiptalk.org*), which provides free counseling.

Send your senior questions to: *Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.*

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With futures so bright they had to wear shades, the Clancy 6th and 7th grade jazz band plays it cool. (Photos by Misty Jacobs)

Clancy talent show filled with entertainment

by Misty Jacobs

Musical talent filled the Clancy gym May 22 as the school held its end of the year talent show.

Variety was the highlight of the day as a jump rope demo by fifth grader Shelby Ebert, a violin solo by Ian Lindsay, and a Tai Kwon Do demonstration by fifth grader Hailley Steeger and Lee Benner shared the bill with more traditional vocal and instrumental numbers.

Fourth grader Hallie Marks was

accompanied by her guitar instructor Mary Kinzer-Johnson in an acoustic guitar duet. Third grader Leanna Brown soloed on the piano.

Vocal offerings ranged from "You are my sunshine" to "Imagine" to "Country girl, shake it for me," all earning adoring applause

from parents, grandparents and other community members.

Looking too cool for school wearing their shades, the sixth and seventh grade jazz group "Black Ice" performed. Izzy Jacobs stepped up to the mic for her rendition of "Tom's Diner" accompanied by

brother Kaleb on the upright bass, Leanna Brown on piano and instructor Ron Brown on trumpet.

As usual, the show put just the right note on the end of the school year and left audience members commenting on the wide range of talented students at Clancy School.



Second grader Makena Mauro sings "Imagine."

Boulder Area Chamber of Commerce BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, June 10
City Hall, 5pm

Agenda Items may include but are not limited to:

- Guest presentations,
- JLDC Update,
- Minutes Approval,
- Administrative Reports,
- Committee Reports,
- Old Business,
- New Business,
- Adjournment.

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to Clancy Parade, one for all entrants.

Throughout the day the Jefferson County Museum and the Clancy Library will be open in the Old Red Schoolhouse. Live music will be offered at Chubby's.

Vendor booths are available for \$15 through Cami at 933-8769. Proceeds will benefit Friends of the Library North and the Clancy VFD, event sponsors.



First graders Michaela Morris and Meredith Reider sing "You are my sunshine."

WEATHER FORECAST FOR BOULDER, MONTANA 59632

Thursday, June 4	Friday, June 5	Saturday, June 6	Sunday, June 7	Monday, June 8	Tuesday, June 9	Wednesday, June 10
Showers. High 69°F Low 45°F	Isolated T-Storms. High 72°F Low 48°F	Partly Cloudy. High 75°F Low 48°F	Mostly Sunny. High 76°F Low 49°F	PM Thunderstorms. High 74°F Low 49°F	Mostly Sunny. High 77°F Low 49°F	Mostly Sunny. High 77°F Low 49°F

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