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Malta man's passion for photos leads to popular web page

by Mark Hebert

It was said, a long time ago, that a picture is worth a thousand words. Well, that was said in the day and age before Facebook. Now the saying could be changed to "a picture is worth a thousand words ... but if you have a thousand friends on Facebook, the pictures could generate millions of words.

On a whim, about two years ago, Malta resident Ken Ulrich posted a few pictures on his personal Facebook page of Malta High School, photos taken back in the early 1960's when he attended the school. He was shocked to see how many people commented on the pictures, adding interesting tidbits or recalling memories from long ago. Around the same time, a friend of Ulrich's showed him a page called When we were kids in Cutbank, Montana on Facebook.

"Well, I've only got 50 friends on Facebook, but the response was overwhelming," said Ulrich. "I decided that I had to put these up where more people could enjoy them."

In March of 2011, Ulrich started a Facebook page entitled Phillips County Montana - Memories.

Since putting up the group site on Facebook, Phillips County Montana - Memories has received over 1,300 likes (equivalent to joining a group on Facebook.) Besides the people who officially "liked" the site, Ulrich said another 2,000 people check the site on a weekly basis. He said that counties across the state of Montana have a site like his, but maybe they haven't had as much luck in finding pictures as Ulrich has had.

"Greg Smith, from Fiegel Photos here in town, found his grandfather's (Elmer Fiegel) negatives that had nearly been destroyed," said Ulrich. "A guy named Tom Peigneux had digitized about 10,000 pictures, but there are still 30,000 that he didn't."

Smith's grandfather's photos, they found out, legally belonged to the Fiegel Estate. He said that the Phillips County Museum has the 10,000 pictures that Peigneux scanned and once the other 30,000 from the Fiegel estate are scanned that they will also be in the county museum's files. Elmer Fiegel was the county photographer from about 1958 until about 1980, according to Ulrich. Before Elmer Fiegel the county photographer was a man by the last name of Cole who owned the Cole Studios and many of the postcards posted on the Phillips County Montana - Memories site are pictures he has taken. Aside from the professional photographers, dozens of people have sent Ulrich pictures to post on his Facebook page which adds to the fun of the site, said Ulrich. One of which was a postcard he purchased on Ebay which shows the Malta High School Gym when it was first built in about 1948 (now the "Old Gym").

"I got that one from a person in North Carolina," said Ulrich. "The person who sold it said she found it while she was going through her grandmother's belongings. So there was someone who lived here or had visited here was sending them all the way across the country."

Ulrich has learned a lot about the

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Starr honored by Malta Public Schools



Malta School Board Member Mark Knudsen gives former Phillips County News Owner, Publisher and Editor Curtis Starr the Bronze Mustang Award for his dedication to education over the past 30 years.

City workers try to sniff out "phantom smell"

by Mark Hebert

For nearly three years the businesses in downtown Malta have been dealing with what Public Works Director John Demarais calls a "phantom smell." He said that the smell pops up in random areas, lingers for a few minutes and then disappears.

"We can't figure out where it is coming from," he said.

Demarais said that one day about three years ago he got a call from Blades Hair and Nail design, located on the cover of Central Avenue and First Street, complaining about a foul, unexplained odor. He said that the smell was contained to a 15-foot section. The calls, from various people, have been frequent since then.

"We get calls and run over," said Jim Brown, assistant Public Works Director. "We will get to the place and the smell will be gone. They will say, 'well, go try Art's (Furniture.) We would go to Art's, find a small area that smells and when you come back through it again, it's gone."

On Wednesday, April 16, Demarais and the staff from Public Works will be setting off small smoke charges, dropping them into the sewer and then looking for smoke rising from cracks in the line. Demarais said that over the 36 months that the public works team has cleaned the sewers, had a gas sniffer try to find the source of the smell, sent camera down the sewer to try to find possible leaks, but none of the actions turned up where the smell was coming from.

"So we were talking to the one fellow and he said that a good way to try and locate these (smells) is with a smoke test," said Demarais. "That is what we are going to try next."

A notice - on a bright pink card - will be handed to anyone who might be affected by the smoke testing of the sewers. The notice states that these tests will assist the city public works department in locating breaks and defects in the sewer system. During the tests, people may see smoke coming from the vents stacks on buildings or from holes in the ground.

"Don't be alarmed," the notice continues. The smoke has no odor, is non-toxic, non-tasting, does not create fire hazards and will dissipate in a few minutes.

The public works team as that people pour water into your basement floor drains and into any unused sinks which will help seal the drain traps so that smoke will not enter buildings via the drain.

If some should enter a building during the test, it most likely means that there are defects in the plumbing which could allow dangerous sewer gas to enter. Note the location of the smoke and call 654-7067 to arrange a meeting with the public works inspector. Also, open doors and windows to ventilate any smoke that enters the building.

Malta Public Works asks that residents or business owners notify the office before the conduct the test if any of the following situations apply to them:

- Dogs, birds or other pets that will be confined alone in the building during the test.
- A person who will be alone and is an invalid or sleeping during

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Drought could lead to higher grocery prices

by Marko Manoukian
Phillips County
Extension Agent

While Phillips County is experiencing a cool spell, drought stricken California and other south western states (38% of the U.S.) will produce less agriculture products in 2014. It also means there will continue to be a beef cattle shortage as herds in those areas will shrink. Early estimates are that food prices may rise 3.5% or higher this year. People on fixed incomes and on the low end of the economic spectrum will be hit the hardest. However, all consumers and companies that are still grappling with a sluggish economic recovery will feel the pinch.

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Creative writing contest focuses on "volunteerism"

The Alpha Zeta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma hosted an awards program for their annual creative writing contest March 27 at the Malta High School Auditorium. This year's essay topic was "volunteerism" and the students approached the topic from different perspectives. They did all agree, however, that volunteering is important in our communities and the benefits are great for both the recipients and those volunteering. When volunteering, the students felt good about themselves and realized they were learning valuable skills for later in life. Many of them have already donated a large number of volunteer hours in their young lives.

The essays are judged in five age groups: Grades K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-12. One Grand Prize Winner is then chosen from the top essay in each level. Alpha Zeta would like to thank the teachers in the participating



Third and fourth grade essay winners: Addy Anderson, Kirsta Meisdalen, Nikki Nicholson, Brylee French, Emma Harms, Kevin Missildine, Aidan Kaasa, Trinity Tramell, Naylene Winkel and Ashton Smith.

schools for encouraging the students to contribute their compositions. Winners in the K-2 group included:

1st Place, Peyton Smith, Hinsdale School; 2nd Place, Kodi Boone, Hinsdale School

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BRIEFLY

Montana Veteran Affairs in Malta

Judy Loendorf and /or Steve Mulonet, Service Offices for Montana Veteran Affairs Division, will be in Malta on Wednesday, April 16, at the Phillips County Hospital Conference Room from 1:30 until 3 p.m. Call 406-265-4225 for more information.

Malta Trails Meeting

Malta Trails, Annual/Regular meeting with pizza at 6 p.m., April 9th 2014 at Stretch's.

Dirt Daubers Meeting

Malta Dirt Daubers will meet at 1:00 pm on Sat. April 12 at Karl's Greenhouse. Patty Simons will a demonstration on how to create a miniature garden, also called fairy garden. Please bring a container and small items to create one for yourself.

Key Club Recycling Phone Books

The Malta High School Key Club is once again recycling phone books. The members have placed recycling boxes at Albertsons, Crossroads Coffee, Malta High School and the Post Office. Please drop your phone books at one of the these spots in the next three weeks.

Historical Society Meeting

Phillips County Historical Society

Meeting - April 10, 2014, noon @ the Phillips County Museum. Everyone is welcome!

Malta Irrigation District

The Malta Irrigation District office will be closed from 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 3 through Tuesday, April 8. The office will reopen on Wednesday, April 9. Questions please call (406) 654-1440.

Malta Irrigation District

The Malta Irrigation District regular board meeting and Water Termination Hearing for April has been moved to April 14, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. Questions please call (406) 654-1440.

Walleyes Postponed

The Malta Walleyes Unlimited meeting for April 10th is postponed until April 17th.

Kiwanis Meeting

Malta Kiwanis will meet Tuesday, April 15 at 6:00 p.m. at Westside Cafe. We need to plan for highway clean-up and other Spring activities. New members always welcome.

Cross Walk & Good Friday Reflection

Phillips County Ministerial Association is hosting its annual Cross Walk and Good Friday Reflection Service Friday, April 18. The Cross Walk Begins from the parking lot adjacent to the National Guard Armory at 11:15 and the Good Friday Reflective worship begins at Kirkwood Memorial Chapel at noon.

Retirement Party

Malta Public School invites you to a Retirement Party Saturday, April 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Malta High

School Cafeteria. Staff retiring are Mrs. Joy Bebee, Ms. Kathie Cary, Mrs. Marty Demarais, Mr. Kent Gordon, Mrs. Darlene Koleczak, Mr. Terry Lindgren, Mrs. Barb Otteson, Mr. Steve Schumacher and Mr. Vic Schumacher.

Retired Educators Meeting

The Northeast Montana Retired Educators/Teachers will meet at the Cottonwood in Glasgow Monday, April 14 at noon. All retired educators and their spouses are invited to attend. Don't forget to bring your jar of peanut butter for the food bank.

PC Fair Board Meeting

The Phillips County Fair board will meet Tuesday, April 15th, at 6 p.m. at Stretch's.

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OPINION

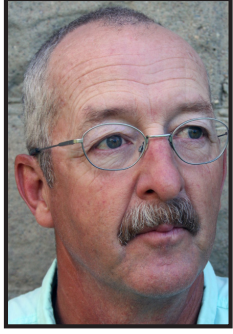
Two Strikes rule for out of staters

by Parker Heinlein

Some folks certainly consider themselves above the law.

Troy Carlson apparently does.

A Minnesota resident whose family owns property south of Malta in the Larb Hills, Carlson was ordered to pay more than \$2,000 in fines and restitution for allowing his teenage son to illegally kill a 5X5 bull elk during the 2013 archery season.



According to the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, FWP warden Ben Morin was responding to a trespassing call from the family's Blue Ridge Ranch when he stopped along a public road to talk with Carlson and his son, who had the dead elk in the back of their truck.

It either takes an enormous amount of gall or an amazing lack of clear thought to call the game warden to complain about trespassers while you're packing out an illegal elk. In Carlson's case I suspect a bit of both.

This wasn't the first time Carlson ran afoul of the law. In 2010, Troy Carlson and several other family members agreed to pay a total of \$50,000 in restitution and fines to the state for illegal baiting, hunting without licenses, illegal outfitting and other wildlife related crimes on their Phillips County property.

As part of his punishment for this latest transgression, Carlson also agreed to not apply for any archery elk permits in Blaine, Phillips and Valley counties for this hunting season.

Yeah, that should stop him. A paltry fine and the promise not to apply for an archery permit this season. It's an old story. Wealthy out-of-staters buy a hunting property in Montana. Make up their own rules. Get caught. Fork over some cash. Business as usual.

I suggest a two strikes rule for out-of-state game-law breakers. Get busted twice and you're done hunting in Montana. No amount of money can bail you out.

Go back to the land of Prince and fried cheese and spend your falls watching the Vikings try out quarterbacks.

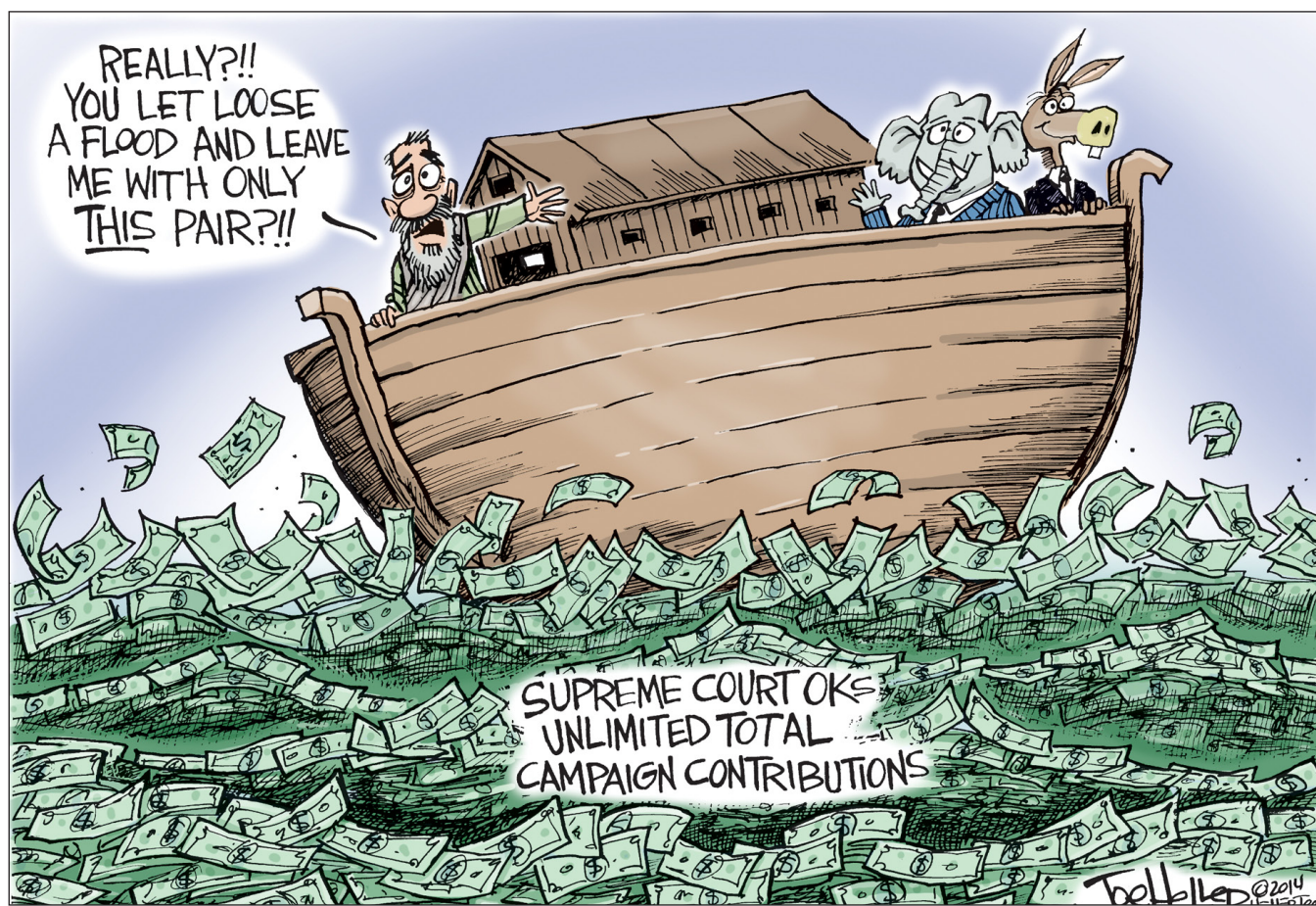
Especially if your latest transgression involved a kid. You don't deserve to hunt here. You really don't deserve to hunt anywhere.

But then the rules that the rest of us play by don't apply to you. You're special. You're a landowner. You may even be a one-percent and I don't mean that you're a bad ass biker.

So pass that pompous attitude on to your kid. Let him know how special he is. Heck, you probably already went to the FWP auction and bought back the 5X5 bull.

Rules?

They really don't apply to you. Good thing to teach your kid.



Viewpoint

I wrote an opinion piece for Montana newspapers nearly nine years ago about a visit

I had just returned from to Israel. The topic of that piece is more timely now than it was then.

I was in Israel in 2005 with a delegation invited by the American Israel Friendship League. Our guide was a retired Colonel in the Israeli Army with degrees in history and archeology from Hebrew University. We called him Ron. He had performed a similar function a few weeks before for former President Bill Clinton.

We saw into Syria from the Golan Heights and could practically hear the guns and smell the gun smoke as Ron dramatically recreated the massive attack of Russian-built tanks that were miraculously held off at the crest of the ridge by a handful of superior American tanks commanded by the now legendary Israeli hero, Major Victor Kahalani. In the backdrop of the Golan Heights, and hanging in the balance of the outcome of the battle, is the heart shaped religiously and strategically

significant Sea of Galilee, place of Biblical miracles and Israel's vital source of fresh water.

The day before we departed, a terrorist bomb killed several teenagers in a popular Tel Aviv nightspot. I broke the rules a little bit, and on foot found the location. I literally smelled the smoke still arising from the ruins, surrounded by emergency vehicles. Nearby was a sad and sobbing huddle I assumed were grieving family members.

That evening, following a farewell talk by U.S. Ambassador Dan Kurtzer, I had an after dinner conversation with two gentlemen that remains the most significant lesson I learned in Israel. One was a member of the Israeli Knesset, the other a retired Major General in the Israeli army. They were of opposite political parties, and I had greatly enjoyed listening to their banter over dinner. There was one thing on which they definitely did not differ, however. With the politician in animated agreement, the General said that America had allowed itself to get



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needlessly bogged down in Iraq. He said the important enemy of stability in the Middle East was not Iraq or Afghanistan. The real nuclear threat was the larger, more technically advanced and more fanatical country of Iran. The Iranians are believers in their historical greatness, and it was preposterous to believe that they were developing a nuclear capability for nonmilitary purposes.

He told me although the United States has been Israel's indispensable ally, during World War II we didn't bomb the railroads we knew were carrying Jews to death camps. In our 2005 visit he thought the Iranians were closer to the bomb than they actually were, but with directness he told me that a nuclear-armed Iran would again threaten annihilation of the Jewish people, and that his country wouldn't wait for the U.S. to ride to the rescue. Israel would unhesitatingly attack Iran's nuclear facilities.

Now, with the world's attention concentrated on the Ukraine, Iran is ever closer to nuclear capability. Israel may be closer than ever to not letting that happen.

Bob Brown is a former MT Secretary of State and State Senate President.

Letters-to-the-Editor

Dear Mark,
I once read a comment written by a "writer" which stated: "Seldom will anyone comment on something that you've written unless it made them mad."

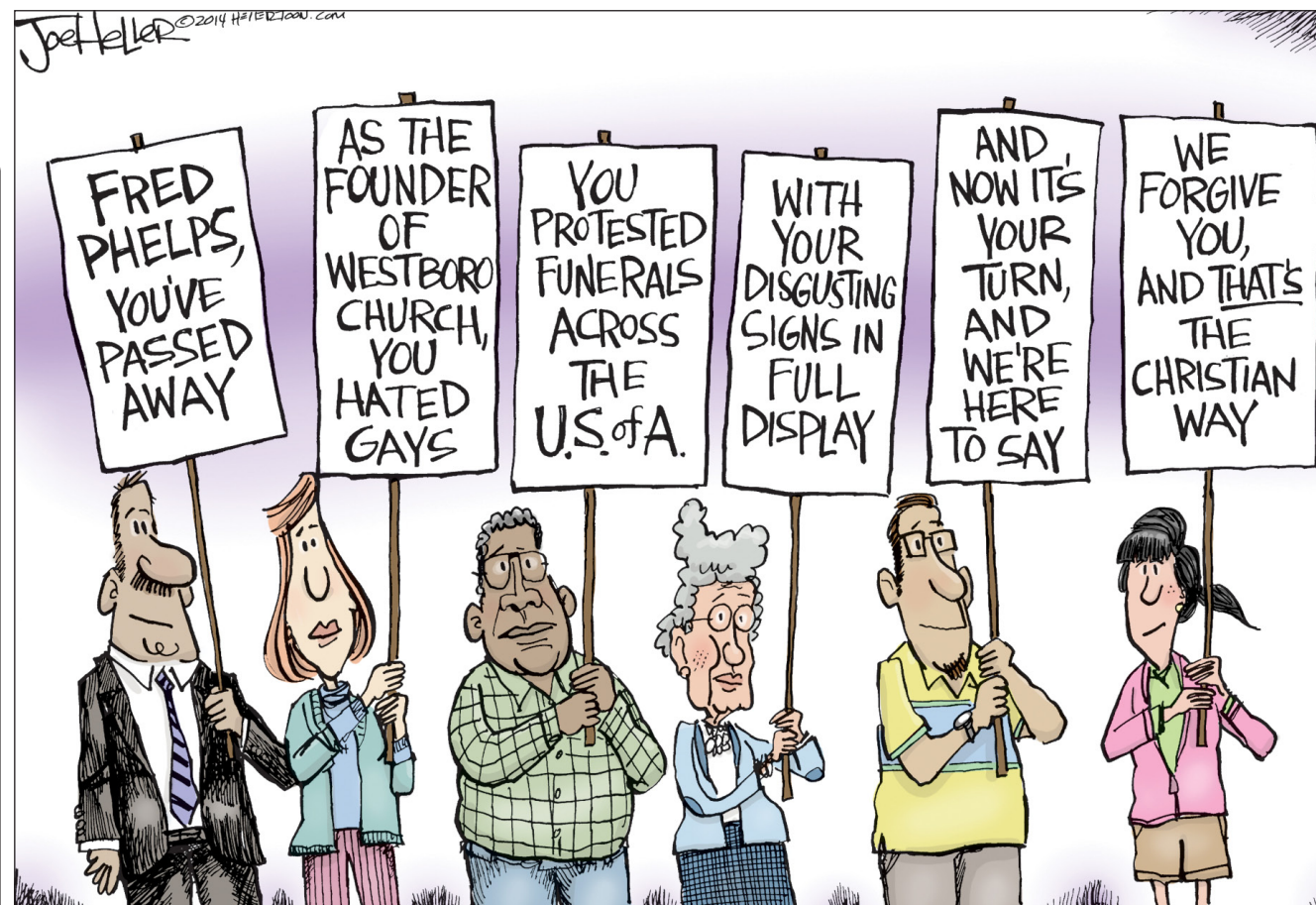
Now isn't that sadly the truth. But there is something else woven into that simple, profound statement that

I would like to focus on this morning, that "something" is the word "seldom." Here is your "seldom," Mark:

I greatly appreciated you're the front page article from the March 26 issue of the Phillips County News entitled "Chetto Makes his debut at Malta Elementary." Excellent human interest article, fun, educational and

engaging. Great pictures included. We have something great in Phillips County and you helped capture a portion of that greatness.

Sincerely,
Orvin Solberg,
Malta



In this day and age, you can never be too safe

On Tuesday afternoon, Malta superintendent of schools Kris Kuehn was notified of a bomb threat at the high school. Kuehn said in a press release that the situation was significant enough to reflect a possible imminent threat to the students and staff and canceled school for Wednesday.

...his own drum



by Mark Hebert

That choice was the absolute correct one to make for the school and the community.

In this day and age, for a variety of reasons, threats like this can't be viewed as pranks or April Fools jokes. They must be taken seriously. The mainstream media, almost daily it seems, reports on awful things happening to innocent people and a lot of the time these things are happening where our children go to school.

My hat's off to Mr. Kuehn, Phillips County Sheriff Scott Moran and the entire sheriff's office for how they are handling this potentially dangerous situation. The Staff here at the Phillips County News know that keeping the community informed is our top priority, but we also understand that investigations take time. There is an old, I think vile, saying in newsrooms: "If it bleeds, it leads." Rest assured that the PCN doesn't buy into that mantra, not a single bit. We will not report things until we are sure that the facts are 100-percent concrete. We might not always get it right, but we are always trying.

I received a news release from the United States Department of Justice on Saturday morning seeking information on 285 pounds of high explosives that were stolen from a storage facility west of Victor, Mont. This press release is all too timely and quite frightening. Someone wouldn't need 285-pounds of explosives to kill and injure hundreds of people. Sadly, we witnessed that at the Boston Marathon bombing.

I don't know what possesses someone to make a bomb threat in any community, but especially one this small and in one which seems so close knit. At the point of this writing, I know nothing about the suspect or suspects in the Malta High School threat. It is my ultimate hope that it was indeed just a stupid prank - which would make it the third in the past couple of years here in town.

On a certain social media site on Tuesday evening, someone started a thread asking about the bomb threat, trying to find out if school had indeed been shut down for Wednesday. The thread started a debate by no less than 20 people. Some wanted the culprit, when caught, to face felony charges. Some mentioned prison time and losing their right to vote. Some people pointed the finger at today's youth - the Millennials - and said that the entire lot of them are out of control and have no respect for this country or anyone but themselves. The other side of the coin where people of the mind that shutting the school down for the day was an overreaction, that "kids will be kids" and that it was all a harmless prank (as of Thursday morning, the thread had been taken down by the site's admin.)

I don't know where I stand on the above statements. I know that you can't hold an entire generation of people accountable for the mistake made by a few. I think prison time is a little harsh, but something needs to be done. I know that kids will be kids, but terroristic threats, if overlooked, could cost people their lives.

Wednesday was supposed to be my daughter's first day of school at Malta Elementary. On that day, I saw dozens of kids outside playing, enjoying the wonderful spring weather, taking advantage of the day off. While I struggle to understand the events of the past couple of days, these children went about their business as if a bomb threat was just an everyday occurrence. I am proud of their bravery. I'm sad that this has become a common event.

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All opinions are welcome, although libelous or scurrilous submissions will not be published. The Phillips County News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and brevity, and the decision whether to publish is at the discretion of the Phillips County News.

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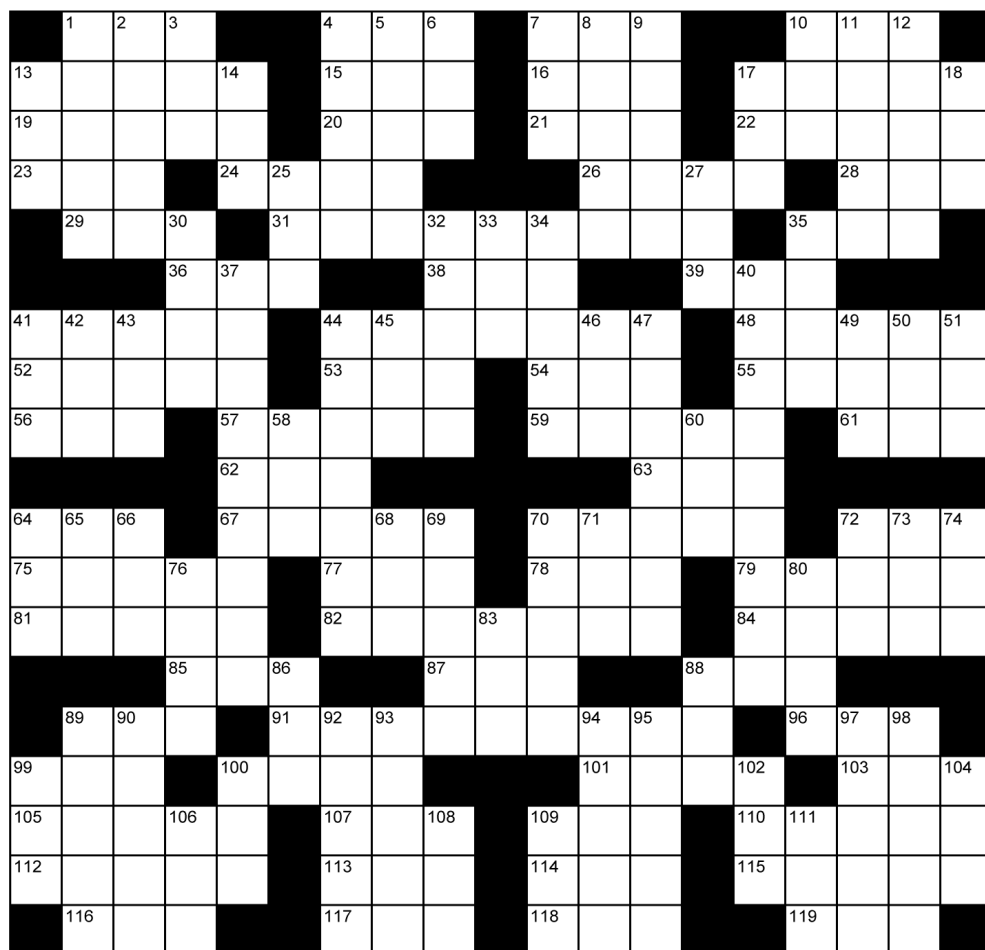
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Phillips County News Crossword

(note: the answers to bold clues can be found in the pages of the PCN)

ACROSS

- 1. Disks
- 4. Check
- 7. High naval rank (abbr.)
- 10. Escudo
- 13. Cover
- 15. Hoopla
- 16. River (Spanish)
- 17. Basic beliefs
- 19. Religious writing
- 20. Throw
- 21. Eastern Standard Time
- 22. Renounce
- 23. Rabble
- 24. Smear
- 26. Yield
- 28. Charge
- 29. Big Apple (abbr.)
- 31. Vainly
- 35. That (possessive)
- 36. Shout
- 38. Still
- 39. Move away
- 41. Alaskan territory
- 44. Combining
- 48. Oil tanker
- 52. Gauche
- 53. European sea eagle
- 54. Evergreen tree
- 55. Excessive interest
- 56. Not (refix)
- 57. Employs
- 59. Transported by airplane
- 61. "To the right!"
- 62. Santa's helper
- 63. Ferret
- 64. Mom's partner
- 67. Finish milkshake
- 70. Strike hard
- 72. Compass point
- 75. First letter in Hebrew alphabet
- 77. Miles per hour
- 78. Wok
- 79. Similar to oak
- 81. National capital
- 82. Displaying emotion
- 84. Merge
- 85. Rate
- 87. Ball holder
- 88. Employ
- 89. South by east
- 91. Bringing in from the car
- 96. Battle of nations
- 99. Yes



- 100. Off-Broadway award
 - 101. Next to Kauai
 - 103. MI
 - 105. Left out of gear
 - 107. Car fuel
 - 109. School group
 - 110. Grinds
 - 112. Old-fashioned
 - 113. First woman
 - 114. Pouch
 - 115. Went gently
 - 116. Snooze
 - 117. Tyrannosaurus
 - 118. Cooking measurement
 - 119. Scriptural your
- ## DOWN
- 1. Sing softly
 - 2. M-ette _____ Schye finished 5th in the 100.
 - 3. Resort hotel
 - 4. Cliff debris
 - 5. Mud brick
 - 6. Salaam
 - 7. To be
 - 8. Records
 - 9. Hotel
 - 10. Airport abbr.
 - 11. Wobble
 - 12. Inlets
 - 13. 10 meters (abbr. for deka-meter)
 - 14. Abort
 - 17. Female sheep
 - 18. Encounter
 - 25. August (abbr.)
 - 27. Tint
 - 30. Cube
 - 32. French city
 - 33. Conger
 - 34. Prim
 - 35. Wading bird
 - 37. Aboard (3 wds.)
 - 40. Ample
 - 41. Yang's partner
 - 42. Card game
 - 43. Phillips County Montana - Memories site creator Ulrich.
 - 44. Susan Bibbs doesn't enjoy the strong type.
 - 45. Unrefined

- metal
- 46. Goose egg
- 47. Searching in the dark
- 49. Tote
- 50. Bard's before
- 51. Grain
- 58. Peaked
- 60. Dank
- 64. Dit's partner
- 65. Wing
- 66. Fox hole
- 68. Revolutions per minute
- 69. Picture
- 70. Saw
- 71. Woman's partner
- 72. Winter sport
- 73. Scene
- 74. East northeast
- 76. Dawdle
- 80. Fresh
- 83. Oolong
- 86. Middle
- 88. Good grief!
- 89. Litter
- 90. Modeling wood
- 92. African country
- 93. Go away
- 94. Tiny amounts
- 95. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- 97. Mennonite
- 98. Mustang _____ Mortenson finished fourth in the 3200.
- 99. Shrill bark
- 100. Lyric poem
- 102. Southwestern Indian
- 104. Hallucinogen
- 106. Sixth sense
- 108. Gender
- 109. Pacific Standard Time
- 111. Cereal



by Mark Hebert

Question: This week, city workers are trying to find a phantom smell in downtown Malta. What is your favorite smell?

Follow up: Your least favorite smell?



Lizette Lamb

Q: "I like the smell of Clorox. It smells clean."

F: "Cigarette smoke."



Nancy Olsen

Q: "Fresh air."

F: "Dirty bathroom."



Susan Bibbs

Q: "Apple."

F: "Strong, flowery perfume."

YESTERDAY'S PHILLIPS COUNTY NEWS MEMORIES

Compiled by Pierre Bibbs

April 14, 2004 - 10 Years Ago

Governor Judy Martz presented Malta and Phillips County with the Montana Tourism Community of the Year Award during the Governor's Conference on tourism in Billings April 6. The

award recognizes the efforts of the community in promoting and developing tourism in the area. Accepting on behalf of the Malta Chamber of Commerce were Dave Miller, Board Member of Missouri River Country tourism council and Ann Boothe, director of PhillCo and the Chamber of Commerce.

Started on a shoestring bud-

get of a few donations, the Dinosaur Field Station in Malta gave tours to 1,750 paying customers last summer while it was open for business. But faced with operational costs that run between \$800 and \$1,000 a month, the non-profit 501C corporation that operates the field station is turning to the public for help. The Dinosaur Field Station will host a radiothon on KMMR Radio Friday, April 16, from 6 a.m. to noon. The goal? To raise \$25,000, which would allow the field station to continue attracting tourists to Malta, expand its operation year round instead of just the summer months and give it some matching fund to go in search of potential grants.

April 12, 1989 - 25 Years Ago

Roger Britton, superintendent of Whitewater schools

for the past nine years, has returned the contract extended to him for the 1989-1990 school year unsigned. According to outgoing Whitewater Board of Trustees Chairman Jean Green, the superintendent had indicated that he will leave his post at the end of his current contract.

"Get-Involved-Before-Your-Kids-Do" is the topic of a drug and alcohol abuse outreach program slated for April 18 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Malta High School.

March 26, 1964 - Around 50 Years Ago

Postmaster J. W. Campbell reminded residents of Malta that an effective date of April 1 has been set for new domestic parcel post rate increases, approved recently by the Interstate Commerce Commission and averaging about 13.1

percent, is expected to yield about \$75.4 million annually. Catalog rates will be increased approximately 13 percent will produce added revenue of about \$2.4 million if 1962 volume is maintained. The higher rates do not affect air parcel post or international parcel post.

April 6, 1939 - 75 Years Ago

Phillips County residents having taken stock of their individual and collective losses, are busy repairing the damage sustained in the worst Milk River flood since 1899. The river is still carrying more than its normal flow has returned to its channel, leaving fields and roads bare but far from dry. In some districts travel on county roads is still impossible. One life was lost in this county when Abe Schroeder, Coburg school teacher was drowned in

Peoples creek west of Dodson while attempting to reach the railroad right of way.

April 9, 1914 - 100 Years Ago

At the city election Monday very little interest was taken with the exception of the referendum relative to Sunday closing and that was carried by a vote of almost two to one. Philip Caselberg was elected mayor to succeed himself and H. G. Robinson and Max Sklowe were elected aldermen. The funniest of all dialect Comedy dramas, "Ole Olson in Spiritland" will appear at the Eagles hall Saturday night. The play is the latest and most up-to-date version of the Swedish dialect comedy and presents 'Ole' amid new surroundings.

Senior Spotlight



Lila Raymond

Favorite Snack:
Coffee and Rolls

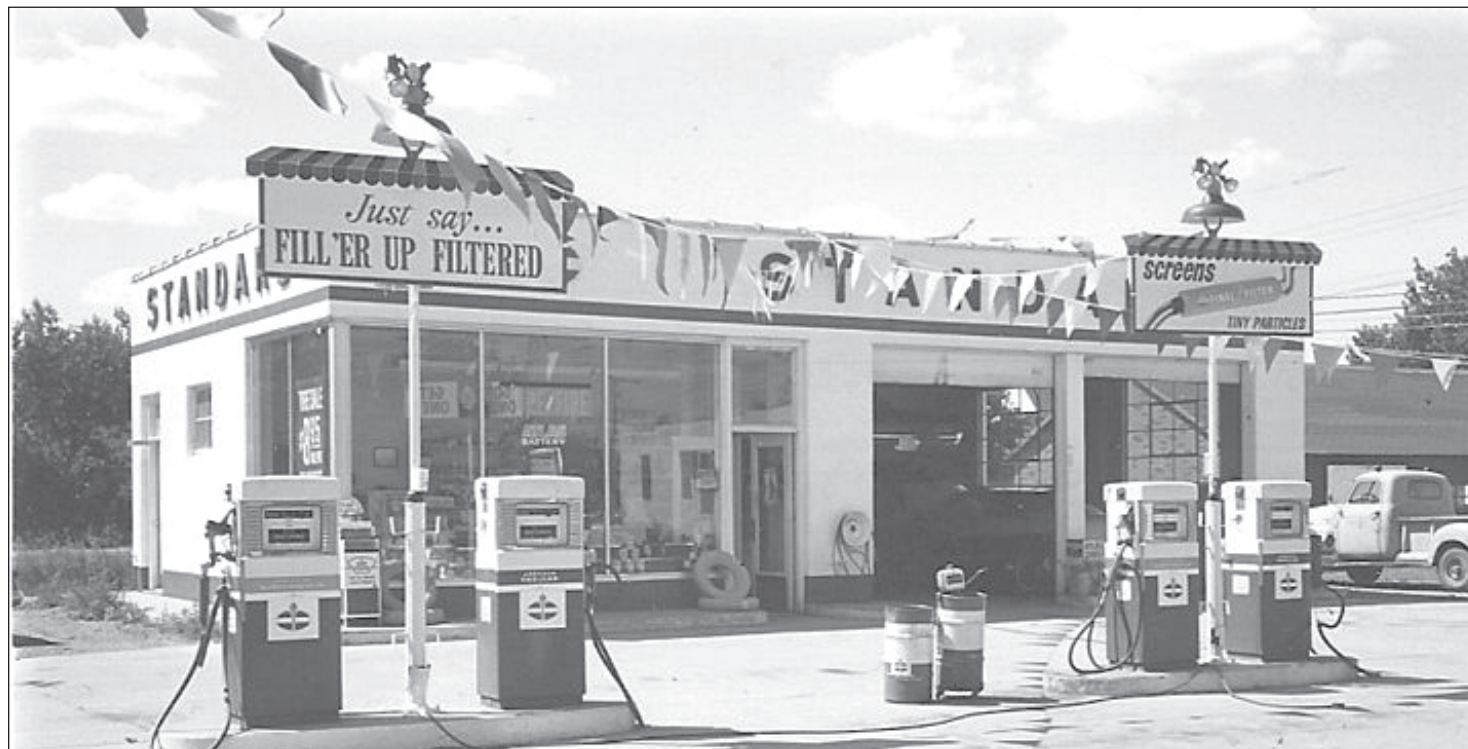
Favorite Book:
Silver

Favorite Meal:
Thanksgiving Dinner

Favorite Holiday:
Christmas

What you did before retirement:
Teacher at Malta and Dodson.

PHILLIPS COUNTY MONTANA - MEMORIES



Coleman's Full Service Gas Station on Central Ave in the 60's. The station would become a plumbing shop for many years before becoming the home of the Phillips County News after a fire forced a change of locations for the newspaper. On Facebook, Troy Kelsey writes: "My first job was at this gas station working for my grandfather, Ray Coleman. Doug and I pumped gas for Grandpa. I think we were probably 11 or 12 years old. Everything was full service then, brings back a lot of great memories of being a kid in Malta." This photo is used courtesy of Phillips County Montana - Memories, a group on Facebook (facebook.com/PhillipsCounty) If you have more information on this photo, go to the Phillips County Montana - Memories site or send it to markpcnews@gmail.com

Obituaries

Kerry Ann Ross

Kerry Ann (Minnerath) Ross, 63, passed away of natural causes Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at Garden Grove Medical Center in Garden Grove, Calif. She suffered from severe rheumatoid arthritis, asthma and COPD.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial services and interment will take place in the Saco Cemetery this July. A date will be announced near that time.

She was born to Raymond G. and Ida (Fjeldheim) Minnerath on Nov. 21, 1950, in Glasgow, Mont. She attended school in Saco and Glasgow, graduating

from Saco High in 1968. She married James Thomas Ross July 4, 1981, and they had two daughters, Jessica Ann Ross in 1985, and Lindsay Marie Ross in 1986. Kerry and Tom later divorced but were supportive of each other and committed to their girls.

After high school, she worked a short time at FMDH and then ventured off to Minneapolis, Minn., where she went to work for Walman Optical. She stayed in the optical field for 26 years. Her friend and coworker there, Linda Moran Ritten, said, "Kerry was so smart and such a hard worker she kept getting promotions."

In the mid '70s, she moved to California. After leaving the optical field, she had a few different jobs. She was employed for nine years at Kirkwood and Associates as an accounts payable specialist at the time of her death.

She loved collecting tea

cup, old decorative plates, antiques, and going to estate auction and garage sales. She was incredibly generous and always on the lookout for something special to give everyone in her life. She looked for the best in everyone.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Ida; her sister, Betty J. (Minnerath) Fielder; a nephew, Mike Minnerath; and great-nephew Ethan Munden.

Survivors include two loving daughters, Jessica A. Ross of San Francisco, Calif., and Lindsay M. Ross of Milwaukee; three brothers, Ken and Alice Minnerath of Laurel, and Don and Holly Minnerath and Bob and Patty Minnerath, all of Saco; two sisters, Shari Minnerath of Billings and Gay (Minnerath) Anderson of Glasgow; and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and -nephews.

Phillips County Museum News

Spring is finally here. We are happy to announce that Sharon is back in town too. Starting Tuesday, April 15th, the Museum will be back to being open daily from 10:00 to 5:00, and open Sunday afternoons 12:30 to 5:00. The next monthly Historical Society meeting is this coming Thursday, April 10th at noon at the Museum location 431 Highway 2 East. Everyone welcome.

We will be closed Easter Sunday in observance of the day. School tours are now being scheduled, call to arrange a time with your group. Our phone is 654-1037, and we are on Facebook, or e-mail at pcm@itstriangle.com.

Saco School Trustee Election

The Saco School District No. 12A & 12B trustee election will be May 6, 2014. The polling place will be the Saco School Gym Foyer and will be open for voting from 12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM.

Two individuals have filed

Malta School Trustee Election

The Malta School District trustee election will be May 6, 2014. Polling places will be the Malta City Hall and First Creek Hall. Both locations will be open for voting from 12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM.

Five individuals have filed for two trustee positions – Gaelen

for two trustee positions – Jay Yeska and Nena Malmend. The deadline to have your name placed on the ballot for a trustee position closed on March 27, 2014. Write in candidates must file a declaration of intent with the Clerk of the School by April 10, 2014 by 5:00 PM in order to run as a write in candidate.

For more information, contact Kathy Siroky, District Clerk, Saco School District at 527-3531.

Curtis, Jamie Jones, Thayne MacKey, R.J. Tollefson, and Beth Welch. The deadline to have your name placed on the ballot for a trustee position closed on March 27, 2014. Write in candidates must file a declaration of intent with the Clerk of the School by April 10, 2014 by 5:00 PM in order to run as a write in candidate.

For more information, contact Jane Knudsen, District Clerk, Malta School District at 654-1871.

Birth Announcement

Knox Chase Sorensen was born on April 3, 2014, weighing eight pounds and one ounce, at the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow, Mont. His parents are Avery and Leif Sorensen of Malta, Mont. His grandparents are Jeri and Tammi Engstrom of Bosie, Idaho, and David Sorensen of Fort Peck Mont.

Drought continued from page 1

Large grocery chains have distribution networks and can import produce from around the world to keep customers in everything from cantaloupe to cauliflower, but experts say California's smaller yields will inevitably lead to higher consumer prices. California is the nation's largest producer of many fruits, vegetables and nuts and is also the largest dairy state. But with the traditional rainy season more than half over, farmers are making hard decisions about what crops to plant and how many acres to leave fallow. According to the California Farm Water Coalition an estimated 800,000 irrigable acres will be idled with 403,000 idled as a result of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service adherence to the Endangered Species Act in maintaining water in the Delta for the Delta smelt, a small minnow and state regulation regarding salmon. The current drought map by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration looks similar to this map which is an outlook map through June 30, 2014.

The link to the map is <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/>.

Thousands of fruit and nut trees will die due to the lack of water. Additionally as productive acres shrink, wildlife, including feral hogs, will impact the remaining agricultural vegetation as their habitat dries out.

Globally, drought in Brazil, the world's largest producer of coffee, sugar and oranges, has increased coffee prices, while dry weather in Southeast Asia has boosted prices for cooking oil.

Swine Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus

Rabobank has published a new report on the impact of the Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus (PEDv) on the North American swine herd, forecasting significant impacts on production and harvest through 2015. In the report, published by the bank's Food & Agribusiness Research and Advisory team, Rabobank says that PEDv thus far has impacted about 60% of the U.S. breeding herd, 28% of the U.S. breeding herd, 28% of the Mexican herd, and is beginning to develop in Canada. If PEDv spreads in Canada and Mexico at the pace seen in the U.S., Rabobank says that North

American hog slaughter could decline by nearly 18.5 million hogs over 2013 and 2014, or 12.5% relative to 2013 levels. Overall U.S. pork production is anticipated to decline 6% to 7% in 2014, the most in more than 30 years.

The specific origin of PEDv in the U.S. has not been definitively identified but comparison of strains of PEDv in the U.S. has indicated a close relationship with strains in China. China has been shopping in the mid-west for the last few years, purchasing pigs and flying them back to China to improve their swine genetics. "It's as easy as something falling of a visitor shoe that gets the disease from one region of the world to another" explains Extension Agent Manoukian. It is clear that once the virus enters a region; it can spread quite easily and rapidly throughout an entire population. The PEDv has now been found in 27 states. The most common avenue is on livestock, farm equipment, and people that come into contact with hogs positive with PEDv or their feces.

Loring News

Apologies to my readers and my contributors, for the last several weeks I haven't gotten the news in by noon on Monday; therefore, the paper was filled and the article was scrapped. I am sorry for those of you who missed seeing your news in the paper. The deadline is noon on Monday.

ELCW will be held at the Connie Wasson home on Wednesday at 7.

The Loring Club card party will be held on April 13 at 1:00 in the Loring Hall. Prizes will be awarded and pie will be served!

Several Loring residents went in to the Spring Fling at the Malta Business Center on Saturday. Most of the youth from here participated in the Swish Fest this weekend with wins all around! Fun for everyone!

It is official for sure! Spring is here because I heard a meadowlark on Saturday! A little late for most years but not too bad! It is such a welcome

sound!

Barbara Cowan and Dixie Stordahl drove to Havre on Wednesday to see the eye doctor. We also visited with Theresa Cowan for a few minutes. Iver Johannesen was in Havre the same day. I have to travel quite a ways to see my neighbor.

Whitney, Jay and Amus Blunt visited with Carmen and Matt Norville and girls in White Hall. They met Aubrie for the first time!

The snow birds have returned to their chilly homes in the north! Welcome back!

Brenda Clark and Wendy Hudson spent a few days in Denver for Brenda's birthday. The highlight was George Strait Concert!

Twilla Johannesen and Dee Dee traveled to Havre on Saturday and picked up some baby fowl for springtime! Chickens and ducks!

Whitewater School took most of the kids on a ski day at Kings Hill on Friday. It sounded like everyone had a great time! I haven't heard the results of the track meet on Sat. yet but you probably can read them elsewhere in this very paper!

Marshall receives Rodeo Scholarship



Justinn Marshall

The University of Montana Western College Foundation presented the Carol C. Sloan Memorial Rodeo Scholarship to Justinn Marshall, in the amount of \$3000.00 for the 2014-2015 Academic year. Justinn is the daughter of Dale and Sue Marshall, of Saco.

Last weekend, Marshall competed in the Bozeman college rodeo this past She rodeos for The University of Montana Western, out of Dillon. The first rodeo consisted of a long and short go. In the long go, Marshall won first in goat tying, with a 7.7, then continued on into the short go placing third in the average, with an 8.4. On Sunday there was one long rodeo, where she won the breakaway roping with a time of 2.5. The competitors have 2 weeks off, then round out their season with rodeos in Glendive, Great Falls, and Missoula, then on to nationals for those that qualify.

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Malta Music Dept.

Malta Music Department will have their Pre-Festival Concert, Thursday, April 10 beginning at 3:10 right after school. The event will take place in

3 areas - Choir Room, Band Room and Auditorium. All are invited to listen to Malta High School's musicians! Performing will be Swing Choir, Eutrepes, Men's Group, Jazz Band, Drum Line, Clarinet Choir and much more!

Malta Landfill

The Malta landfill will resume summer hours Saturday, April 11, 2014. Open Monday-through Saturday 9am to 5pm. Closed Sundays.

Malta Women's Club

Malta Women's Club Annual Card Marathon will be on Thursday, April 24, at the Senior Center starting at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Come enjoy the evening of fun.

Friends of MOI Bake Sale

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Book Group

The Book Discussion Group will meet at the Phillips County Library on Tues., April 15, 2014; at 7:00 p.m. to visit about "A Royal Pain" by Rhys Bowen.

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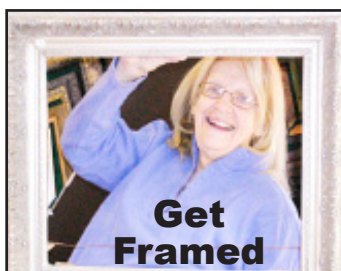
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Phillips County Commissioners approve upgrade of motor graders, accept resignations

by Mark Hebert

The Phillips County Commissioners held their weekly meeting on Tuesday afternoon in Malta with four things on the agenda for the day. In attendance were County Commissioners Lesley Robinson, Richard Dunbar and Phillips County Clerk and Recorder Marian Ereaux.

First up was the approval of seven new motor graders. The bid was

awarded to Tractor and Equipment at a cost of \$59,520 each (after a trade-in value of \$243,000 on each grader was calculated. The cost of a new 160M2 model of Cat Graders \$304,470.) The funds to purchase the items will come out of the Federal Mineral Royalties.

The next item up for discussion was the appointment of new Park Board Member Shane Bishop who replaces

Cindy Olsen who recently moved to Billings. Olsen had served on the board since 1996. The Park Board oversees the Milk River Pavilion in Malta. Bishop was approved as a new board member and will finish the remaining two years of the term left behind by Olsen.

Up next was to accept the resignation of Saco's Grandview Cemetery Board Member Bill Marks. In his

resignation letter, Marks wrote that "it has been my pleasure to serve on Grandview Cemetery Board." Marks said that he enjoyed his time on the board but added that it was time for someone else to take over his position. The commissioners accepted Marks' resignation and then approved Bill Haynes as his replacement.

The final item on Tuesday's agenda was the purchase of 100-feet of 36-

inch plastic culvert pipe to be used at Beaver Creek Overflow Bridge in Saco near old Highway 2. The pipe costs \$4,236.55. Commissioner Dunbar said that the company the pipe is being purchased from in Billings quoted a price of \$1,000 to ship the item. Dunbar added that the commissioners will get the pipe themselves and forego the freight cost. The purchase was approved.

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Honorable Mentions are Nathaniel Newsom, Hinsdale School; Carter Pippin, Saco School; Kendall Scheffelmear, Whitewater School; Lena Tremblay, Malta Elementary; Abby Yeska, Saco School.

Grades 3-4 winners are: 1st Place, Aidan Kaasa, Malta Elementary; 2nd Place, Trinity Tramell, Malta Elementary; 3rd Place, Emma

dale School; 3rd Place, Andrew Boucher, Hinsdale School.

Harms, Malta Elementary. Honorable Mentions for this group are Nikki Nicholson, Malta Elementary; Kevin Missildine, Malta Elementary; Kirsta Meisdalen, Malta Elementary; Kaden Bishop, Malta Elementary; Ashton Smith, Hinsdale School; Brylee French, Malta Elementary; Naylene Winkel, Malta Elementary; Addy Anderson, Malta Elementary.

Grades 5-6 winners are: 1st Place, Bonnie Jones, Malta MS; 2nd Place, Hope Biddix, Malta MS; 3rd Place, Annabelle Giblette, Malta Elementary. Honorable Mentions: Kelbee Denham,

Malta MS; Kailey Crowder, Malta Elementary; Isabel Wright, Malta MS; Carly Garfield, Malta MS; Danika Soper, Hinsdale School; Lauren Doney, Malta Elementary; Tori Siewing, Malta MS; Parker Mortenson, Malta Elementary; Kaylanna Bain, Malta MS.

Grades 7-8 winners are: 1st Place, Billie Oranhood, Malta Middle School; 2nd Place, Jada Sudbrack, Saco School; 3rd Place, Vincent Jolley, Saco School. Honorable Mentions: Mickayla Johnson, Hinsdale School; Bailey Funk, Saco School; Chaykota Christensen, Hinsdale

School; Joanie Sjostrom, Malta MS; Raina Mortenson, Malta MS; Bella Mackey, Malta MS; Evie McCorkle, Malta MS; Reba Doucette, Malta MS; Anna Wright, Malta MS; Chandler Pippin, Saco School.

There were no entries in the Grades 9-12 category.

This year's grand prize winner is Cienna Strommen, a 3rd grader from Hinsdale School. Her teacher is Mr. Jay Billingsley.



K-1-2 Winners: Lena Tremblay, Peyton Smith, Kodi Boone, Abby Yeska, Nathaniel Newsom and Andrew Boucher.



5-6 Winners: Bonnie Jones, Hope Biddix, Kelbee Denham, Carly Garfield, Annabelle Giblette, Isabel Wright, Kailey Crowder, Tori Siewing, Lauren Doney, Kaylanna Bain, Parker Mortenson



This year's Grand Prize Winner was third grade Cienna Strommen (left) from Hinsdale School Her teacher is Mr. Jay Billingsley. Congratulations Cienna.



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the test.

- Any individual whit respiratory problems who will be in the building during testing.
- Elderly person who will be alone and might be alarmed or confused if they see smoke.

"We are going to light this and stick it down one manhole," said

Demarais. "(The smoke) goes 800, which is two manholes, burns for about three minutes and we use a blower and it will blow (the smoke) down the line and into any buildings. If there are any leaks other than going into the vents, it will go into the building."

The test will cover are First Street down to Second Avenue and behind the buildings, in the alleys,

from Second Avenue back down to First Street, according to Demarais.

"We will go around and notify every person involved," said Demarais.

The test is scheduled to start at about 9 a.m., and will go on most of the day.

The smoke test will show cracks in the sewer line if there is any breakage, said Brown, but he added that

the crew hasn't seen any breaks when they ran a camera down the sewer.

"We know what it is like when you pull a manhole open," said Brown. "It's a sewer smell, but it's not a real bad smell. What you smell mainly is the smell from when people do their laundry. You smell laundry detergent. Half of the time it's not that bad. But the (phantom) smell is so septic that it's like sewer that has

been sitting somewhere for half a month in the heat. It's almost like hog lots smell or something like that."

"A lot of times it is outside," said Brown. "But some of times it is in the businesses."

"I sure hope this works," added Demarais. "But there are no guarantees that this is going to work either."

If there are any questions, please call Demarais at 654-7067.

Memories continued from page 1

history of Phillips County during the two years the Phillips County Montana - Memories site has been up, but he admitted that he only knows some of the story on some of the pictures. For instance, a picture taken of what was then called Fifth Avenue in 1940, where the Stockman Bar parking lot now sits, a lovely black and white photograph taken from a nearby rooftop. In the picture, a parade of some sort is passing through.

Lining the street are some 16 different businesses. Since Facebook allows people to comment on pictures posted, a great debate about what the business were named ensued.

"Everybody is trying to recall which business they are," said Ulrich. "But with that many businesses, and because they changed names about once a year, one person says a store is one name and another says the store is another name. They are probably both right."

On Friday afternoon, Ulrich sat in the offices of the Phil-

lips County News and gave an oral history of the businesses in the photo. He told a story about a confectionary that was one of the most popular stores in town, about a Japanese Family who owned a restaurant on the street and two jewelry stores on the same street. Adding to Ulrich's oral history was a comment under the photo on the site.

"Malta has burned and morphed so many times, I would have never recognized it," says Kathy Plettenberg of Helena, a fan of the Phillips County Montana - Memories site.

A person could spend hours on the site, looking at pictures and reading the comments below. The site is dedicated to the history of Phillips County, but the site also makes the subject of history an interactive event.

Each week the Phillips County News runs a feature

story entitled Phillips County News Memories compiled from the old pages of the paper by reporter Pierre Bibb. Ulrich has granted the PCN the right to run one picture from the Phillips County Montana - Memories site to coincide with the feature in the paper.

To the best of his abilities - and those who have "liked the site" - Ulrich said he has tried to give as much detail, as accurate as possible, about the photos he posts. But he admits, he doesn't know everything about each picture.

"If someone has some new information or a correction for a photo I hope they submit it to the website of the paper," he said. "I think putting these photos in the newspaper is just one more way to share these pictures with as many people as possible. That is what I am interested in."

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We will begin with a cross walk from the parking lot adjacent to the National Guard Armory at 11:15 a.m. proceeding on foot carrying a cross to the Kirkwood memorial chapel. "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Matthew 16:24

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Local Community Groups help Malta Boys & Girls Club make self-watering planters

Members of the Malta Dirt Daubers Garden Club and the Malta Kiwanis worked with the Boys and Girls Club of Malta last week making self-watering plants. One of the goals of the National Garden Club is to encourage recycling. The plant slips used by the children were donated by the members of the Garden Club.



Above: Kylie Bishop, Roermayr Veseth and Kyann Bergos. **Middle:** Back row, left to right: Samme Gibbs, Reese Brown, Spencer Gibbs, Kaden Bishop, Giana Lamb, Lane Thompson, Tye Jones, Keena Reed, Gage Herrera and Kylie Nelson. **Front:** Brisbin Reiter, Adam Bartak, Mykayla Davis and Gabby Herrera. **Right:** Lane Thompson, Brisbin Reiter, Tori Ziegler and Gage Herrera.



Malta Wrestlers head to Butte for tournament

by Mark Hebert

Last weekend, four wrestlers from Malta attended the State Folk Style tournament in Butte with head coach Ryan Labrie and they fared "very well."

Trey Simanton was the oldest of the wrestlers from Malta at the tournament and according to coach Labrie faced the toughest competition.

"He ended up finishing fourth," he said. "He wrestled up a bracket against some quality opponents that we have seen this year and the top ranking wrestler in the state won

the bracket. "He wrestled phenomenally. He ended up coming back from a deficit and came back to win it in overtime. He dug deep, tied it up in the last seconds and then got the overtime takedown to win it. It was probably his best match of the weekend."

The tournament lasted three days and besides Simanton, Shawn Gilkerson, Oren Mackey and Spencer Gibbs attended the event and each wrestled very well according to their coach.

Coach Labrie said that of the four Malta grapplers at the

tournament that Spencer Gibbs had the toughest bracket to contend with.

"His only two losses came to the same kid," said Labrie. "He wrestled him better in the second match, but just couldn't get the best of him. He was only one match away from placing so he did a really nice job. He was right in there."

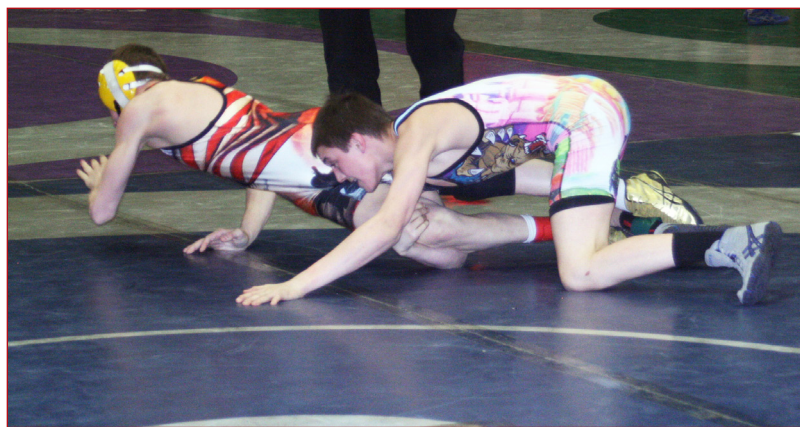
Simanton will next appear at the Middle School National Duals at the Mid America Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa as a member of one of four teams from Montana.

"He will be down there all

weekend wrestling," said Labrie.

As for the rest of the Malta wrestlers, the Little Guy State Tournament will also be this weekend. The event will be held in Great Falls.

"Throughout the years, Malta wrestlers have always done very well at the state tournament," said Labrie. "Orin has won in the past and so has Spencer. We have had a lot of places in the past three or four years, so we should have a good showing. It's a fun cap to the season."



Trey Simanton, above, and Spencer Gibbs, right, wrestling at the State Folk Style Tournament in Butte last week.

Photos by Ryan Labrie

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Class B Track and Field: Schye, Manoukian lead M-ettes to fourth place finish

by Pierre Bibbs

It was a cold and windy start for the Malta M-ettes and Mustangs who were able to participate in the Glasgow Invitational last Saturday.

A few team members were missing due to not having the minimum amount of practices, including freshman Sophia Stiles, Jada Nicholson and Sarah Ware.

M-ettes

The Malta M-ettes scored 64 points on their way to fourth place. Glasgow won the day sweeping both boys and girls team scores. The Lady Scotties scored 147 points, followed by Plentywood and Chinook who scored 96 and 94 respectively.

Sophomore Marley Manoukian and Junior Darby Schye started off on good feet, both earning first place finishes in their top events.

Schye won shot put, looking solid, even in warm ups. She had a throw of 34'10" almost having a two foot gap between her and Glasgow's Dana Hughes, who finished second. Even though she has won the meet, Schye was mildly disappointed and knows she can throw further.

"I'm kind of disappointed with how I did because it wasn't as far as I wanted it to be," Schye said. "Lately at practices I've been throwing 37's, so today was kind of disappointing."

Schye admitted that nerves were part of her throwing three feet less than her target, but she also said she needs to work a little harder in practice.

She threw the weighted ball right after her 200 meter dash, which she showed versatility placing third with a time of 29.53 and fifth in the 100 meter dash, with a time of 13.81.

"It really helps running the 200 before, because I felt more warmed up, way more warmed up," she said.

Manoukian, who performed at state in the 300 meter hurdles last year was feeling pretty confident before the event, saying that she felt pretty good and was warmed up. Manoukian posted a time of 53.25, which was nearly two seconds faster than her closest opponent Taylor Neibauer, of Chinook, who posted a 54.97.

"It feels good to win, but there is always room for improvement," Manoukian said after the event.

Sophomore Mary Grace Kalal finished third behind Neibauer in the 300 hurdles with a time of 56.03. Freshman Rheanna Messerly finished fourth in the event with a time of 59.97.

Before the long jump Manoukian had no idea how she would fare.

"I haven't long jumped ever, so I'm not sure (how far I will jump)," she told the PCN.

Manoukian finished fifth in the girls long jump after she leapt 13'10" and sixth in the 100 meter hurdles posting a 19.5 time.

The M-ettes placed third in the 4 X 400 relay with a time of 5:23.15. The team consisted of Messerly, Jenise Amestoy, Riley Mortenson and Adrianna Bibeau.

The short relay (4 x 100) team placed fourth with a time of 57.16. That team consisted of Manoukian, Schye, Messerly and Kalal.

Kalal finished fourth in the javelin throw with a distance of 86'3". Teammate Adrianna Bibeau was right behind, posting a distance of 83'11", which was good enough for fifth.

Sophomore Riley Mortenson finished fourth in the 3200 meter run, posting a time of 14:28.5. She also placed fifth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:57.47.

Mustangs

The Malta Mustangs placed seventh as a team at the meet scoring 27.50, which is really good considering the youth of the team. The winner was Glasgow who scored 140 points, nearly double the amount of their closest competition Garfield County who scored 74.50.

The relay teams fared well for Malta. The 4X400 meter relay team consisting of Ostin Welsh, Kyle Mitchell, Caleb Green and Tyson Carney placed second in the event posting a time of 4:09.04. The 4X100 meter team, including Welsh, Mitchell, Green and



Photos by Pierre Bibbs

Ostin Welch hands the baton to Jalen Lamb in the boys 4 X 400 relay Saturday. They were joined by Caleb Green and Kyle Mitchell (both not pictured). The team placed second in the event with a time of 4:09.04.

Jalen Lamb placed third with a time of 48:57.

Nathan Veit had a pretty good outing for the Malta Mustangs team, leading the young team in individual events and picking up the team's only top three finish. Veit placed third in the javelin throw with his longest being 144'1". He also placed sixth in discus, belting out a 108'1" effort.

Tyson Carney, a sophomore fared well at the meet, placing in two events the long jump and javelin throw. He placed fourth in the long jump with

a 35'9" effort and fifth in the javelin with a toss of 138'4".

Freshman Ostin Welsh placed in the long jump with a jump of 17'4".

For his first meet of his career Cody told the PCN he was "pretty excited." Holding a javelin in his hand he indicated that he would be participating in all throwing events. For his very first event, shot put, Cody thought he did well throwing a 32, but like many other athletes noticed something he could improve.

"I did alright for the first

try, but I need to improve my strength," he said.

The top throw in the event was nearly 50 feet by Chinook's Zach Molyneaux.

Though Malta is young, they will improve with experience.

Norstar is hosting a meet today in Havre. The next action Malta will see will be back in Havre Saturday by the Havre Lions Club.

Malta may be missing a few athletes, due to the district music meet in Poplar this weekend

Malta Golf Team has decent first meet

by Pierre Bibbs

The Wolf Point Invitational that was slated for Saturday was cancelled due to the course not being ready. However, the Malta golf team had its first meet in Shelby a day prior at the Shelby Invitational and did well.

The girls team by Senior Tyan Dunbar, who shot a 116. Dunbar finished sixth in individual scoring.

She was followed by junior Kelsey Kuehn, who shot 125, good enough for a ninth place finish.

Kristi Grandlund was tenth with a score of 134.

Taryn Shores came close to a top ten finish with 137 attempts. Serena Stine had 144 and Cyra Mears had 132 as a junior varsity golfer.

Malta had the only girls' team, so they won simply by showing up.

"We did pretty well for the first meet of the season," said coach Lynne Nevriy. "I would have liked to see the boys do a little better, but for the condi-

tions of the course and the first meet of the year we did well."

According to Nevriy, the course was wet and there were many trees in Shelby that the team left their mark.

Nevriy also sees an improvement amongst this year's team from last year's team.

"I am looking forward to the next meet," she said.

The boys team was led by senior Garrett Zanto who finished with 93 strokes.

Sophomore Keenan Van Wichen shot a 98.

Tyler Ost shot 102, Jase Galt 106, Collin Holman 108, Eli Waters 114, Hunter Love 117 and Cru Darrah 122.

Malta had two meets in line for the weekend that have already been cancelled due to weather or course related issues.

The team will instead venture off to Choteau for a meet Saturday morning.

The team may be without a few golfers, due to the district music meet in Poplar this weekend.

"Concentration comes out of a combination of confidence and hunger."
- Arnold Palmer



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Casity Boucher, an eighth grade M-ette, fights hard to deliver a pass from under the bucket in their 26-18 championship game against Winnet last Saturday at Swissfest.

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Play ball: Ramblings of a city boy

by Pierre Bibbs

Last week marked the start of the 2014 Major League Baseball season. With that comes countless hours of looking up at my phone and away hoping the little blips on the screen indicate a score from my Chicago White Sox or a strikeout, double or triple play from their defense.



Those "blips" on the screen remind me that I do not have cable and I will not likely see a Chicago baseball game, basketball game or football game because I'm not in the Windy City anymore.

There are a few things I miss about the big city, but I am learning that small town living isn't all that bad.

The first thing I learned about living away from home is, the experience is not indicative of the place you live. Its not about having to drive nearly 300 miles to find the nearest major airport, or thousands off mosquito bites I endure yearly. Its not about only having to choose from two cell phone company.

Its not about the having every store or restaurant you've ever wanted being a block away from your house or watching any major league sport you've wanted...

It's about the company you keep.

The saying from the good book goes "bad company corrupts good character."

So far the company in Malta has been one-of-a-kind. Being possible the only African American within 100 miles of the next one, I haven't faced any puerile forms of bigotry or racism.

The people of this county have treated me and my family as one of their own.

I remember the joy it brought my wife to hear my response to the question "where are you from?"

Typically, my response would be "I'm from Chicago but I live in Malta." Lately, I've dumbed down my long response to simply "Malta."

That to me, says one thing. I'm proud to live in Malta. Proud enough that at the moment, I plan to live and raise a family here.

Though my future children can't watch the television and anticipate the next generation of White Sox players winning the World Series, they can watch the Malta Mustangs and M-ettes attempt to dominate Class B sports. Then maybe they'll participate one day.

My kids may never be as connected to Chicagoland as I once was. They probably won't be as enamored with the Bulls, Sox or Bears, as I was growing up. But that's okay. Being a sportswriter for high school sports has helped quench the hunger.

I never dreamed that I would live in a community with a less than 20:1 student-teacher ratio. It looks like my kids will have that luxury with quality teachers and resources.

I'm glad that Malta's school system still holds some sense of morality, where other schools across the country are presenting sketchy books on human anatomy and unnatural human relations.

There are more characters here I can trust than in any other place I have lived, because this isn't the fast lane. Oh no, there are people here who drive well under the speed limit.

The only quick talkers here are the girl scouts. (Who doesn't love thin mints or Samoas anyway?)

Enough I's and me's... Play Ball!!!!

Class C Track and Field: Whitewater shows numbers and promise

by Pierre Bibbs

Kourtney Simonson fared well in her 2014 debut, winning her flight of the 800 meter run and placing second overall with a time of 2:35.84 at the 2014 Glasgow Invitational last Saturday. The meet featured 13 class B and C schools. "I was really not looking forward to it, because I know how hard of a race it is to run," said Ky. Simonson. "It was my first one of the year,

but I'm glad I came out and got the time that I did. It's a good starting point of the season."



Through she did well in the event, she knows that there is a major part of the event she needs to improve.

"My first lap, I needed it a little bit faster," she said. "Usually you want your first lap to be faster than your second lap because it gets your started."

She scored all 20 of the girls points, which was good

enough to lift the team to seventh place of 13 schools.

Simonson also placed third in the 400 dash with a time of 1:05.72. She also placed fourth in long jump with a 13'11" effort and fifth in the triple jump with a length of 29'1".

The boys team was led by Jeret Warren who scored all six of the boys points in the meet.

Warren started off in high gear in the 1600 placing third in the event with a time of 5:14.8.

"For my first meet I think I did fairly good and exceeded my expectations," said Jeret Warren.

Last year Warren finished at 5:42 in his first meet and ended the year with a 4:55, a 47 second difference. This year he finished at 5:14 in his first meet. If he could chop 47 seconds off that time as he did last year, he would be looking at a 4:27 time.

One thing that is slowing Warren is a turf toe injury, which is a hyper-extension of the big toe. Warren typically would participate in the 3200 as well, but he may need some time before he tackles that event.

Whitewater has added quite a few athletes in their crew, including two foreign exchange students, including Anastasia Ivanchenko who shared her thoughts on her first track meet with the PCN.

"I am nervous, but I saw guys jumping long jumps and I am confident now because it looked so fun," Ivanchenko said. "They were falling on their butt and it was funny."

Ivanchenko has never participated in track events in

her native county Ukraine, but she looked like a regular, placing twelfth out of 21 students in the 100 meter dash with a time of 15.33.

Junior Keira Simonson saw her first track and field action after tearing her meniscus and ACL in a seventh grade track meet. She feels she fared well considering.

"It was alright, but I was really nervous," Keira told the PCN.

She is hoping that her best event will be the 100 meter dash an event that she placed eighth, meaning she wasn't far from placing in the top rankings. Her time of 15.03 was a decent time and was fourth among C school athletes in the event.

The next meet Whitewater will attend will be the Cal Wearley event in Havre, hosted by Norstar today.

Over 30 C schools will be in attendance. Saturday the team will go back to Havre to attend the Havre Invitational, the meet will feature A, B, and C schools and will start around 9.

Whitewater will show nothing but improvement as athletes will be added to their rankings over the next couple



Photo by Pierre Bibbs

Beatriz Quintiliano participates in shot put. Her best throw was 20'4" Native to Portugal, this was her first American track meet.

of meets.

One key contributor may be junior Larimie Scheffelmear, who at nearly 6 feet has shown a great amount of athleticism in every sport she has played including basketball and volleyball.

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Photo by Pierre Bibbs

Kourtney Simonson placed second in her flight in the 800 meter run. She left plenty of runners looking at the back of her shoes last Saturday.

Zach Handley, Sophia Stiles receive honors from Great Falls Tribune

by Pierre Bibbs

Mustang senior Zach Handley and M-ette freshman Sophia Stiles have both been honored for their basketball play this past week in the Great Falls Tribune.

Handley has made the 2014 Boys Super-State team.

"It means a lot as a player (to make the Super-State team) but it's more of a tribute to my team and coaches as well," said Zach Handley. "They helped me throughout the season and my four years."

Handley has been a consistent all around ball player in Malta head coach David Costin's system since the start of his high school career, even earning a few starts as a freshman.

"With Zach I think a lot of

it is his all around game," said Mustangs head coach David Costin. "He's good at every facet of the game."

Handley was a crucial player in both of Malta's State B titles in 2012 and 2013.

"I think the thing that everybody will remember is Zach hitting the big three pointer to tie us up at the end of the

second overtime to put us into the third overtime (against Wolf Point in the 2013 state championship," said coach Costin. "That was probably Zach's biggest moment."

Handley and Kendall Denham definitely gave Malta plenty of shows, but even with Denham's departure, this year Handley was able to help lead a very young Mustang team to win a majority of their games

going 20-8 on the season, on their way to a third place finish in state.

"This year his biggest change was becoming more of a leader for us," said Costin.

He was the team's leader in nearly every stat, including charges taken (15). Which takes a lot of heart and quickness.

"He was always willing to sacrifice his body or whatever it took to make a play for us," said Costin.

Handley was awarded for his clutch ability in the 2014 State B tourney, receiving the honor of being named in the Great Falls Tribune 2014 Super-State Boys team.

Last year Denham made the team, this year it was Handley's turn and he delivered.

According to the Great Falls Tribune, "As always, the Super-State team is selected by the Great Falls Tribune sports staff after discussion with a number of coaches and fans."

This year's team consisted of five players from AA, three from A, one from B and one from C.

"He had a great career," said Costin. "He is one of a kind and I don't think we will ever see another Zach Handley. He's a great kid."

Because Handley has played his last game as a Mustang, he noted that there would be a couple of things he would miss.

"I'll miss the atmosphere and the preparation," said Handley. "I don't know if I'm going to get a chance to play in college. but if I do, I'll always remember my times as a Mustang."

If he doesn't play basketball Handley plans on going to MSU-Billings to major in education and then pick up coaching.

Handley was also named Athlete of the week on the week of March 19.

He made the HIT All-tournament team in Havre the weekend of March 29.

Stiles
Sophia Stiles was voted the Great Falls Tribune's Athlete



Photo by Pierre Bibbs

of the Week after a poll was taken on-line. She received 544 votes out of 975 total. Her closest competition for the honor was Makhayla Farmer from Chinook, who had received 237 votes.

Stiles was nominated for the award for her play in the HIT tourney in Havre, in which she scored 13 points for Class B in their 77-55 win over Class C.

"I think Sophie is an extra exceptional kid," said M-ette head coach Nate Hammond. "For any age, let alone a freshman to play the way she does, it's the type of kid most coaches don't get to coach."

Hammond went on to say that Stiles was a definite tone setter on defense and he was impressed with her ability to score.

"I'm fortunate to be able to coach a kid like that and I'm proud of her for winning that award," he added.

Stiles had 317 points, 117 steals, 89 assists and 136 rebounds in 26 games this season.

Stiles also was chosen as part of the All-tournament team and was the team's assist leader.

"It's a good honor and I think it's pretty cool," said Sophia Stiles.

Though the team didn't bring home the ultimate prize, Stiles was proud of the team's effort.

"We did good this year, only having one senior (but), I think we should've won that championship game," she said.

The team's lone senior was Stiles's sister Mercedes, whom will be missed.

"I'm going to miss Sadie this year," Sophia told the PCN.

Stiles has had quite the year and has lived up to the hype thus far.

Next year the team may be able to go all the way, but before then Stiles will participate in Malta's upcoming track season, where She will compete in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles, long jump and triple jump.



Photo by Pierre Bibbs

M-ette Sophia Stiles drives past Forsyth's Rudy Kallenbach in the 2014 State B tourney in Bozeman.