

Attachment 8



FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT #40 NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER
2006

THANK YOU VOTERS!

From the Desk of the Superintendent,
Mr. Randy Cline

Building Bond Issue Passes

On November 7, 2006 the voters of Frenchtown School District #40 approved both the elementary and high school building bond issues. The official results were:

Elem: Yes - 54%, No - 46%

HS: Yes - 53%, No - 47%

The two bonds total almost \$19 million and will be used to build a junior high school, add on to the high school, build a vocational building, and do some remodeling at the elementary. Thanks to everyone for their work on the bond issues!

We have started the design phase of the project. CTA Architects will design the building and Martel, Inc. has been chosen as the General Contractor Construction Manager (GCCM) for the building project. A "Kick-Off meeting" was held the week after the election. It was mostly an introductory and technical meeting. Introduce the GCCM, the asbestos contractor, the site survey contractor, etc. Technical questions such as what do we do about water, sewer, fire codes, HVC, etc. Other meetings with public agencies and contractors are being held this week and next week on December 5, there will be another all day meeting at the high school to begin to summarize what has been learned so far.

The School Board has formed a Building committee: The core committee has 2 Board members (John Mazzola, Dianne Burke.), 2 administrators (Randy Cline, Rory Weishaar), and 2 community members (Doug Bardwell & Ray Winn). This is an executive committee (appointed by the Board), which makes the decisions that the superintendent would usually make during such a building project, i.e. review change orders, decide what color to paint the rooms, discuss technical questions (on the

bonds, for example), etc. and make specific recommendations to the board.

The actual design of all the future buildings and remodeling will be a process in which all staff members participate, starting with the surveys they filled out and when CTA gathered input from the high school staff. CTA will be back later to work with staff from the other buildings on design issues and with all staff throughout the project. Also, a Design Team is being formed to directly represent the K-12 staff. The public is also invited to participate either directly by attending meetings or indirectly by contacting the members on the building committee with their thoughts, ideas, and questions. I can't guarantee that everyone will get exactly what they want out of the project, but everyone will have a chance to participate in the process.

Everyone involved is excited about the opportunity the voters of Frenchtown School District #40 have given to us! At the same time, we remember that many voters voted against the bond. We will respect their voice also. When we make decisions on the project, we will be fiscally responsible and work hard to create a facility that all community members will be proud of whether they voted for or against the building project. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Happy Holidays

As the holiday season approaches our students are busy preparing their holiday programs for family and community members. Don't forget to check the calendar of events for all of our Winter Programs scheduled for this month. Our students and their music teachers are working hard to bring to you an event to remember. We have programs both the first and second week of December.

Key Club, Builders Club Annual Food Drive

Our High School Key Club, under the supervision of their advisor Dave Duhamel, and

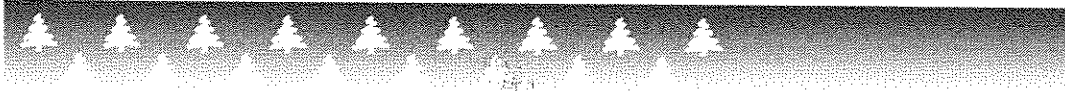
the Junior High Builders Club, under the supervision of their advisor Roberta Chapman, have conducted their annual food drive in the district. The food was collected at school and sorted to be distributed to Frenchtown families prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Our staff, students, and families helped to provide food for 14 families during this holiday season. Each family received four large boxes of canned goods along with a turkey, 10 pounds of potatoes, and a bag of fresh rolls. The Frenchtown Valley Kiwanis provided the turkeys and the Key Club and Junior High Student Council supplied the potatoes and rolls. Thank you for all of your support of the food drive and for supporting our families, some of who are in need of assistance this year.

We are very appreciative of the efforts of our students and their sponsors in these organizations on behalf of the Frenchtown community. If you know of any families

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or children that might be in need of help this holiday season, please contact your child's building principal. There are many individuals and groups in our community who are willing to provide some assistance if we can give them the names of individuals or families in need. The holidays should be as free from stress as possible and we will do whatever we can do to help the community.

As Winter Approaches

We were fortunate in November and winter didn't really hit until the last few days of the month, but winter is here now.

As the snow falls and we have snow packed or icy roads we always have to look at the driving hazards for our buses. We try to keep our buses running and school open as much as possible. Please stay tuned to the local radio and television stations for information on whether the buses will be running or school will be open. If you are in a location that does not allow for safe passage to school or to the bus stop, then as a parent, you are the best person to determine if your child/children should attend school on a day when the weather is bad. If a student is absent because you could not get them to the bus stop or school, please notify the school and your child will be marked as an excused absence for that day. As superintendent, I consult with our transportation supervisor in the early morning to determine whether it is safe to have the buses out, and in some cases individual routes or parts of routes will be cancelled or delayed. Listen for messages on the radio or television that will be the first place that we contact on any school closures. If you don't hear Frenchtown mentioned in a listing of school closures, then know that we are holding school. The weather across the county can be very different from one end to the other and so the description of school closures in Missoula, or Clinton, may not be at all like our weather for the morning.

Coats, Hats, Gloves, Boots

Please be sure that your child leaves for school with everything they need to stay warm at lunch recess and recess as well as the trip to and from school. But even more importantly check to make sure they get it all

home again. Our Lost and Found departments at elementary and junior high are always overflowing. It seems that as the weather warms up during the day, the students take the coats and hats and gloves off and they never make it back home again. We can only keep the clothes for a limited amount of time, until we have no more room, then we donate to charity, so if you are missing some outerwear, check the school lost and found and see if it is there.

Change in our School Board Meeting this month

Our regularly scheduled School Board meeting is Tuesday, December 12th at 8:00 PM in the elementary library. Usually we meet at 7:00 PM, but the meeting will start one hour later to give everyone an opportunity to attend the music programs in the gymnasium first.

Winter Vacation

Our winter break begins at 1:20 on Thursday, December 22nd and students and staff returns to school on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Congratulations to our Student Athletes

Congratulations to the high school football team who finished as the state Class A runner-up this year! FHS won play off games against Whitefish, Havre, and Billings Central before being stopped in a hard fought state championship game at Dillon on November 18. The team and coaches are to be commended for the way they represented Frenchtown High School throughout the season.

At the divisional volleyball tournament in Hamilton, November 9 -11, the FHS girl's team finished in third place. They defeated Stevensville, Corvallis, and Hamilton and lost twice to Anaconda during tournament play. Only two teams (Anaconda and Dillon) advanced to State A play in Bozeman from Divisional, but our girls put forth an excellent effort at the tournament. Again, the team and coaches are to be commended for the way they represented Frenchtown High School

throughout the season.

Bronc Bronze

The Ockler family had the winning bid on a casting of a Bronc at the Calcutta and decided to donate it to Frenchtown High School. The bust named, "Bustin Up" was created by local artist C.M. Jones. If you would like to see it, it is currently being displayed in the high school office. The School plans to encase it and display it prominently by the High School Office. A big thank you for such a generous donation.

From the Desk of the K-3 Principal, Ms. Cindy Worrall

The first graders in Mrs. Richardson's room completed their Native American study with a wonderful Powwow. Thanks to all the parents that made it special by attending. We are ready to start the Holiday special activities. Although we are very excited about the upcoming days we know how important it is to practice our reading, learn about our vowels, write our sentences and continue to work on our Math Challenge. We will have our Holiday Program on December 13th in the afternoon. Hope to see all of you there!!

Mrs. Rugg's class is learning all about balance and motion. We made mobiles out of tag board and decorated the mobile squares. We also read three different stories about The Three Little Pigs. It was loads of fun comparing the different stories. One of our favorite characters was the Big Bad Wolf. I think we like him because he is in many other stories we have read. We are teaming up with Mrs. Normand's third grade class and will be mailing letters to the Big Bad Wolf. We finished our look at all three stories by making picture frames out of spaghetti noodles. This made our frames look like straw houses!

The first graders continue to amaze Mrs. Hedrick with their incredible desire to learn. We are really zipping through our reading units. Each week we add more writing and spelling activities to the units. In math we've been working hard on our addition and subtraction facts. We will do a quick unit on fractions for fun during the month of December. We are looking forward to some craft projects and our

FRENCHTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT #40
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ELEMENTARY LIBRARY 8:00 p.m.
TUESDAY December 12, 2006

TENTATIVE

AGENDA:

- I. CALL TO ORDER.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
- III. CONSENT AGENDA.
 - A. Approval of minutes
 - B. Approval of warrants
 - C. Approval of financial report
 - D. Approval of new substitutes
 - E. Approval of Student Attendance Agreements for foster children placed in Frenchtown School District
 - F. Administrative Reports
 - 1) K-3 Principal
 - 2) 4-6 Principal
 - 3) Junior High Principal
 - 4) High School Principal
 - 5) Technology Director
 - 6) Maintenance Supervisor
 - 7) Activities Director
 - 8) Transportation Supervisor
 - 9) Superintendent
- IV. INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.
 - A. PTSA Report
 - B. Student Council Report
- V. BUSINESS.
 - A. OLD BUSINESS:
 - 1) Review/Action: CTA update and action on items concerning the building project
 - 2) Review/Action: Sale of two school buses
 - B. NEW BUSINESS:
 - 1) Review/Action: Approve coaches for junior high basketball and volleyball
 - 2) Review/Action: Approve coach for School Play - Castle Mallino
 - 3) Review/Action: Appeal on Student Issue
 - 4) Review/Action: Superintendent's Evaluation
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
*****BREAK*****
- VII. POLICY REVIEW.
 - A. First Reading: New Policy: 5015; Revised Policy: 2103, 3025, 3231P, 4332, 5120, 5334P, 5502, 5430
- VIII. UPDATE ON PROGRESS TOWARD DISTRICT GOALS for 2005-2006
- IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - A. Policy (Evan Jordan, Lee Maxted)
 - B. Insurance (Lee Maxted, JeanAnn Phares)
 - C. Negotiations/Labor Relations (John Mazzola, Dianne Burke)
 - D. Transportation (Lee Maxted, JeanAnn Phares)
 - E. Safety (Evan Jordan)
 - F. Building Committee (John Mazzola, Dianne Burke)
- X. CORRESPONDENCE.
- XI. BOARD RECOGNITION.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT.
 - NOTE 1: The Board shall make a copy of the minutes available within 5 working days following the approval of the minutes
 - NOTE 2: Please contact the Superintendent 48 hours prior to the meeting to be heard on an agenda item appearing on the scheduled agenda. This is not required, but is a scheduling courtesy for the Superintendent and the Board
 - NOTE 3: To be placed on the agenda for a future meeting, please contact the Superintendent at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting.
 - NOTE 4: A brief public comment period will be allowed for each item under the following agenda areas:
 - VI. Individuals and Delegations to Address the Board
 - V. Business
 - A. Old Business
 - B. New Business
 - VII. Policy Review
 - NOTE 5: The Board Chairman will set time limits and regulations for public comment periods

The following are unofficial summaries of the Board Meetings for the Month of November 2006. Official minutes will be approved at the December 12, 2006 Board meeting. Patrons with questions/concerns may contact Supt. Randy Cline at 626-2600.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2006 7:02-8:17 P.M. ELEMENTARY LIBRARY

Boy Scouts: One of the requirements of the Boy Scouts is to attend a local meeting. A number of boys from the various troops in the area were introduced and stayed for the entire meeting.

Appointed Trustee: Evan Jordan was introduced as the replacement trustee, appointed after Ray Winn's resignation.

Consent agenda: The consent agenda included: Minutes from regular board meeting of 10/10/06 & special board meetings 10/5/06, 10/13/06, 10/26/06 & 10/31/06; warrants in the amount of \$184,373.20; Financial Report for the month of November 2006 with total expenditures of \$809,924.88; mandatory attendance agreements; resignation of custodian, bus driver & paraprofessional; hire of new substitute personnel (Tracie Crabtree & Kellie Hagan substitute paraprofessionals; Kimberly Legato substitute teacher; & Sam Zeiser substitute custodian); and Administrative Reports. **Approved the consent agenda. Unanimous (Unan)**

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Individuals & Delegations to Address the Board: PTSA: None. Student Council: None. Safe Schools Survey: Dr. Rory Weishaar briefly went over the results of the survey taken by 225 students and 22 staff members. CRT Test Results: Principal Wendy Ihde briefly went over the CRT test results. She noted that there was good news in reading for 3, 4, & 5 graders. The results were in the 80's & 90's. The bad news is that most of our math scores, especially 3 grade, are below 60% and the state average. Statewide, most schools are struggling. The standards were set high and as in our case, the math curriculum was developed before the state standards were developed. Therefore, the types of things on the test are not necessarily the things currently taught in the classroom. She has been trying to update the curriculum (Math is scheduled for next year anyway) to match the state standards. Hopefully we will see improvement within the next year or so.

Business: Old: None. New: December Board meeting start time: Due to the Holiday program at the Elementary on 12/12/06, Supt. Randy Cline recommended starting the regular December board meeting at 8:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. **Approved moving the start time of the December (12/12/06) regular board meeting to 8:00 p.m.** **Unan Staff Hiring:** Supt. Randy Cline recommended hiring the following – Steven Serrano-Elementary Custodian, Tracy Thompson-Special Education paraprofessional, & Burnett Waples-Bus Driver. **Approved hiring Steven Serrano, Tracy Thompson, & Burnett Waples.** **Unan Canvas of Bond Election Results:** Supt. Randy Cline noted that the bond election results were not available from the County Election Office, but should be by Thursday. Since there is a dinner scheduled at the Ninemile House on Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. he recommended scheduling the canvass to occur prior to the dinner. **Approved moving the bond election canvass to November 16, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ninemile House.** **Unan Reorganize board committees:** Supt. Randy Cline recommended the following: (1) Need a replacement for Ray Winn on the Policy committee, (2) Retire the Planning for the Futures Committee, (3) Add a Board member to the Safety committee, and (4) Establish a Building Committee (this committee would meet with CTA Architects, Martel Construction and other building consultants; meet with staff; proceed through the design phase of construction; and make recommendations for final decisions to the Board). He had talked with a number of Districts who have built recently and their recommendation was to keep this committee as small as possible for efficiency. His recommendation would be 2 Board members, 2 Administrators and 2 community members. Consensus of the Board for reorganizing the Board is as follows: (1) Lee Maxted and Evan Jordan on Policy Committee, (2) Jean Ann Pfahler and Lee Maxted on Transportation Committee, (3) Jean Ann Pfahler and Lee Maxted on Insurance Committee, (4) Dianne Burke and John Mazzola on Negotiations/Labor Relations Committee, (5) John Mazzola and Dianne Burke on Building Committee (The other remaining members would be as follows: Supt. Randy Cline, Dr. Rory Weishaar, Doug Bardwell and Ray Winn. There would be an advisory group to the Building Committee of Greg Barrett-Maintenance Supervisor and staff representatives from the various School Buildings.), (6) and Evan Jordan on Safety Committee. **Records Disposal:** Supt. Randy Cline noted that these were records that were old and obsolete which require Board approval for disposal. **Approved destruction of the records as indicated on the Obsolete records form.** **Unan Route Changes:** There was an addition of a leg to a Special Education Route (SE16) and a change in size of bus for one of the Kindy Routes (Kindy East) due to the numbers of students on the bus. **Approved the bus route changes as presented.** **Unan Appoint Supt. as Authorized Representative for Grants:** Supt. Randy Cline noted that the Board is required to appoint the Authorized Representative for Federal and State Grants. **Approved appointing Randy Cline as the Authorized Representative for Federal and State grants.** **Unan CTA Fee Proposal for Pre-Design Services:** Board Chair, John Mazzola noted that Dianne and he had gone over the proposal for the pre-design services and consultant fees as presented by CTA for \$82,282 and recommended their acceptance. **Approved pre-design services for the building project as presented by CTA Architects.** **Unan Distribution of Supt. Evaluation:** District Clerk Cindy McMurray will submit the Superintendent's Evaluation form electronically to the Trustees. The evaluations should be completed prior to the regular December meeting with the actual evaluation to be done at the regular board meeting in January.

Public Comment Period: None. **Break:** None.

Policy Review: Policy 5122 – Personnel. Supt. Randy Cline noted that this amendment would waive fingerprinting of student workers and student volunteers. He noted that if we submitted fingerprints to the Federal Government for individuals under 18 we wouldn't receive anything back because those records are sealed anyway. **Adopted the amendment to Board policy 5122 as presented.** **Unan**

Update on Progress of Goals for 2006-2007: Supt. Randy Cline noted that the update to the District Goals for 2006-2007 were included in the Board packet.

Committee Reports: **Policy:** Supt. Randy Cline noted that Montana School Board Association (MTSBA) has sent out proposed amendments to current policy. Therefore the Policy Committee needs to meet to discuss. **Insurance:** No meeting has been held recently, however there is the need to start reviewing the possibility of a tiered insurance premium. They will start with a committee and Board meeting to start. **Negotiations:** The quarterly meetings with the FEA and FCA need to be scheduled soon. Will tentatively start with minutes scheduled for 45 minutes long, both on the same day, hopefully 12/17/06. **Transportation:** None. **Planning for the Futures:** Final report: Dianne Burke "We did it".

Correspondence: Supt. Randy Cline noted we received a letter from MTSBA in reference to the Arbitration. We're still waiting for the decision.

Board Recognition: Dr. Rory Weishaar noted that the Ockler family bid on a casting of a Bronc as the Calcutta and have decided to donate it to Frenchtown High School. The School plans to encase it and display it prominently by the High School Office. A big thank you for such a generous donation. Trustee Dianne Burke noted that King Ranch is due a big thank you for allowing us the use of the golf course for all day golf tournaments and cross country events. Trustee Dianne Burke also expressed appreciation for Joe Wall and all of the work he has done at the High School with the study work and assistance with the Yearbook. It was also noted that Mrs. Diehl was now taking over the main emphasis of the Yearbook and that Darla Clegg has been helping out in that area too. Dr. Rory Weishaar noted that teacher Robert Henderson wanted to note that Caitlin Burke has been honored with the National Youth Leadership Quorum on medicine. Trustee Dianne Burke recognized the Girls Volleyball and Cross Country for a very successful season. Trustee Jean Ann Pfahler thanks the Planning for the Futures committee and all of the staff, students and community members who helped pass the Building Bond.

Approved motion to adjourn. **Unan**

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING NOTES, November 16, 2006 6:30-6:50 pm, Nine Mile House

The purpose of the meeting was to canvass the Bond Election. **Approved the Certificate of the canvass of the Bond Election from November 7, 2006 and certify the results as presented.** **Unan** The results were as follows: K-8 General Obligation Bond for \$9,355,000 – 1316 For and 1168 Against. Bond passed. 9-12 General Obligation Bond for \$9,580,000 – 1301 For and 1205 Against. Bond passed.

Approved motion to adjourn. **Unan**

winter program.

Mrs. Pilsworth's first graders have been reading fables about sheep. They are practicing reading fluency and developing self-confidence as readers. In math the children are working with subtraction and in science we have been having fun with whirlers and twirly-birds. Now we are studying balance and motion and will explore wheels, spheres and the many ways size, shape, and weight affect how an object moves.

Mrs. Everett's second grade class had a delicious time studying nutrition this month. We finished the unit with a Favorite Foods Festival. There were lots of yummy foods from banana bread to pasta and olive salad. We have also been working on our math dog tags with several students earning their 1st and 2nd tags. In the mornings we have been choosing an object to weigh. Before we weigh it we decide if it weighs less than a pound, exactly a pound or more than a pound. So far we have weighed 9 objects that weigh less than a pound, 7 objects that weigh more than a pound and NO objects that weigh exactly a pound!

Mrs. Underm's second graders had a wonderful Thanksgiving Gathering. They shared some Thanksgiving poetry and I am thankful for..... letters Wednesday afternoon while grandparents, parents, brothers, and sisters sipped hot apple cider and ate pumpkin bars, doughnuts, and cookies. I am thankful for such fantastic students and families.

We have been reading, reading, reading! Our goal is for every student in our class to earn 4 AR points in the month of November. It looks like we're going to make it.

We had block students from the University this quarter. Jodie Clark and Kathy Higgins spent a lot of time in our room. They taught an awesome moon unit and we learned a lot about the moon. We did experiments, kept journals, and had a lot of fun. Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Clark also worked together with some other block students, our Builder's club, and the HS Key Club on the Frenchtown community food drive. Our class collected a lot of food to be distributed to Frenchtown families for the holidays. We charted our food by amount and which food group it belonged to. We know how to eat healthy!

Winter is here and Mrs. Bartels's third graders are ready. We will be hard at work this month learning and storing new vocabulary words such as glimmer and versatile. We are so excited about learning to write in cursive, we can't wait to learn the whole alphabet! These busy third graders are also reading up a storm and with these cold winter days reading is the best way to pass the time. An important reminder to parents to send warm clothes to school with your child, it gets cold on the playground. Happy Holidays!

Kids in Motion choir will take their annual trip to area nursing homes. They will travel to Village Health Care, Village Senior Residence, and the Springs Assisted Living on December 19th. Students from grades K-6 make cards to be delivered to the residence of these homes.

Christmas Sweaters + Auction = Holiday Books for the Library

On November 21, the Frenchtown Elem/Jr.High had a silent auction for Dr. Peggy Anderson's (former superintendent) wonderful collection of Christmas sweaters. She generously donated them and asked that the proceeds be given to the library. What a fun event for the teachers. The librarians are now purchasing Holiday books for the library. Thank you to all of the bidders, and especially to Dr. Anderson for her generosity.

Tired Books

If your student is reading a book that is tattered and worn, that is because of the heavy use of the library books. From November 1-27, 5778 books were checked out of the library. This is terrific!!! Keep them reading.



From the Desk of the Grades 4-6 Principal, Mrs. Wendy Ihde

We have the following student populations:

4th grade -- 100

5th grade - 107

6th grade - 96

Happy Holidays

This time of year can be a very hectic and stressful time. With programs, celebrations, shopping, travel plans or preparing for visitors, and the usual day-to-day issues, we can all get to a point of wanting to stop the world and get off. At school we try to keep things as close to a normal schedule as we can. This is not always as easy as we may think it should be. We are busy getting ready for winter programs, completing projects, and finishing units before the long break. There are lots of fun activities, yet there is a lot of pressure on students, teachers, and parents to "get things done." Because of all this, it is easy to neglect school work. Although many other things are going on, it is important to continue with good study habits. It will be a hectic, fun-filled month with a nice, hopefully relaxing, break at the end. I would encourage everyone to take the time during the break to find a great book and enjoy!

Music Mania

Anna Weishaar, reporter

Mrs. Blass is getting ready for a program for K-2 and it is conducted by Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. Blass. The 1st grade will sing a variety of songs and will dress up like reindeer, and the kindy will be angels. The second grade will perform a mini play called "The Little Bell that Couldn't Ring." The 3rd and fourth grade will perform a play called "Snow Biz." Kids in Motion will be caroling on Dec. 19 to nursing homes in Missoula. 5th grade is doing a mini play about holidays in Frenchtown. 7th and 8th grade choir are getting ready for our concert. The 7th and 8th grade Elite Ensemble, which is an honor choir, is getting ready for a concert. They will be caroling also. Hope you all have fun.

Library Happenings

Lindsey Shepard, reporter

The third grade classes are talking about genre such as folk tales and poetry. The fifth grade is doing research projects using Inspiration and Power Point. Mrs. Hyland's class started to give their presentations. Dr. Anderson was our superintendent. She has donated Christmas sweaters for an auction so we can get new Christmas books for the library. The second grade is listening to the treasure books and is going to vote on one. The treasure state award is decided by primary students in Montana. The kindergarten and the first grade are studying authors. Kindergarten is learning about Simms Taback. The first grade is learning about Mem Fox and her books.

Fourth Grade News

Morgan Ray, reporter

Mr. Anderson's class is working on energy in science. In reading, they are working on a story structure. They are having a good time working on multiplication and division. They just got done with a chapter on geography in social studies. In English, they are learning how to make a proper letter and proper story. That is what Mr. Anderson's class is doing.

Mrs. Whaley's class just got done reading the novel, How to Eat Fried Worms. In math, they are working on how to make all kinds of graphs. To memorize the states and their capitals is what they are doing in social studies. Two college block students are teaching different things about Indian tribes. These are the Native Americans main things Mrs. Whaley's class is doing.

Mrs. Gaul's class is working on the 3 states of matter in science. Fractions are what they're working on in math. In social studies they are working on the eastern regions of the U. S. They are watching movies on drug abuse. Some people are on level 2 in keyboarding. That is what Mrs. Gaul is working on in her class.

Mrs. Murphy is studying matter in science playing with the question "What's the Matter?" In math the kids get an M&M when they practice their multiplication facts. They are studying the economy in social studies.

They are reading 4 classroom novels. A few kids got to have a tea party for getting a special literature assignment finished. That's what she and her class are doing this month.

Fifth Grade News

Kelsey Gingell, reporter

Mr. Schwisow's class is making a large totem pole for the northwest Indians for social studies. In science they will do animal reports on biomes. In language they will write persuasive letters. Some student will be writing to soldiers in Afghanistan.

Mrs. Hyland's class is studying the solar system in science. In their books there is a caption saying in 13 years maybe there is a plan that people can live on the moon. Her class has pen pals from Idaho. They will get to write back this week for the second time. Her class, first thing in the morning, is reading then math. Then her class switches with Mrs. Bruse's class for social studies. Then they go to band, then lunch, then to science, and they language. Her class spent time leaning Spanish words and colors one day. What a cool class!

Mrs. Eustance has her spotting scope to observe the creatures that live on the lower playground. So far they have seen white swans and duck. For math they are working hard on 2-3 numbers. For social studies they will be studying explorers. In reading they just finished the novel, The Borrowers. They just finished making totem poles and displaying them in the library. The will work on Indian weaving.

Ms. O'Sullivan's 5th grade class

In Mrs. Bruse's class for social studies we are going to do some reports on explorers. For math we are working on multiplication of decimals and whole numbers. Her students need to start reviewing their times facts at home. In language they will work on nouns and abbreviations. In reading, half of the AR points are due by December 16th. For the holidays they will make a family present. Her class's block students just finished with Jamestown.



Sixth Grade News

Randy Gordon, reporter

The 6th grade classes are learning how to add and subtract fractions. On the 21st the 6th grade went to a Jack Gladstone concert, and on the same day some of the classes ran the Turkey Trot. They are learning about Ancient Egypt. They also made baskets. In science they are learning about shells. That all I have discovered. I will have more next time.

From the Desk of the Jr. High Principal, Mr. Jon Fimmel

JHS BAND AND CHOIR CONCERTS SCHEDULED

Listeners will be treated to a fine evening of choir and band music on Monday, December 11th, in the JHS gymnasium. The winter music program is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. This concert will follow performances of 5th and 6th graders that will begin earlier.

Mr. John Nelson will direct the instrumental portions of the junior high program; and Ms. Ellen McKenzie will direct the vocal performance groups.

THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT INCREASED BY TWO

The class of 2012 (wow, they're only in the 8th grade now!) still outnumbers the 7th grade by seven students. The junior high school enrollment is 190. There are 109 male students and only 81 female students.

JUST OVER THE HORIZON

JHS Boys' Basketball "A" coach, Mr. Mike Knopik, is poised to look in the direction of attending a Copper League scheduling meeting on January 4th. At this meeting the Copper League coaches will release the 2007 schedules for their team. The end-of-the-season tournament dates have already been scheduled for February 12th, 13th, and 14th.

FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT #40 WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE 2006-2007

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL				HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING				HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Nov 20	Practice Begins		4:00pm	Nov 14	Practice Begins	H.S.	TBA	Nov 20	Practice Begins	H.S.	
Dec 7	M.B.S. (each varsity)	Big Sky	4:00, 5:30pm*	Dec 2	Polson	Polson	TBA	Dec 7	M.B.S. (each varsity)	Big Sky	4:00, 5:30pm*
Dec 8-9	Tip-Off Tourney	Hamilton	TBA	Dec 8	Cutbank/Browning/Eureka	Home	6:00pm	Dec 8-9	Tip-Off Tourney	Hamilton	TBA
Dec 14	Hamilton	Home	4:15pm	Dec 9	Superior Tourney (V)	Superior	TBA	Dec 15	Hamilton	Hamilton	4:15pm
Dec 16	Columbia Falls	Columbia Falls	3:00pm	Dec 10	Hamilton Tourney (IV)	Hamilton	TBA	Dec 16	Columbia Falls	Home	3:00pm
Dec 19	Corvallis	Corvallis	4:15pm	Dec 12	Flora Valley	Home	6:00pm	Dec 19	Corvallis	Home	4:15pm
Dec 21	Anaconda	Anaconda	4:15pm	Dec 15	Corvallis Tourney	Corvallis	5:00pm	Dec 21	Anaconda	Home	4:15pm
Jan 4	Thompson Falls	Thompson Falls	4:15pm	Dec 16	Ronan	Ronan	4:30pm	Jan 4	Polson	Polson	4:15pm
Jan 5	M.B.S. (each varsity)	Big Sky	4:00, 5:30pm*	Jan 5-6	Cut Bank Tourney (V)	Cut Bank	TBA	Jan 5	M.B.S. (each varsity)	Big Sky	4:00, 5:30pm*
Jan 8	Polson	Polson	3:00pm	Jan 9	Browning Tourney (IV)	Browning	TBA	Jan 6	Thompson Falls	Home	3:00pm
Jan 9	Dillon	Dillon	4:15, 4:30, 4:00pm*	Jan 11	Wardfish	Home	7:00pm	Jan 12	Dillon	Home	4:15pm
Jan 13	Stevensville	Home	3:00pm	Jan 12	Hellgate	Hellgate	6:00pm	Jan 13	Stevensville	Stevensville	3:00pm
Jan 19	Hamilton	Hamilton	4:15pm	Jan 16	Hamilton	Home	6:00pm	Jan 18	Hamilton	Home	4:15pm
Jan 20	Llby	Home	TBA	Jan 18	Corvallis	Corvallis	6:00pm	Jan 20	Llby	Home	TBA
Jan 26	Corvallis	Home	4:15pm	Jan 23	Missoula Big Sky	Missoula	6:00pm	Jan 25	Corvallis	Corvallis	4:15pm
Jan 27	Bigfork	Bigfork	3:00pm	Jan 24	Anaconda	Home "Senior Night"	6:00pm	Jan 30	Polson	Home	4:15pm
Feb 1	Polson	Home	4:15pm	Jan 27	Dillon	Dillon	6:00pm	Feb 3	Stevensville	Home	3:00pm
Feb 3	Stevensville	Stevensville	3:00pm	Feb 3	Divisionals	Anaconda	TBA	Feb 8	Dillon	Dillon	4:15, 4:30, 6:00pm*
Feb 9	Dillon	Home	4:15pm	Feb 9-10	State Tourney	Billings	TBA	Feb 15	Big Fork	Home "Senior Night"	4:15pm
Feb 16	Anaconda	Home "Senior Night"	4:15pm					Feb 16	Anaconda	Anaconda	4:15pm
Feb 23-24	Divisionals	Hamilton	TBA					Feb 23-24	Divisionals	Hamilton	TBA
Mar 1-3	State Tourney	Belgrade	TBA					Mar 5-10	State Tourney	Belgrade	TBA

*Starting times for weekdays: Fresh 4:15, JV 4:00, Varsity 7:30 (unless noted otherwise) *
*Starting times for Saturdays: Fresh 3:00, JV 4:45, Varsity 6:15 (unless noted otherwise) *

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SPEECH AND DRAMA

Nov 4	Hamilton	8:00am	Nov 11	Ronan	8:00am	Dec 2	Corvallis	8:00am	Dec 9	Dillon	8:00am
Jan 6	Columbia Falls	8:00am	Jan 13	Big Fork	8:00am	Jan 20	Anaconda	(Div's) 8:00am	Jan 26-27	Billings Central (State)	8:00am

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The Girls' Volleyball "A" team coach, Ms. Patti O'Sullivan, will participate in a Copper League scheduling meeting in Missoula on February 22nd. More information about Girls' Volleyball will be published in next month's bulletin.

A GOOD FRIEND WILL BE MISSED

Word has recently been received from the Mineral County Sheriff's Office that the beautiful black German shepherd dog, BLACK, had died of natural causes. BLACK visited our campus twice last year and was well received by staff and students alike.

SEVENTH GRADERS RECEIVE IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Presenters representing the Missoula Community Intervention program met with seventh grade health enhancement student during class time on November 29th. Students received important information about alcohol abuse, Minor in Possession (MIP) legal issues, and other aspects of such concerns and risks.

FACULTY MEMBERS LOOK AT QUESTIONS MISSED BY STUDENTS

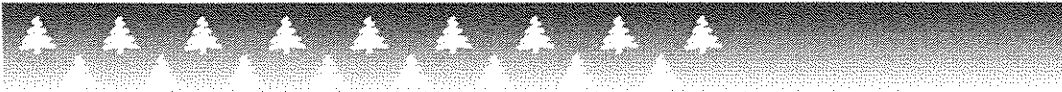
An interesting turn-a-bout occurred during the November 15th, after-school faculty meeting. While teachers were reviewing a performance assessment test recently adminis-

tered to junior high school students.. teachers focused on how many students missed each specific question rather than how many questions each student missed.

An important lesson was learned by teachers! A review of what questions were answered incorrectly by students (also noting how many students incorrectly answered specific questions) provided valuable information about what it is that students are not learning.

This information provides valuable information about how to adjust teaching to cause students to become more proficient with the knowledge received in the classroom. In some cases this information also can suggest that certain information is not presently

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included in what is taught.

Students benefit from teachers' investigations into the details of student performance on tests. All of this works towards the improvement of student learning.

FRENCHTOWN JHS SHARES TOP COPPER LEAGUE HONORS

Our JHS recently received word that our school and the Bonner School received the shared honor of winning the Flag-Football COPPER LEAGUE Sportsmanship Award for 2006.. Both schools will provide a home for this plaque for one half of this school year.

This award is presented to the school(s) that exhibit the best sportsmanship on the field by players, coaches, and by audiences watching the game. Frenchtown can be very proud of the people who represent our JHS flag-football programs. This includes the fine recognition earned by our supportive parents and other community members.

JHS STUDENT EXCELLS IN THE "GREAT MAIL RACE"

Eighth grader, Emily Schall, is one of many students who participates in the Great Mail Race program. This program is designed to provide students with opportunities to learn more about life throughout the United States by the use of an almost outmoded method of interaction... the writing and mailing of personal letters.

Some may think of this as (snail-mail), while others view letter writing as an "art form."

Emily Schall is a member of Ms. Mary Rettig's English class. This is an example of one of many good and exciting activities that take place in this classroom.

STUDENT COUNCIL CONTINUES TO LEAD OTHERS

The Frenchtown Junior High School Student Council is comprised of three elected officers. For the 2006-2007 school year, the officers are Derrick

Dauenhauer, Sakai Scheffer, and Sierra Evans. Each homeroom also elects a representative and there are four appointed at-large delegates. Student Council meets every Tuesday during eighth period study hall. The Student Council looks at issues that affect the students, problem-solve with people that help bring about changes or improvements, and then report back about how student issues can be resolved.

The first issue of the school newspaper, "THE BRONC TIMES," was published November 17th. The Student Council plans to publish twice each month. The first issue contained articles about students of the week, sports news with an interview of Mr. Davis about the high school football team, and the "educator of the week" with the first issue highlighting Mr. Fimmel. The end of the year, the council will produce a memory book for the junior high school featuring highlights of the entire school year.

Student Council funds from the juice vending machines in the past has helped with the funding of school projects, including the contributions to projects such as the paving of the basketball court, support for Hurricane Katrina victims, purchasing a chalk machine to mark the football field, and the collection of food boxes at Thanksgiving. These and other projects represent some of the fine work done by these students.

The council also runs the Bronc Store that students can shop at with their Bronc Bucks that they have earned by doing good deeds recognized by faculty members.

The recent change of the vending machine juice menus are resulting in reduced profits for this activity. As a result... the Student Council has decided to sponsor a fund raiser using the sales from very nice candles.

The Student Council also sponsored a very successful end-of-the-first quarter dance after school on November 3rd. The dance was well attended and the majority of those students who attended this dance... actually did a lot of dancing!

Ms. Cindy Babon serves as the faculty advisor to the Student Council.

BUILDERS CLUB SPRINGS INTO ACTION

The Builders Club, a junior high school version of Key Club (affiliated with Kiwanis, International) is up and running strong again this school year. The membership includes about 15 terrific students who are willing to donate their time for the good of the school and community.

The club has organized and conducted another successful Holiday Food Drive in the K-8 buildings. Over 1,900 food items were collected and distributed to 14 area families who needed some extra help with groceries this winter. Next on the Builders Club list is to establish pen-pal relationships with some Montana soldiers stationed in Iraq. Letters, gifts, and supplies will be sent to these soldiers. The Builders Club will also be put to work helping set up the holiday programs for the K-8 school complex. These activities will take the Builders Club into the New Year; they are willing to help wherever help is needed. "Thanks to a great bunch of students," says Ms. Roberta Chapman - the faculty advisor to our Builders Club.



From the Desk of the High School Principal, Dr. Rory A. Weishaar, Ed.D.

Our student population, per class, is as follows:

Freshmen: 105

Sophomores: 118

Juniors: 97

Seniors: 90

Total Student Population: 410

First of all, I would like to thank our community for the passage of the school bonds. I have been told that NOW the work begins! I am looking forward to the work, and I am looking forward to being involved in the entire process. I can't wait to see the complex that evolves over the next couple of years. It will be exciting for the students, the teachers, and the community!

Frenchtown Spirit Items for Sale Great Christmas Presents!



The Frenchtown Spirit Boosters Will Be At The Following Events With Lots Of Items For Sale.

- * Sat Dec. 2 - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Frenchtown PTSA Craft Fair
 - * Fri - Dec 8 - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Wrestling
 - * Thu Dec 14 - 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM Girls Basketball Game
 - * Sat Dec 16 - 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM Boys Basketball Game
 - * Thu Dec 21 - 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM Boys Basketball Game
- (All Events Located At Frenchtown High School)

Some New Items Include: Bronc Pep Phones & Pennants \$3, Pom-Pom's & Lanyards \$5, Drawstring Back Pack \$6, Travel Coffee Cups \$12. Other Items Include: Sweatshirts, Jackets, T-Shirts, Hats & Stadium Seats.

A few items are also being kept in the high school office and available for sale during school hours. See Nan in the high school office if interested.

Checkout our Website after December 10th - all items should be current and orders will be taken via the online store at <http://www.broncsprint.com/>

The Frenchtown Bronc Boosters Next meeting is scheduled for 12/11/06 @ 7:30 pm. in the High School Commons. Everyone is welcome - New memberships and corporate sponsorships are encouraged to all community members - more information is available at all of the events listed above as well as on the website.



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As long as I am thanking people, I would like to thank the fall sports coaches for their endeavors on behalf of our students. These coaches put in many hours because they love what they are doing, and it is my hope that you will thank them for their time and effort as well!

Just as some activities end, others begin - and one continues on! Speech and Drama is still going strong, and has been since September. Wrestling started two weeks ago, and basketball one week ago. This coming weekend is the first wrestling tournament (in Polson) and the weekend after that we will have our basketball players beginning their competitions. The cheer squad will have to start rehearsing their basketball and wrestling cheers!

Keep in mind for the upcoming seasons that spectators must be positive. Remember to

encourage our teams! Do not shout out against other teams or coaches AND do not shout out against our own teams or coaches. An evening of competition should not turn into a majority of positive people having to listen to the "boo birds!" If this situation does arise, please let the "boo birds" know how you feel. Tell them to keep it positive. If you are embarrassed by their behavior, you can begin to cheer loudly to drown out their indignant oratory! If we allow these negative people to "portray" us through their vocal ranting, people's perceptions about Frenchtown Schools (and its community) will be degraded. As a former coach and teacher at FHS, it was wonderful to hear so many people talk about how great Frenchtown students behaved at competitions, and how welcome spectators felt at our home events. Please don't let the few "set the tone" for the future! Be positive! Keep your cool! And remember that these are *amateur* high

school athletes doing their best to have fun!

Speaking about fun, what a pleasure it has been to have Lyle Bagnell announcing at our football games. If you want to learn about great sportsmanship, being positive, and keeping it fun, just "be like Lyle!" Thank you, Lyle, for all the years of making both sides feel wonderful about the contests!

Mr. Bagnell has informed us that this was his last year of announcing at Frenchtown football games. He will be missed by everyone here at the school, and by those students and spectators from other schools who have experienced his unique brand of play-by-play announcements. Everyone will miss the "hello" to the other side, the "third and half way to Bonner," and the "he wallers his way down to the twenty" pronouncements. In addition, Lyle was always willing and able to sing the National Anthem - with mean-

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ing - and make us all feel proud to be Americans! His voice will be direly missed on Friday nights or Saturday afternoons because Lyle is as much a part of Bronc football as are the players that have taped the scores on the locker room walls. The down-home feeling Lyle gave to the games will be warm memories for us! Thank you, Lyle! We are proud you graced our stadium, and the stadium airwaves, for so many years!!

**Thank You
Lyle Bagnell!**



High School Counseling Center

Happy Holidays! December is a busy month for us in the counseling center. All freshman and sophomores will be exploring their career interests and the preparation needed to be successful in various careers. We will be taking the health enhancement classes to the computer lab and utilizing the Montana Career Information System (MCIS) to learn more about personal interests and related careers. These students will use this information when they register for classes next year and hopefully solidify the connection between school and work. All sophomores and freshman will create a portfolio. Your child should be able to access their portfolio by logging on the MCIS website (see directions below) and view their saved information. Seniors have been thinking about their plans beyond high school and what they need to be successful their senior year. They will be given their transcript to review and make sure that all graduation requirements are met. If your child is planning on attending a college or university after high school, many application deadlines are approaching. Regularly check in with your child to assess their progress. Many students have not taken advantage of the resources available in the counseling center. All scholarships are posted on the web and posted in the daily announcements and yet very few seniors have completed scholarship applications. Students can take advantage these opportunities and meeting with college or military representatives by speaking with the counselors ahead of time. In other college preparation news, Michelle McNiven

Schoolmaster Parental Access and Support System (PASS)

Get the current information about your child's progress directly from the grade book of the teacher. Call the school office to get your login name and PIN number then go to www.frenchtown.k12.mt.us. Chose the link for the appropriate school on the right side of the page and it will open a world of current information about your child's progress.



from the Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program will be at Frenchtown and present on Financial Aid for students and parents Thursday, December 7th in the commons. She will also discuss money management and budgeting in some of our classes. For all of the juniors, they completed the ASVAB interest inventory in November and we will be interpreting the results with them in the near future along with the results of the PSAT that some juniors took. We will also be handing out next semesters schedules with all students and giving them the opportunity to make necessary changes before Christmas break.

MCIS: Find out more about college, financial aid, occupations, military options and complete interest inventories. MCIS is a great tool to use for you and your child in order to make informed decisions about the future. The Student Assistance Foundation has made MCIS available through their website. Login at www.safmt.org and click on the "Start planning your future with MCIS" link. Just register as a new user, create a portfolio and explore. A guide entitled, *It's Your Life*, is available in the Counseling Center to help in the exploration process. If you need assistance or more information please contact one of the guidance counselors.

Some important dates are approaching.
ACT: Register for the February 10th test by January

DECEMBER CONCERTS

- Dec. 11 (Mon) Jr Hi Gym 6:00pm
5th-6th Band and Choir
- Dec. 11 (Mon) Jr Hi Gym 7:30pm
7th-8th Band and Choir
- Dec. 12 (Tue) Jr Hi Gym 7:00pm
3rd-4th Grades
- Dec. 13 (Wed) Jr Hi Gym 1:30pm
K-2 Program
- Dec. 18 (Mon) H.S. Commons 7:00pm
Winter Concert

5th. Packets available in counseling center or register online at www.actstudent.org ***Note the Montana University System schools now require the ACT + writing or some kind of writing assessment.

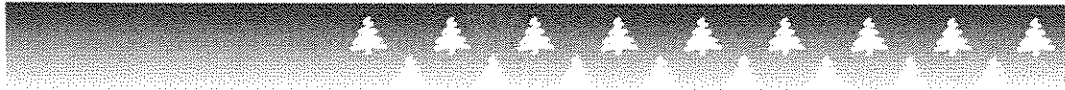
SAT: Register for the January 27th test by Dec. 20th. Packets available in the counseling center or register online at www.collegeboard.com

Scholarship dates are always approaching fast. Check out the Frenchtown Scholarship website for specific dates and descriptions of scholarships that are available. Scholarship search engines are listed to assist you in your own search for scholarships.

www.frenchtown.k12.mt.us/scholarship_info.asp

Missoula Community Financial Aid Night: On Tuesday, December 5th and January 3rd, the University of Montana will be hosting an informational session on Financial Aid (7pm) at the University Center Ballroom (3rd floor, UC).





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All classes start at 8:30am
and end at 3:20pm at Elementary
and 3:30pm High School

Early Release is at 1:30pm
Nov. 23 Dec. 23
Apr. 5 June 1

Early Out is at 12:30pm
Sept. 20 Nov. 15 Jan. 10
Feb. 7 Mar. 14 Apr. 18
May 16

P.I. Day—Pupil Instruction Day
P.I.R. Day—Pupil Instruction
Released Day

P.I. Days	P.I.R. Days
First Quarter 44	5
Second Quarter 46	0
Third Quarter 43	1
Fourth Quarter 47	3
180	

No Classes =
Early Out Days =
1st Student Day =
Beginning of Quarter =
Early Release =
Parent Teacher Conf's =
P.I.R. Days =
Last Student Day =
End of Quarter =

2006-2007 FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT #40 CALENDAR

July	August	September	October
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AUGUST 28-29 Teacher PIR 30: Student First Day Beginning of 1st Quarter	DECEMBER 25-29 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	APRIL 6-9 Spring Break NO SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 6 Labor Day NO SCHOOL	JANUARY 13 Winter Break NO SCHOOL 14 Martin Luther King Day NO SCHOOL 15 First of 2nd Quarter 24 First of 3rd Quarter	MAY 28 Memorial Day NO SCHOOL
OCTOBER 13-15 Parent/Teacher Conferences 13 PIR Day NO SCHOOL 15-20 MIA/ANET Conference NO SCHOOL	FEBRUARY 17 President's Day NO SCHOOL 28 Parent/Teacher Conferences	JUNE 1 Student Last Day End of 4th Quarter 2 Teacher Last Day
NOVEMBER 1 End of 1st Quarter 5 Beginning of 2nd Quarter 23-24 Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL	MARCH 1 Parent/Teacher Conferences 2 PIR Day NO SCHOOL 28 End of 3rd Quarter 30 Beginning of 4th Quarter	

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FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ADULT EDUCATION COURSE RESTRICTIONS

Per state law (MCA 20-7-701), "Adult education" means the instruction of persons 16 years of age or older who are not regularly enrolled, full-time pupils for the purposes of ANB computation. A separate "Adult Education" Fund has been established by Frenchtown School District for this purpose. The administration of this fund must comply with the budgeting, financing and expenditure provisions of the law.

Because these courses are being offered for the main reason of instructing "adults" and funding law prohibits the use of these monies for pupils under the age of 16, the following restrictions for Frenchtown Adult Education participants apply:

All pupils must be 16 years of age or older who are not regularly enrolled, full-time pupils for the purposes of ANB computation.

Only those who have paid for the class and are capable of actively participating in the class may be present in the classroom.



Adult Education Aerobics Class

This class will be a fusion class where different elements of fitness which include step, floor, and other aerobic sections will be fused with strength training, body toning, and flexibility. The music will be great and the hour will go by fast! The class will be held on Mondays, starting January 8th and ending on February 26th. Times are 4:30pm-5:30pm in the Lynn Gym at the elementary school.

You must pre-register for the class by paying the \$15.00 registration fee in the District Office. Debbie Tholstrom is the district contact and can be reached at 626-2600. If you have any questions about the content of the class please call Pam Vecchio at 626-5339 or 544-0306. Have fun!

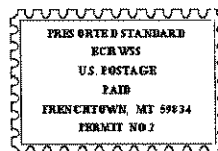


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FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT #40 NEWSLETTER

Our mission is to foster effective learning in a safe environment where students, parents, staff and the community share in a commitment to life-long learning and responsible citizenship.



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Frenchtown School District No.40

December

Hot Lunch Menu



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Applesauce Milk
4 Cheeseburger Whole Grain Bun Peaches Low Fat Potatoes Milk	5 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Corn Roll Milk	6 Burritos Veggies & Dip Jello Milk	7 Whole Grain Corn Dog Oven Fries Mandarin Oranges Milk	8 Spaghetti Tossed Salad Bread Stuck Milk
11 Chicken Sandwich Whole Wheat Bun Tossed Salad Fresh Apple Milk	12 Waffles Cheese Omelet Mandarin Oranges Milk	13 Taco Salad Oatmeal Cookie Pears Milk	14 Beef Steak Fingers Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Roll Milk	15 Weiner Wraps Oven Fries Peaches Milk
18 Chicken Legs Seasoned Rice Cooked Carrots Roll Milk	19 Vegetable Beef Soup Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fruit Cocktail Milk	20 Roast Pork & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Peas Roll Milk	21 Chicken Strips Veggies & Dip Very Berry Salad Roll Milk	22 Early Release 1:20 Whole Grain Pizza Tossed Salad Pineapple Milk
25 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	26 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	27 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	28 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	29 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL

FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

November
2006

From the Desk of the Superintendent, Mr. Randy Cline

THE FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDING BOND ISSUE IS ON THE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006 (DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!)

Ballot Issue Updates

So that voters can better make an informed decision on the bond issue on November 7, 2006 we have the following resources available to voters interested in receiving more information about the issue

1. The school district will provide voters with the opportunity to call in or drop-in so that we can tell them exactly what the tax impact will be on them individually. Just call the high school office on Wednesday, November 1, 2006 from 5:00-8:00 PM at 626-2670. Also, you can drop-in at the high school during that same time period and receive the information.
2. The district website www.frenchtown.k12.mt.us now has a direct link to information on the bond. Go to the website and click on the heading entitled "Bond Election Information".
3. Trustee Dianne Burke and Superintendent Randy Cline have made a number of presentations at venues such as the K-12 open house, at public meetings, the candidate's forum, and to the senior citizens. If you have a group or organization wishing to see the presentation and/or discuss the bond issue just call me at

626-2600 to set up a time for us to meet with your group.

4. A pamphlet is being distributed by the school district to inform the public about why the school district is running a building bond issue in November. The entire pamphlet is being distributed at public events, is available at any of the district's schools, and in many businesses around Frenchtown.

Check out our Website

Please visit the site and learn a little more about our schools and our staff. Our website is www.frenchtown.k12.mt.us. It is always a work in progress and we continue to make additional changes. It has information about the upcoming school bond issue (see above). Don't forget to use the PASS program on the website to check on your child's grades, attendance, missing work. This is currently set to be used in grades 4-12. If you do not have a password and PIN number to access your child's information call the building secretary and she can give you the information. On the Calendar site you will be able to check for events at all of the schools and there is also a site there for you to check off if you would like any updates made be sent automatically to you. Also, on our website there are direct links to the OPI Parents Web Site and the OPI Indian Education Web Site. The OPI Parents Web Site was created to help parents easily find information about K-12 public education in Montana. The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) understands that parents are their children's first and most important teacher. For Montana's children to be successful students, a strong school and family partnership is essential. The OPI Indian Education Web Site has a large amount of information on the Indian Education for All program.

FTSD will continue to look for ways to help parents and community members communicate with the schools more easily. If you have any suggestions, please let Mark McMurray, our Technology Coordinator know.

Mr. Johnson Honored With National Award

Merle Johnson was honored as the 2006 Preserve American History Teacher of the Year at the October Frenchtown School Board Meeting. He received an engraved plaque that was presented to him by Jim Bruggerman, a representative of the Gilder Lerman Institute. The Institute also donated to the Frenchtown High School Library a varied selection of US History materials and books as well as a \$1,000 cash prize for the teacher. Congratulations Mr. J!

New Trustee Appointed

At a special board meeting on October 13, 2006 the Board of Trustees for Frenchtown School District #40 appointed Evan Jordan to fill the seat left vacant by the resignation of Ray Winn. Mr. Jordan will serve on the board until the next scheduled school election (May, 2007) at which time the seat will be up for election to fill the remaining two years of the unexpired term.

Montana Shared Catalog

Steve White and Jodi Teeple recently gave the School Board a progress report for the Montana Shared Catalog and School/Community Library. The presentation provided the Board with the results of their work this summer with the Montana Shared Catalog and outlined the benefits and problems associated with establishing a School/Community library. They also explained to the board the process of establishing a School/Community at Frenchtown High School Library and informed the School Board that it would be a long process if it was decided to move

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Special Points Of Interest

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No Child Left Behind

In January, 2002, President Bush signed the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) into law. This is the reauthorization of the ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act). This reauthorization is very different from previous versions of the ESEA with more emphasis placed on assessment and ensuring that all teachers working with our children are highly qualified. Part of the reauthorization includes new criterion referenced testing that is tied to the Montana Content Standards as well as the requirement of highly qualified teachers working with all of our students.

A "highly qualified teacher" for Montana as defined by the Montana Office of Public Instruction is a teacher that is properly certified and endorsed in all areas of the teaching assignment. As part of this law a parent may request the following information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers:

1. Whether the teacher has met state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction; (All of our teachers currently meet the state qualifications criteria and they are endorsed in the areas in which they currently teach.)
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; (We have two teachers who are currently teaching under an Office of Public Instruction approved internship program. One is teaching special education in the elementary and one is at the high school teaching English. You can request this information in writing from Randy Cline, Superintendent.)
3. The baccalaureate degree major of your child's teacher/s and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certificate or degree. (If you would like this information about any teacher your child

has, please submit your request in writing to Randy Cline, Superintendent and this information will be provided)

4. Whether your child, if served in Title I, is being provided services by paraprofessionals and if so, their qualifications. (You can request this information in writing from Randy Cline, Superintendent.)

MAP Testing is Complete

During the last week of September and the first three weeks of October, our students in grades 3-9 participated in the Measuring Academic Progress (MAP), achievement level testing. For our students in grades 4-9 this is the sixth year of assessment with this program. We are very encouraged by the results, our students overall are showing growth across all three areas: math, reading, and language arts. But even better is that these scores, based on a child's individual achievement level, and given both spring and fall give the classroom teachers more information about the skill levels of individual students with time for instructional strategies and curriculum to be adjusted to meet their individual needs. This testing is very different from the spring ITBS tests taken in March. The ITBS testing is norm referenced, comparing students to a national norm, while the fall testing is achievement level testing, based on grade level curriculum comparing the student against past performance, looking for academic growth from fall to spring, and then longitudinally to the following fall and spring. We administer the MAP test each fall and spring and provide parent's with reports on their child's progress. You will be getting a copy of the fall results in your first quarter report cards.

End of the First Quarter

The first quarter ends on Friday, November 3rd. Be looking for report cards to come home on Tuesday, November 14th. In grades K-8 students will be hand delivering report cards. If you do not receive one from your child, please be sure to contact the building principal. At the high school report cards will be mailed home on November 14th. Again if you do not receive one for your child, contact the high school office.

Congratulations to our Student Athletes:

Congratulations to Shanna Burke, high school cross country runner who placed four-

teenth in the state at the State Meet held in Helena on Saturday, October 21st. Our cross country team has had a great season and they have worked hard to represent Frenchtown well in all of their meets.

Our golf team competed well all Fall and completed their season in early October. The teams did not place a state, but individually Casey Moen did place tenth at state.

Congratulations to the high school football team who finished tied for second in conference play this year. FHS won the tie-breaker and were seeded second from the Southwestern A. We hosted a first round play off game against Whitefish on October 28th at 1:00 in the afternoon. The winner of that game will play Havre (there) in the quarter finals on Saturday November 4th at 1:00 in the afternoon.

The district volleyball tournament will be in Hamilton November 9th through the 11th. Please attend and watch our volleyball team which has been doing well this season.

Our junior high football teams completed their season in the Copper League in October.

Our junior high girls' basketball teams will complete their season the first week of November.

Schedule of Upcoming Events:

Nov. 3	End of the first quarter
Nov. 7	Election Day
Nov. 14	School Board Meeting and Report Cards go home
Nov. 15	Early Out - School dismissed at 12:30
Nov. 22	Early Release - School dismissed at 1:20
Nov. 23-24	Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec. 12	School Board Meeting
Dec. 22	Early Release - School dismissed at 1:20
Dec. 25-Jan. 1	Winter Break

Parents, we need your help.

If you have transportation changes please send a note with your child.

We cannot guarantee phone messages after 2:00p.m. will be delivered to your children.

Just a reminder: Children cannot ride another bus to a friend's house.

Thanks for your help with this important matter.

From the Desk of the Grades K-3, Ms. Cindy Worrall

Kindergarten

Mrs. Nau's Kindergarten classes have added the letters Kk, Mm, and Rr to their repertoire. They are getting very good at reciting alphabet poems and cheers, and have even started reading groups! They are learning Halloween poems to share with the Junior High students on their annual costume parade, and have enjoyed creating ghosts to hang up in the room. We felt fortunate to have had 100% participation in our parent-teacher conferences.

First Grade

Mrs. Richardson's room is busy with sounds. We are learning our Halloween sounds—oo (boo)—gh (ghost) and ich (witch). We are also learning about our vowels. We discovered you can not write any words without a vowel. This month we have been studying about skeletons, bats, spiders and owls. We have noticed our weather is changing—so we are coming to school prepared with coats, hats and mittens. The class created cards to thank their bus drivers for taking such good care of them on the bus-to and from school daily. Thank you bus drivers. We appreciate your safety and concern for all of us. Have a safe Halloween everyone!!

Now that Mrs. Pilsworth's students are experts in the science of Balance, they are spinning and whirling as they learn the physics of Motion! They are learning how to make a top spin longer and faster. Subtraction is taking center stage in our math lessons these days. And as always, we say Read, Read, Read!

In Mrs. Hedrick's classroom The students are doing a great job of returning homework envelopes on Friday. Mrs. Hedrick is awarding juices right and left for filled homework rosters. Thanks to all parents who help kids remember homework. In science we are discovering numerous ways to balance two dimensional shapes using counterweights. During the month of November we will discuss, write and draw the story of the Pilgrims. On November 20, 21 and 22 our class will present a traditional Thanksgiving program in our classroom, we will perform at 2:30 on Monday, 2:30 on Tuesday and 12:30 on Wednesday. We hope all parents and extended family can attend.

Mrs. Unsworth's first graders have not only been reading a lot at school, they have also been reading books at home. Most of the class has earned a free personal pan pizza at Pizza Hut with the Book-It program. What a great reward for their hard work! The class has been discussing ways to predict other people's feelings and how to react to these feelings. They are also learning about impulse control in Second Step, a character education program. These first graders are a very caring group of kids who love to learn!

Second Grade

Mrs. Long's class has been learning about measuring to the nearest inch and weighing objects in pounds. All of the students have their doubles facts memorized and have found that those facts come in handy when calculating addition equations. Mrs. Legato has been teaching the class about liquids and solids in science. There has been a lot of shaking and mixing going on in the room! Mrs. Legato is gradually taking over the subjects of 2nd step, math, spelling, art, and science. She will be going to full days around

November 13th. I will be close at hand if she needs me.

Ms. Wicks' class is studying the fifty states and map symbols. We are still working on memorizing the basic addition facts. In reading we have been learning the soft and hard sounds of "C" and "G". We are always working on reading fluency.

Mrs. Everett's class has been learning about the beginnings of our country. They wrote a story using pictures only and will be building a house like the early Jamestown settlers lived in out of shoe boxes. In math, most students are working on their 2nd dog tag of the year and soon all will be. The 2nd grade Halloween party included all 5 classes. The students were mixed up and split into 5 groups. Each classroom had a different activity/snack and all the kids had a great time.

Mrs. Undem's 2nd grade Reading Team is very busy Reading for Touchdowns. Andy Brooks scored the first touchdown for our team. Cody Graves scored next and we have lots of students who will score before November 1st. Excitement is in the air! Anders Holmquist and Adeline Richardson are in a tight race for the next touchdown. Go Broncos! Congratulations to the following students having earned their first dog tag of the year in the Principal's Math Challenge: Andy Brooks, Aaron Munoz, Jamie Knight, Austin Means, Willy Shoen, Anders Holmquist, Adeline Richardson, Cody Graves. These students can write their numbers from 0-1000! WOW!

Third Grade

Mrs. Fishers' class has been learning about the author's purpose for writing. We wrote wonderful monster manuals for taking care of a pretend monster. We are currently learning about plants, seeds, and seed parts in science. We are making some wonderful masks out of papier-mâché and will paint them near the end of the month.

Ms. Burkland's class is busy using the 4-square writing method to write paragraphs. We have written about our families, the PIR days (days off), and the invertebrates we found in the slough. In math we are learning to recognize strategies to use in story problems. We are also learning the properties of addition and subtraction while we practice renaming. In science we are finishing up the unit on animals in the wetland, their habitats, and their place in the food chain. Our artist of the month was George Seurat, who invented the method of painting called pointillism. It is painting with dots of paint rather than strokes using only the primary colors. This next quarter, which is coming soon, we are looking forward to beginning cursive handwriting!

Mrs. Normand's class just completed a unit on skeletons. We read the book *Magic School Bus Search for the Missing Bones* and compared our skeletons to those of different animals. We had some interesting skulls and bones in the classroom to look at. We also did a service learning project making cards for the Meals on Wheels people.

Mrs. Bartels - Wow! What an exciting two months Mrs. Bartels' class has had this year. We've been learning all kinds of new things about animals in science class. Did you know a fly takes off backwards and a flamingo is pink because of the shrimp it eats? We are also becoming experts in reading different kinds of maps. We can navigate

our way around a grid map, product maps, and the world map to name a few. So next time you need help with a compass rose or finding your way around a map be sure to ask your special 3rd grader.



Music

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Winter Programs:

December 11th will be the 5th and 6th grade program at 7:00 p.m.

December 11th (after the 5/6 program) will be 7th and 8th grade program

December 12th will be the 3rd and 4th grade program at 7:00 p.m.

December 13th will be the Kindy, First, and second grade program

From the Desk of the Grades 4-6 Principal, Ms. Wendy Ihde

Frenchtown Intermediate Caring for Others Leads To Success

Mission Statement:

Because we care, we will provide a safe environment where each individual has an opportunity to learn and contribute to the school community. To ensure success we will maintain expectations for achievement. These expectations will be supported by a standards-based curriculum and data-driven instructional decisions. This mission will be accomplished through a partnership with parents and community.

We have the following student populations:

4th grade -- 100
5th grade -- 107
6th grade -- 93

Quarter Over

Each year the time seems to faster and faster. Here we are at the end of the first quarter already. Conferences were a success. I hope that with the goal setting shared at conferences each parent is tuned into areas of focus for their children this year. Hopefully you were able to address any areas of concerns you have and received positive feedback on your child's strengths.

As a 4-6 staff we have two goals we will be working on this year. The first is to increase accountability and organizational skills in students. We will provide consistent checks of agendas. Parents can help us out a lot by also checking these agendas each night. If your child knows that you will be looking at it at home and we will be looking at it at school, he or she will be more likely to use it more consistently. We are also looking at people to come into the classrooms and talk to students and give mini-lessons on organizational skills. Our second goal is to increase our

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CRT math scores. We will look at our data and identify students who are below the proficiency level and target these students to help them acquire the skills they have not mastered. We are also looking at continuing the Principal's Math Challenge and working on increasing math vocabulary.

Once again, we are experiencing a room crunch. We have moved the elementary music classes to the jr. high this year, so we can use the room at the elementary for a classroom. The special education and remedial classes are sharing rooms. Last year we had a room in the jr. high that we could use as a meeting/conference room for the district. This year we have had to use that for a classroom again. Don't forget to vote on the building bond election November 7.

MAP Testing

MAP testing is completed for the fall. You should have received some information about these at conferences and talked to your child's teacher about the goal setting that the teachers and students have done. You will receive an individual report with the report card.

Music Programs

The winter concerts and programs have been set as follows.

Dec 11th - 5th & 6th time to be set
Dec. 11th - 7th & 8th concert time to be set after the 5/6 program
Dec. 12th - 3rd/4th 7:00
Dec. 13 - K-2 1:30

The music teachers have been stressing proper concert behavior this fall. As part of this, they are asking all students to remain for the entire concert. These concerts last less than an hour and it is good for the students to listen to each other. Parents, please plan on staying for the entire concert instead of taking your child when his or her portion is completed. Thanks for your help with this.

Library News

Jessica Lensman, reporter

The 3rd grade is studying the Dewey Decimal System using a book, General Works Body.

The 000's = mind = information and computer science

100's = brain = philosophy

200's = eyes = religion

300's = ears = social sciences

400's = mouth = language

500's = neck = science

600's = shoulders = technology

700's = hands = arts and recreation

800's = heart = literature

900's = feet = history and geography

B = body = biography

The 4th grade has read 21 Elephants and is going to make a Power Point on Inspiration from a research on facts on P.T. Barnum, Jumbo and elephants. 5th grade is making a Power Point on Inspiration with biographies. 941 people have checked out (from September 1-October 15) 10,844 books. The library's collection of books holds 12,286 books.

Sixth Grade Happenings

Quinn Pruitt, reporter

This is what is going on in the 6th grade at Frenchtown

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Elementary School:

Mr. Fegan's class is learning about prime factorization, plants, and reading a story. Mr. Fegan's class's favorite thing about the Frenchtown Cemetery field trip was learning about Frenchtown history. Mr. Fegan's favorite thing about teaching 6th grade is the students and the teachers.

Mrs. Keane's class is making Halloween menus, Halloween Haiku, writing stories, and learning about the New and Old Stone Age. Mrs. Keane's class's favorite thing about the Frenchtown Cemetery was being in groups and the whole 6th grade coming. Mrs. Keane's favorite thing about teaching 6th grade is the sense of humor students have.

Mrs. Paskey's class is learning about skeletons and fractions. Mrs. Paskey's class's favorite thing about the Frenchtown Cemetery was discovering how many old family names they knew. Mrs. Paskey's favorite thing about teaching 6th grade is having taught several generations of students.

Mrs. Flint's class will be making pumpkin globes, learning about the Ice Man, having a guest speaker for the Ice Man, and writing a mystery story. Mrs. Flint's class's favorite thing about the Frenchtown Cemetery field trip was the mausoleum and grave-stones. Mrs. Flint's favorite thing about teaching 6th grade is the projects.

PE News

Josh Bishop, reporter

I had an interview with Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Rausch. Happy Hoofers just ended and several walkers made it 4 miles. 4-6 will start fitness testing with the fitnessgram. Mr. Rausch said that the K-3 has been working on activities to increase the overall fitness of the students. 4-6 will be starting the fitnessgram. The fitnessgram tests the level of the students' fitness.

From the Desk of the

Jr. High Principal, Mr. Jon Fimmel

FRENCHTOWN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

MONTHLY REPORT

November, 2006

JHS ENROLLMENT REMAINS STEADY

Some junior high school students have moved away from Frenchtown and it appears that they are being magically replaced by others who have enrolled within the last month.

Male students continue to outnumber their female counterparts by 24 students (106 boys and 82 girls are enrolled). The 7th grade numbers 91, while the 8th grade has 97 members.

PARENT GENEROSITY AND RESOURCES CAN BENEFIT OTHERS

Leslie McDonald, a parent of a former junior high school student, donated a trumpet to our music department. As a result of her thoughtfulness a student who might not otherwise have had been able to play trumpet in band will now be able to do so.

Band director, John Nelson, was very pleased about this donation and also pointed out that such valuable charitable contributions can also be used to support claims for income tax deductions.

THIS SCHOOL YEAR'S FIRST JHS DANCE IS ALREADY SCHEDULED

The first dance of this school year is scheduled for Friday, November 10th. It will begin after school and go until 7:00 p.m. Parents are requested to pick up their students when they leave the dance. The festivities will be held in the school's multi-purpose room.

Students not academically ineligible on the previous week's academic eligibility list will be permitted to attend this dance. Only currently enrolled junior high school students will be admitted.

REPORT CARD WILL BE "IN THE MAIL"

Administrative Assistant, Robin Dye, advises that report cards for the first academic quarter are scheduled to be mailed on Tuesday, November 14th. Parents are requested to telephone Mrs. Dye if report cards are not received at your mailing address by November 16th.

Parents are also encouraged to contact the teachers of any students enrolled in classes in that they have received a grade that is below "C" level. It is very important that parents and teachers work together for the success of their students!

NEW STUDENT LEADERS EMERGE FROM RECENT SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Student Council Faculty Advisor, Cindy Babon, announced that Derreck Dauenhauer has been elected at the Junior High School Student Body President. Sakai Scheffer captured the Vice-Presidency, and Sierra Evans is the new Secretary.

Pat Kline, Sibahn Dooxey, Justice Williams, Zach Westre, Brad Nordahl, Tyler Warren, Ty Hedrick, John Kreis, and Becca Newcomb secured 8th grade senate seats; while Brady Bauman, Carson Wabaunsee, Jessica Tucker, Keller Leishman, Eamon Thomasson, Kaitlyn Indreland, Emma Oostdyk, and Blackie Normand rounded out the membership of the 7th grade senate. Ryan Rathiff and Macy Dugan will serve as "at-large" members of the student council senate.

HONOR ROLL STUDENTS TO BE RECOGNIZED

Within a few weeks, students will be recognized as members of this year's JHS student HIGH and REGULAR academic honor rolls. Students who earn higher than a 3.50 grade point average will qualify for the HIGH honor roll, while those earning a + 3.00 grade point average will receive REGULAR honor roll recognition.

Students will be praised for high academic achievement at the end of each academic quarter, both semesters, and at the end of the school year for the full school year.

OPENING COPPER LEAGUE SEASONS JUST COMPLETED

The junior high school participates in a coalition of area junior high and middle schools in flag football, basketball, volleyball, and track. Eighth grade football coach, Ryan Sikorski, reported that 20 players participated. Seventh grade flag football coach, B. J. Ihde, advised that his roster included 16 students.

Some eighth grade games were cancelled this year because there was difficulty on the part of other schools to field enough eighth grade players to provide for a team. There were also some problems securing flag-football game officials at Frenchtown.

There is some discussion going on as to whether or not our

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junior high school should be exploring the feasibility of shifting to "tackle" football to replace the current "flag" football program. We are no where near contemplating such a change; however, there are people talking about it.

JHS Lady Broncos, "A" teams girls' basketball coach, CleAnn Underm, fielded two teams of players. There were 9 eighth grade team members, and an additional nine who played on the seventh grade squad. "B" team coach, Tara Pyron, advised that both the seventh and eighth grade each enjoyed having ten players on their rosters.

Although "winning" games is a valued outcome... junior high school athletics continues to focus on the joy of "participation." Our junior high school has fielded six teams thus far, this school year.

PARENTS CAN "GREATLY INCREASE" THE LIKELIHOOD FOR SUCCESS

The recipe for increased chances for student success is simply two-fold. (1) parents need to know what course-work is being assigned and completed, and (2) parents need to be connected with teachers about how well their daughters and sons are doing in each of their classes.

Most of the students who are directed to the principal for the failure to do well in their classes result in being students who have parents who do not know a great deal about what it is that their children are supposed to be doing in and for their classes.

Parents can make a huge positive difference by insisting that they are regularly informed by their sons and daughters about what school work is scheduled to be completed and when it is scheduled to be submitted to the teacher for evaluation and credit. The next important step is ... to see what resulted! Parents also need to know how well their children are doing.

Anyone who experiences problems with maintaining this type of connection is invited to contact school guidance counselor, Ellen Wick, or JHS School Principal, Jon Fimmel, for assistance and support.

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From the Desk of the High School Principal, Dr. Rory A. Weishaar, Ed.D.

I recently attended a Montana High School Association seminar on sportsmanship. I would like to take this opportunity to mention a few things from the event. As a member school of MHSA, we agree to follow a Code of Conduct for our home event crowd control. That means we are agreeing to the sportsmanship rules outlined by MHSA. For students who are at the events cheering, some of the guidelines are as follows:

Here are the MHSA rules for students.

- Students must always be positive.
- Students must respect and cooperate with the cheerleaders.
- Students must not be at an event while under the influence of mood altering substances.
- Students must respect the property of the school and the authority of school officials.
- Students must show respect to any injured player.
- Students must not heckle the opposing team.
- Students must not use profanity or direct profane statements toward officials, players,

and teams.

- Students must not single out opposing players personally and heckle them in any way, or make racial remarks.
- Students must not advance onto the field/floor to protest officials' calls.
- Students must not direct offensive cheers at the opposing cheer squad.
- Students must WEAR SHIRTS at all times - not body paint as if to look like a shirt.

Here are the MHSA rules for spectators/adults at the events.

- Spectators must know and demonstrate good sportsmanship
- Spectators must be positive and cheer for their own team RATHER than cheer AGAINST the other team.
- Spectators must not "boo" or call names.
- Spectators must respect the officials' points of view.
- Spectators must not be at an event while under the influence of mood altering substances.
- Spectators must not use profane cheers or direct profanity toward officials, coaches, players, and/or the opposing team/spectators.
- Spectators must not single out an individual player/coach and heckle him/her.
- Spectators must not advance onto the field/floor to protest or communicate with an official.

The primary focus of all MHSA sanctioned events is to provide worthwhile educational experiences for all students, players and spectators, and to provide enjoyable recreation regardless of whether games are won or lost.

I have heard about - or actually heard - adults that are at our events (home and away) who yell at the refs, yell at the coaches (our own coaches), shout profane statements, and bark out statements about who should be coaching, etc. Our sporting and activity events are NOT forums for this display of behavior. Spectators are there to cheer on the team and to model for our students how to behave at these affairs. Ironically, I had several students tell me that at a recent football game (away game) adults were "worse than students" when it came to yelling out profane statements and "getting on the coaches." If we want or expect student behavior to change, we need to model what is appropriate.

Keep in mind that these are HIGH SCHOOL events. Students are not paid to perform AND coaches are paid so little they do not need the extra-emoive comments to think about. When I was coaching football all those years, someone figured out that we were getting paid about \$1.25 per day. So our coaches are not doing it for money, it's the love of the sport, the practices, the preparation, the games and seeing young athletes get better out on the field/court. If we all practice positive behaviors everyone will go away from an event feeling better - especially if we lose the contest. Coaches always tells students to "put the loss" behind them and look toward the next endeavor. My suggestion to spectators is, respectfully, the same.

Speaking about activities in general, we have some dates for events coming up that I would like to share with you.

November 3rd is Senior Night for volleyball
November 6th @ 7:00 p.m. is the choir and concussion concert (auditorium)
November 14th @ 7:00 p.m. is the band concert (auditorium)
November 14th is when wrestling practice begins
November 15th is an early out.
November 20th is when basketball starts for boys and girls
November 22nd is an early release.

I would like to thank everyone who made it to parent-teacher conferences! According to the teachers this was probably the best turnout ever! That is certainly a credit parents/guardians who are willing to invest the time to find out how their children are doing, and to meet the educators who are working diligently to educate the students in our community! Bravo! If all who showed up are able to take an active role in helping us educate your children, our (teachers and parents) success is assured! All the studies I have read indicate a strong correlation between parents' active involvement and how well students perform; the more involvement by parents, the better the student achievement!

Thank you parents and community volunteers for investing time toward the "cause!"

Finally, don't forget to vote on November 7th!



From the High School Counseling Center

Leaves falling, days getting shorter and the crisp air getting cooler are all signs that the second quarter is approaching (November 6th). In the counseling center this means that for many students they have now figured out where they are with their classes. Some students have experienced tremendous success and for some they are now getting a second wind. Yet, others need a gust to blow them in the right direction. Both counselors have been busy meeting with students assessing their progress, defining goals and for some approaching the idea of the transition of beyond Frenchtown High School. For parents/guardians who would like to make sure their student is being blown in the right direction, you can monitor their progress by accessing the Parent Access and Support System (PASS) on the Frenchtown District website (www.frenchtown.k12.nj.us). Feel free to contact us to find out your student's ID number and pass pin. If you have concerns regarding their grades, you can always contact the teacher directly or services are available such as study assistance through the Frenchtown High School Academic Enhancement Program and academic advising through the counseling center.

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MCIS: A TOOL TO HELP WITH CAREER EXPLORATION:

So has your child approached you lately with the idea of becoming a Crime Scene Investigator or possibly a professional Dirt Bike Racer? Would you like a resource where your child has access to hundreds of job descriptions, interest inventories and a way to research colleges? The Montana Career Information System (MCIS) is now available online for anyone to use FREE! The Student Assistance Foundation has made MCIS available through their website. Login at www.safmt.org and click on the "Start planning your future with MCIS" link. Just register as a new user, create a portfolio and explore. A guide entitled, *It's Your Life*, is available in the Counseling Center to help in the exploration process. If you need assistance or more information please contact one of the guidance counselors.

Some important dates are approaching.

Seniors planning on going to college should take either the SAT or ACT as soon as possible to be eligible for certain scholarships.

ACT: Register for the December 9th test by Nov. 3rd. The next test is February 10th. Packets available in counseling center or register online at www.actstudent.org. *** Remember the Montana University System now requires the writing assessment.

SAT: Register for the December 2nd test by Nov. 1st. The next test is January 27th. Packets available in the counseling center or register online at www.collegeboard.com.

Scholarship dates are approaching fast. Check out the Frenchtown Scholarship website for specific dates and descriptions of scholarships that are available. www.frenchtown.k12.mt.us/scholarship_info.asp

Financial Aid Night for Parents & Students: On Thursday, December 7th, Michelle McNiven from MGSLP will be presenting on the mysteries of Financial Aid for students in the High School Commons from 7-8pm.

Attention Parents: Success is always a work in progress. Is your student or would you like your student to be a part of an academic study group? Does your student want tutorial help in a specific subject area? The Frenchtown High School Academic Enhancement Program is available to help in these areas on M, Tu, W from 7:00-8:00am and on Th, F from 7:30-8:00am in the Commons area. Contact the Office of Student Personnel Services (Mr. Strothman, Ms. Gibson) or Mr. Wall for information about these programs.

FRENCHTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT #40 REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ELEMENTARY LIBRARY 7:00 p.m. TUESDAY November 14, 2006

TENTATIVE

AGENDA:

- I. CALL TO ORDER.
 - II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
 - III. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Approval of minutes
 - B. Approval of warrants
 - C. Approval of financial report
 - D. Resignation of custodians, aide, and bus driver
 - E. Action: Recommendation of approval of new and substitute personnel
 - F. Administrative Reports

1) K-3 Principal	5) Technology Director	10) Superintendent
2) 4-6 Principal	6) Maintenance Supervisor	
3) 7-8 Principal	7) Activities Director	
4) High School Principal	8) Transportation Supervisor	
 - IV. INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
 - A. Welcome new Trustee
 - B. PTSA report
 - C. Student Council Report
 - D. Dr. Welshaar – Safe Schools Survey
 - E. Mrs. Ihde – CRT Test Results
 - V. BUSINESS
 - A. OLD BUSINESS
 - 1) Review/Action: Obsolete buses for resale: a 1994 Bluebird and 1997 Bluebird
 - 2) Review/Action: Reorganize board committees
 - B. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1) Review/Action: Move starting time of December Board meeting to 8:00 PM
 - 2) Information: Distribution of the Superintendent's Evaluation form to the Trustees
 - 3) Discussion: Montana Youth Risk Behavior Survey
 - 4) Discussion: Purchase of a vehicle for maintenance and transportation
 - 5) Review/Action: Canvas Bond Election Results
 - VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
 - VI. POLICY REVIEW
 - A. First Reading
 - VIII. UPDATE ON PROGRESS TOWARD DISTRICT GOALS for 2005-2006
 - IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - A. Policy (Lee Maxted)
 - B. Insurance (Lee Maxted – JeanAnn Pfahler)
 - C. Negotiations/Labor Relations (John Mazzola – Dianne Burke)
 - D. Transportation (Dianne Burke)
 - E. Planning for the Futures Team (Dianne Burke)
 - X. CORRESPONDENCE.
 - XI. BOARD RECOGNITION
 - XII. ADJOURNMENT.
- NOTE 1: The Board shall make a copy of the minutes available within 5 working days following the approval of the minutes
- NOTE 2: Please contact the Superintendent 48 hours prior to the meeting to be heard on an agenda item appearing on the scheduled agenda. This is not required, but is a scheduling courtesy for the Superintendent and the Board
- NOTE 3: To be placed on the agenda for a future meeting, please contact the Superintendent at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting.
- NOTE 4: A brief public comment period will be allowed for each item under the following agenda areas:
- IV. Individuals and Delegations to address the Board
 - V. Business
 - A. Old Business
 - B. New Business
 - VII. Policy Review
- NOTE 5: The Board Chairman will set time limits and regulations for public comment periods

The following are unofficial summaries of the Board Meetings for the Month of October 2006. Official minutes will be approved at the November 14, 2006 Board meeting. Patrons with questions/concerns may contact Supt. Randy Cline at 626-2600.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 10, 2006 7:02-8:45 P.M. HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Consent agenda: The consent agenda included: Minutes from regular board meeting of 9/12/06 and special board meetings of 9/19/06 and 8/31/06; warrants in the amount of \$150,523.88; Financial Report for the month of September; attendance agreements for foster students; high school graduation date; resignation of Jonathon Forreder-custodian; approval of substitute teacher Kim Handy pending background check; and Administrative Reports. Trustee Dianne Burke requested that the Administrative reports be pulled for further discussion. In addition, she wondered if a copy of fire codes were received from the Frenchtown Fire Department yet. They have not been received in the Administrative Office. In reference to the High School report discussion concerning non-supervised children at the Football games was discussed. All children playing behind the stadium must have their parent's supervision. Also discussed was how difficult it is to ensure that no alcohol comes on campus during these games. Mark McMurray, Technology Director noted that the District is not utilizing the Plato software program as extensively as we were, thus reducing the value of the final report finding. Dianne Burke thought it would be a good idea to schedule a fall walk-through to review all of the projects completed over the summer. **Approved the consent agenda. Unanimous (Unan)**

Individuals & Delegations to Address the Board: PISA: None **Student Council:** Kelly Reed, Student Body President, gave an update on activities. Homecoming went well even though they did not have a dance. They have not made money on the dances except for the Prom. Some Student Council members will be going to Billings in a couple of weeks to the Student Council Convention. One emphasis this year will be to add more decoration at the High School. **Foreign Exchange Students:** Dr. Rory Weishaar introduced three of the High School's foreign exchange students and their host families. Those in attendance were: Sebastian Kahle from Germany-host family Stephen & Clare Dodd; Ivonne R. Ovidich from Ecuador-host family Jodi Teeple; and Gabriela Rascon from Mexico-host family Robin & Gardner Cahoon. **High School Teacher Award:** Jim Bruggeman, an Administrator from Bozeman, presented teacher Merle Johnston with the Montana 2006 Preserve America History Teacher of the Year award. The award sponsored by the Glider Lehman Institute of American History promotes and celebrates exemplary teachers of history especially American. Mr. Johnston received a plaque, a \$1,000 cash prize and a collection of History books for the High School library. The three criteria for the award were: (1) a minimum of 3 years teaching (which Mr. Johnston definitely fulfills), (2) evidence of creativity and imagination in the classroom, and (3) use of historical documentations in his lesson plans. Mr. Johnston especially expressed his thanks to his wife Marcia, Steve White, Nate Fry and Jon Fimmel. In addition, he noted that it was humbling to receive this honor knowing that many colleagues are just as dedicated. Trustees Lee Maxted, Jean Ann Pfahler and Dianne Burke expressed their appreciation based on the experience of their children who have been students of Mr. Johnston. Refreshments were served in celebration of Mr. Johnston's award.

Business: **Old:** Supt. Randy Cline noted that the committee that reviewed the proposals for General Contractor Construction Manager (GCCM) recommended Swank Enterprises and Martel Construction Inc. to be interviewed for the shortlist. **Approved the GCCM shortlist of Martel Construction, Inc. and Swank Enterprises with interviews to be held Thursday 10/26/06 at 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. in the Elementary Library. Unan** Nick Salmon, CTA Architect, recommends accepting the proposals from ALM for the Asbestos Survey and Report. TCI for the Site Survey, TCI for the Civil Engineering Consultant Services and SK for the Soil Investigation. **Approved the proposals from those companies as stated above. Unan** **High School Activities Interest Survey:** The survey was presented to the Board. Of the sports not currently offered, there appeared to be a lot of interest by Girls for the addition of Soccer, Tennis and Swimming. Discussed amount of time required for Activities Director position. **New:** **Gifted and Talented consultants:** Principal Wendy Ihde recommended hiring Dalene Normand and Bette Paskey as the 2006-07 Gifted consultants. **Approved hiring Dalene Normand and Bette Paskey as the 2006-07 gifted consultants. Unan** **Termination of probationary classified employee:** The Administration recommends terminating Sandra Harvey as Special Education Paraprofessional without cause, during the initial probationary period. **Approved terminating Sandra Harvey as a Special Education Paraprofessional. Unan** **Hiring:** Principal Cindy Worrall recommended hiring Brittany Brindley and Sarah Miller as special education paraprofessionals. One of these will replace the position above and the other is an additional position required due to the addition of a special needs student. **Approved hiring Brittany Brindley and Sarah Miller as special education paraprofessionals. Unan** Supt. Randy Cline noted that Nate Fry and Steve Pinsoneault are recommending Jason Wambold as the additional High School Assistant Football coach for 2006-07. Dr. Weishaar recommends hiring Deanna Diehl as High School Yearbook Advisor for 2006-07. He also noted that Andi Kelly recommends hiring Jodey Greninger as a permanent bus driver and Debbie Jones to wash buses for the 2006-07 school year. **Approved hiring the employees as recommended above. Unan** **Purchase of two new school buses and replacement of old buses:** Supt. Randy Cline noted that he had a note from Dr. Anderson to recommend purchasing two new school buses to follow the replacement schedule which the District has been following over the past couple of years. Lloyd Kirchner's recommendation of the two buses to obsolete are a 1994 TC (Vin #9991) and a 1997 Genesis (Vin #8031). The options are to trade these two buses to Hartley's School buses in the purchase agreement (Hartley's is offering a total of \$13,500) or obsolete these two buses and put them out for bid. **Approved purchase of 2 new buses for a total of \$168,950. Unan** **Approved a resolution to obsolete the 1994 and 1997 and put them up for sale with the proceeds going into the Miscellaneous Fund. Unan** **Bus Route:** **Approved changing Route SE16A to include additional mileage required due to special education student. Unan** **Out-of-State trip-HS Choir:** Supt. Randy Cline noted that Troy Bashor would like to get approval ahead of time to take his students on a musical trip to Spokane. The student to chaperone ratio will be 8 to 1. **Approved the Out-of-State trip to Spokane, Washington for the High School Choir. Unan** **School Board Vacancy Appointment of Trustee:** It was noted that two letters of interest were received for the Interim Trustee position vacated by Ray Winn. They were from Evan Jordan and Doug Bardwell. This appointment would run until the next regular school election. At that time, an individual would be elected to serve the remaining two years of the Trustee term. Board Chair, John Mazzola noted that the Board could appoint the position tonight or wait until a later date. **Motion made to appoint Doug Bardwell for the vacant Trustee position. Jean Ann Pfahler and Lee Maxted voted aye. Dianne Burke and John Mazzola voted nay. Votes tied.** Board Chair, John Mazzola noted that put Montana law, if the Board can't make a decision on whom to appoint, it should be turned over to the County Superintendent to make the decision. **Approved motion to give the two names to the County Superintendent and have her make the decision. Unan**

Public Comment Period: None **Break:** None

Update on Progress of Goals for 2005-2006: Supt. Randy Cline noted the Administrators would be going over last years goals and distinguishing the new goals. That information will be in the next board packet. Meetings have been held with the teachers where they have gone over these goals and he has advised them to set individual goals for the year.

Policy Review: **Second Reading:** 3145P-**Foreign Exchange Students** (cleans up language to match other policy so that application must be submitted to Superintendent prior to June 1st). 3231-**Searches & Seizures** (revised to further explain the reasons and authority the school has to search a student's car when parked on school property); 3345-**Gambling** (optional policy in regards to gambling issues for students while of school-sponsored activities or athletic functions); 5140-**Classified Employment and Assignment** (cleans up language and misunderstanding about renewal and non-renewal of classified personnel); 5322-**Military Leave** (Provides policy on the district's obligations in regards to military leave); 5430-**Volunteers** (adds new section in regards to the conduct, parameters and consequences of chaperones on school-sponsored trips) & 7400-**Credit Cards** (provides policy for credit card use on district's). Trustee Dianne Burke asked to make a few changes in the following policies: 3231-add language to clarify that students consent to having his/her vehicle searched just by parking in the lot; 5430-add the following after district policy in the second paragraph of the new sections "state or federal law" and in the bottom paragraph change may be submit to disciplinary action to shall be; 3345-Clarification of gambling was discussed; and 7400-the amounts indicated in the sample policy (\$2,500 and \$25,00) were reasonable. **Adopted Board policy as presented and/or revised. Unan**

Committee Reports: **Policy:** None. **Insurance:** None. **Negotiations/Labor Relations:** Noted that the quarterly meeting as requested in the Labor Relations committee with the Frenchtown Education Association (FEA) was coming up. District Clerk Cindy McMurray asked if the Labor Relations committee was only for the FEA or also included the Frenchtown Classified Association (FCA). Supt. Randy Cline will contact the FCA to see if they are interested. **Transportation:** None. **Planning for the Futures Team:** Trustee Dianne Burke gave an update on how the committee is proceeding with the upcoming bond issue, when and where they will be offering information to the public.

Correspondence: The Board received a thank-you card from the Tolman and Kroenke families for the gift certificate sent due to the death in their family. The Board received a thank-you card from Peggy Hanley for the retirement gift sent by the District. The Board also received a letter from Teton Wireless Television, Inc. informing the District of the sale of Teton to DigitalBridge.

Board Recognition: The Board recognized Merle Johnston for his American History teacher award. **Approved motion to adjourn. Unan**

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING NOTES OCTOBER 13, 2006 1:00-1:06 pm SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

The purpose of the meeting was to review rescinding earlier board motion to submit appointment of new Board Trustee to County Superintendent, appoint new Board Trustee, and hire substitutes. **Approved motion to rescind previous motion to forward the appointment of the Trustee to the County Superintendent. Unan** **Approved motion to appoint Evan Jordan to fill the Trustee position until the next regular school election. Unan** **Approved motion to hire Stephen Schreibeis as a substitute teacher and Betty Berger as a substitute custodian. Unan**

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Approved motion to adjourn. Unan

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING NOTES OCTOBER 6, 2006 5:00-10:15 pm ELEMENTARY LIBRARY

The purpose of the meeting was to review the proposals from the 4:00 p.m. bid opening for General Contractor Construction Manager (GCCM) and the proposals for Asbestos Survey and Report, Site Survey, Civil Engineering Consultant Services and Soil Investigation. Proposals for GCCM were received from Swank Enterprises, Quality Construction Company, Martel Construction, Inc., BNBuilders, Inc., and Jackson Contractor Group. Proposals for consultant services were received as follows: Asbestos Survey and Report – Tetra Tech/Maxim & ALM/Ryan McGee, Site Survey - PCI, Civil Engineering Consultant Services – Tetra Tech/Maxim & SK Geotechnical, and Soil Investigation – PCI.

NOTICE OF K-12 SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of K-12 School District No. 40 (Frenchtown), Missoula County (the "District"), that pursuant to a certain resolution duly adopted at a special meeting of the Board on August 17, 2006, a special election of the registered voters of the District will be held on November 7, 2006 in conjunction with the general election for the purpose of voting on the following two questions:

Question 1. Shall the Board be authorized to issue and sell general obligation school building bonds of the District in the amount of Nine Million Three Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$9,355,000) bearing interest at a rate to be determined by the Board at a competitive sale, not to exceed 7.00% per annum, payable semiannually, during a term not to exceed twenty (20) years and redeemable on any date after one-half their term, for the purpose of paying the costs of building a new junior high school facility and improving the existing K-8 facility to serve classes K-6, to include designing, constructing, furnishing, and equipping a junior high school addition to the existing high school facility consisting of classrooms, gymnasium, offices, other related rooms and facilities and related renovations, site improvements and parking areas; upgrading the existing K-8 facilities to meet electrical codes and other applicable codes and requirements; related improvements; and paying costs associated with the sale and issuance of the bonds?

Question 2. Shall the Board be authorized to issue and sell general obligation school building bonds of the District in the amount of Nine Million Five Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$9,580,000) bearing interest at a rate to be determined by the Board at a competitive sale, not to exceed 7.00% per annum, payable semiannually, during a term not to exceed twenty (20) years and redeemable on any date after one-half their term, for the purpose of paying the costs of expanding and improving the high school facility, to include designing, constructing, furnishing, and equipping additions to and renovations of the existing high school facility consisting of classrooms, a vocational education building, offices, and other related rooms and facilities; installing site development and land improvements, parking areas and related improvements; upgrading the existing high school facility to meet electrical codes and other applicable codes and requirements; related improvements; and paying costs associated with the sale and issuance of the bonds?

The polling places will be at the Frenchtown Fire Hall, 16875 Marion Street, Frenchtown, Montana; Spring Meadows Fire Station, 9350 Ladystipper, Missoula, Montana; Nine Mile Fire Station, 32095 Piney Meadows, Huson, Montana; and Evano Fire Station, 6900 Grooms Road, Arlee, Montana.

The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on election day.

Absentee ballots may be obtained at the office of the County Election Administrator.

Dated and posted this 11th day of October, 2006.

/s/ Cindy L. McMurray
District Clerk K-12 School District No. 40
of Missoula County, P.O. Box 117, Frenchtown, MT 59834

Learning on the Go

Waiting with children can be a frustrating time for both parent and child. Why not make it into a fun time to learn?

Most parents have played the "I Spy" game with their child. Looking around the room, the parent might see something blue, and say: "I spy, with my little eye, something blue!" The child then tries to guess the blue item in the room that the parent has seen. Although "I Spy" can be a great way to help children learn colors, the game can be varied to include other learning activities, depending on the age of the child. Here are some other versions to try:

Shapes. Squares, circles, triangles and rectangles are all around us. You might spy a picture on the wall that is a rectangle, a circular button on a shirt, or a square window.

Letters are everywhere. For example, while you are waiting in line at the grocery store, you can spy letters in your grocery cart for your child to find.

For older children, you can spy things and give a rhyming clue. A clue for "car" might be "something that rhymes with 'far.'" If the child has trouble guessing, you can add another clue, such as the shape or color of the item.

Knowing colors and basic shapes, recognizing some letters, and rhyming words are all skills that help children get ready for school. So why not make that waiting time into fun and playful learning time--and make that wait so much shorter for all!

Healthy Start Council
P.O. Box 3895
Missoula, MT 59806
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Mrs. Lande and Mrs. Nau's morning Kindergarten classes learned all about the Great Big Snowplow. All of the students got to sit behind the wheel!

Thank you Montana State Road Dept. workers!!

REMINDER NOTICE:

THERE IS A \$10 SERVICE CHARGE FEE ON ALL IN-SUFFICIENT FUND CHECKS RETURNED TO FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT. THIS FEE PARTIALLY OFFSETS BANK CHARGES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RECEIPT OF THESE CHECKS. IN ADDITION, RESTRICTIONS ON FURTHER ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONAL CHECKS APPLY AFTER RECEIPT OF AN IN-SUFFICIENT FUND CHECK.

MORE NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR HIGH

THE TRADITION OF HONOR CONTINUES...

Former student, Collin Rose, a member of "Missoula's Finest" (police department) is credited with saving the life of a lady who otherwise surely would have perished in a structure fire.

Collin and Mrs. Rose are Frenchtown residents and have children attending Frenchtown schools. Frenchtown Junior High School enjoys having one of Collin's children in its student population.

HHP FREEZER BURN RUN

December 2nd is the big day! People have a golden opportunity to either take part in a FRENCHTOWN 13 mile fitness run or alternative fitness walk. The purpose of this activity is to encourage and support people of all ages to keep moving despite the fading good weather. This

activity is not a Frenchtown school sponsored activity. It is sponsored, in part, by the University of Montana Health and Human Performance Department.

The FREEZER BURN RUN is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. in the high school parking lot.

FUN FRIDAY REQUEST LAUNCHED BY STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council member, Justis Williams, met with the junior high school faculty on the morning of October 26th to ask the faculty to request re-establishing a Friday (during study hall) rewards period for students who have submitted their class assignments during that week.

The faculty and principal will review this request and attempt to make a determination that is best for students.

A REQUEST TO PARENTS FROM THE JHS PRINCIPAL

Students who lock their lockers are not

merely the "lucky" ones, but instead are the owners of personal property that remains in their possession. It would also be prudent to have students check the "lost and found" clothing bin on the second floor of the junior high school. There are enough articles of clothing to start a "second hand" store.

Many of the clothing articles look expensive and new. The principal believes that significant amounts of money have been spent to purchase these items and that surely, if such missing coats, shirts, pants, and gloves are in the "bin," that such missing articles might become the subject of family conversation and concern.

An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.

-Benjamin



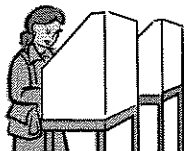
FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT #40 **WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE** **2006-2007**



HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL				HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING				HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Nov 20	Practice Begins		4:00pm	Nov 14	Practice Begins	H.S.	TBA	Nov 20	Practice Begins	H.S.	
Dec 8-9	Tip-Off Tourney	Hamilton	TBA	Dec 2	Polson	Polson	TBA	Dec 8-9	Tip-Off Tourney	Hamilton	TBA
Dec 14	Hamilton	Hamilton	4:15pm	Dec 8	Cut Bank/Browning/Eureka	Home	6:00pm	Dec 15	Hamilton	Hamilton	4:15pm
Dec 16	Columbia Falls	Columbia Falls	3:00pm	Dec 9	Superior Tourney (V) Superior	TBA		Dec 16	Columbia Falls	Home	3:00pm
Dec 19	Corvallis	Corvallis	4:15pm		Hamilton Tourney (JV) Hamilton	TBA		Dec 19	Corvallis	Home	4:15pm
Dec 21	Anaconda	Anaconda	4:15pm	Dec 12	Florence/Kellogg	Home	6:00pm	Dec 21	Anaconda	Home	4:15pm
Jan 4	Thompson Falls	Thompson Falls	4:15pm	Dec 16	Corvallis Tourney	Corvallis	8:00am	Jan 4	Polson	Polson	4:15pm
Jan 6	Polson	Polson	3:00pm	Dec 21	Ronan	Ronan	4:30pm	Jan 6	Libby	Libby	TBA
Jan 9	Dillon	Dillon 4:15, 4:30, 6:00pm*		Jan 5-6	Cut Bank Tourney (V) Cut Bank	TBA		Jan 13	Thompson Falls	Home	3:00pm
Jan 13	Stevensville	Home	3:00pm		Browning Tourney (JV) Browning	TBA		Jan 12	Dillon	Home	4:15pm
Jan 19	Hamilton	Hamilton	4:15pm	Jan 9	Hellgate	Hellgate	6:00pm	Jan 13	Stevensville	Stevensville	3:00pm
Jan 20	Libby	Home	TBA	Jan 11	Whitefish	Home	7:00pm	Jan 18	Hamilton	Home	4:15pm
Jan 26	Corvallis	Home	4:15pm	Jan 12-13	Rocky Mtn Classic	Missoula	TBA	Jan 20	Libby	Home	TBA
Jan 27	Bigfork	Bigfork	3:00pm	Jan 16	Hamilton	Hamilton	6:00pm	Jan 25	Corvallis	Corvallis	4:15pm
Feb 1	Polson	Home	4:15pm	Jan 18	Corvallis	Corvallis	6:00pm	Jan 30	Polson	Home	4:15pm
Feb 3	Stevensville	Stevensville	3:00pm	Jan 23	Missoula Big Sky	Missoula	6:00pm	Feb 3	Stevensville	Home	3:00pm
Feb 9	Dillon	Home	4:15pm	Jan 25	Anaconda	Home "Senior Night"	6:00pm	Feb 8	Dillon	Dillon 4:15, 4:30, 6:00pm*	
Feb 16	Anaconda	Home "Senior Night"	4:15pm	Jan 27	Dillon	Dillon	6:00pm	Feb 15	Big Fork	Home "Senior Night"	4:15pm
Feb 22-24	Divisionals	Hamilton	TBA	Feb 3	Divisionals	Anaconda	TBA	Feb 16	Anaconda	Anaconda	4:15pm
Mar 1-3	State Tourney	Belgrade	TBA	Feb 9-10	State Tourney	Billings	TBA	Feb 22-24	Divisionals	Hamilton	TBA
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*Starting times for Saturdays: Fresh 3:00, JV 4:45, Varsity 6:15 (unless noted otherwise) *								*Starting times for Saturdays: Fresh 3:00, JV 4:45, Varsity 6:15 (unless noted otherwise) *			

SPEECH AND DRAMA					
Nov 4	Hamilton	8:00am	Nov 11	Ronan	8:00am
Jan 6	Columbia Falls	8:00am	Jan 13	Big Fork	8:00am
Dec 2	Corvallis	8:00am	Jan 20	Anaconda	(Div's) 8:00am
Dec 9	Dillon	8:00am	Jan 26-27	Billings Central (State)	8:00am

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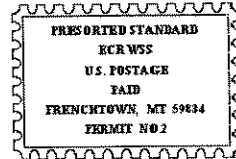
Frenchtown School Hot Lunch Menu November 2006

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Applesauce Milk	2 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Corn Roll Milk	3 Whole Grain Pizza Tossed Salad Low Fat Ranch Pineapple Milk
6 Cheeseburgers Whole Grain Bun Low Fat Potatoes Peaches Milk	7 Beef Steak Fingers Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Whole Wheat Roll Milk	8 Taco Salad Mandarin Oranges Oatmeal Cookie Milk	9 Spaghetti Tossed Salad Low Fat Ranch Bread Sticks Milk	10 Whole Grain Corn Dog Oven Fries Fruit Cocktail Milk
13 Burritos Veggies & Low Fat Ranch Dip Jello Milk	14 Chicken Sandwich Whole Wheat Bun Tossed Salad Fresh Apple Milk	15 EARLY OUT 12:30 Grab & Go	16 Waffles Cheese Omelet Mandarin Oranges Milk	17 Weiner Wraps Veggies & Dip Low Fat Ranch Pears Milk
20 Slappy Joes Whole Wheat Bun Green Peas Applesauce Milk	21 Chicken Noodle Soup Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Baby Carrots Milk	22 EARLY RELEASE 1:20 Roast Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Cooked Carrots Roll Milk	23 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	24 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK
27 Frito Pockets Celery Sticks Fruit Cocktail Milk	28 Chicken Strips Veggies & Dip Very Berry Salad Roll Milk	29 Submarine Sandwich Garden Salad Low Fat Ranch Orange Milk	30 Chicken Legs Seasoned Rice Green Beans Whole Wheat Roll Milk	



FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Our mission is to foster effective learning in a safe environment where students, parents, staff and the community share in a commitment to life-long learning and responsible citizenship.



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Schoolmaster Parental Access and Support System (PASS)

Get the current information about your child's progress directly from the grade book of the teacher. Call the school office to get your login name and PIN number then go to www.frenchtown.k12.mt.us. Chose the link for the appropriate school on the right side of the page and it will open a world of current information about your child's progress.



PTSA HOLIDAY GRAFT FAIR

HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS
SATURDAY, DEC. 2, 2006
9:00AM-6:00PM

PICTURES WITH SANTA!
DOOR PRIZES AWARDED EVERY HOUR!
LUNCH PROVIDED BY EL TORO SPRINGS 4-H CLUB!
SOFT SCULPTURES, BLANKETS, FISHING LURES,
WREATHS, CANDY, CROCHETING, JEWELRY, and SO MUCH MORE.
HANDMADE GIFTS FROM HE HEART... PLEASE JOIN US and
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Adult Education Classes

QUICKBOOKS PRO

Quickbooks Pro is rapidly becoming one of the most popular accounting software programs available. Designed for the laypersons use, accounting procedures are directed in a friendly, understandable format. You will learn how to set up a sample company, write checks, make deposits, balance the checkbook, as well as other accounting duties and reports, usually encountered in computerized bookkeeping. Class interest will dictate exact components to be studied. Classes will be Tuesday evenings, November 14th thru December 18th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm in the Junior High Computer Lab. Your instructor for this class, has over 11 years Quickbooks experience, as well as teaching experience with Missoula Adult ed., and at a local, Missoula accounting firm.

For questions, please call Judy McKinney, at 626-0148 in the evenings.

To sign up for this class call Debbie at 626-2600 and pay your \$10.00 registration fee.

INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT OFFICE

Learn the basics of the Microsoft Office package (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher), including short cuts and tips. Learn how to create a Word document, an Excel spreadsheet with formulas, a PowerPoint presentation (for work or play or both), and a Publisher brochure, flyer, or postcard. The class can decide if they want to focus more time on certain program(s). This class is great for people with no experience using these programs, and/or for people who want to learn time-saving tips and shortcuts.

The class will start on November 14th and meet every Tuesday night between 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm at the Elementary Computer Lab. The class will run for 6 weeks, for a total of 18 hours.

For questions, please call Christine Johnson at 626-5371 in the evenings.

To sign up for this class call Debbie at 626-2600 and pay your \$10.00 registration fee.



BRONC SPIRIT AND PRIDE CLOTHING

Order forms available at the school offices or get one from:

www.frenchtown.k12.mt.us/dnormand

New items...especially for the gals!

Call Dalene Normand at 626-4012 or email

dnormand@fisd.org for more information.



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4 of 7 Frenchtown school board positions up for election

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by John Q. Murray

Frenchtown voters will elect four of seven members—a majority of the school board—on May 8.

With population growth, the district is now designated as a "first-class" school district and the board of trustees must grow from five to seven members.

"With more people in our district, diversity is the whole intent," explained district clerk Cindy McMurray. "We will have two new positions, which will give us more people with different opinions."

The change to a first-class district also means slightly different procedures for the candidates. The new candidate petitions require 20 signatures, rather than the eight that were required in the past. Candidates must now also indicate whether or not they plan to spend more than \$500 on their campaign, and if so, verify that they will report such spending.

In addition to the two newly-created positions, two existing positions are up for election this spring.

The position held by Dianne Burke is due for its regular election, while the position previously held by Ray Winn is up for special election following Ray's resignation.

Evan Jordan was appointed to serve in Ray's position until the newly-elected candidates can be sworn in.

Candidates must file their nomination petitions by 5 p.m. March 28. The school district published a detailed calendar in its January issue noting other milestones leading up to the May 8 election.

The trustee candidate nomination petitions are available from the school district office.

No candidates have yet filed for the positions, but Cindy said she is hopeful that those who ran in past elections or who applied to serve after Ray's resignation would step forward.

"We're hoping the people interested at that time will run," she said.

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The Chronicle will run profiles of all of the candidates in early April after the candidate filing deadline.

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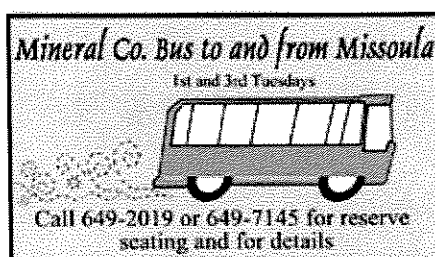
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Frenchtown fundraisers add another \$49,000

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Frenchtown's amazing fundraising committee raised another \$49,000 this year with the annual Calcutta dinner and two golf tournaments, reported Shad Ockler.

The total raised since 1992 is now right around \$850,000.

"I grew up here, and this just absolutely amazes me that we still have the kind of support for this," Shad said. "Frenchtown has always been in my opinion a really close-knit school community, and the support just blows me away. We've got a good group of supporters that don't even ask questions, they just step up to the plate and start doing it."

The Calcutta is held the first Sunday in May and the tournaments are held the last Sunday in June and the last Sunday in August.

The golf tournament drew 140 people this spring and 128 people this fall. The spring tournament will grow from nine holes to 18 holes next year, he pointed out.

Shad praised the prize donors, the individual hole sponsors, and the two major corporate sponsors, ELM and First American title, for helping to make the event a success. Tim and Connie Kirk also donated to help feed everybody, he added.

The group was the major sponsor when paving the track at the junior high, put in the new dugouts at the softball field, helped put in the Frenchtown "F," and bought the high school wrestling mats.

Originally formed as the Stadium Fund, the group's first contributions helped the athletics program. But the group has since expanded to offer funds for any capital expenses in Frenchtown School District #40, Shad said.

"We're basically waiting for any kind of request," he said. "A lot of people think that we're just athletics, but we are willing to help with temporary classrooms, we're willing to help with anything academic. We're just trying to get the biggest bang for the buck out of the support we get for the community."

The board is able to help cover quite a chunk of the expenses the school wouldn't otherwise be able to cover from its their general fund, he said.

He said the groups work closely with both Dr. Rory Weishaar and activities director Nate Fry. "Nate is just a true asset to our school. We should be thanking our school board daily for picking him," he said. "I truly think that he's a find for Frenchtown."

Shad also praised the Spirit Committee for their work in revitalizing school spirit. The board reorganized just over a year ago and formed two committees: the fundraising committee and the Spirit Committee.

"What those folks have done in essentially 18 months is absolutely amazing," he said. "I've been to Frenchtown games for 30 years now and I remember seeing the spirit dying away, but now, in the last year a half, people are traveling to the away games,

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He suggested that other schools in the area could launch a similar fundraising program.

For more information, contact any of the Frenchtown fundraising committee members: Shad Ockler, Lon Ockler, Josh Hinrichs, Bob Clark, and Jeff McNally.

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It all started with a casual conversation about five years ago. Wade and Heather Gooden were sitting around the table with Heather's parents, Ralph and Charlotte Sievers, asking themselves:

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From Dec. 18 to Dec. 22, they will celebrate their answer to that question with the grand opening of the Corner Hub, an attractive commercial and retail space on the southeast corner of the Frenchtown I-90 exit.

"We just want to invite people to come in and get to know us and know what's happening," says Heather. "We'll have some eggnog and apple cider and cookies and it will be a good chance to get to know everybody."

The original occupants include Stompin' Grounds Coffee Cafe, Lambros Realty, Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers, and the Little Broncs Preschool and Day Care Center.

And of course, Wade and Heather's Gooden Construction and GoSi Development.

Her dad, a radiologist in Anaconda, came up with the name.

"My dad came up with that. It clicked with all of us," she said. It fit well with Frenchtown, suggesting a nice, relaxed environment.

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Frenchtown Community Church to celebrate 50 years this weekend

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by Richard Werst

The concept of a community church in Frenchtown began in 1955 as a thought, a vision really, in the mind and heart of Paul Christianson.

He was the Superintendent of Schools in Frenchtown at the time, according to long-time Church Secretary, and current clerk, Grace Cline — and she should know because she was there when the Church was both conceived and born.

"The Mill was coming in and the town was growing," she said, and Paul felt that it was time for people to have a Protestant alternative to the Catholic Church in town.

Paul began talking and tossing the idea around with friends and neighbors, and in March of 1955 the first organizational meeting was held.

There were between six and eight people at that first meeting, according to Grace, who went on to say that shortly thereafter the first Church Service was held in the school gym with 25-30 worshipers participating.

A series of Lay Ministers, members of St Paul Lutheran Church in Missoula, drove out to conduct those first few meetings, and in May of 1955 C. A. Morrill was chosen to serve as the first full-time pastor.

He was affiliated with "Methodist Ministries," according to Grace, and he worked at Thurton Hospital, which is now Community Hospital in Missoula.

About that same time, Ed and Florence Mlekush, both teachers at Frenchtown School, gave the congregation the use of a small 35 x 120 square-foot brick building on Mullan Rd...one that had been built in 1920.

It had no running water, an outhouse in the back and it needed extensive renovation, including new floors, a new roof, and a barrier to protect people from falling into an area that had been used for growing mushrooms, before it could even be used, she said, adding that the structure had housed several businesses over the years, among them a bar, butcher shop, barbershop, grocery store, and a storage facility.

Long-time member of the congregation John Peterson recalled that there was a time when a bar occupied one side of the building while the butcher's shop served its customers on the other...and he chuckled a bit while describing what he thought the competition for the outhouse might have been like.

The congregation purchased the building for \$800 in 1957, according to Grace, and it was at about that same time that Darrell Burch, affiliated with the American Sunday School Union, became pastor to the congregation.

In '58 or '59, Grace says, Sam Gumpton and Dale Fister began to share the



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pastoral duties and the church associated itself with the Rocky Mountain Bible Mission (RMBM), an organization that works to establish churches in the Rocky Mountain region.

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As vibrant churches are prone to do in a growing community, the church grew as well, and by 1971 it was obvious that more space was required...they began thinking about the building next door.

Built in 1893, according to John, it was one of the oldest structures in town and one of the few that had survived the Frenchtown fire in 1920.

The problem?

After playing host to many businesses over the years, including a grocery store in the forties, it was currently operating as a bar called the Hi-Ho Club — something that had occasionally created problems for the church.

The solution?

"Pray 'em out of business," a woman in the congregation suggested...and that's just what they did, according to Grace.

By 1973 the Hi-Ho Club had closed and the church was able to purchase the building, complete with the two vacant lots that separated it from their sanctuary, for \$20,000.

Again renovations were required: the living quarters in the rear of the building were removed to create one large open space, and "the beer cooler was fixed up for the pastor's office," Grace said.

In addition to the extra space, which meant that the Sunday School classes could be moved from the basement of the original building to an above ground location, there was running water and a bathroom.

The water and bathroom had been a big consideration when deciding to purchase the building, Grace said, along with the Sunday School and meeting room space, it meant they were able to have potluck dinners, coffee hours, and that they could host a variety of other social events.

Along with the purchase of the new facility that year, the church became incorporated on November 16, 1973.

Six years later, in 1979, Bob Lukey took over as pastor to the congregation. Bob was also a part of RMBM, and had occasionally taken the pulpit while Sam and Dale were sharing the duties.

Bob's tenure lasted until January of 1982.

The search for a new leader led the church to Al and Claudia Hulbert, and they became the first to be "church supported" in August of that same year.

It was also in 1982 that a few members of the congregation donated enough money to purchase the property at 16250 Mullan Road where the church is currently located...and the congregation began raising money for the construction of a new building — the first services in the new structure were conducted on December 29, 1984.

The monies were raised through the use of debentures (interest-bearing bonds issued, often without security, by a corporation), and, according to Grace, the entire project was paid off in 10 years.

During the same time the construction process was underway, on January 30, 1983, Bylaws and a Constitution were adopted and they became an Independent Non-Denominational Church.

When Al and Claudia left in 1987, interim lay ministers assumed the duties while a search committee spent nine months interviewing candidates before settling on Dennis Hutcheson...who was destined to spend 15 years behind the pulpit before leaving in 2003 to assume a teaching position at a California Christian college. Bill Jackson then served in the position for about two years before the current pastor Fred Emery was selected to step behind the pulpit about one year ago in 2005.

Fifty years have brought a lot of changes but in reality the church is not just the building in fact the building is just a place where the church meets...the church is the people; how the people support each other both physically and in prayer; how the people reach out to others both near and afar, and it is the people who have made Frenchtown Community Church what it is today.

The church's fifty-year reunion is taking place on July 28, 29, and 30, with voices from the past, a pig roast, ladies luncheon, and special musical guests...everyone is invited to stop by and help them celebrate!

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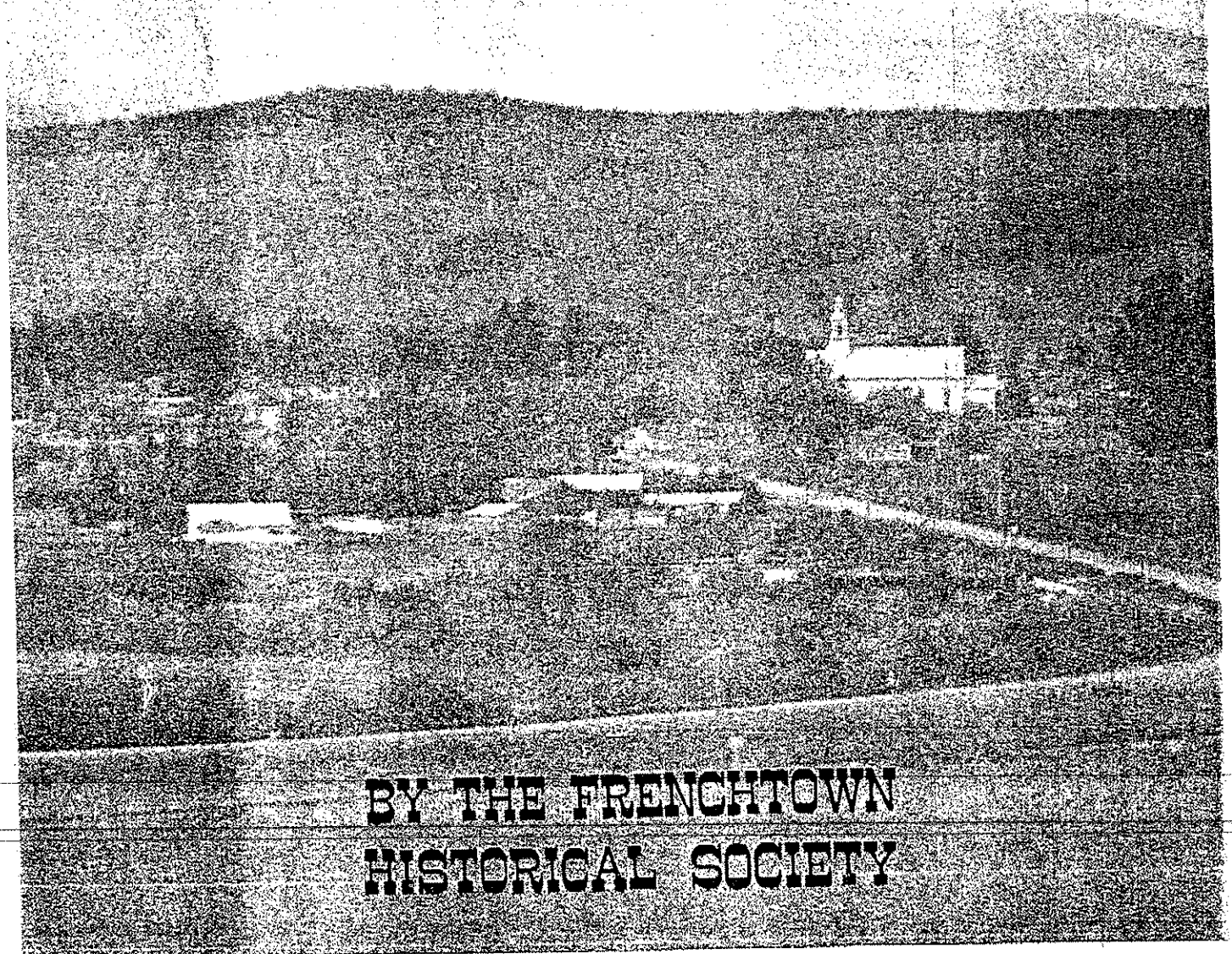
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FRENCHTOWN VALLEY FOOTPRINTS



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Three Who Stayed

Determining the single first settler in the Frenchtown area is no easy task, for records are scant, and researchers do not always agree. They do agree, however, that Louis Brown, Moise Reeves, and Baptiste Ducharme all settled in the valley sometime between 1857 and 1859. Thomas Meagher, writing in 1867 of his journey through the area, calls Frenchtown "...the oldest settlement in Montana, the first house having been built there in 1857 by Mr. Moses Reeves," but there is reason to doubt his accuracy. Baptiste Ducharme's biography states that he "returned" to the valley in 1857, bringing with him cattle, horses, and farming equipment. Louis Brown seems not to have come until 1859; yet he is the one most often mentioned in journals and records. Louis Brown and Moses Reeves were obviously acquainted earlier, for Brown's daughter Leanon was married to Moses Reeves in 1854. She died in 1855, and Reeves then married another of Brown's daughters, Josette, in 1857.

What were these first settlers like? What brought them to the valley? All three were former trappers or traders who had apparently traveled through the valley earlier; all had Indian wives and, since the fur-trapping era had ended with the change of fashion in the 1840's, all were ready to settle down to farming or related enterprises. All were independent and adventurous, judging by their pasts, and were attracted to an uninhabited area where the Indians were friendly and the agricultural possibilities good. East of Frenchtown, at Hellgate, there was equally little activity: one or two houses may have existed, while farther south, at Ft. Owen, a sawmill and grist mill had made it the center of activity for the area.

Of the three men, Moses (Moise) Reeves leaves a trail easiest to follow to Frenchtown. Having left his Canadian home in 1848 at the age of 16, he was, by the age of 21, an employee of the American Fur Company trading with the Indians at Fort Benton. In 1854 he had accompanied the Stevens expedition to the Bitter Root, and then spent the next three years trading and farming in the Colville area and gold mining at the mouth of the Pend d'Oreille. Meanwhile, he married Leanon Brown. Between 1859 and 1860 it is difficult to determine whether he had settled in the Frenchtown valley, or whether he was employed by Mullan. Biographies confuse the issue with contradictory dates; ledgers and journals suggest the possibility that he was both settled in the valley and employed as mail courier for Mullan. Perhaps he was living with Louis Brown at this time, having married Brown's second daughter in 1859. On January 23, 1859, Louis Brown's account with Ft. Owen shows a credit "By services rend by Moses Reivez" for \$20.00. On March 8, 1860, Mullan's account on the Fort Owen ledgers shows a credit for Moise Rivez. Biographies, apparently relying upon information supplied by Mr. Reeves at the time, state that "after traversing the country in every direction" he came to the valley in 1860, located a farm two miles below Frenchtown, "paid \$12 per bushel for seed wheat and \$5 for seed oats procured at the mission," and during the winter of 1860, accompanied by an Indian, carried the mail from Frenchtown to Walla Walla, for the

An Established Town

By 1862, Frenchtown could claim one white family, a grist mill, and determined agricultural efforts like those of Milton Tipton to suggest the beginning of a permanent settlement. In the next seven years, a small business community became established. The first business may be indicated by Worden and Company's record of the sale of twelve packs of cards to "a saloon man in Frenchtown" in November of 1862 or 1863. Frenchtown was "established" in 1864, but details about the growth of the business community are scant, taken mainly from county records. By November of 1865 records show that the Bissonnette and LaBreche saloon existed on the Bissonnette homestead, east of Campbell's sawmill, but the exact date of the construction of either of them is unknown. Since county records show that on March 1, 1866, George McCarty mortgaged his restaurant at Frenchtown to Milton Tipton, it would appear that Frenchtown's first restaurant may be indicated by McCarty's purchase, in October of 1865, of four tin plates, eight breakfast plates, two creamers, some food, and two dozen teaspoons. On the other hand, Milton Tipton had purchased food, dishes, and a cookstove from Worden and Company in December of 1863 in a quantity sufficient to suggest he may have been boarding some of Campbell's sawmill workers at that time.

In 1866, Charles Cusson was granted a license for retail liquor, and also opened a feed stable. It seems possible he may have begun operating a hotel also before 1869. Meagher's 1867 Harper's article notes "a fine saw-mill here, the property of Messrs. Campbell and Van Dorn; another in the immediate neighborhood belonging to Mr. Simms;"¹ The second mill is undoubtedly Reeves' grist mill which he had apparently sold to Simms and Ritz in December of 1866.

By September 10, 1867, county records show that Morgan Spencer had a license for one year to manufacture and sell liquor from his distillery located at the head of Lore Gulch, while on April 29, 1868, Francois Buisson (Frank Bisson?) bought Spencer's still house. The exact location of Lore Gulch remains a mystery.

By 1868, while additional businesses may have existed, records prove that a saloon or two, a restaurant, saw mill, grist mill, distillery, and feed stable existed in Frenchtown. Settlers considering the valley as a prospective home found not only these signs of a growing village, but a more permanent and acceptable sign of civilization to attract and hold white families: a church.

Cedar Creek Gold Discovery

The story of the gold discovery at Cedar Creek is pertinent to Frenchtown not only because it directly caused a rapid growth in residents as well as businesses, but because one of the discoverers, Louis Barrette, later married Malvina Hamel, the widow of another Cedar Creek miner, Edmond Hamel, thus becoming stepfather to the Hamel children. Blanche, Flore, and Edmond still live in the family home in Frenchtown.

Louis Barrette, who had been prospecting in California since he had left his Montreal home in 1860, was lured to Idaho in 1868 by word of a strike. When he learned the rumor had little foundation, he followed the headwaters of the St. Joe over the Coeur d'Alene Mountains, where, at the summit "his practiced eye swept the vast terrain below him and noted a basin that, to his prospector's mind, meant gold."¹ Since his provisions were short and winter was coming, he followed the Mullan Road to Frenchtown, where he stayed through the winter and delayed through the summer before returning to the terrain he remembered.



Louis Barrette

In the fall of 1869, with B. Lanthier as his partner, he left Frenchtown, stopped at the Lozeau ranch on a prairie north of the confluence of Cedar Creek with the Clark Fork, then proceeded up Cedar Creek, camping at a tributary, Cayuse Creek. While Lanthier cooked supper, Barrette tried his luck, and before supper was ready, had panned out four dollars in gold. The two stayed for three weeks in the area, taking out \$370 from various spots, and then, after staking their "Discovery" claim about four miles from the original site, they left with a plan: They would keep the discovery a secret until spring because if the news leaked out so close to winter, the stampede would cause much suffering to the participants, and also because they had a second plan by which to get rich: install a toll ferry — and the lumber wasn't yet whipsawed for the ferry. What happened to these best-laid plans is a well known story:

Knowing that if they went to town to buy a grubstake, suspicions would be aroused, they sent Lozeau, a permanent resident less likely to be noticed. Ever since that day when Lozeau went to Frenchtown for supplies and stopped off at Henry Larivee's, he has been characterized as a "sociable Frenchman who loved people and whiskey"² and nothing else he did has been as remembered as his letting out the secret on that day. The stampede was immediate. Will Cave tells the story of that first rush:

Returning from a trip to Moose Creek, Idaho, J.R. Latimer and Hank Froach passed through Frenchtown just as the news leaked out. They came on to Grass Valley and Tyler Woodward's ranch; turned around, went back to Frenchtown from where at 7 o'clock that evening a party consisting of T.J. Demers, Harry [Edmond] Hamel, Hank Froach, J.R. Latimer and seven others started on horseback, carrying with them no

provisions whatever. Riding without a stop until 4 o'clock in the morning they reached Lozeau's, where they expected to get their breakfast. There they joined an excited horde of men, so many that there was standing room only in the Lozeau's house. Hastily a breakfast of boiled beans straight was gulped down and before daylight the ranch was deserted by the hundred men or more off for their "New El Dorado."

The Clark's Fork river was forded a short distance below Lozeau's about five miles above the mouth of Cedar. Up the creek rode the excited stampedeers, until those in the lead at the mouth of "Oregon" gulch concluded the going from that point was too rough for the practical use of their horses and each tied his mount securely to a tree, continuing the remaining distance up the creek on foot. Old "Louis Brown No 2" took the lead for a time but Latimer, being younger, eventually passed Brown and was the first one to reach the ground where Barrette and Lanthier had found their gold. By evening, one by one, all the stampedeers had come and a meeting was called by Joseph E. Marion, who made a brief talk in which he declared that the proper procedure would be to start at the "Discovery," then to survey and record 200 feet claims running each way, up and down the creek. Marion's suggestion met with unanimous approval, he being elected recorder of the district. By night of the following day almost the entire gulch had been staked off in claims....

By morning of the third day the miners began to realize quite vividly that it was an absolute necessity that each and everyone must soon find some means of appeasing a rapidly growing hunger.... Nearly everyone then went back where for two days and nights his horse had been left tied and saddled and began a return ride, each with the very definite idea in mind to first connect up with a square meal somewhere, then to procure provisions for the winter on his mining claim.³

These first miners managed to stake most of the area, but nevertheless, three thousand miners came and wintered in the gulch, while, according to Will Cave, over 10,000 in all came, some for just a day or two, within the first year.

Many of these miners stopped for a meal or lodging at the Lozeau ranch, where Melanie, the 16-year-old small, slender, dark-complexioned daughter, did the cooking. After two years, Melanie was "understandably tired of cooking and working night and day to serve the ever incoming and outgoing hordes of miners,"⁴ and had decided, against her parents wishes, to run away and get married to Joe Grenier. Henrietta Lacasse's account of that marriage, based on a 1937 interview with Mrs. Grenier, offers a glimpse into the colorful mining camp life:

...Bright and early the morning of June 25, 1872, they left the ranch for Louisville on Cedar Creek, which was the nearest town about 18 miles away.

When the couple arrived at Louisville, the Justice of the Peace was down in the pit mining. Louisville at this time was beginning to be deserted — the gold rush on Cedar Creek was practically over. There was still several hundred miners on the creek but Louisville was no longer a city of 3000 inhabitants.

The couple went out to the edge of the pit and standing on the high bank, called down to the Judge, Chauncey Barbour, who, clad in gum boots and rough clothing characteristic of the miner, was industriously pitching boulders. One glance at the two on the bank and the Judge knew that he had other important work beside mining to do that day. Accordingly, he hurried up the bank and in a few moments, the marriage ceremony was being performed in one of the new deserted and abandoned buildings, a former saloon and gambling hall.

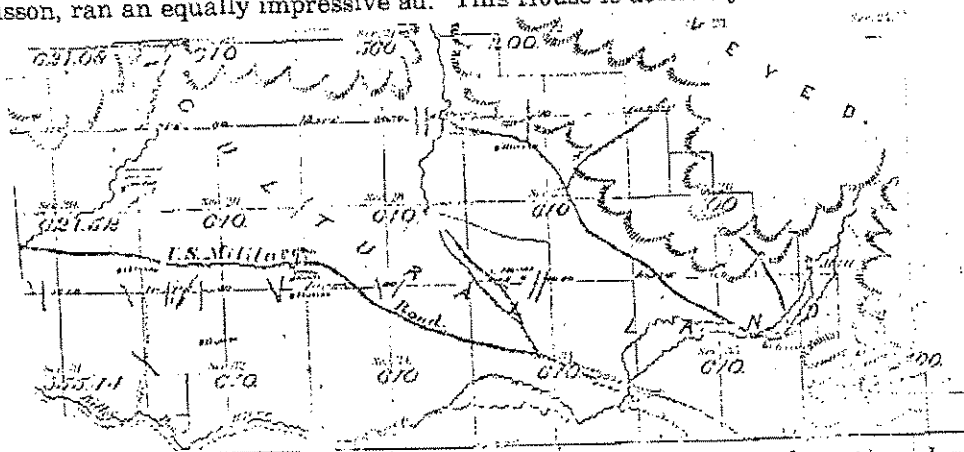
Boom Town

"Trotted out the cart horses on Sunday and made a slight inspection of our sister and rival city, Frenchtown."¹

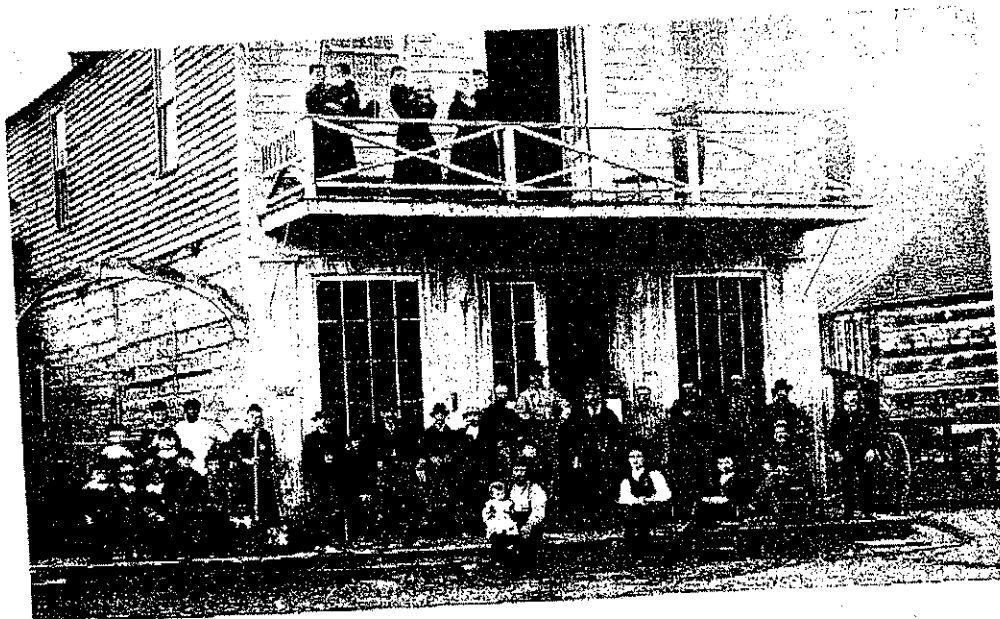
As the closest town to Cedar Creek, Frenchtown immediately moved into a place of prominence in 1869, providing food, lodging and transportation for Cedar Creek and later the Nine Mile area, and the above note in an 1874 Missoulian illustrates the status Frenchtown enjoyed during its "best days." In 1870, a group of residents had petitioned that a proposed court house and jail for Missoula County be built at Frenchtown, since they expected this to be the main city in the future.

The already established saloons, like Tucker's located on the corner of Main and Montana, were joined by competitors for the many new customers brought in by the Cedar Creek discovery. The Union Hall saloon was opened by H. D. Gamble and Louis Beaupre in November of 1871, probably in the Western Hotel. The California Billiard saloon was next to the Western Hotel, and the Arcade saloon, the "largest and finest in Frenchtown,"² was owned and operated by Dennis Sheehy and Joseph S. Booth.

The boom in Frenchtown included the building of hotels in the fall of 1870. On Halloween night of 1870 Reeves and Larrivie opened the Western Hotel with a house-warming dance. "We have seldom been present at a merrier party... Everything passed off most satisfactorily to those participating in this really delightful social reunion..."³ reported the Missoulian. The Western Hotel's Missoulian advertisement proclaimed "This new and commodious hotel is the finest house west of Helena and travellers will find it decidedly to their benefit to patronize it. The proprietors will guarantee that their guests will be surrounded with the comfort of a home in every respect and that the board and sleeping apartments are inferior to no hotel in the Rocky Mountains."⁴ Western's rival, the Cusson Hotel, owned and operated by Charles Cusson, ran an equally impressive ad. "This House is desirably located, and is in all



A map prepared from the first U.S. Government survey shows a sizeable settlement in and around Frenchtown in the 1870's.



The Western Hotel, built in 1870, was purchased by the partnership of Hamel and Bedard, shown in this 1886 photo with their families and some hotel patrons.

Several enterprising people who had businesses in mining towns found themselves with little to do during the winter when the mining areas usually closed down, so many of them moved back to Frenchtown and operated a business there too. George McGowan opened a restaurant and saloon in Frenchtown in December 1875; then in the spring he went back to his establishment at Montreal. Jeff Talbert and George Henault only leased the saloon next to Demers in November 1875 as Henault had done the previous fall. In the 1880's Jerry Savage, L. H. Blanchard and Alexis Perreault moved to Frenchtown from the mining areas. Louis H. Blanchard took over McGowan's restaurant at Frenchtown in June of 1880. In June of 1882 Peter Wendfelt, from Nine Mile, opened a butcher shop in town. By November of that year Jerry Savage owned or operated a restaurant, saloon, livery stable and lodgings in Frenchtown. Perreault built a carpenters shop in Frenchtown the next year.

Besides attracting businessmen from the nearby mining districts, Frenchtown also had a slow but steady influx of new businesses. Napoleon Glaude operated a feed stable in Frenchtown in 1876 before he moved on to the Six Mile area. Duane Norris started a carpenter's shop in September of 1879. In 1881 Eddy, Hammond and Co. bought the goods from Demers store which they moved to Missoula. Demers operated his store in the Jocko until November, 1882 then returned to refit his old store in Frenchtown. Hippolyte Lasserre, postmaster of Frenchtown, also ran a variety store. Marion bought R. A. Eddy's old store and expanded it in the early 1880's. Alex Dow and his cousins opened a saloon in November 1882. And in July of 1883, a millinery establishment on Main street run by Mrs. J. DeNayer indicated Frenchtown had achieved real "city"

status. Either the millinery was so successful it didn't have to advertise, or so unsuccessful it folded quickly, as nothing further appears in the newspapers after the first notice.

Many of the same stores, hotels and saloons which came into existence because of the Cedar Creek boom continued to serve the miners of the Nine Mile area, the loggers who were soon to move into the area, and the many new farmers who made up the growing French settlement, and Frenchtown remained a "rival city" to Missoula for several years.

A New Church For A Prosperous Community

When Father Tremblay arrived in the summer of 1884 as Frenchtown's first secular priest, he took immediate steps to construct a new church for the growing Catholic community. The cornerstone of the new building, which was to be dedicated as St. John the Baptist Church, was laid in an impressive and practical ceremony, as lavishly reported in the Missoulian:

The celebration of St. John's Day usually takes place on the 24th day of June, but was kept this year at Frenchtown on Saturday, the 21st last. It is a Canadian national and religious feast, and was a grand affair and greatly enjoyed by all those who attended it. The day set in serene and beautiful. The mildest and softest of the gentlest of zephyrs was in attendance, and continued throughout the day. At an early hour in the morning the people came pouring into town from all parts of the valley, their equipages giving undeniable evidence of their solid improvement in a pecuniary way, and at short 10 o'clock a.m. nearly all who took part in the day's enjoyment had arrived. About that hour they proceeded to the chapel for Mass, the Rev. Fr. Menetrey being the officiating clergyman, with young Master Bedard as clerk. The choir was under the charge of the Rev. Fr. Tremblay, and performed their part in a commendable manner. The chapel, as well as an addition built thereon for the occasion, was decorated with precise taste and was packed to the utmost. After Mass the Rev. Fr. Tremblay, a fluent and impressive orator, delivered a very eloquent sermon in French, a sermon well suited to the occasion, after which the cornerstone of a new church to be built was carried into the chapel by willing and stalwart arms, and in a very impressive manner received the blessing of the officiating clergymen. It was then removed and placed in its proper position and the people by turns struck it with a hammer held in the right hand, while with the left hand they deposited their mite in a box on top of the stone. The right hand did not appear to be overworked, but the left hand added to the cash account of the church \$120. This ceremony, both useful and impressive, was attended by all the ladies and gentlemen who were at the church and by the time it was completed it was half past twelve. At 1 o'clock p.m. the people assembled at the dancing hall, which was at the "Arcade," and there gentle women and brave men acting under the strains of sweet music by Hubert & Co's band, joined in the joyous dance until 6 o'clock p.m. At 7 o'clock there was public speaking and at about 8:30 the dancing was renewed. The attendance at the dance was remarkable for the large number and beauty of the ladies, showing that the valley in the vicinity of Frenchtown is being very rapidly settled by a dependable population. An elegant supper was served at midnight, after which followed an interim of jigs, well executed by both ladies and gentlemen, at the close of which the dancing became general and continued until the first, faint streaks of early dawn appeared in the horizon, when the exercising broke up, not a single incident having occurred to mar the enjoyment of the occasion. Subsidiary to the keeping of the feast day of St. John the Baptist, was the laudable object of raising funds to build their new church at Frenchtown, and the people came boldly to the front as is shown by the result which was \$326, clear of all expense.

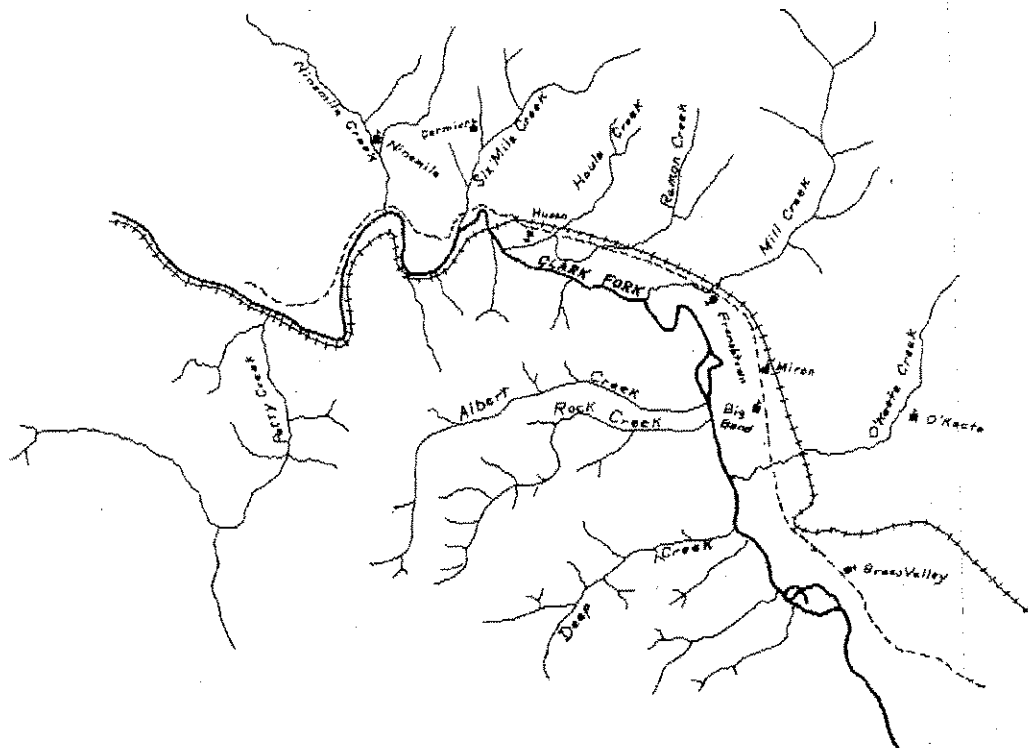
The Schools

Although the Frenchtown school district had been created as early as 1868, practically no information about early schools has been found. Occasional notices in the Missoulian that somebody who had taught school at Frenchtown passed through, or a notation on a county record that a blacksmith or carpenter was paid money out of school funds are all that indicate that school ever existed in Frenchtown before the 1880's.

In November, 1884, the school district bought land for a school, and apparently the school was built soon after, because elections were held in the school building in the fall of 1886.

The oldest school census records available for Missoula County are for the year 1890, when District 4, Frenchtown, was shown as having 39 children under 4 and 86 children over 4. Somehow this figured as a total of 106, and with each census pupil receiving \$3.57, a total of \$378.42 was paid to the district. In June, a supplementary 84¢ per pupil was paid, for an additional \$36.04.

By the time the 1893 census was taken, Frenchtown was designated as District 2. In addition, District 3 — Grass Valley, District 12 — Six Mile, District 15 — Nine Mile, and District 22 — Big Bend, had been created, with 40-64 pupils in each district. By the time of the next census, 1902, six more districts had been created: District 24 —



Ten school districts served the valley in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

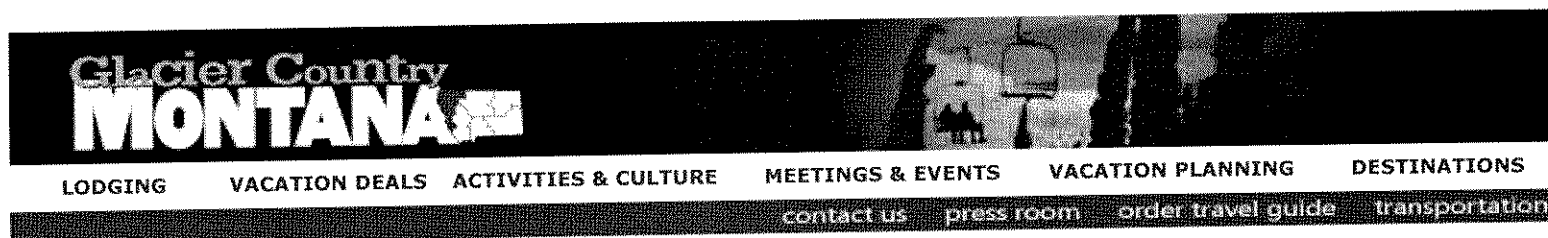


Many Frenchtown people had attended the grand opening of Joseph Marion's new store in 1893. The Marion store was one of those businesses which quickly rebuilt after the 1911 fire.

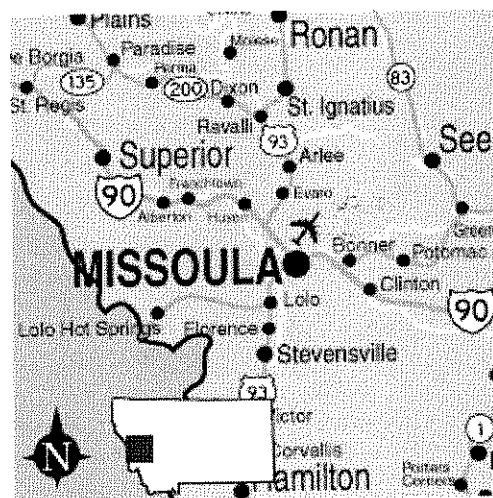


"My parents talked often of the fire in Frenchtown that burned one whole side of the street. The butcher shop and saloon and hotel burned as well as our house. I was a baby, and they barely got me out of the house in time." —Noella Deschamps DuBois

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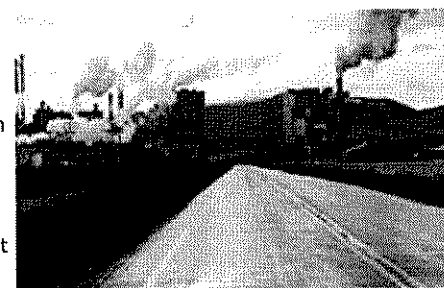
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Frenchtown is sixteen miles northwest of Missoula. Early inhabitant were mainly French Canadian, hence the name. They came from Quebec and Ontario and settled in the area about 1864. Many contemporary residents are descended from the Brunswick French of eastern Canada, some have intermarried with Indians, and others are descended from the Quebec French. The holiday of the year in Frenchtown was St. John's Day, which was noisily celebrated on June 24 in honor of the town's patron saint. The Indians called Frenchtown Valley *qua elth*, meaning "state of tranquility." In 1869 Louis Barrette discovered gold and staked out a claim for his Discovery mine. A stampede followed and 3,000 prospectors wintered in the gulch. (from Cheney's *Names on the Face of Montana*, Mountain Press Publishing Company)



Frenchtown Pond State Park is a five-acre, spring-fed lake has a maximum depth of about ten feet. A variety of fish: sunfish, bass and bullhead provide fair catches during the summer. Frenchtown Pond is also a favorite place for picnicking and to practice boardsailing, kayaking, canoeing, and snorkeling. The park covers 41 acres at 3,169 feet elevation, and several special events that are scheduled here throughout the summer months.

Frenchtown also offers gold and plenty of fishing along the Clark Fork River.

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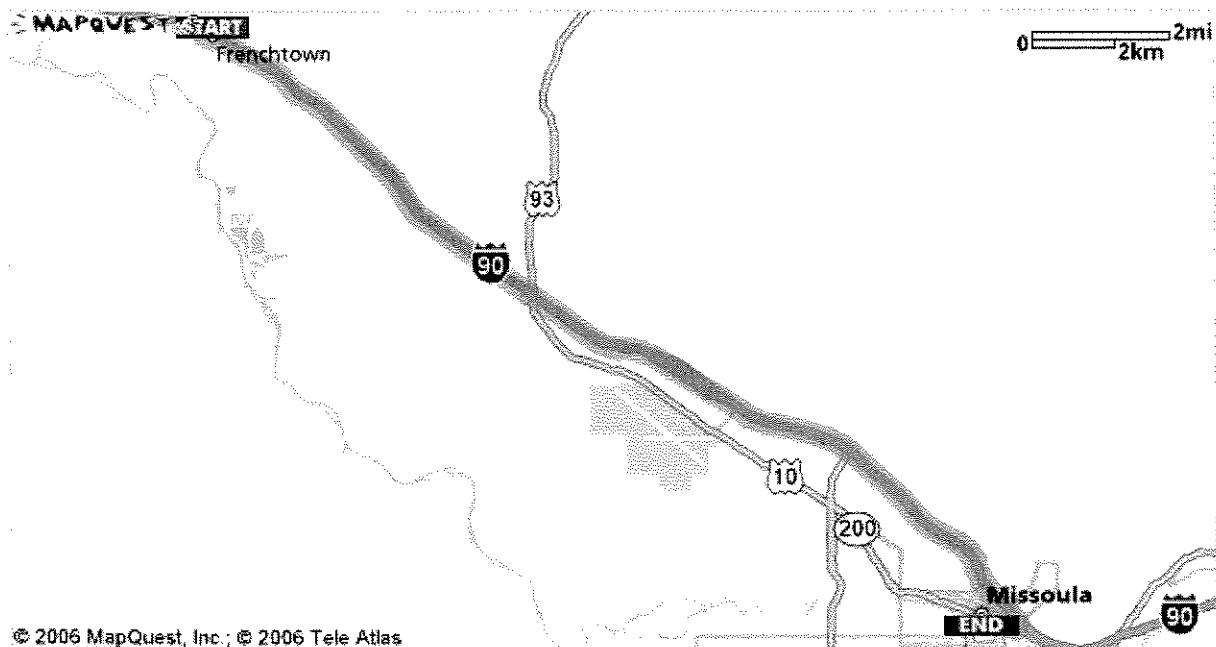
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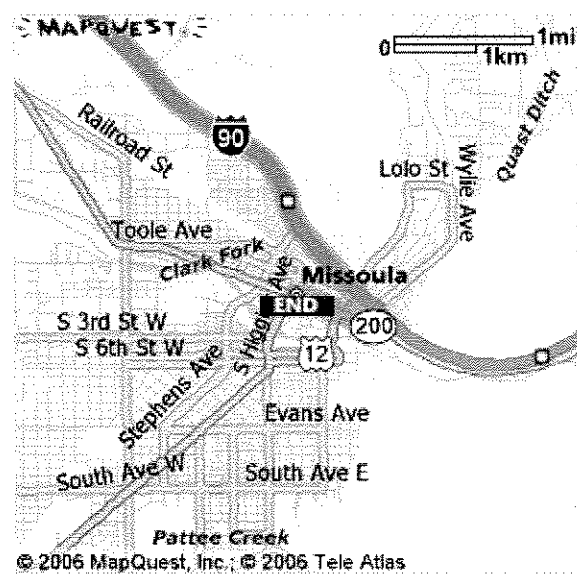
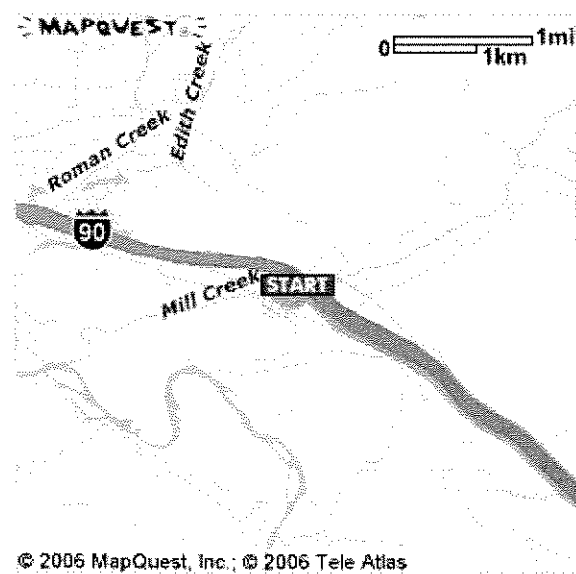


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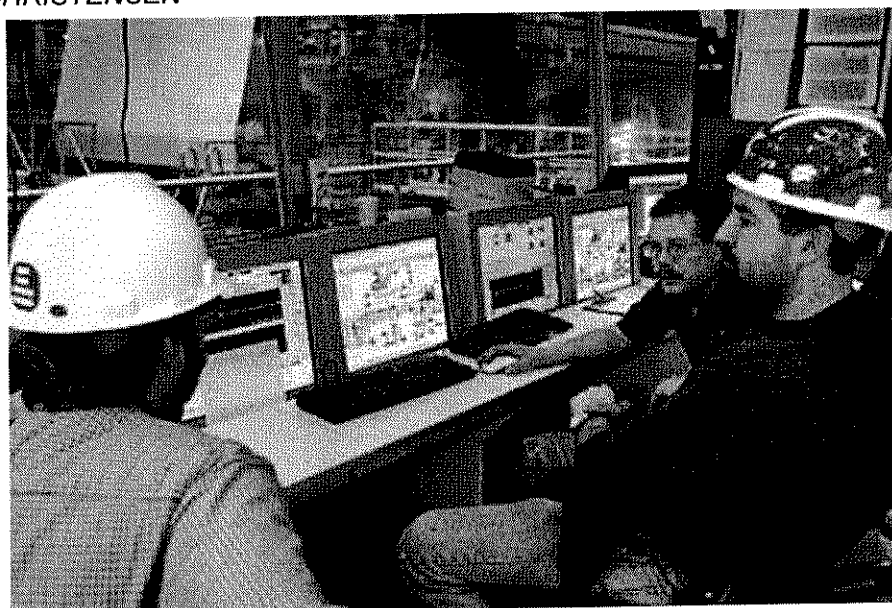
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Sure fit — Smurfit-Stone Container ensuring entry-level employees are adequately trained even before they're hired

By TYLER CHRISTENSEN



Smurfit-Stone Container Corp. workers Tom Phillips, Greg Richardson and Matt Indreland, from left, spend more time at computers these days in the mill's efforts to maintain its highly skilled work force.

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The Smurfit-Stone Container Corp. paper and pulp mill in Frenchtown, one of the top 50 employers in Montana and

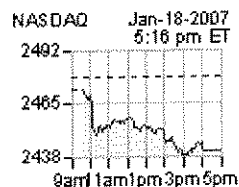
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a top 20 employer in Missoula County, is going to be losing significant numbers of employees over the next 10 years as many age into retirement.

In fact, many Montana businesses will face significant work-force turnover as the baby boomer generation marches toward retirement. For many employers, this won't be a problem. But Smurfit-Stone is part of an industry in which fewer numbers of young people are interested in pursuing careers.

"We're having more of a difficulty in convincing young people to look at the trades," said Bob Boschee, general manager of the mill. "For the average student that comes out of high school, perhaps manufacturing jobs aren't the kinds of jobs that are as attractive as they used to be - even though they pay well."

Smurfit-Stone is taking this horse by the reins. In the last few years it has made work-force training a major focus; its entry-level hiring process now includes a 12-week course at the University of Montana's College of Technology.

On the surface, it doesn't seem like Smurfit-Stone should have any trouble hiring enough new workers. After all, the mill typically receives more than 400 resumes for each entry-level job opening. The problem is that it's no longer enough to hire minimally qualified workers and train them on the job. Today's highly competitive world market demands that operations run ever more efficiently, and one of the major keys to increased efficiency is having a highly trained - and therefore highly skilled - work force, Boschee said.

The nation's manufacturing sector has had to adopt new technology, more complex equipment and more efficient processes in order to stay competitive, said Troy Savage, the training supervisor at the mill.

"We've got a big job to do in order to stay profitable," Savage said. "We're on quite a campaign to catch up for lost time and to make the mill more competitive in the future."

Toward the end of 2003, Smurfit-Stone announced it was going to consolidate - which meant it would cut a total of 1,400 jobs from its operations in the United States and Canada. The mill in Montana, which employs 500 workers, immediately set out to improve its cost effectiveness by improving safety and efficiency.

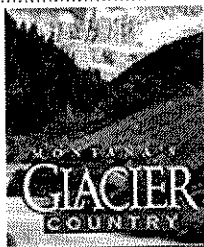
It succeeded, Boschee said.

"It's fairly clearly evident," he said. "Our mill's performance, effectiveness and productivity have pretty continually increased ... I think that is a result of a committed work force. We're making very positive progress."

Not long ago, most new hires in the manufacturing industry were relatively inexperienced, Savage said. Employers expected them to learn on the job - which wasn't the most efficient method. It was like that old "telephone" game, he said. Parts of the message tended to get lost every time it was passed on.

The irony is that as manufacturers were looking for more learned workers, fewer young people seemed interesting in learning.

Of course, the manufacturing industry isn't the only one feeling the pinch. For whatever reasons, young people



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these days rarely consider careers as electricians or plumbers, said Michael Maack, purchasing and stores manager at Smurfit-Stone. Instead, they gravitate toward jobs in the professional sector.

"That's very evident if you've gone to a recent high school graduation," Maack said. "I would bet you that the kids that are choosing the trades have a dad or grandpa who's been in the trades."

But they probably did not have a mother or a grandmother in the trades, said Lori Jacobson, personnel supervisor at Smurfit-Stone. The lack of female role models in the trades probably contributes to young women's tendency to ignore trade careers, she said.

If you look back, you'll notice that 25 years ago there were a lot more jobs in Montana that required trade skills, said J. Craig Burns, human resources manager at Smurfit-Stone. Further, the types of trade jobs available were more diverse.

"Over the last 15 years the dot-com and computer age has changed that to a certain extent," Burns said. "Those jobs are still there, there's just not as many."

Perhaps teachers and high-school counselors are reluctant to promote the kinds of jobs that may not be widely available by the time their students graduate, Boschee concluded.

Smurfit-Stone has developed an extensive interview process, designed to both identify and further prepare potential employees for entry-level jobs at the mill, Boschee said.

It works like this:

First, the company accepts applications from those with a minimum of two years' industrial or related experience, a general education or high school diploma and "a proven track record with an emphasis in communications, teamwork, and a focus on safety," Jacobson explained.

They pick through resumes and invite those who make the first cut - usually about 100 candidates - to enter the interview process, she said. The first part of that process involves a basic education test to assess math, reading and English skills. Next, the candidates are interviewed.

Then, 25 of these applicants are selected to attend the training program at the College of Technology, which includes course work in chemistry, pulp and paper sciences, and basic pump and valve mechanics.

The classes are offered at night, twice a week for 12 weeks, said Mark Olsen, the training superintendent at Smurfit-Stone.

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"Prior to this College of Technology program everybody we brought in just went through the interview process," said Olsen, who's been working at the mill for 33 years. "This gives them a better basic background and prepares them."

Lynn Stocking, associate dean at the COT, said those who go through the course are expected to have a clear idea of where their careers are headed because the program includes some very specific topic areas - such as a Smurfit-Stone corporate overview.

"It's a pretty rigorous program," Stocking added. "It's a great work force support system."

The COT provides training space, equipment and support, but Smurfit-Stone provides almost all of the educators - retirees, current workers and consultants.

Those who complete the course are hired as positions open, he said. The COT program doesn't guarantee them employment, but it prepares applicants for eventual hiring.

So far the program has trained 50 workers.

"Almost all that have gone through we've ended up hiring," Olsen said, adding that these workers will rise through the ranks to eventually become equipment operators at the mill.

Of course, training doesn't end just because a new hire gets a foot in the door.

In the last five to 10 years Boschee has noticed that workers at the mill are taking a more expansive interest in learning. They want to know more about all aspects of the company, as well as their area of operation, he said.

Part of that may be because people these days are more computer-literate, Burns said. They more readily look up information about the company, such as stock prices.

Smurfit-Stone offers myriad learning opportunities so its workers can train for advancement, Jacobson said.

For instance, "in order to get into the technical department, production employees can take correspondence courses to get the knowledge they need to qualify," she said.

For skilled positions, the mill has apprenticeship programs to train millwrights and pipefitters. While the company doesn't currently plan to expand its apprenticeships - to train, say, electricians - it may consider doing so if there are ever worker shortages in these areas, Boschee said.

The mill is working on an idea that would bring the COT and manufacturers in the area together to create another program that would prepare students for jobs in manufacturing, Savage said. However, that idea has barely gotten off the ground - there have been only two meetings so far, he said.

"It's sort of hanging out there," he said.

In any case, on any given day in any given department, someone at the mill is always training for the next job, Maack said. That is, after all, the reason why entry-level positions are always opening, he said.

"There's always on-the-job training going on," Maack said.

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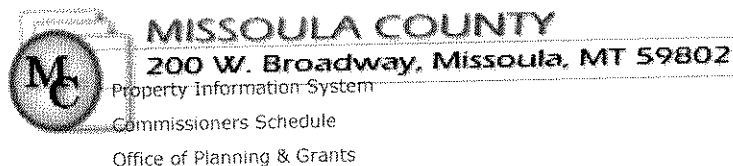
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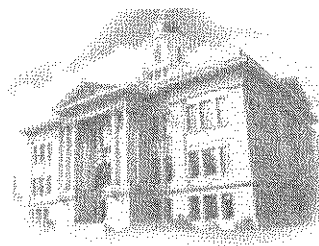
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Under such limitations and restrictions as are prescribed by law, the Board of County Commissioners has jurisdiction and power to represent the County and has care of the County property and the management of the business and concerns of the County and to perform all other acts and functions which may be necessary to the full discharge of the duties of the chief executive authority of the County government (MCA-7-5-2101).

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The Clark Fork Chronicle will sponsor a "Meet the Candidates" forum Monday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Frenchtown Fire Station.

The event will include all of the candidates in contested races in Missoula County, including Commissioner, Sheriff, House District 14, Judge of the Fourth District Court, and Justice of the Peace.

Representatives will also be present to discuss the proposed county charter, the Frenchtown school bond, the Frenchtown fire department levy, and the open lands bond issues.

The event is structured to allow candidates to offer an introductory statement describing their personal background and the experience that they bring to public service. They are also asked to identify the top priorities that they would bring to the position if elected.

The House District 14 candidates and the county commissioner candidates will get a few additional questions based on issues raised by Frenchtown-area residents over the last year.

The format allows for time at the end of the speeches for area residents to meet with the candidates/speakers one-on-one and discuss their concerns.

The following persons have indicated that they would be able to attend Monday night:

House District 14 - Gordon Hendrick and Frank Stanley
Commissioner - Jean Curtiss and Jim Edwards
Sheriff - Mike McMeekin and Don Morman
Fourth District Judge - Karen Townsend and Robert Deschamps
Justice of the Peace - Karen Orzech and Casey Gunter
County local government study commission - Tracy Stone-Manning (majority) and Julie Hacker (minority)
County open lands bond - Jim Cusker
Frenchtown School District - Superintendent Randy Cline and school board member Dianne Burke
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All candidates will be asked the following questions:

Please introduce yourself, tell us a little bit about your personal background and your public service, and why you are running for this office.

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The commissioner candidates will also be asked the following questions:

About a year ago, several surveys reported that rural county residents did not think they were being well-represented by the county commissioners. 60 percent of the county's residents live in the city and it seems like most of the resources and attention go there. Has anything changed over the last year? Is there anything else the county can do to change rural residents' perceptions of county government?

Several other communities--Lolo, Seeley, Bonner, East Missoula, Petty Creek--either have or are considering advisory councils, whose decisions are not binding on the commissioners. Should Frenchtown start its own community council?

There is a lot of concern about the sewer continuing to move west along Mullan Road and being forced on Frenchtown-area residents. What are your thoughts about the sewer expanding further west--is it inevitable or do residents have a voice? What public process should be used in discussing sewer expansion?

We're seeing a lot of growth in the number of homes in this area, but not in the number of businesses. What can the county do to promote more business in the county's rural areas?

How will you vote on the proposed county charter, and why?

How will you vote on the \$10 million open lands bond issue, and why? A followup question: The open lands issue has strong support in the city and was polling at 60 percent approval. Assuming it passes and makes money available for conservation easements, how can Frenchtown-area residents benefit?

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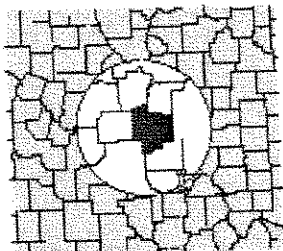
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