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Montana Jaycees President

Greetings Montana Jaycees,

Let's start out with special Thanks to Lewistown for the invite and hospitality; I had a lot of fun with everyone there. Thanks also go out to Havre for letting me have the exec meeting there after the training, I had an awesome time. And to Chamene Plum - you rock girl, you gave an informative training that I know is a benefit to the state.

We are only a few months into the year and Program Managers are still needed in almost all areas. Who's up to the challenge again: **I am going to give a prize to the first 10 people who call me up and offer to fill a position.**

In a few months everyone will start getting busy with summer events, I encourage you help out as much as you can. With decreasing membership it is becoming harder and harder to keep hosting events if the people aren't there to help. Here's the big kick in the pants: in the month of April there will be 28 members dropped, almost half of them are out of one chapter that called out a SOS and I sent a challenge out to see if anyone anywhere in this state would be willing to even call them to offer support, not one out of 394 members, which could possibly be 366 by the 1st of May.

The time to pick ourselves up by the boot straps is now, how about it's half time and this is the reality check (I won't call it a pep talk) that is needed to get us back on track. If we have to go out as a state then lets make some noise. I have talked to Chapter's asking what we can do to help, Livingston is taking us up on the offer to come on April 26, 27 & 28th to see if we can help breath life back into there chapter, come help us if you would like to be a part of the achievement.

Sorry if I'm slightly straight forward, I mean no offense to anyone. I call an Ace an Ace and the time for fiddle farting around the subject is a waste of my time and yours. I need your help to ensure that this organization lives on past our children. If challenges don't work tell me what will. Ask your members what they want or what is worth to be active or recruit, I'll see what I can do to make it happen!

Let's end this on a great note, ha ha, I'm in Florida and you could have been here with me! Yeah I'm talking to YOU!!!

Proud Jaycee
71st Montana State President

Misty Miner (MJ)

Presidential Visit

National President John Weber will be in Billings the 24th, 25th, & 26th of April to help bring Billings back. This is wonderful opportunity to not only help with a new chapter but to also meet the National President. Please contact Misty if you need more information or help with finding a place to stay. From Billings, several Jaycees will be heading to Livingston on the 26th to help with the chapter there.

Executive
Board:

JCI Senate
President



Community VP

Newsletter
Editor

JCI Senate President

Greetings Montana Jaycees,

Wow, it's that time of the year already! For the Montana JCI Senate it is our year end. We will meet on May 16th in Helena for our annual elections, JC Foundation meeting and year end meeting. This meeting sets a milestone for the Senate as this will be the first one I can remember where we didn't meet, short of the campout, with the Montana Jaycees present. You will be missed at this one.

As we move on with life we need to stop and reflect on our accomplishments we have achieved. Each accomplishment is a milestone to mark our progress in life. I have many to look back on over the course of my Jaycee career and my time served in the Senate. I was on board at the start of the Plaque Sponsorship program, one of my favorite programs, sponsored by the Senate. Each convention was a new adventure as I met new people and watched others grow in our organization and blossom into fine young men and women ready to take on the world.

The success of our great organization falls directly on your shoulders. You are the ones in the spotlight now and it's up to each and every one of you to go out and build this organization back up. It will be a long road to recovery but I firmly believe in your abilities. The Senate is a resource for you to use, but, we Senators cannot provide you with all the answers. You'll need a fresh approach to this daunting task, that's why there is an age limit. We can tell you how we did it in our day but our way doesn't always apply in today's environment.

As most of you know this is my last rant as the JCI Senate President. I look forward to my "retirement" knowing I served the organization to the best of my ability. I want to thank the Montana Jaycees for their support of the Senate over these past years. I know that without you, we, as Senators, would have fewer opportunities to get together and relive our JC days.

Always a Jaycee,
Earl Taylor #47603
JCI Senator

Community VP

Thank you Belgrade Sharp Shooter for hosting the state BB Gun Match March 28th & 29th

Reminder:

Jr. Olympic Skills
www.jrolympicsskills.com

Program Timeline:

Local Qualifying Events: January 1 - May 14, 2009

Regional Competitions: May 16 - June 21, 2009

National Finals: July 23 - July 26, 2009

Also get register for MLB Pitch, Hit &Run

www.mlb.com/phr

Thanks
Andy Owens
CDVP

Newsletter Editor

We are still in need of a newsletter editor. Lynnette has been filling in but with a busy school schedule she is getting maxed out. There is a ton of training material available to help make it an easy and fun position. If you would like to be the newsletter editor please let President Misty know.

Executive
Board:

Chaplain

ID VP

Chaplain News

Hello Montana,

I just want to remind you that you can still send me a chaplain report any time. I have only received one so far. You can find this form as well as other forms on the website.

I am looking forward to spring and summer to get here, as most of you are as well. As we get busy with our project don't forget to schedule in some fun Jaycee family projects. Even a BBQ gathering with friends can recharge your spirits.

The spiritual essay topics will be posted soon. Septembers convention will be here before you know it.

Thanks,
Christy Owens
Chaplain 2009

Individual Development Vice President

Montana Jaycees,

Now is the time to prepare yourself for Competitions. Many of you have heard about them, but never prepared yourself to compete. Now is that time, and I am ready to help you. Begin by discussing the competitions at meetings and plan a mock competition at the end of each meeting.

Speak Up topics are in this newsletter and you can begin practicing your speech after your meeting by asking members to stay an extra 10 minutes. Give your speech, then ask for suggestions on how to make it better -- repeat at the next meeting.

Jeopardy questions can be asked at the beginning of each meeting, just like you would do an ice-breaker. Ask three or four questions about the history of the Jaycees, see how many members know the answers. Use different questions at each meeting. If you would like me to send you some sample questions, just ask, I have lots of questions to share.

Debate - If your chapter is interested in Debate, please prepare the team by researching the rules/regulations. They are online, in the awards manual and the Book. If you need help getting started, let me know.

Resume and Interview Competitions are a great way to prepare yourself for the real world job interviews. You gain skills that will win you the job. Set up an interview scene at your meeting and practice, practice, practice.

If you would like me to train on competitions, give me a call and we can set up a time I will be available to travel and train. More resources available online at www.mtjaycees.org and www.usjaycees.org

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"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

-Winston Churchill

Program
Managers:

Low Flyers
Club (Miles)

Competitions
Write Up &
Jeopardy

Speak UP

Miles

Happy spring everyone!

I just wanted to say a quick word to all of our traveling Jaycees. With gas prices going up and down, makes those miles count. Don't forget to send in your miles sheets! For those who aren't sure of where to send them, I have the address below. Get them in so we can have them for convention. Most importantly of all, drive safe everyone! Here is the link to the form: <http://www.mtjaycees.org/pages/thebook/managementdevelopment/MILES-VISITATIONFORMS/VisitationForm.pdf>

Send forms to:

Rachael Allen
Miles Program Manager
1925 9th Ave.
Helena, MT 59601

Competitions: Write Up & Jeopardy

Grab a pencil and sit down. Yup, it's that easy. Okay maybe a little practice and studying would help you out. Each of these competitions allows you 30 minutes to complete in a quiet room at a time set on the convention agenda. Be early and in your seat before the competition starts. Paper and pens are provided.

Write Up is writing an essay with the provided impromptu topic. Everyone gets the same topic, and you write an essay on it. Each essay is then judged by 2-3 judges on a point system - highest points wins.

Jaycees Jeopardy is a 25 question quiz on Jaycees History and Facts on current Jaycees. Questions can be based on the state or national Jaycees. The US Jaycees website is a great tool to study up on history, read your newsletters and know your Montana Jaycees Programs.

The best place to practice competitions is in your chapter. Provide competitions training during your meetings and be prepared for convention.

**Contact Chamene Plum for help with competition training.
262-4099, griggs@havremt.net**

SPEAK UP!

Want help speaking in front of people? Then the Speak Up Competition is for you. This competition requires you to prepare a five to seven minute speech on a topic given to you in advance, then present it to three judges Friday night at convention. Yes, you only have to present your speech in front of the judges on Friday night. If you are the #1 winner of Speak Up, you will present your same speech in front of all delegates during the convention banquet.

Master Speak-Up has the same requirements, giving state officers and chapter presidents an opportunity to participate.

The topics have been released early for the Montana Jaycees Convention, to give all members the opportunity to practice their speeches in their chapters first. Practice in front of your members, ask them for advice and truly be prepared for the competition at convention. On the national level the topic is released only 10 days before the competition.

Any questions about Speak Up can be sent to IDPV Chamene Plum (griggs@havremt.net) or call 262-4099. Chamene is looking for a program manager to run the Speak Up competition room at convention in September and in February. If you are interested, please call Chamene 262-4099.

Speak-Up Topic:

The first time I knew I touched a life being a Jaycee.

Master Speak-Up Topic:

Being a State Officer means to me?

Programs:

March of Dimes

March of Dimes

Please let me know if you would like me to travel to your March of Dimes Event. Below is a list of ALL March of Dimes Events in Montana. Havre's is June 6th, you are ALL invited to come up!

4/18/2009	<u>Sidney March for Babies 2009</u>	Sidney, Mt
	Join us and be a champion for babies by giving every baby the best chance for a healthy start in life.	
4/25/2009	<u>Helena March for Babies 2009</u>	Helena, Mt
5/2/2009	<u>Miles City March for Babies 2009</u>	Miles City, Mt
5/2/2009	<u>Billings March for Babies 2009</u>	Billings, Mt
5/9/2009	<u>Hamilton March for Babies 2009</u>	Hamilton , Mt
5/9/2009	<u>Missoula March for Babies 2009</u>	Missoula, Mt
5/9/2009	<u>Gt. Falls March for Babies 2009</u>	Gt. Falls, Mt
5/16/2009	<u>Bozeman March for Babies 2009</u>	Bozeman, Mt
5/30/2009	<u>Butte March for Babies 2009</u>	Butte, Mt
6/6/2009	<u>Kalispell March for Babies 2009</u>	Kalispell, Mt
6/6/2009	<u>Havre March for Babies 2009</u>	Havre , Mt

Thanks!
Randy Christofferson
March of Dimes PM
945-0806

Websites:

MONTANA JAYCEES
www.mtjaycees.org

US JAYCEES
www.usjaycees.org

BOZEMAN JAYCEES
www.bozemanjaycees.org

CHOTEAU JAYCEES
www.choteaujaycees.com

DILLON JAYCEES
www.dillonjaycees.com

HAVRE JAYCEES
www.myspace.com/havrejaycees

LAUREL JAYCEES
www.laureljaycees.org

SIDNEY JAYCEES
www.jayceesofsidney.com

Program
Deadlines:
Blue Chip
Deadline

Outstanding
Young
American
(TOYA)
Deadline

Foundation
Grant

Chapter News:

Billings

Dillon

Business Area of Opportunity

Plan of Action Quarterly Evaluations submitted to the National Service Center ~ 5 Points Per Evaluation
❖ 1st Submission due **April 30, 2009**

The TOYA submission deadline is **April 15th** (must be postmarked no later than). Information and submission form can be found on the Montana website at <http://www.mtjaycees.org/pages/thebook/managementdevelopment/OutstandingYoungMontanan/TOYAnomination.pdf>

The Outstanding Young Montanan award will be presented at the September convention.

The Foundation Grant deadline is **April 15th**. The application can be found on the Montana website at: <http://www.mtjaycees.org/pages/thebook/managementdevelopment/MTJCFoundationGrantApplication/2009FoundationGrantApp.pdf>

Please submit applications to Jill Figgins

Montana Jaycees,

We are looking for perspective Jaycees members in the Billings Area, a new chapter will be formed in April. National President John Weber will be in Billings on April 24-25 for a visit. Details coming soon for social event - everyone is invited to Billings.

New members can not already be on the national roster to join the new chapter. Dues will be \$25 for all new members the Billings Jaycees.

If you know of anyone that may be interested, please send me their Name, Address, Phone number. (or recruit them yourself - turn in membership form and \$25)
Let them know we are looking for members to form a new chapter in Billings.

In Jaycees Spirit,
Chamene Plum
IDVP

Forum article on Billings Jaycee chapter:

NEWS Released to Billings area.

New Jaycees Chapter Forms in Billings

The Montana Jaycees are starting a new Jaycee Chapter in Billings, Montana.

The Jaycees is an organization for young men and women aged 18 through 40. It provides its active members the opportunity to develop their leadership skills by becoming involved in community service projects and programs.

The Montana Jaycees will be in Billings contacting individuals who would like to take advantage of this opportunity to become a member of the new Billings Area Jaycees.

If you are between the ages of 18 and 40 and would like to learn more about the Jaycees, please contact Misty Miner at (406) 939-0898 or write to the Montana Jaycees at 6614 Cove Creek Drive, Billings, MT 59106.

Dillon is sending an invitation for their Demo Derby in July. Round up your friends and come on down the 18th of July.

Chapter News:

Havre

As the president of the 2009 board my main goal is to grow within our club. It is always nice to have more members, new members; however I want to KNOW my members. It is my personal goal to know my members by name and be able to talk to them when I see them in the store (weather they are active members or not). I want to be able to have community members as well as my members contact me at any time with suggestions, comments or problems.

The board would also like to bring two new projects to the community for the 2009 year and have the community support to help them excel. But mostly I want to help my members learn, and grow as professionals so they can bring what I have learned back into their professional careers and show everyone how the Jaycees can help them.

Joining the Havre Jaycees has helped me grow immensely. I have become a better person through the friendships I have gained as well as all the professional skills that I have learned. I have a huge network of business owners, managers and personnel that I am acquainted with and can call on a day to day basis and ask for help and always get an enthusiastic YES!

Without the community support we would not be able to stay a community service organization. Through all the projects that we work on we learn different things. I have learned how to organize my thoughts into a CPG and utilize this process on a daily basis in my professional career. I have and will always give credit to the Havre Jaycees for all that they have taught me. I have my current job which is my ultimate dream job because of the Jaycees. I can PROUDLY say once again that without the Jaycees I would not have been able to land the job that I am currently employed by because of the professional trainings and competitions that I entered that helped me grow and learn to be who I am today.

You can to have this same testimonial by coming to a meeting, helping with a project, or talking to ANY board member about what it is that YOU want/need to learn to help you get to where you want to go. Please contact ANY board member today with suggestions of what it is YOU WANT!

In Service, Friendship and Caring!

Amanda Laeupple
Havre Jaycees 2009 President

Here is the trailer from our demo derby!
www.sling.com
search: demolition derby

Sidney

We are doing our best to recruit some fresh young blood here in Sidney. We had one new recruit - CARIELLE KLOKER from our Family Fun night that we just had. The night included great food and lots of games including a parent vs. kids basketball game - we won't tell you who won, but everyone had fun. We have our March of Dimes Walk on April 18 at the Richland County Fairgrounds. As a fundraiser for March of Dimes, we have put a challenge out to all of our members to bring one piece of currency for every age you are. Hopefully people bring BIG pieces of currency. And for the second year, we will be doing our Pitch, Hit and Run. This project is fun and the kids in the community have a great time attending. If you are ever in Sidney, give me a call (406)488-5910 - home or (406)489-0110 - cell. We'd love to see you.

Yours In Jaycees,

Jody F. Christensen
2009 Sidney Jaycees President

Helena

Helena is also sending out an SOS. Our membership is dangerously close to being on probation. We will be having a huge M-Night party at Senators Chuck and Louanne Ball's on May 2nd. They have a big house that has every recreation needed for a fun night (pool, darts, horseshoes etc.) If you would like to help out or know of potential members please give Phaedra Raymond or Lynnette Radonich a call.

Chapter News:

Thank You!

Thank you Havre Jaycees for hosting the Montana Jaycees Competition Training and CPG Online Submissions on March 14. Thank you Amanda Laeupple and Ruby Christian for attending. We spent time on each competition and gave lots of suggestions on how to be a successful competitor.

Thank you to State President Misty Miner, State MDVP Lynnette Radonich and State CDVP Andy Owens for attending. It was great to have past competitors give assistance and suggestions on how to be a competition winner.

We discussed in detail the importance of being prepared for your competitions in advance. Use your chapter as a sound board, and get suggestions from your fellow Jaycees as to how to improve. Also, we discussed coaching those who are eligible for national competition, so they are prepared and know what to expect when they attend a national convention.

CPGs will now be judge online, I will have more information in the newsletters, so make sure you share the newsletter with your members.

Any chapters interested in trainings, please contact me.

Thank you again Havre Jaycees!

In Jaycees,
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Announcements:

CPG's

CPGs are "Going Green"

The Montana Jaycees would like to judge your CPGs by Email. I would like to help you turn your CPG into a simple Adobe PDF format, so anyone can email it and view it, no matter what computer you are on.

The US Jaycees now judge all books and CPGs online, and this is one way to get in-line with Nationals. A PDF format is what nationals use, so we will start there as well.

A great way to begin is to find a member in your chapter that is computer savvy to help you turn your CPGs into a viewable PDF. Some items may need to be scanned in and saved. Your word document that you've typed your CPG in can also be saved as a PDF.

Tabs (like paper tabs) will be one single page with the Tab number and Tab Heading on the page for example, "Tab 6: Public Relations"

We also will need judges who can view the CPGs and judge them prior to convention. Deadlines will be set soon and sent to you all. Judging forms will stay the same and available online.

The Montana Jaycees are still working out the kinks to get this done before the convention deadline - so keep your eyes and ears open for more news to come!

Thank you,
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Announcements:

State
Newsletter

STATE NEWSLETTER "GOING GREEN"

Please send Lynnette (lraddonich@mt.gov) your email address so we can email your Montana Jaycees Newsletter to you each month. We can save a lot of money and paper, by emailing the newsletter to you. We can also reach more members with the email version. Send all chapter email addresses that you feel would like to read the newsletter.

The newsletter will also be available to download off the Montana Jaycees website:
www.mtjaycees.org

Please help the Montana Jaycees "Go Green".

If you need a copy of the newsletter mailed to you, please contact Chamene Plum 262-4099 to receive a copy in the mail.

Thank you,
MTJC Executive Committee

The Book

THE BOOK

- >
 - > Montana Jaycees,
 - > The Montana Jaycees Manual, also know as *The Book* is online at www.mtjaycees.org
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 - > Click on "The Book", or follow the link:
 - > <http://www.mtjaycees.org/pages/thebook.html>
 - >
 - > Earl did a great job putting it in easy sections, each page will
 - > download when you click on them.
- > << Thank You Earl! >>

Elections

ELECTION CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER

State Convention will be in September, more info in the next newsletter. The proposed policy changes were voted in at convention in January. A PDF version is available to download on the Montana Jaycees website under the Book Link.

Keep in touch by visiting www.mtjaycees.org

Jaycees
Magazine

Montana Jaycee chapters are encouraged to submit articles to the Jaycees Magazines. Please send in articles by April 3 for the May edition of Jaycees Magazine. Articles submitted after April 3rd will go into a later newsletter. Send a brief (150 words or less) description of the project. If there are photographs of the project, send them along as well. Please send as attachments and not embedded into the Word document.

Send submissions to: DirectorCommunications@usjaycees.org

Don't forget there are 10 Blue Chip points for article submission.

Calendar of
Events

Lynnette would like to put Chapter calendar of events in the May Trailblazer. This edition will be for the summer months up until September. Please get calendars and events to Lynnette ASAP as the Trailblazer needs to be submitted this weekend.
Thanks

Kids Page

