

Noon Line



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THE FINAL RUN!!!

As always, the Exchange fundraising season is fast and furious. The end of July saw great involvement in the Great American Hill Climb and the new Dirty Dash 5K run which was quite a success.

The club just wrapped up its 10 day run at MontanaFair which marked another successful fair season for our club. Shifts were filled and sales were strong considering there were no outdoor concerts this year. At this point, it appears the club is on pace to meet our annual revenue budget. This year's fair was highlighted by the outdoor SuperCross, a growing PRCA Rodeo, and strong crowds at the patio with our new act Piano Wars-Dueling Pianos. Special thanks again to our beer captain Jerry Michels for coordinating and managing our fundraising efforts!!

As the fair winds down, the Final Run begins with another season of Yellowstone Downs Horseracing at the MetraPark Grandstands. This year we will again have four weekends (8 events) of horseracing starting August 27th and running until September 18th. Please mark your calendars as we will need everyone's help again working shifts. Thanks to all who have volunteered their time to Exchange and helped with our fundraising efforts. Please consider thanking your beer captain and fundraising leaders by signing up to help out with this year's season at Yellowstone Downs. Remember time is running out to fill your 6 shifts for the year!!!

Tyler Nose, Editor

YELLOWSTONE Downs



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ALL EVENTS NOON AT CROWNE PLAZA UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

- Aug 27-28: Yellowstone Downs Horseracing (Metra Grandstands)
- Aug 30: Tuesday Meeting (TBD)
- Sept 3-4: Yellowstone Downs Horseracing (Metra Grandstands)
- Sept 6: Tuesday Meeting (Library presentation)
- Sept 8-12: Healing Field (MSUB College of Technology)
- Sept 10-11: Yellowstone Downs Horseracing (Metra Grandstands)
- Sept 13: Tuesday Meeting (Jonathan Peart & Lisa Von Laven: National Convention update)
- Sept 17: Roadside Cleanup
- Sept 17-18: Yellowstone Downs Horseracing (Metra Grandstands)
- Sept 20: Tuesday Meeting (Connie Kvilhaug, Billings Hypnosis, "How to improve your golf game")
- Sept 27: Tuesday Meeting (South Side Task Force, South Park Gazebo)

"No matter how big and powerful government gets, and the many services it provides, it can never take the place of volunteers"
Ronald Reagan

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HEALING FIELD

The Exchange Clubs of Billings have again partnered together to bring the 2nd Annual Healing Field to the city of Billings. This year's field is in partnership with Montana State University – Billings and the work that is being done to construct Montana's 9/11 Memorial. The Healing Field will be at the MSUB College of Technology (Corner of Shiloh & Central) between September 8-12, where we will place 1,000 eight foot tall 3x5 flags to memorialize and honor America's service men and women and in commemoration of 10th anniversary of 9/11. Flags will be sold for \$100 with all proceeds going to local Veteran's & Children's charities.

This living display of heroism will fly as a temporary patriotic tribute to the strength and unity of Americans, and as a tribute to all the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our nation's security and freedom. The event will also support children's charities and child abuse prevention.

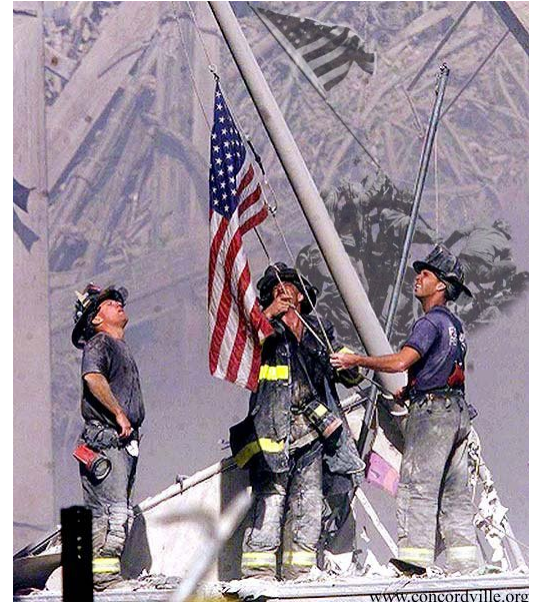
Flag sales are running slow and time is running out for the Billings Exchange Clubs to capitalize on this great opportunity! We need to get the word out and please join the cause by buying & selling flags and sponsorships to this great event. This is the perfect opportunity for all of us to unite as a community to remember and honor our heroes.

Tyler Nose, Editor

**Remember
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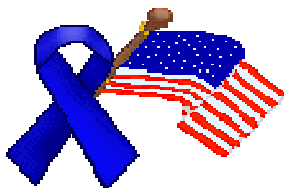
10 year anniversary

The Healing Field is brought to Billings by the generous support and volunteer efforts of the Billings Exchange Clubs



GRANTS

At the DEXC Board Meeting Monday, August 22 no new grants were reviewed.



MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

The following members celebrated anniversaries with the Downtown Exchange Club in August:

Jerry Michels	23 years
Eric Hoffman	22 years
Jeff Rice	15 years
Cory Elkin	4 years
JJ Selvig	1 year
Ken Fredericks	1 year

Announcements

1. DEXC Roadside Cleanup is scheduled this year for Saturday, Sept 17th at 9:00 am. Volunteers need to bring their own gloves. Coffee and donuts/muffins will be provided for the participants.
2. The September Edition of the Noon Line is accepting advertising for \$10 donation to the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation. Please contact Tyler Nose for details.
3. Help keep our lunch presentations full and interesting. Please contact Tom Krause or Jason Euell for any ideas on any speakers or programs you may have.

Member Update

As many of you know, longtime DEXC member and beer slinger, Bob Rhodes has moved to Dillon to be closer to family. We wish him the best and will always remember his loyal service to our club!!

**Robert (Bob) Rhodes
121 Washington Street - South
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**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MINUTE:
A message from Yellowstone CASA, one of the many great
organizations who receive support from the DEXC.**

Are you a compassionate individual interested in an opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child? Yellowstone CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) trains volunteers to speak up for abused and neglected children in the court and make recommendations regarding the best interest of the child. CASA advocates volunteer 5 to 15 hours a month, meeting with social workers, parents, foster parents, school officials and anyone having knowledge of the child's circumstances and report directly to the judge. Our volunteers advocate for safe, permanent homes for children in the system and make a difference in the life of the child, one child at a time. Yellowstone CASA's fall training begins October 4, 2011.



If you would like further information about Yellowstone CASA or about becoming a volunteer, please contact:

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MontanaFair

Our own Phil Hammond at work preparing for the opening day of MontanaFair 2011

MONTANA FAIR:



The Eagle's (Jack & Vicky) landed to lend a hand at the Day of Destruction Demo Derby along with Darwin George and Lisa Von Laven

Downtown Exchange Summer Social at the Mustangs:

Mustang Social Aug 22nd

For the second consecutive year , the Downtown Exchange Club had a summer social at Dehler Park. Over 70 members and guests gathered to take a break from the Fair and take in the game....



SUMMER PICS @ DEHLER PARK



DEXC Beer Captain, Jerry Michels seen testing the quality of product served by the Mustangs Booster Club & contemplating how many DEXC members at the game who have yet to work a shift this year. Horseracing starts Saturday Aug 27th!!



President, Jason Euell was in attendance with his wife Shauna and son Colter



Left: Trina Besel and Kendra Bahm seen handing out tickets to the game.

Bottom Right: Jonathan Peart takes a moment to capture the DEXC crowd in picture.



The Exchange Club Covenant of Service

Accepting the divine privilege of single and collective responsibility as life's noblest gift, I covenant with my fellow Exchangites:

To consecrate my best energies to the uplifting of Social, Religious, Political, and Business ideals;

To discharge the debt I owe to those of high and low estate who have served and sacrificed that the heritage of American citizenship might be mine;

To honor and respect law, to serve my fellowmen, and to uphold the ideals and institutions of my Country;

To implant the life-giving, society-building spirit of Service and comradeship in my social and business relationships;

To serve in Unity with those seeking better conditions, better understandings, and greater opportunities for all.



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