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Pictured is Trooper Larry Adorni, MHP 213, from Detachment 513, and his granddaughter, Grace. Grace's "hero" is her "Papa" as beautifully captured in this photo.



Sergeant Henry Devereaux is presented with his 25 year service stars by Colonel Paul Grimstad.



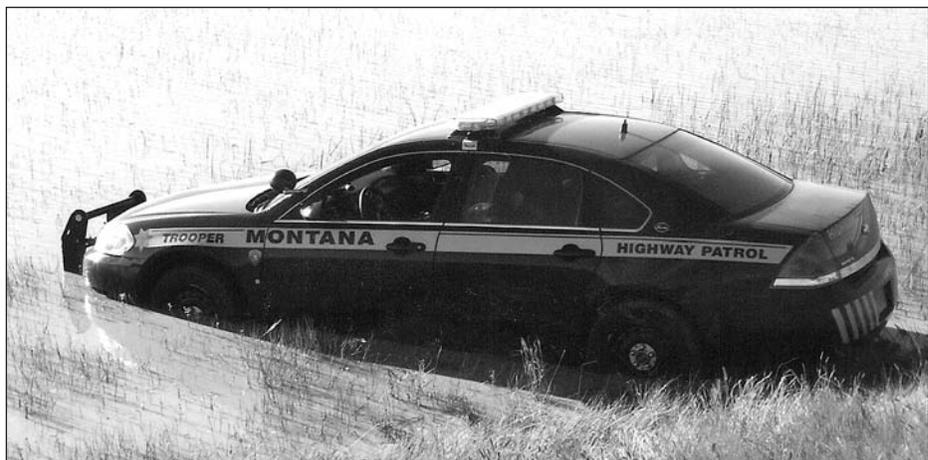
Captain Hamilton presented Sergeant Grimes with his 10 year service stars on July 2, 2008. Sgt. Grimes has served in Seeley Lake, Missoula, and Wolf Point. He is currently the Detachment 112 Commander in Missoula.

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On August 7, 2008, Trooper David Baggs was presented with a certificate of appreciation by the Cascade County Safe Kids Safe Communities organization for his assistance in furthering safety through the use of seat belts.



The source wishes to remain anonymous, but we received this picture of Trooper Cockrell's patrol car in Blackhorse Lake north of Great Falls. The story behind it, however, would be best explained by someone in District II.



MLEA PVOC instructor Jeff Douglass (MHP 241, retired) on his new set of wheels, AKA the "downed cone rapid response vehicle."

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At the fall command conference in 2008, Lt. Colonel Mike Tooley presented Colonel Paul Grimstad with his 25 year service stars.

We are pleased to announce the arrival of Averie Jo Kinsey! Born to Amanda and Trooper Josef Kinsey (MHP 162), Averie Jo was born on Monday, July 21, 2008. Averie was 18" tall and weighed in at 5 lbs., 14 ozs. Mother and baby are doing well!

Congratulations to Jennifer and Trooper Alex Betz on the birth of their new baby girl!! Lauren Jean Betz was born September 3, 2008, at 3:21 p.m. and weighed 6 lbs. 12 ozs.



On November 7, 2008, Trooper Buck O'Neill was presented with his ten year gift from the Association of Montana Troopers, in recognition of his service to the state of Montana.

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On Thursday, December 18, 2008, Trooper Jason Grover was honored in a ceremony at the Yellowstone County Courthouse for a third consecutive year as a Yellowstone County DUI Task Force Award of Merit recipient for his outstanding efforts in combating DUI. Trooper Grover excels at DUI detection and apprehension, and he is a senior operator and drug recognition expert instructor. Most notably in 2008, Trooper Grover, who is also a crash reconstructionist, was instrumental in the detection and apprehension of a hit and run driver involved in a fatal crash, where alcohol was believed to be a factor. Pictured are Trooper Jason Grover and his wife, Stephanie.



In September of 2008, Kristi Skaalure was chosen as a recipient of the 2008 Governor's Award for Excellence in Performance, which was presented at a ceremony held at the Great Northern Hotel in Helena in November. Congratulations!

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF MONTANA

BOB SCHWEITZER
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JAMES BOHNER
LT. GOVERNOR

September 3, 2008

Kristi Skaalure
805 Tower
Helena, Montana 59601

Dear Kristi:

Congratulations! You will join an elite group of state employees who have been selected to receive the 2008 Governor's Award for Excellence in Performance. Thank you for your service to the people of Montana. I commend you for your commitment and professionalism.

We will honor you and the other award recipients on Monday, November 17, 2008. The ceremony will be held at the Great Northern Hotel in Helena. Opening remarks begin at 2:00 p.m. The ceremony should last approximately an hour and a half, and a photographer will be on hand to take pictures. Please feel free to invite one or two guests of family members, friends, or coworkers. Refreshments will be provided for you and your guests.

Please check in with the awards staff before the ceremony at the Great Northern no later than 1:30 p.m. November 17, 2008. Attached are some instructions that will also be shared at the ceremony. If you are unable to attend the ceremony, or have any questions, or need an accommodation for a disability, please contact awards committee member Helen Betts at 444-3885.

The Great Northern Hotel is located at 835 Great Northern Boulevard in Helena. I've enclosed a directional map to assist you in locating the hotel. From Highway 12 (which changes to Lyndale Avenue) turn onto Getchell Street across from Carroll College, then east on West 14 Street, and south on Great Northern Boulevard. Parking is available to the east of the hotel, off of Front Street, and parking vouchers are available. Please do not park in front of the hotel except to unload. You may call 444-3885 if you need more information.

On behalf of the people of Montana, thank you for your hard work and dedication. I look forward to seeing you at the ceremony on November 17.

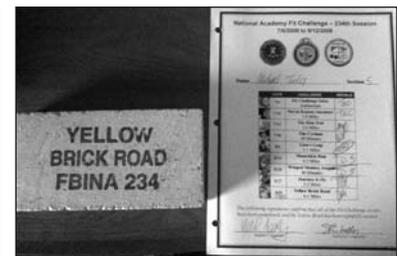
Sincerely,

Brian Schweitzer
Governor

cc: Lt. Michael Reddick, Department of Justice (includes Board of Cline Control 417)

Attachments:
- Program Information
- Directional map to hotel
- Hotel parking information

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From July 6, 2008, through September 12, 2008, LTC Mike Tooley attended the FBI National Academy (234th session) in Virginia. Pictured is LTC Tooley participating in the "Yelling Race" and his brick from the "Yellow Brick Road" or completion of the National Academy Fit Challenge.



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Trooper Jason Wickum is presented with his five year service star by Captain Brad Sangray.



Trooper Mark Wilfore is presented with his five year service star by Captain Brad Sangray.

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Trooper Shawn Smalley, MHP223, being presented the Hedstrom Award on July 10, 2008, by Capt. Huseby and Capt. Hamilton.

To: LTC Mike Tooley
From: Capt. Hamilton
Date: March 26, 2008
Subject: Trooper Smalley Hedstrom Nomination

This memo is in regards to the Trooper Smalley Hedstrom Award nomination that has been in the works for the last two years. I cannot find another copy of the original, so I will re-nominate him.

On March 6, 2006, Trooper Smalley was notified of a two vehicle head on injury crash on US 12, at Mile Post 22 (0600017150303). The location was approximately 12 miles from the nearest emergency services provider. Trooper Smalley was already in the area and arrived a mere 3 minutes after the call had been dispatched. This would ultimately become a double fatality crash.

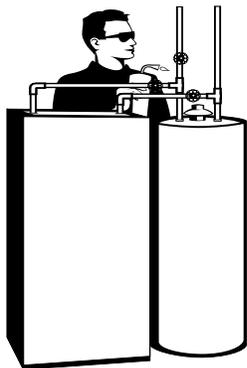
The conditions were 30 degrees, snowing, with 2 inches of slush on a slick road surface.

When Trooper Smalley arrived on scene, there were no other emergency services present. Trooper Smalley spoke to the first driver he met, Kenneth Colbo, age 55. That driver was ambulatory, and he proceeded to the second vehicle. The female driver (Katherine Johnson, age 54) had no pulse and was bleeding from the mouth. The female passenger (Joy McLean, age 55) also had no pulse and was trapped in the vehicle. Trooper Smalley retrieved his latex gloves and pocket mask from his car. He cut the driver's seat belt and removed her from the car.

Trooper Smalley began CPR on the driver. He continued CPR on the driver until Missoula Rural Fire arrived on scene. Ultimately, Trooper Smalley's efforts at CPR were unsuccessful, and both female occupants died at the scene.

Despite this fact, I believe Trooper Smalley went "above and beyond" the normal call of duty in his efforts to remove Johnson from the vehicle and perform CPR in less than ideal, even hazardous conditions. I would therefore recommend that he be awarded the Montana Highway Patrol Hedstrom Award for his efforts to save a life on March 6, 2006.

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On the Road

Troopers routinely cover many types of crashes in the state of Montana and generally days go by with "the same old thing." And then comes the incident that is unusual and different. Something to share with others. These stories are gathered from throughout the state and are just some of the "routine" things a trooper might be involved in during a tour of duty.

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On November 4, 2008, a 2002 Chevrolet Impala was traveling south on Shepherd Road when it stopped at the stop sign at the intersection with Highway 312. For an undetermined rea-



son, the female driver attempted to make a left hand turn and pulled out directly into the path of an oncoming 2004 Ford truck. The driver of the truck was unable to avoid a collision, with the front end of the truck striking the driver's door of the Chevrolet. The unrestrained driver of the Chevrolet suffered fatal injuries, while the restrained driver of the Ford was uninjured. This crash was investigated by Trooper Dell Aman (MHP 158) with assistance from Troopers O'Neill, Coughlin, and Starks.

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On August 20, 2008, the 16 year old driver of the Chevrolet Blazer was attempting to clean his glasses while driving with the cruise control on. The vehicle drifted across the oncoming traffic lane and then rolled one-



half time in the opposite ditch when the drive overcorrected. Due to the young driver's proper use of his seat belt, he happily escaped serious injury and learned an expensive lesson about taking care of distracting activities before driving on the highway. This crash investigation was conducted by Trooper Rocky Bailey, MHP 261.

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In late September of 2008, the Red Lodge area saw three continuous days of snowfall which amounted to over 4 feet of snow at Trooper Bill



Bullock's residence, snowing him in on his days off until he was able to dig out by hand.

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On October 14, 2008, a trooper in Lake County encountered a vehicle registered in California which was exceeding the posted speed limit. Upon contacting the driver, the trooper noted several drug trafficking indicators, and the driver exhibited signs he was not being truthful as to his identity. Consent to search was obtained, but was later denied. The vehicle was seized pending a search warrant application, and neither vehicle occupant seemed concerned, only wanting their passport(s). After a search warrant was obtained, troopers found 1.31 pounds of cocaine, along with numerous items of drug paraphernalia.

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On November 1, 2008, a trooper in Treasure County stopped a rental vehicle registered in Washington for speeding and noted several indicators of drug trafficking, which included the vehicle occupants being very nervous. Consent to search was obtained, and the trooper located 15 pounds of marijuana packed inside a box and black garbage bag.

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On November 28, 2008, a trooper in Dawson County stopped a California plated vehicle for failure to stop at a stop sign. This driver also exhibited several signs of drug trafficking, and information was received that he had

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Ex-Bronco Accused of Trafficking Drugs

By CLAIR JOHNSON
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Former Denver Broncos running back Travis Henry faces federal cocaine-trafficking charges after his arrest Tuesday, September 30, 2008, in Denver in a case that began in Billings.

Henry and co-defendant James Mack appeared on a criminal complaint before a judge Wednesday afternoon in Denver, said Jeff Dorschner, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Denver. They are charged with conspiracy to possess cocaine with intent to distribute.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Kristen Mix set a preliminary hearing and detention hearing for Monday and ordered Henry and Mack held without bond, Dorschner said.

An affidavit in support of search warrants alleges that Henry and Mack conspired to distribute 5 kilograms, or about 11 pounds, of cocaine.

The two were arrested after a cocaine deal in Centennial, Colo., said Jeffrey D. Sweetin, special agent in charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration's Rocky Mountain Division.

The Montana U.S. Attorney's Office and the DEA in Montana would not comment on the case.

The investigation began Sept. 16 when Montana Highway Patrol Troopers Buck O'Neill Mark Tome, and Tony Beehler, accompanied by DEA agents, stopped a vehicle on Interstate 90 east of Billings. The stop led to an undercover investigation that led to Henry and Mack's arrest.

Montana troopers found 6 pounds of marijuana and 3 kilograms of cocaine in the vehicle, the affidavit said. The passenger, who was not identified by name, told agents that he was coming to Billings to deliver the drugs to two customers and that Henry and Mack had supplied the cocaine and marijuana.

The man was to be paid \$5,000 for the delivery and was supposed to transport about \$63,000 in proceeds back to Henry in Denver. The passenger also told agents that he had twice before delivered cocaine from Henry and Mack to another customer in Billings.

The affidavit said that separately, the passenger and another customer in Billings already owed Henry about

\$40,000. The passenger said Henry was the "money guy" and had threatened him, his family and the customer and his family that they were all "dead" if they did not come up with the money.

To avoid being killed by Henry, the passenger and Mack decided to rip off one of the Billings customers by supplying him with 1 kilogram of real cocaine and 2 kilograms of fake cocaine, the affidavit said. The \$40,000 they expected from the sale of the fake cocaine would be used to pay off the \$40,000 debt, the affidavit said.

The Montana stop botched the plan. The passenger agreed to cooperate with investigators and helped set up a deal that led to Henry's and Mack's arrests, the affidavit said. The drug deal involved 6 kilograms of cocaine supplied by the DEA.

Henry and Mack arrived at the passenger's residence at about 6:15 p.m. Tuesday and tested the cocaine by cooking a portion. "After they 'rocked' up the cocaine and saw it was good quality, Henry and Mack packed up all 6 kilograms of cocaine in a duffle bag," the affidavit said.

Law enforcement agents met Henry and Mack as they left the residence. Mack "immediately went to the ground" and was arrested, the affidavit said. Henry ran but was caught after a short chase.

If convicted, Henry and Mack face a minimum mandatory 10 years to life in prison and a \$4 million fine.

Broncos coach Mike Shanahan declined comment Wednesday. Henry was released from the Broncos June 2, when Shanahan said his commitment was lacking.

Henry signed a five-year, \$22.5 million contract with the Broncos before the 2007 season but was dogged during training camp by a sprained left knee and revelations that he had fathered nine children by nine women, a fact that came out in a child-support case in Georgia.

Henry rushed for 691 yards on 167 carries with four touchdowns in his one season in Denver, which was marked by a successful appeal of a one-year NFL suspension in September over a failed drug test.

Henry was slow to return to off-season workouts after a hamstring injury this summer, and Shanahan jettisoned him in June. About a week after his release, reports surfaced that Henry had again tested positive for marijuana, putting him in line for a one-year suspension from the NFL if he were to sign on with another team.



been stopped a few days before and had given false information. A K-9 from Prairie County alerted on the ve-

hicle, after which it was impounded, and a search was obtained. Once the search warrant was served, troopers lo-

cated a manufactured compartment in the vehicle, although no contraband was found. ➤

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Surprise Luncheon Celebrates Shirley Mahoney's 50 Years of Service



Colonel Paul Grimstad makes his presentation of the MHP's Lifetime Achievement Award to Shirley.

anniversary with the Highway Patrol. Shirley has worked for the Montana Highway Patrol since January of 1959,

You're Invited...

- What:** Surprise 50th Anniversary Luncheon for Ms. Shirley Mahoney
- Where:** Jorgensen's Inn and Suites Banquet Room
- When:** December 17, 2008
- Time:** 12:00 p.m.
- Cost:** \$10.65 per person for lunch buffet

The Montana Highway Patrol would be honored if you could attend this special event. Please join us for an afternoon of celebration to mark this extraordinary milestone for our beloved Shirley.

The Montana Highway Patrol would like to encourage you to bring, mail or e-mail any photos or other memorabilia you may have of Shirley over the years. We will also be taking a donation so that we can purchase a nice gift as a division for Shirley.

Please RSVP discreetly by December 1, 2008 for our seating and catering staff. You may call the MHP at (406)444-3956 and speak with Karen Norris or e-mail at knorris@mt.gov. Mail can be addressed to the Montana Highway Patrol Attention: Karen Norris but we do ask that you mail any RSVPs right away due to the time involved.

We understand that due to distance and perhaps weather, many people will not be able to attend. If you wish to send a card or letter please remember that Shirley opens all MHP mail!! Your card should be addressed to Colonel Paul Grimstad, that is the only way we can be sure Shirley won't see it. The Colonel will see that it gets to the luncheon.

Thank you, and remember, it's a surprise! Shhh!

A surprise luncheon was held at Jorgensen's Inn and Suites banquet room in Helena on December 17, 2008, to honor long time employee Shirley Mahoney, who recently celebrated her 50th year service

which is over two thirds of the Patrol's existence.

When Shirley came in the doorway, everyone stood and began to applaud, after which she turned around to see who was behind her! When she realized the applause was for her, she covered her face with her hands, she was so taken aback.

Colonel Paul Grimstad opened the event with an explanation to Shirley and introduced Governor Brian Schweitzer, who presented her with a framed certificate from the Governor's Office. Colonel Grimstad then present-



Shirley Mahoney.



Shirley and a co-worker.

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The male driver of this 2004 Ford truck was under the influence of alcohol and driving westbound on Interstate 90 near Billings in October of 2008 when he passed out, and the truck drove through the median, then traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes. A 1996 Chrysler passenger car was driving eastbound when it was struck head-on by the truck, killing both the male driver and female

passenger. This fatal crash was investigated by Trooper Kyle Hayter, MHP 333.



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Lt. Colonel Mike Tooley offers his congratulations to Shirley.



Governor Brian Schweitzer makes his presentation to Shirley.



The memory board.



Shirley offers a heart-felt thank you.



Colonel Grimstad and Shirley with her cake.

ed her with a glass desk award from Attorney General Mike McGrath's office and a carved, wooden plaque that the MHP had made for her. He then presented her with the Montana Highway Patrol Lifetime Achievement Award, which had never been given before. The prestigious honor has several stipulations governing its award, including the fact that all troopers with the rank of Captain and above must vote and approve the award in order for it to be given. In addition, donations were taken for a gift for Shirley so that she could pick out something special to her, which reached \$585.

After lunch, Colonel Grimstad announced that we would have an open mic time, and Lt. Colonel Mike Too-

ley started off, followed by several speakers coming up, both old and new. The one thing everyone had to say was how good of a person Shirley is and always has been...what a pure heart. Shirley went to the mic and ended with a heart-felt thank you. She was touched and brought to tears, as were most of those in attendance.

Former Colonels Driscoll and Hancock were in attendance, as well as several retired MHP troopers and office staff alike. Some of them drove quite a distance for the occasion. Many of Shirley's present co-workers were there as well. Jorgensen's Inn had decorated a gorgeous room for the event and served an awesome buffet. We had brought in our own extras, including a photo board with pictures dating back to 1967. It was a wonderful afternoon.

Back to the office, Shirley was asked how she felt. She exclaimed that she was still floating around in astonishment and that it just hadn't had the chance to "set in" she was so happy, which was exactly what we had been hoping for!

We honor Shirley's unsurpassed service and dedication to the citizen of the state of Montana.



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Two Get DUIs in Single Traffic Stop

By Gazette News Services
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A Montana Highway Patrol trooper nabbed two allegedly drunk drivers in one traffic stop Wednesday afternoon, November 12, 2008.

Trooper Darvin Mees stopped a

suspected drunk driver on South Billings Boulevard. He had the driver turn off the GMC pickup and get out to take field sobriety tests while his passenger waited in the pickup. Mees was about ready to arrest the driver when the passenger acted.

"I hear the truck start up and he had slid over into the driver's seat, dropped it into drive and started to pull away," Mees said. ➤

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Mees ran after the pickup and yelled at the driver. "I'm grateful he stopped when I told him to stop," he said.

If not, MHP Sgt. Scott Ayers, who was backing up Mees, would have pursued the vehicle.

The incident started when a bus driver called in a suspected drunk driver going south on South Billings Boulevard shortly after 2 p.m. The bus driver said the pickup stopped at a convenience station. Mees went looking for the vehicle and about 20 minutes later stopped it near the Blue Creek Bridge because a taillight was out.

Mees was investigating driver Roy Caufield, 24, when

his passenger, Adam Monroy, 22, started to drive away. According to police, both men, who are from Pryor, admitted to drinking and failed sobriety tests. They were cited for DUI and taken to jail, Mees said. Caufield was also cited for no insurance and not wearing a seat belt.

This is the second time in Mees' career that he has cited two allegedly drunk drivers in one vehicle. A few years ago, a citizen reported a drunk driver, followed the vehicle into a gas station and watched the driver and passenger switch places, he said. Based on the woman's statement of witnessing the first driver, and Mees' investigation into the second driver, he was able to charge both with drunk driving.



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