

Championship Night . . .



Climaxing the 25th annual Montana State University Rodeo Saturday night was the awarding of the beautiful All-Around Championship saddles, cherished team trophies and coveted silver buckles, boots and hats which first, second and third place event winners took home. Pretty Jeanne Moe of Lewistown, right, who reigned as Miss Rodeo MSU this year, helped dole out the honors.

Office-Seekers Must File Before Five Tonight

By AnnaBelle Phillips
 Want to file for office or register to vote in the June 6 Primary Election? Then, hurry, hurry — time runs out for both at 5 p.m., on the button, tonight, Thursday.

Those wishing to register or file for county office must do so at the office of Gallatin County Clerk and Recorder Carl Stucky. Hopefuls for nomination as legislative candidates and district judge must have their petitions in the hands of Secretary of State Frank Murray — not in the mail — by 5 p.m. and not a minute later.

Unless there's a flurry of last-minute filing today, the legislative seats open in District 11 — Gallatin and Park Counties — are going to go begging for candidates. Six representatives and three senators are to be elected.

Lack of Candidates
 As of noon Wednesday, only five had filed for the House and two for the senate from this district. Reportedly, a similar situation — lack of candidates — existed throughout most of the state.

Five had filed for representatives and two for senator from this district by Wednesday.

Incumbents Robert Eller, R., and Dorothy Bradley, D., both of Bozeman, want to be re-elected to the House. Others seeking nomination for one of the six seats are Tom Rolfe and Steve Brode, both Republicans from Bozeman, and Bill Warfield, R., Livingston.

Candidates for the Senate were Tom Winsor of Bozeman, a Republican, and Incumbent Ben H. Stein, R., of Wolfkill.

One Race
 Thus far, in Gallatin County there's only one race on tap and that's for judge of the 18th Judicial District.

Seeking re-election to the position he's held for 24 years is incumbent District Judge W. W. Lessley. Running for the post for the first time is Thomas I. Sabo, who is currently serving as Municipal Judge.

Paul Reese, a Democrat, is seeking the job as clerk of the district court. Mrs. Evelyn Thompson, incumbent, will not seek re-election and plans to retire at the end of her current term.

Two nominees have filed for the county commissioner post which will be vacant this year. They are Incumbent Clifford Pasha, a Democrat, and George Gillette, a Republican who is currently serving as county assessor.

William H. Johnson, Democrat, is seeking re-election as county auditor, a job he now holds.

Incumbents A. O. Walton and Alexander M. Schmall, Sr., have filed for re-election as justices of the peace of Township 1. Both are Republicans.

As of noon Wednesday, there were 44 Democrats and only 16 Republicans who had filed for the jobs of precinct committeemen and committeewomen.



By AnnaBelle Phillips
 Montana State University cowboys and cowgirls again rode off with the team championships at their 25th annual MSU Intercollegiate Rodeo just as Coach Sandy Gagnon predicted.

It was a good rodeo, as usual, and drew an almost full house for the three days it was staged in the MSU Fieldhouse by Producer Reg Kesler.

Bugged by Lady Luck all spring, the local boys team finally rode ahead to edge out the Blue Mountain Community College cowboys from Pendleton, Ore., by a 400 to 380 marking. The guys from Western Montana College at Dillon picked up 150 points for third and Washington State University came in fourth with 100 points.

MSU's cowgirls, who have been leading in the Northwest Region competition all of this season, didn't have much trouble defending their home rodeo championship title. They chalked up 215 points which was 70 more than their closest rivals, the gals from Eastern Oregon College at LeGrande. Riding third were the Blue Mountain Community College cowgirls with 120 points, followed by the gals from Treasure Valley Community College, Ontario, Ore., with 75.

Residents, Officials Meet, Discuss Garbage District

By Evelyn Young
Feature Editor
 A meeting was held last week, at which residents of Garbage District No. 1 were present to protest the manner in which the district has been established.

On hand to answer questions and listen to the comments were Terry Carmody, State Department of Health; Wyman Taylor, county sanitarian, and Cliff Pasha, county commissioner, and the only member of the Garbage District board present.

Among those who favored the district was Dr. Edward King, Manhattan, who stated that he thought the district was operating smoothly and was providing a much-needed service.

Residents from throughout the district argued, however, that it was not operating smoothly, citing inconsistencies in pick-ups, fee charges and irregularities in the manner in which it was set up, as reasons for re-evaluation.

A motion was made and seconded to the effect that the Three Forks City Council hold a meeting so residents of that city could give their views about the district.

In general there was no opposition to having a sanitary landfill — "we just don't think it was set up properly and the people didn't have enough voice in the matter," said one man.

projects but will act only within the capacity that has been legislated to the agency."

Protest Period Extended
 Among those requirements made by the FHA was that the city of Belgrade reopen its protest period.

The district is presently advertising the opening of the protest period.

Due to an error in publication the deadline on the protest period has been extended 15 additional days to May 30.

Richard Miller, chief of field maintenance bureau for the Montana Highway Department, Bozeman, stated that he hoped that the problems of the district would be cleared up since he thought the district was providing a much needed service.

He also expressed a desire to see the litter problem along the interstate alleviated.

Five Intervenors Withdraw
 Under the Montana Declaratory Judgments Act, the court is asked to determine the validity of Chapter 41 of Title 16, Revised Codes of Montana, and the validity of the Bridger Canyon Zoning Map and Ordinance adopted and enacted under this law.

Sought also is the court's opinion on the propriety of withdrawing lands from the district. If withdrawal is permitted, under an opinion of the attorney general, a court

Delegate Mason Melvin Explains Constitution's Environment Article

By Roy Warner
 J. Mason Melvin, Con Con delegate, spoke on the Environmental and Natural Resources Article in the proposed constitution, last Wednesday evening.

Melvin made his address to the members of the local chapter of Trout Unlimited at their regular meeting in the Darigold Building.

In his opening remarks, Melvin noted that this article

was brand new and that it has "aroused more debate, probably, than some of the major articles such as legislature, local government, and so forth."

Citizen Duty
 Sections 1.1 and 1.2 of the article state:
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 "(2) The legislature shall provide for the administration and enforcement of this duty."
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lot of discussion," said Melvin. "This would cover air pollution, water pollution and noise too, I would guess, since that's a form of pollution."

"I'd like to hear some discussion from you members on this."

One man responded, "I happen to feel that a person should be able to take someone polluting into court."

Another man agreed, saying, "I am disappointed in the convention's failure to include this ability in the constitution."

"Well, a person has that now," Melvin replied.

"All lands disturbed by the taking of natural resources shall be reclaimed. The legislature shall provide effective requirements and standards for the reclamation of lands disturbed."
 "The reason for this section came from two areas," Melvin explained. "One is the eastern part of the state where they are beginning to see strip mining."
 "The other is from the mountain areas, where outfits exploring for minerals often come in and take the top of the mountain off."
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All-Arounds

How do you split a saddle? That's what faced MSU's Bob Schall and Brent Johnson of Western Montana College. Both picked up 150 individual points to tie for the all-around (Continued on page 8)

Bridger Bowl Land Title Suit Underway

Defense testimony began in 18th District Court Wednesday in a land title lawsuit involving roughly 100 acres lying, generally, at the base of the ski hill at Bridger Bowl.

District Judge C. B. Sande of Billings is hearing the case without a jury.

Witnesses for the plaintiff, Bridger Bowl, a non-profit Montana Corporation, concluded their testimony Tuesday. Among the 11 who took the stand was Thomas G. Haggerty, one of the defendants who was called as an adverse witness.

The other defendant is Robert G. Simkins. Both he and Haggerty are shareholders and former Bridger Bowl directors.

The plaintiff claims the defendants violated their fiduciary duties to the corporation when they purchased the lands in question in their own names. It is asked that the title to the lands be transferred to the corporation and that the defendants be required to pay not less than \$50,000 for land on which the St. Bernard is located, if the court deems it proper that Simkins and Haggerty retain the facility.

Briefs Due June 1 in Litigation Involving Bridger Canyon Zoning

By AnnaBelle Phillips
 Judge W. W. Lessley has given attorneys until June 1 to submit briefs on their findings on the declaratory judgment action brought in connection with Bridger Canyon Zoning.

Witnesses testified, exhibits were introduced and attorneys for the plaintiff, defendants and intervenor stated their respective positions during an April 20 hearing in 18th District Court.

The names of five intervenors — Erwin and Eva Lachenmaier, Theodore and Patricia Witzel and Lewis Arnold — were withdrawn

prior to the hearing by their attorney, Gene L. Brown of the law firm of Brown and Gilbert.

The only intervenor of record now is Helen Bush, represented by Douglas R. Drysdale of the law firm of Drysdale and McLean.

Determine Validity
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determination of who the affected freeholders would be is also asked.

It is contended that an opinion which Attorney General Robert Woodahl issued for Gallatin County Commissioners on Dec. 13, 1971, purports to allow a change in external boundaries of a district upon petition of 60 percent of the freeholders affected by the change.

No definition of "affected freeholders" was given.

Proper Body
 The court is also asked to determine the proper body to act upon any request for a change of the development district and factors to be considered in such a change.

A determination is also sought on whether the entire

district should be preserved because of failure to appeal to the district court within 30 days after the order creating the district and thereafter, within 30 days following adoption of the zoning ordinance and map.

The litigation, referred to as a "friendly suit," was brought by the Bridger Canyon Property Owners Association, Inc., through the law firms of Holter and Heath and Bolinger and Wellcome. Page Wellcome filed the complaint.

Defendants, represented by the county attorney's office, are Ralph Armstrong, Clifford Pasha and Walter R. Sales as the Board of County Commissioners, and Armstrong, Pasha, Sales, George Gillette and Earl R. Best as members of the Zoning and Planning Commission for the Bridger Canyon Zoning District.

All hearings on petitions for withdrawal from the district have been halted until the case is decided on its merits, through a temporary injunction issued by Judge Lessley.

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Burglars Crack Safe at Three Forks City Drug

A safe-cracking job at City Drugs in Three Forks is still under investigation, Sheriff L. D. W. Anderson said Wednesday.

About \$325, a supply of miscellaneous drugs and narcotics and various other sundry items were stolen in the burglary.

The sheriff said preliminary investigation by sheriff's deputies and the Three Forks police chief revealed that entry was gained by forcing open the front door. The safe was pried open.

The burglary occurred either late last Friday night or during the early morning hours on Saturday, officials said.

Apprehended
 Sheriff Anderson reported that two male juveniles, involved in a break-in of a trailer house at the Forest Park Trailer Court, west of Bozeman, were apprehended Saturday night.

The two, who were turned over to juvenile authorities, reportedly broke a window on the trailer and then reached in and took a hunting knife and coin bank with about \$1 change in it, officers said.

Crops Spring Up Early

By Evelyn Young
Feature Editor
 The spells of warm weather have brought some early spring crops peeking out earlier than usual.

Some farmers have been able to plant earlier, also, but for the most part the warm weather hasn't held out long enough at one time for the farmers to accomplish much in the way of planting.

The rain and snow is welcomed though, according to Ken Hassler, county extension agent, in that "we really need the moisture more than the time for planting."

Planting doesn't become extremely critical until about mid-May, according to Hassler.

Cold Weather
 The fact that some of the plants were up when the cold weather set back in hasn't damaged any of the crops.

"It would have to get down to 15 or lower before the new plants would be damaged," said Hassler.

He added that the trees, however, were not doing as well.

With the warm weather the trees start to grow while their roots are still frozen — this according to Hassler will result in a lot of winter kill.

Reclamation
 Section 2 of the article deals with reclamation and reads:

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Chrysler Execs Arrive

Chrysler Realty Corporation executives will be at Big Sky of Montana from Wednesday, April 26, through Saturday, April 29, where they will have their annual field projects meetings and conferences.

Realty officers and field project representatives from throughout the country will be reporting on their project development and attending business conferences.

Ed Homer, president of Chrysler Realty, said, "Chrysler is very proud of the Big Sky development and we are bringing our field representatives here to acquaint them with Big Sky and the abundance of Montana's scenic splendor and to establish Big Sky as one of the most relaxing atmospheres in which to hold a business conference."

Items Located
 A ladder and some hay, stolen from the C. B. Blackwood ranch the first part of April, were located at a residence on West Griffin Drive, deputies said.

It was reported that Blackwood and the subject, whose name was not revealed, involved got together and agreed on the restitution to be made. No charges were filed.

Replanting Necessary
 The bitter winter left its mark for the farmers, especially those living in the Gooch Hill area.

As a result of the sub-zero weather many farmers had to do extensive replanting of winter wheat.

Freeway Inn to Open
 Construction is progressing slower than was planned but it still looks like the new Texaco Freeway Inn will be opening for business early this spring. The new Freeway Inn will provide complete automobile service and a restaurant and family dining room as well. The Freeway Inn is under construction on East Main and will be managed by Rick Riekenber, who is also co-owner. Riekenber is a familiar figure in Bozeman, having been the former manager of Woolworth's and recently employed at Quality Wholesale. He and his wife, Donna, have three children and make their home in Bozeman. Lou Arnold is also a co-owner of the Texaco Freeway Inn Corporation.

