If A equals success, then the formula is A=X+Y+Z, with X being work, Y play, and Z keeping your mouth shut." - Albert Einstein

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# And a Good Time Was Had by All...

2012 has been filled with changes, challenges, opportunities, and successes...and the JCG family celebrated them all at our 2012 Christmas party!

Thank you to our extended family that keeps business coming in, getting the job done, and delivering it safely!



Things you never knew about...Santa Claus!

- Santa Claus is based on a real dude...St. Nicholas born around the year 270.
- St. Nicholas is the patron saint of children (if you're Catholic, you may have known this one)
- St. Nick was first introduced to America in a New York newspaper in 1773
- Rudolf was brought on to lead the sleigh in 1939
- To deliver all the presents to all the children in a single night , Santa travels 3000 times the speed of sound!
- Santa's Address???... 4141 Postmark Drive, Anchorage, AK 99530-9998... of course!

Fly of the Month: Fire Bead Ray Charles



#### Freezer Debacle

6:35 AM Bill—For the second morning in a row the freezer door has been left open. Someone is going into the freezer and is not pushing the door shut when they are done. Please push the freezer door shut after you get your ice!

7:D1 AM Mark T-I had that experience yesterday and it's not so much pushing the freezer door shut as it is making sure there isn't something that it's running into. I had it pop back open yesterday after pushing it closed. Needed to rearrange things to get it to close tightly.

7:08 AM Bill—Yeah. I figured out the REAL problem that you missed;) The top shelf on the inside of the door that was holding the ice scope (don't know if the shelf was recently moved there to hold the ice scope) was causing the issue. Shelf has been moved. Do not put a shelf up top where it will hit the ice maker when the door is closed.

My work is done. Heading home for the rest of the day...... 7:16 AM Keith—Thanks Bobo for all you do, see ya tomorrow.

7:20 AM Doug—Another snip-it for the newsletter.



### Fishing Report

Bitterroot River: Frozen.

Rock Creek: Frozen

Clarkfork River: Frozen

Blackfoot River: A glacier.

Missouri River: Nymphs & streamers are hot

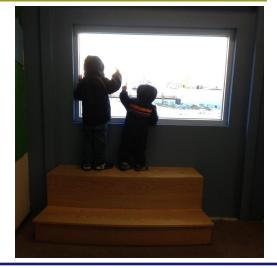
Clearwater: Steelhead are mythical creatures.



Remember: Crimp those barbs.

## We're Being Watched

As if we weren't careful enough on our jobsites, the crew at the Parmly Billings Library really needs to mind their P's and Q's! An installed window in the existing library has allowed the little visitors to watch the hustle and bustle of the big jobsite. From excavators to cranes to concrete trucks to deliveries to watching the guys on break; kids can look out and gaze at the wonder of the construction site.





## Matt's Travel Guide to Miles City Montana

Miles City is located in Custer County on the East side of Montana with a population of about 8,440. Since heading up our Miles City office, Matt has discovered the glowing jewel that is Miles City... Accommodations

- Sleep Inn of Miles City (built by JCG)
- Any of the Stevenson hotels!

#### Activities

- Bucking Horse Sale
- Looking Out over the Vast Openness

#### **Attractions**

- The Range Rider Museum
- Ursuline Convent
- Miles City Saddlery
- Custer County Art & heritage Center
- Wild Game Feed

### Dining

- 600 Café
- Hole in the Wall
- Montana Bar & Steakhouse



### Safety Bait—Hunter's Safety Review (ideas from http://adventure.howstuffworks.com)

These may be givens but with hunting season is every season in Montana, it never hurts to restate the obvious...

- Don't hunt alone...you will need someone to carry you out of the back country if you stub your little toe.
- Where blaze orange...that way if you get shot, your wife will have a lot harder time claiming she didn't see
  you with all that camouflage.
- Be sure of your target...be like Aaron Rogers, double-check your target before firing.
- Practice gun safety...hunting is not a trick shooting competition: avoid the behind your back, blindfolded shot.



#### **Current Catches**

 ${\it Montana\ State\ University,\ North\ Hedges\ Residence\ Suites,\ Bozeman,\ MT}$ 

Old Faithful Haynes Photo Shop, Yellowstone National Park Missoula County Courthouse Remodel, Missoula, MT

Milestown Estates Apartments, Miles City, MT

Fresenius Medical Care Tenant Improvements, Missoula, MT

Montana Mental Health Nurses Care Center, Lewistown, MT

Parmly Billings Library, Billings, MT

Missoula Bone & Joint, MRI Remodel, Missoula, MT

Sheridan Wastewater System Improvements, Sheridan, MT Fairchild Air Force Base, Wing Headquarters, Spokane, WA Hardin Primary School Addition & Remodel, Hardin, MT Parkside Professional Village Infill, Missoula, MT Riverside Path, Miles City, MT

Western Area Power Authority (WAPA) Job, Miles City, MT Riverside Contracting Shop, Billings, MT

### Maggie's Person of the Hour



Maggie, the office Labrador, only hangs out with the cream of the crop...who made her top spot this time?

### Richard Milender

AKA-Mr. Cool-when the proverbial s\$\*t hits the fan, you want this guy in your fox hole

 $AKA-Mr.\ Technology-he\ can\ run\ AutoCAD,\ he\ can\ run\ Revit,\ he\ can\ run\ an\ iPad,\ he\ could\ probably\ run\ a$  marathon while doing all three

AKA—Mr. Safety—our highest decorated supervisor because of his safe jobsites

AKA-Mr. Superior-he lives in Superior, Montana

AKA-Mr. Milender-oh...wait....that's his dad's name

Whichever (PG rated) name you wish to call him, Rich is an outstanding superintendent and a stand-out guy! Rich is also our resident hat tester. If one of our hats doesn't meet Rich's standards, it doesn't make

the cut. By the time he's done with his durability test, they look more like oilskin.



### The Green Onion

During our latest after-hours brainstorming session, the crew at JCG decided it would be a great idea to install a chain fall on the second floor of the JCG World Headquarters. A certain person in our office (Heather) thinks this is a bad idea. The following is our argument for why a chain fall is the best idea since sliced bread:

### Proposal for chain fall on second floor: Positive Uses/Features:

- Crating large boxes of copy paper...the delivery guy would be grateful
- Cleaning the ductwork and windows...a clean office is a happy office
- A Peter Pan effect...we're never going to grow up
- Halloween uses...like ghosts made out of bed sheets
- Curing meat...like salami

- Hanging pictures and memorabilia without hauling the massive extension ladder up the hazardous stairs
- Morale booster
- Place for meditation

### Safety precautions to be enforced:

- Safety harness
- Hardhat
- Safety vest
- Safety glasses
- No open toed shoes

### Possible Setbacks/Negatives:

- Not enough work getting done for the first couple weeks, but after the newness wears off...back to our normal work environment
- Practical jokes may follow,

- Someone could get forgotten up there
- It could cause Maggie to bark more than usual.

#### Cost:

 Quote to be obtained upon approval of this proposal

If a certain someone (Heather) were to approve this addition to the JCG office, certain people (meaning the rest of the office) would be eternally grateful and never ask for anything every again and we'd promise to take care of it and love it and take it for walks and feed it and anything else a chain fall requires.

