



# JCG HOOKED

Periodic Company Newsletter

Life is short, drive it like a rental car.—Sign over Urinal at the Corner Club

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## Ohhhh...Something New and Shiny!

Have you been to JacksonContractorGroup.com lately? No?! What do you mean, "NO!" Then you've missed the universal launch of our newly remodeled website! Ok, its mainly a facelift but there are some new, cool components! On the home page you'll see our usual featured projects but two of them now include web cameras! That's right, now you can watch a building take shape from the comfort of your chair. The North Hedges Residence Suites on the Montana State University campus and the Parmly Billing Library webcams are up and running and available for your viewing pleasure.

Soon there should be a third camera up showing the progress at the Wing Headquarters project on the Fairchild Air Force Base.

You'll also see the News tab which will include excerpts from our newsletter. Did you miss a newsletter? The archive of all our newsletters is now on the website as well. You can flip back through the re-runs of HOOKED any time you want!

We are also working on the JCG Portal. This will mostly be used by our guys in the field, but owners will also be able to use it to report warranty issues and gather other important information. This service will get issues resolved more effectively and efficiently.

As with anything we put out there, let us know what you think!

### Check out JCG in the News:

<http://www.ktvq.com/news/construction-of-new-billings-library-on-track-to-wrap-up-late-this-year/#!prettyPhoto/0/>

[http://billingsgazette.com/news/local/article\\_d76c04d4-229b-5eff-8324-bb398b346b4a.html](http://billingsgazette.com/news/local/article_d76c04d4-229b-5eff-8324-bb398b346b4a.html)



## 7 Facts of Life

1. You cannot put soap in your eyes.
2. You cannot count your hair.
3. You cannot breathe through your nose, with your tongue out.
4. You did no. 3.
5. When you did no. 3. you realized its possible, but only you look like a dog.
6. Your smiling right now, because I fooled you.
7. Share this so you can have revenge too.

## Fly of the Month: Fire Bead Czech Nymph



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## Fishing Report

**Bitterroot River:** The Skwala's coming, the Skwala's care coming!...& went.

**Rock Creek:** SF are coming!

**Clarkfork River:** Improving, bring pike gear.

**Blackfoot River:** Big, dark nymphs down deep.

**Missouri River:** Midges during the right weather, or see fly of the month for all around success

**Clearwater:** Ask Grayson, the rest of us really don't know!



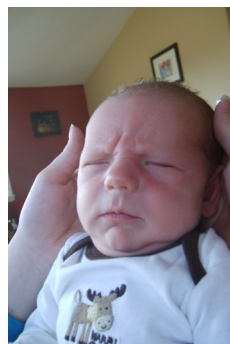
**Remember :** Crimp those barbs.

## Future JCG Crew Members

Congratulations to members of the JCG family on the birth of their little ones!

**Gavin Landan Lukasik**  
was born on January 15th to Jan and Grayson Lukasik

**Hayes William Brossman**  
was born to Matt and Erin Brossman on March 6th.



Can't you just see the mini hard hats already?

## Value Engineering (Sent to Us by Dave Jackson)

A toothpaste factory had a problem. They sometimes shipped empty boxes without the tube inside. This challenged their perceived quality with the buyers and distributors. Understanding how important the relationship with them was, the CEO of the company assembled his top people. They decided to hire an external engineering company to solve their empty boxes problem. The project followed the usual process: budget and project sponsor allocated, RFP, and third-parties selected. Six months (and \$8 million) later they had a fantastic solution - on time, on budget, and high quality. Everyone in the project was pleased.

They solved the problem by using a high-tech precision scale that would sound a bell and flash lights whenever a toothpaste box weighed less than it should. The line would stop, someone would walk over, remove the defective box, and then press another button to re-start the line. As a result of the new package monitoring process, no empty boxes were being shipped out of the factory.

With no more customer complaints, the CEO felt the \$8 million was well spent. He then reviewed the line statistics report and discovered the number of empty boxes picked up by the scale in the first week was consistent with projections, however, the next three weeks were zero! The estimated rate should have been at least a dozen boxes a day. He had the engineers check the equipment, they verified the report as accurate.

Puzzled, the CEO traveled down to the factory, viewed the part of the line where the precision scale was installed, and observed *JUST AHEAD* of the new \$8 million dollar solution sat a \$20 desk fan blowing the empty boxes off the belt and into a bin. He asked the line supervisor what that was about.

"Oh, that," the supervisor replied, "Bert, the kid from maintenance, put it there because he was tired of walking over every time the bell rang."

\*Remember, keep the overall goal in mind. Don't let the process dictate results; it can be expensive!



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## Where's Your Hook Been?

You know those magazines that have a section showing pictures of their readers holding their magazines in exotic locations like Bahli? Well we want one too. But we need your help! Send us a picture of yourself (it doesn't have to be exotic, in fact, we'd appreciate it if it wasn't exotic) with your JCG Hooked subscription out-and-a-bout (that's Wisconsinite for "out on the town").

Here's Bobo the Monkey giving an example...



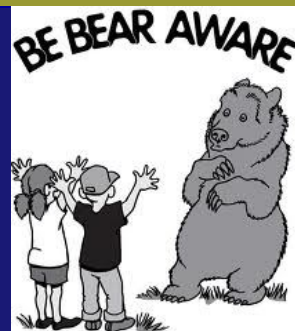
## Random Conundrum

You are in a room that is an 8x8x8 perfect cube. There are no windows, or doors (don't ask me how you got in there!) In the center of the floor there is a 12 inch pipe that is sticking 6 inches out of the floor. In the bottom of the pipe is a ping pong ball with a diameter that is one millimeter smaller than the inner diameter of the pipe. You have a 12 inch piece of string, a match, a magnifying glass, a 6" ruler and a paper clip. How do you get the ping pong ball out of the hole? Look for the answer in the next JCG HOOKED!

## Safety Bait—Bear Country

Knowing a few key facts might keep you from being a bear's lunch.

- Put food and garbage away from a bear's reach
- Never approach a bear (duh!)
- Keep calm and don't run (do not serpentine either, it won't help)
- Carry bear spray (or firearm) and don't be afraid to use it in an aggressive bear situation
- You know that sign that says, "Don't Feed the Bears, They're already stuffed." They mean it, don't feed 'em!

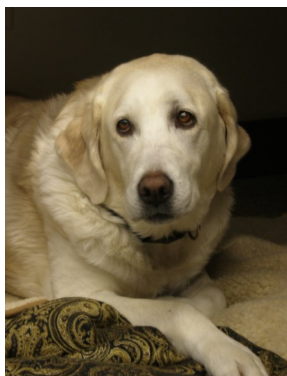


## Current Catches

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  
 Parmly Billings Library, Billings, MT  
 Sheridan Wastewater System Improvements, Sheridan, MT  
 Fairchild Air Force Base, Wing Headquarters, Spokane, WA  
 Riverside Path, Miles City, MT  
 Western Area Power Authority (WAPA) Job, Miles City, MT

Riverside Contracting Shop, Billings, MT  
 Rocky Mountain Laboratories, Security Camera Enhancement, Hamilton, MT  
 The Lakeside Development, Lakeside, MT  
 Marcus Daly Hospital, New MRI, Hamilton, MT  
 Wells Fargo Tenant Improvement, GLR Building, Missoula, Montana  
 Blackiron Grill, Miles City, Montana  
 University of Montana, Interdisciplinary Science Building Completion  
 Lifestyle Fitness, Missoula, Montana  
 Massage Envy, Missoula, Montana

## 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?

### Saul McMeekin

Saul McMeekin hails from the great, flat, corn state of Iowa and has been with JCG since 2006. Saul is a graduate of the Apprenticeship Program. Saul was married last September to a lovely woman, Sarah, who makes sure the fridge is always stocked with milk and hot wings (and lots of them).

Saul's found a new hobby recently: swimming in the lagoon at the Sheridan Wastewater Facility. Saul is an asset to JCG in many ways but excels at loading furniture to go to Miles City (only if you stop in Deer Lodge to readjust your load) which requires expert knowledge of rigid insulation, ratchet straps, duct tape and the vibration ratio of a Ford pick-up traveling 8 hours to Miles City. Thanks, Saul, for all you do for JCG! And remember kids, drink your milk so you can grow big and strong like Saul McMeekin!



## The Green Onion

If you could have lunch (or coffee, or a beer) with anyone, who would it be?

There are lots of influential candidates: a politician, a CEO of a billion dollar company, a past founding father of rock-n-roll.

One of my top five interesting choices would be "The Duke"...yep John Wayne.



No one can ride a horse like John Wayne. No one can act like John Wayne. No one can wear a ten-gallon hat like John Wayne. I bet he even looked cool while riding a bicycle.

Advice on everyday life from the man himself...

When you need motivation for the day ahead:  
**"We're burning daylight!"**

Remember someone always has it worse than you:  
**"Life is tough, but it's tougher when you're stupid."**

When conversing with someone you don't see eye to eye with:  
**"Talk low, talk slow and don't say too much."**

**"If everything isn't black and white, I say, 'Why the hell not?'"**

When you find yourself in a back alley fight:  
**"Fill your hands you son-of-a-bitch!"**

On trusting people:  
**"I never trust a man that doesn't drink."**

His version of the Golden Rule:  
**"I won't be wronged. I won't be insulted. I won't be laid a hand on. I don't do these things to other people and I require the same from them."**

On second chances:  
**"A man deserves a second chance, but keep an eye on him."**

America:  
**"My hope and prayer is that everyone know and love our country for what she really is and what she stands for."**

On responsibility  
**"A man's got to do what a man's got to do."**