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Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet on the ground.—Teddy Roosevelt

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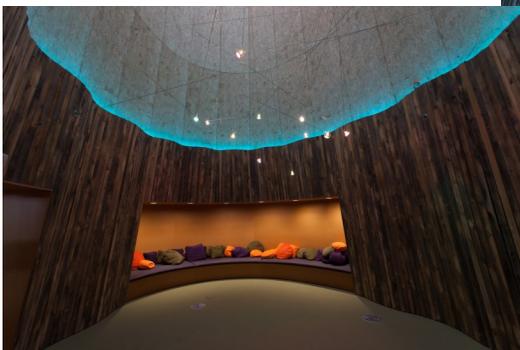
Billings Public Library is Up and Reading

JCG is proud to announce the completion of the Billings Public Library!

Great job to all the JCG crew, subcontractors, engineers, and designers that were involved in this project!

Project Size: Two Stories, 67,900 SF
 Contract Value: \$15.2 M
 Start Date: August 2012
 Completion Date: December 16, 2013
 Owner: City of Billings
 Architect: Will Bruder + Partners
 Associate Architect: O2 Architects, Billings, Montana
 Structural Engineer: Rudow & Berry
 MEP Engineer: ACE
 Civil Engineer: Sanderson Stewart
 Sustainability: Pending LEED Gold Certification

The Billings Library is the newest addition to the Billings Community; and what a great addition! With skylights, story cones, an intricate exterior curtain wall, children's garden, and reflecting pool the library has tons of architectural interest to draw in readers young and old.



We All Feel Like We're Coming Out of Hibernation

- In preparation for hibernation a black bear will gain up to 30 pounds a week!
- Honeybees form a winter cluster with the queen bee at the center for warmth
- Normally a hedgehog's heart rate is 190 beats per minute, during hibernation it slows to 20 beats per minute
- There is only one bird species that is known to hibernate...the Common Poorwill

(Facts found on www.care2.com)

Fly of the Month: Gallup's Sex Dungeon



Fishing Report

Bitterroot River: Really too high to fish, try elsewhere.

Rock Creek: Still too high, big black stonefly nymphs may work.

Clarkfork River: WAY too high! Wait for mid July (we hope).

Blackfoot River: Upper stretches may be fishable. Big dark nymphs tight to the banks may produce.

Missouri River: Clear but rising, try any caddis or a Purple Haze or left over blue wing olives.

Clearwater: Steelhead are mythical creatures.

Remember : Crimp those barbs.



Missoula: 5800 Highway 93 South, Missoula, Montana 59804
Miles City: 15 North 6th Street, Miles City, Montana 59301
www.jacksoncontractorgroup.com

Keeping the Gold Standard

Old Faithful Haynes Photo Shop receives LEED Gold Certification



The Interns are Invading!

They're everywhere! One took over the Miles City office, one has commandeered the Missoula office, and one is scheduled for landing on our projects in Yellowstone within the next week!



Bryson Buska—Miles City Intern
Originally from Helena, attends MSU Bozeman



John Jackson—Missoula Intern
Originally from Chicago, Illinois, attends University of Wisconsin—Platteville, Platteville, Wisconsin



Garrett Scholl—Yellowstone Intern
Originally from Polo, Illinois, attends University of Wisconsin—Platteville, Platteville, Wisconsin

We're So Proud! The Miles City Office is All Grown Up!

Our Miles City office was the recipient of the Miles City Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award. Congratulations guys! And thank you Miles City for making us feel right at home!



Random Conundrum...

Two men working at a construction site were up for a challenge, and they were pretty mad at each other. Finally, at lunch break, they confronted one another. One man, obviously stronger, said "See that wheelbarrow? I'm willin' to bet \$100 (that's all I have in my wallet here) that anything you can wheel to that cone and back, I can wheel twice as far. Do we have a bet?" The other man, too dignified to decline, shook his hand, but he had a plan formulating. He looked at the objects lying around: a pile of 400 bricks, a steel beam, the 10 men that had gathered around to watch, and a stack of ten bags of concrete mix; he thought for a while, and then finalized his plan. "All right," he said, and revealed his object. That night, the strong man went home thoroughly teased and \$100 poorer. What was the weaker man's object?

More Future Crew Members

Sloane Emery Dolan
Born: March 17, 2014
Proud Parents: Joe & Sarah Dolan
We'll have to get a pink hard hat for this cutie!



Gunnar Leo & Taylor Rae
Born: April 21, 2014
Proud Parents: Dan & Shauna Arnold



Kayli's Korner—The Poet (and English Lit. Major) Amongst Us

The Frozen Dinner Fiasco

I may, or may not, owe someone an apology. There was a Chicken Carbonara Lean Cuisine in the freezer (second shelf, a little to the left of the Tillamook vanilla ice cream) that I'm not entirely sure I purchased but ate anyway. If in fact it was you, and not me, who paid the \$3.49 for it, I did you a favor. It was a little freezer-burned and decidedly not anything like the picture on the front. Because the wife I ordered is still on back-order (the cooking, cleaning kind go fast), I cannot guarantee I will not eat your frozen food again. Do consider writing your name on your frozen food, or at least write "Kayli. Not Yours." to save me the brain-wracking and inner turmoil.

Gentlemen, this probably doesn't apply to you, but I don't want to assume and in doing so further perpetuate the social scripting of gender norms I prefer to subvert.

So, sorry if I ate your gross lunch.

Oh, and I apologize that me and my emails are threatening to implode the Outlook storage tank.

-Kayli Maffei

Safety Bait—Online (from google.com)

- Choose unique passwords and have different passwords for different websites. Strong passwords utilize a combination of characters, numbers and letters
- Install software updates as soon as available. New versions of software often have increased security.
- Delete and ignore suspicious emails; don't click on the link or provide your password. If a deal seems too good to be true...it probably is.
- Scan your computer for viruses.



Current Catches

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| Missoula County Courthouse Remodel, Missoula, MT | EOC Generators, Miles City, MT |
| National Guard Readiness Center, Miles City, MT | Holy Rosary, Miles City, MT |
| Miles City 40 Plex Apartments, Miles City, MT | Denbury Offices, Baker, MT |
| New Art & FCS Building for Hot Springs School, Hot Springs, MT | MSU Brick Breeden Arena Upgrades, Bozeman, MT |
| Rocky Mountain Laboratory, Security Improvements, Hamilton, MT | St. Ignatius Schools Envelope Improvements, St. Ignatius, MT |
| Rocky Mountain Laboratory, Generator Relocation, Hamilton, MT | Miles Community College, Folding Panel Replacement, Miles City, MT |
| Bonneville Power Administration-Control House, Kalispell, MT | Massage Envy, Billings, MT |
| RML, Incinerator Scrubber Replacement, Hamilton, MT | Grant Creek Trail, Missoula, MT |
| Einstein Brothers Bagel, Spokane, WA | Alberton Wastewater Treatment Facility, Alberton, MT |
| Marcus Daly Hospital, New ICU and Labor & Delivery, Hamilton, MT | |
| Rocky Mountain Contractor's Office Addition, Helena, 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?

Brian Beck is the recipient of JCG's Most Polite Project Engineer three years running! He splits his time between Miles City at the Readiness Center and decorating our new office in Bozeman (curtains and painting front doors are his specialty). Brian has a soft spot for yellow labs and every time he's in Missoula, Maggie can't get enough of him (she thinks he smells nice)! Brian's good at a lot of things, but as evidenced by this picture, he needs some help with proper hardhat assembly.



The World According to Brian: "The Internet is Awesome", you work out so you can eat a hamburger everyday, wine does not come out of a box and nothing beats wearing a [Pittsburgh Dad](#) t-shirt, drinking a tall boy Rainier, while jamming to Flobots .

The Green Onion

I'm from Wisconsin (no it is not pronounced WES-consin, or WisCONDnsin). Midwesterners are often overlooked. Easterners are the stressed out, neurotic types that hail taxis. Southerners have their charm and comfort food. Californians are all sand and sun and wine and free love. What do the Midwesterners have?

Let me give you the run-down:

1. **Hotdish**—the far superior cousin to casserole.
2. **Pop**—the far superior cousin to soda.
3. **Ice Fishing**—a favorite winter pastime.
4. **Old Fashions**—the first and best cocktail ever mixed (Click [here](#) for a recipe).
5. **We're Not Canadian**—that's a plus.



6. **Fried Cheese Curds**—there is nothing else to say.
7. **Dating**— Evidently we're fantastic at it (Click [here](#) to find out why).
8. **Main Food Groups**—Beer, Brats, Dairy.
9. **Linguistics**—we know how to say caulk correctly.
10. **Friday Night Fish Fry**—if you're Catholic and it's Lent, it's a no-brainer. If you're not Catholic...go anyway.
11. **The Great Lakes**—they're pretty great.
12. **Fairs**—State or county, we're pretty good at putting one on.
13. **Uff-da**—is a term that will cover a multitude of expressions.
14. **Kickapoo River**—equal opportunity canoeing and drinking for all.
15. **Corn & Cows**—we feed a lot of people with corn and cows.
16. **Thunderstorms** - not the ten minute kind the all day, rock the house kind.
17. **Butter Sculptures**—why not?!
18. **The Milwaukee Brat House**—"A Professional Drinking Establishment for Beer Barons, Boot Leggers & Patriots".

Best Regards,
The JCG Wisconsinite
(Hattie Redmon)
PS—Go Pack!

