

August 5, 2014

Ravalli County Commissioners
Hamilton, MT 59840

RE: Road repair, Victor area

En: Copy letter to editor, Ravalli Republic

Dear Commissioners,

In addition to the enclosed Victor patron's article about Victor roads, I have concerns about the degradation of north Meridian, north of Sweathouse Creek Road. The potholes are getting deeper and the roadbed is in serious need of repair, (as I predicted to Commissioners Iman and Stoltz in years past). Ron Stoltz told me personally the road would be oiled and chip-sealed a year ago. It hasn't happened. Is this on the road crew's agenda this year? I hope so.

Sincerely,



Allen McClintick

on page 5, in the middle of the article by David Erickson, one finds that Daines is supporting a more effective and encompassing bill that addresses all National forests instead of just three. Further it would require designations of an area for logging with annual timber harvest targets. At the same time, it would make it harder to legally challenge timber sales, a tactic which has been used as a major delaying action by opponents of conservation since the 1960s.

U.S. Representative Daines is supporting a bill that would assist the Forest Service to get back to implementing the concepts of conservation for which it was originally created. Perhaps, we could then re-establish a timber industry throughout the U.S.A.

**Gary E. Brogan
Corvallis**

* Victor roads - again

You've got to be kidding me ... I guess when you have leftover asphalt the best thing to do is dump it on Fifth Avenue in Victor. It won't be necessary to make it look nice or blend it with the other asphalt. And there's no need to even it out or roll it very much so it's nice and smooth.

Yesterday on my way home, I turned on Fifth Avenue and there it was -- a hodge podge of black asphalt -- the Road Department's latest attempt to fix the deteriorating roads in Victor.

Here's a challenge for our five commissioners: Get in your vehicle and take a drive to Victor. Take a drive up Fifth Avenue to Pleasant View Drive. Then tell us if as an employer you would pay someone to do a job like that. Then go up and down the streets in downtown Victor -- not forgetting Main Street -- and then tell us the county should be proud of how our roads are maintained.

I guess I should be thankful the county did something for our Victor roads. But, honestly, I just don't feel like it.

**Ann Seymour
Victor**

Insurance

Maybe you all could help me... I got a notice in the mail a few months ago saying my car insurance went from \$120 a month to \$390 a month. Unbelievable! I did not have any tickets or claims. After some investigation in an

refused to give us her info when the incident occurred. She claims that we backed into her car. No marks lined up with our truck, and the police officer that showed up said it was "no fault." We thought the issue was over until the outrageous increase showed up 2 1/2 years later.

How is it an insurance company can approve a claim without our input, a Texas adjuster makes a decision from Texas, and the marks on the two vehicles didn't even match? There was snow on the ground and it appeared she slid into us. Slide marks in the snow.

We filed a fraud complaint with the Progressive insurance company and received no remedy. We contacted the Montana Commissioner of Securities and Insurance to file a complaint. They investigated and found all the insurance company's papers in order supposedly, so they offered no remedy either. We filed a complaint against Progressive with the Consumer Affairs. Does anyone read those reviews?

I contacted our current insurance agent who also offers no remedy. He explains some mathematical calculation for the increase that no insurance agent really understands either.

What is wrong with this picture? The regular Joe gets screwed by an insurance company who pays a fraudulent claim to a woman to get her scratches buffed out and gets a "free" rental car for the day. Now we get a monthly bill over three times the bill we had before. Is this right?

Where is our remedy in this? Not with Progressive! Not with the government? Where is the justification for the bureaucracy called Office of the Montana State Auditor. Where is the accountability in the insurance industry? Who does this woman know that

the people?

Do we just continue to roll over and let the big guys do what they want to the people?

What?

I am not advocating violence! I am advocating for win-win exchanges with real people. I could have paid this woman to get her car buffed and not had this outrageous insurance bill! That would have been win-win! One letter to the editor recently said, "Build bridges one person at a time." That is win-win!

**Chris Martin
Hamilton**

Theft at Blodgett Park

The Rotary Club of Hamilton was saddened to learn of a theft earlier this month at the newly renovated Rotary Blodgett Park just north of Hamilton. This project was begun several years ago by our club as a local service project and includes a new picnic pavilion, restrooms, grills, fire rings and picnic tables.

We were disappointed to learn that several individuals felt compelled to steal one of the secured pavilion picnic tables for their personal use. The Rotary Blodgett Park has always been a popular picnic area for our community and now with these additions, the park has become an even more pleasant park experience along the Bitterroot River.

The Rotary Club of Hamilton has always enjoyed and appreciated the support from the community for our various projects and fund raisers over the years. We would like to ask again now for the community's assistance with providing any information on helping us to locate this table.

**Bob Broughton
President
Rotary Club of Hamilton**

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