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On the Road

On May 10, 2011, Trooper Michael Briggs was working the prescription drug take back program with the Attorney General's staff and operating the MIDAC (Mobile Impaired Driving Assessment Center). An injury commercial vehicle rollover crash occurred on Highway 7, just south of Wibaux. No other troopers were available, so Trooper Briggs responded in the MIDAC. It is believed this may be the first crash the MIDAC has ever responded to.



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On May 27, 2011, at approximately 0230 hours, Trooper Mathew Cartwright responded to a vehicle vs. mountain lion crash that occurred on I-94 at milepost 132 eastbound. Trooper Cartwright said the FWP game warden who also responded thought the female weighed approximately 90 to 100 pounds.



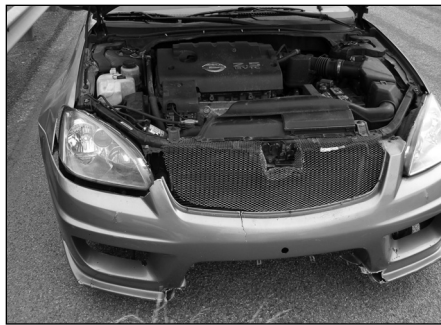
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On March 23, 2011 at approximately 0630 hours, a trooper in Gallatin County

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was investigating a fatal rollover crash on I-90 near milepost 309 involving a red 1993 Ford truck registered in Minnesota with three occupants. One of the passengers was out walking around, though limping with a cut hand and other minor injuries. He indicated he had just met the other two occupants and gave several conflicting stories about his travels. Confronted by these contradictions, he indicated the female driver had drugs in the truck. Another trooper contacted the property owner near the crash site, and the owner stated there as a black garbage bag near his storage shed that didn't belong there. When the trooper checked the shed, he noted a fresh blood trail leading from the crash scene to the shed. The trash bag was also matched to others in the truck. A search warrant was obtained, and the bag was opened, revealing fourteen pounds of marijuana.

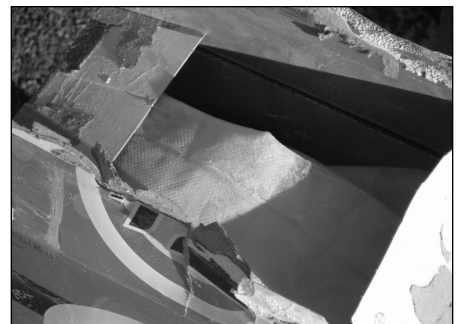
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On April 14, 2011, at approximately 0947 hours, Sergeant James Hunter

initiated a traffic stop on I-90 near Billings of a 2010 Toyota Camry registered in California for speeding. The driver was a New York resident, and the passenger's residence was unknown. They were reportedly traveling from New York to Seattle for employment. No luggage was visible, and air fresheners were placed in the air vents. Their stories were inconsistent, and both verbal and written consent to search the vehicle was given. In the engine compartment, several packages wrapped in black electrical tape were found which extended into the natural void on the passenger side quarter panel. The packages contained 6.7 pounds of heroin, which is likely the largest single seizure of heroin ever in Montana.

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Trooper Troy Muri initiated a traffic stop for an equipment violation on January 11, 2011, at approximately 1241 hours on I-94 near milepost 139 east-

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bound in Custer County. The vehicle was a black 1997 Cadillac Catera registered in Minnesota. None of the three male occupants had a driver's license, and details surrounding their travels and home were vague. Written consent to search was given by the driver and passengers, and during the search Trooper Muri noted a box of Tide detergent that appeared to have detergent stuck to the bottom and detergent leaking from it. When asked about it, the occupants hesitated and then spoke in Spanish. Trooper Muri asked three times before they claimed ownership of the box. When he cut into the box, he discovered vacuumed sealed packages containing approximately two pounds of methamphetamine.

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On January 16, 2011, at approximately 0745 hours, Trooper Glenn Quinnell initiated traffic stop on I-94 near milepost 207 for an unsafe lane change on a 2003 Pontiac Grand Prix registered in North Dakota. The driver indicated he was traveling from Spokane, and Trooper Quinnell noted both a cat and the strong odor of air fresheners. The car was littered with fast food wrappers and trash, and the driver was visibly nervous and shaking. Consent to search was granted, and two brand new suitcases were found in the trunk. Inside the smaller of the two, marijuana was located in vacuum sealed bags. The total seizure was nineteen pounds of marijuana.

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On April 23, 2011, at 1120 hours, Trooper Glenn Quinnell initiated a traffic stop for an equipment violation on I-94 near milepost 197 on a 2002 Suzuki Aerio which was registered in Washington. The driver indicated he was traveling from Yakima to Bismarck, and he appeared to be over dressed as compared to the typical cross country traveler. He also gave conflicting stories about his travels and also indicated he had just recently purchased the vehicle for his trip. The driver also appeared very nervous, and when Trooper Quinnell asked for consent to search, his demeanor

dramatically changed. He refused to allow Trooper Quinnell to search. Because a K-9 was not available, the driver and vehicle were released, although Trooper Quinnell contacted the North Dakota Highway Patrol, who made contact with the vehicle and deployed a K-9 which alerted to the vehicle. A subsequent search revealed approximately thirty pounds of high grade marijuana.

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On Friday, November 13, 2010, a 1983 Ford truck was southbound on Montana Highway 3 when the driver inexplicably veered into the oncoming lane and was struck by a northbound commercial vehicle. After impact, the truck was consumed by flames, and the driver died at the scene. This fatal crash was investigated by Trooper Aaron Freivalds (MHP 300).



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3 CHARGED WITH TYING UP LIVINGSTON WOMAN, STEALING HER CAR

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Three people are facing kidnapping and theft charges alleging that they tied up a Livingston-area woman and stole her car.

Brent Lee Cloward, 26; Tilicia Alexis Elliot, 22; and Mary Elizabeth Johnson, 25, appeared in front of Stillwater County Justice of the Peace Marilyn Kober by video from the Yellowstone County jail on a courtesy arraignment. They were each charged with felony counts of theft and aggravated kidnapping.

Cloward also faces charges of speeding and driving with a revoked or suspended license.

Court documents indicate that on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, Carol Heath was at her Livingston-area home when she received a call from a friend's granddaughter, whom she knew as "Tilly," asking for a ride from a Livingston gas station because her car had broken down.

When Heath arrived, a man and woman joined Tilly and she took them all back to her home on Vista View Drive.

Court documents say that a short time later, and after Tilly asked Heath if she had any money and offered to sell her methamphetamine and prescription medications, the three tied Heath up with dog leashes and duct tape.

The documents say they took a purse, telephones and some change before taking the woman's car.

"She is physically fine, (it) took her about an hour after it occurred, she was able to get loose," Park County Attorney Brett Linneweber said.

Heath went to the home of a neighbor, who reported the incident. Authorities then sent out a bulletin about Heath's stolen Pontiac sedan.

Montana Highway Patrol Trooper Eric Gilbert spotted the car driving eastbound at 97 mph on Interstate 90 in Stillwater County. He "pulled them over and arrested them on the spot," Linneweber said.

Inside the car were Elliot and Johnson, both of Billings, and Cloward.

Elliot and Johnson remain in custody at the Yellowstone County Detention Facility on bonds of \$150,000 each. Cloward is being held on a bond of \$150,710.

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A group of Corvallis High School students rented a stretch limousine for 2011 graduation. The limousine picked up one of the students at home. As the driver was backing out of the driveway, she misjudged the amount of room needed and backed the rear wheels off the roadway and became stuck, blocking





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the road. The incident, however, did not appear to dampen the student's spirits at all. Submitted by Trooper Chris Hamilton, MHP 292.



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On December 16, 2010, at 1640 hours, traffic came to a stand-still on I-90 westbound between Billings and Laurel because a previous crash had occurred. An 83 year old driving a westbound van towards the crash scene did not recognize that a commercial vehicle was stopped in the travel lane. The driver of the van did not brake and at the last second swerved to the left. The front passenger side of the van collided with the rear driver's side of the semi trailer. The passenger side of the van was torn away in the collision. The driver sustained serious injuries but recovered and was given a citation. The crash was

investigated by Troopers Darvin Mees (MHP 304), Bill Bullock (MHP 187), and Kyle Hayter (MHP 333).



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SAMUEL CALVIN 'CAL' WYLIE



SPIRIT LAKE, Idaho — Samuel Calvin "Cal" Wylie, 55, went to join the Lord, and his son Eric, on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, while at his home in Spirit Lake

with family by his side after his courageous battle with cancer.

Cal was born Aug. 15, 1955, to Sam and Vera (Heath) Wylie in Fort Eustis, Va. Throughout his lifetime, Cal had many accomplishments, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army and Air Force Reserves. He attended Carroll College in Helena, majoring in criminal justice, leading to a career in law enforcement. Cal served as a deputy sheriff in Lewis and Clark County and Toole County in Montana; a police officer in Helena and West Richland and Hanford, Wash.; and a Montana Highway Patrol officer. He also served as a victims advocate and probation officer in Sandpoint, Idaho. Cal always lived his life to the fullest, with much adventure and touching many lives along the way with his compassionate, funny, outgoing and loving personality.

In 2000, Cal married his best friend and soul mate Denise (Rohrich) Wylie. They spent much of their time together enjoying outdoor activities, long walks, hiking, crafty projects and home remodeling. He loved spending time with his family and enjoyed camping, kayaking, boating and snorkeling at the family lake property on Lake Pend Oreille. Cal was a loving and dedicated husband, father, grandfather, son, uncle and friend of many. He will be missed greatly by all who knew him.

Cal is survived by his loving wife

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Denise of Spirit Lake; two sons, Jordan and wife Britany Wylie of Post Falls, Idaho, and Calvin Wylie Jr. of Post Falls; a daughter, Jennifer and husband Billy Albin of Granite Falls, Wash.; three stepchildren, Brittany, Brandon and Sean Knopff of Auburn, Wash.; parents, Sam and Vera Wylie of Spirit Lake; sisters, Rhonda and husband Warren Kays of Wardner, Idaho, Janet Woods of Spokane and Sandra Daily of Post Falls; 11 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Cal was preceded in death by his son, Eric Dan Wylie.

A Celebration of Life, followed by a lunch, was held at 11 a.m. Feb. 12, 2011, at the Rose of Sharon Tabernacle Church, 36245 Highway 41, Oldtown, Idaho. Please visit Cal's memorial and sign his online guest book at www.yatesfuneralhomes.com.

FRANK BROWN



DILLON — Frank Morgan Brown died Jan. 2, 2011, in Dillon.

He was born on July 7, 1924, in Great Falls. He attended Great Falls schools and graduated

from Great Falls High School in 1943. Frank enlisted in the Navy in June 1943 and served his country in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans during World War II.

In 1953, Frank joined the Montana Highway Patrol and was stationed in Broadus, Miles City, Forsyth and finally Dillon, retiring in 1988 after 35 years of service. On Jan. 13, 1954, Frank married Mildred Sorensen in Miles City. To this union, three daughters were born.

Frank was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 1554, Dillon Masonic Lodge 16, Southwest Montana Shrine, Scottish Rite and served on the police commission for the City of Dillon.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Betty Gilchrist, and grandsons, Nicholas Kajin and Joshua Jourdonnais.

Frank is survived by his wife, Millie, daughter and son-in-law, Claudia and Al Kajin of Forsyth; daughter, Jennifer Allen of Missoula; daughter and son-in-law, Mary Beth and Scott Jourdonnais of Missoula; grandchildren, Adrienne Allen Kenison (Chris) of Helena, Christopher Kajin of Chicago, Leslie Weiler (Shane) of Forsyth, Jeffrey Allen of Billings, Nathanael, Gabriel and Hannah Jourdonnais of Missoula; one great-grandson, Aiden Allen of Helena; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011, at Brundage Funeral Home in Dillon. Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital, the Montana Hope Project, or other charity of your choice.

A guestbook is available at www.brundagefuneralhome.com or go to www.mtstandard.com/obits.

HERBERT 'HERB' A. BAKER



MISSOULA — Herbert "Herb" A. Baker, 95, of Missoula, passed away of natural causes **T h u r s d a y**, Feb. 3, 2011, at Community Hospital.

Herb was born May 23, 1915 in Weston,

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