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On May 1st, 2012, Trooper Anton Beehler was presented with an award at the Optimist International "Respect for Law" luncheon in Billings.

Trooper Beehler has been a sworn trooper since July 8th, 2002. He has been stationed in the Hardin area his whole career, nearly 10 years. Trooper Beehler is a deeply committed trooper, serving the citizens of this state in all aspects of his life.

Trooper Beehler first received this award four years ago and was deserving of its recognition again due to his tireless efforts to bettering our youth.



Trooper Beehler is very committed to youth and helping them become responsible, productive citizens. He wanted to come up with a way to spend time with children while in uniform, after seeing firsthand how children often react negatively to a uniformed officer. Trooper Beehler wants our youth to trust police officers, and regard them as friends and helpers, rather than a villain who is there to arrest them. To that end, Trooper Beehler dresses up as McGruff the Crime Dog and teaches children about how to be safe in the schools.

To compliment spending time with children and breaking down barriers, Trooper Beehler became heavily involved in the Special Olympics. He spends countless hours organizing and soliciting volunteers for this good cause. He also volunteers his personal time and his on duty time to hand out awards, coaching, raising money and making

sure the athletes for the Special Olympics are appreciated and rewarded for their efforts.

Trooper Chan Barry and wife Mary are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Elizabeth June, who was born June 19th, 2012, at 2300 hours. Elizabeth weighed in at 8 pounds 3 ounces and measured 21 inches long.

Trooper Kurt Miller and his wife Jamie are the proud parents of Elise, who was born on June 5th, 2012, at 0547 hours. Elise weighed in at 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 19 ½ inches tall.

Trooper Rob Strauch and his wife Alyssa are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Ashlee Nicole Strauch. Ashlee was born on February 21st, 2012, at 1338 hours. She weighed 7 pounds 4.5 ounces and measured 20 inches long.

Trooper Dan Arnold (MHP286) of Great Falls received the 2011 Cascade County DUI Task Force Recognition Award for excellence in enforcement of alcohol related offenses. This was Dan's second year in a row receiving the award. He has arrested the most DUI's for the MHP in Great Falls the past two years. He is also a DRE and assists local agencies with DRE evaluations to assist in prosecuting the drugged driver. He is also recognized for his excellently detailed and well written reports.



DISTRICT 3 AWARDS May 24th, 2012



Colonel Tooley presenting Sgt. Mike Feldman his 20 year service stars.



AMT Rep. Brian Inman presenting Sgt. Mike Feldman a belt buckle for 20 years of service.



AMT Rep. Brian Inman presenting Sgt. Drew Knapp a key chain for 15 years of service.



AMT Rep. Brian Inman presenting Trooper David Gleich a money clip for 10 years of service.





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AMT Rep. Brian Inman presenting Trooper Mitch Voss a money clip for 10 years of service.



AMT Rep. Brian Inman presenting Trooper Tammy Perkins a jacket for 5 years of service.



AMT Rep. Brian Inman presenting Trooper Jeramy Rice a jacket for 5 years of service.

District 4 troopers participated in a range day on May 21st, 2012. Pictured from left to right are Trooper Tony Beehler (MHP 172), Sergeant Scott Ayers (MHP 131), Troopers David Munson (MHP 230), Trooper Joe Coughlin (MHP



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234), Trooper Kyle Hayter (MHP 333), Sergeant Craig Baum (MHP 132), and Trooper Justin Kirchheck (MHP 283). Photo by Trooper Eli Wolfe (MHP 249).

DISTRICT 8 AWARDS

May 17th, 2012

AMT President Art Collins presenting the following service awards:



Captain Brad Sangray, 20 years.



Sergeant Mark Bosch, 20 years.



Trooper Chris Baker, 5 years.

Sergeant JV Moody was recently featured on the Weather Channel's premiere episode of Twist-of-Fate: "It was November of 2010, and an early season blizzard was bearing down on Big Timber, Montana. Seventy year old local Jerry Latraverse was forced to walk home in the blinding snow and whipping wind when his car was stuck in heavy snow. Trying to take a shortcut to his house, Jerry ended up stuck on a barbwire fence and was unable to get up in the sub-zero temperatures. No one knew where he was, and he could

have frozen to death just steps from his own house. An amazing twist of fate brought neighbors to his rescue in the nick of time. Sergeant JV Moody was one of those neighbors." The Weather Channel show Twist-of-Fate premiered on June 8th, 2012, at 2100 hours. For more information go to: (<http://www.weather.com/tv/programs/Twist-of-Fate.html>).

On March 27th, 2012, Trooper Justin Kirchheck was honored during the 54th Annual National Crime Prevention Program sponsored by the Downtown Exchange Club of Billings. A luncheon was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, at which Trooper Kirchheck received a Glock semi-automatic pistol as a token of the Downtown Exchange Club's appreciation. In addition to Trooper Kirchheck, Officer Katie Nash of the Billings Police Department and Detective Frank Fritz of the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office were also recognized. Pictured from left to right are Lt. Colonel Butch Huseby, Trooper Justin Kirchheck, Captain Keith Edgell, and Sergeant Scott Ayers.



Trooper Shad Andersen was the recipient of Detachment 623's 16th annual Little Brown Jug Award for the most DUI's in the detachment in 2011 at 31.



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We are pleased to announce the promotions of Gregory K. Watson & Kenton E. Hickethier to the rank of Major.

Major Watson is MHP Western Montana Regional Commander, stationed in Butte.

Major Hickethier is the MHP Eastern Montana Regional Commander, stationed in Great Falls.

Major Watson's and Major Hickethier's promotional ceremony took place on March 21st, 2012, at 1500 hours in the Old Supreme Court Chambers of the State Capitol Building.

After over 21 years of service, Trooper Tim Lytle (MHP 173) has retired.

Trooper Larry L. Neiminen (MHP 196) retired July 16th, 2012, after serving 22 years with the Patrol. Larry was sworn in on July 14th, 1990, and was stationed in Livingston. He was most



recently stationed on the Strategic Traffic Enforcement Team.



On May 17th, 2012, Trooper Tony Beehler threw the first ball at the Special Olympics bowling event in Billings. Photo courtesy of John Havener. □

