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Recall election of Boggs moved to May 3

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If you were anxiously waiting for your mail ballot for the recall election of Glacier County Treasurer Mary Ann Boggs to arrive, you'll have to wait a little longer. The ballots were scheduled to be mailed out today, March 9, but due to required notices not being published correctly by Glacier County Election Administrator Glenda Hall, the March 29 election must be rescheduled.

The Glacier County Attorney's Office issued the following press release on March 7.

"It has come to the attention of the Glacier County Election Administrator that required notices relating to the recall election of Treasurer Mary Ann Boggs require re-publication. In order to comply with Montana law, the decision has been made by the Election Administrator to submit a revised plan for approval to the Montana Secretary of State. It is anticipated the recall election will now be held May 3, 2016, and ballots will be mailed out on April 13, 2016. These dates are pending final approval by the Secretary of State."

According to the "Mail Ballot Written Plan, Timetable and Instructions" approved by the Secretary of State's Office and "affirmed" by Hall, "Close of Voter Registration and Availability of Late Registration" notices were supposed to be published on Feb. 3, Feb. 10 and Feb. 24 as required by state law. Instead Hall requested the notices be published in the *Cut Bank Pioneer Press* and *Glacier Reporter* on Feb. 17 and Feb. 24.

The plan also stipulated the "Notice of Election" should be published on Feb. 24 and March 2 as required by state law. The notice was not sent to the newspapers for publication until March 2. On that day, Hall faxed a copy of the required notice to the *Cut Bank Pioneer Press* office shortly before 2 p.m. requesting the notice be published on March 9, March 16 and March 23 in the *Pioneer Press* and *Glacier Reporter*.

On numerous occasions this newspaper contacted Glacier County officials expressing concern the notices were not being published according to the plan.

Deputy County Attorney Mark Westveer contacted this newspaper on March 2 and requested the notice submitted by Hall not be

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Kidpack Project receives sturdier cloth bags FCCLA students are 'sew' helpful

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Photos by LeAnne Kavanagh

Isabelle Barnard, KC Wiggins and Patricia Reutzel spent their free time sewing over a dozen duffel bags for the Kidpack Project as part of their state FCCLA project. The trio also helped volunteers pack the bags last month and learned about the growing problem of student hunger and how the Kidpack Project helps combat it each month.



Lorrie Siebrecht, a teacher at Cut Bank High School and the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Advisor is taking 13 students to the state FCCLA competition. And that's big news.

"This is one of the largest groups of FCCLA kids I have had. And even though we don't have a qualifying event before state, it is still pretty amazing that we have 13 kids attending and competing in the state competition," Siebrecht said.

The 13 students going to state FCCLA in Billings March 20-22, are: Elizabeth Atkinson, Isabelle Barnard, Trinity Bear Child, Ashley McLean, Cyrus Mehta, Patricia Reutzel, Tyrell Sylvester, Ashlyn Taylor, Portia Taylor Sarah Thies, Selena Valenzuela, Jordar Whitford and KC Wiggins.

All of the students are working on a project that fits into a specific category. Some of them are working as individuals and others are working together as a team. Their project must be documented and the details illustrated on a large poster board. At state, they must provide a 10-minute oral presentation about the project before a panel of judges.

The judges provide scores to each participant and those with the highest scores in their specific category advance to the national competition FCCLA conference, which will be held later this summer in San Diego on July 3-7.

Three of the 13 from Cut Bank High School attending the state competition are not only working as a team on an FCCLA project, but they are also working with another team of community volunteers, providing a much-needed service to a worthwhile program, the Kidpack Project.

Isabelle Barnard, Patricia Reutzel and KC Wiggins are made the Kidpack Project their focus for their state FCCLA project.

"I was trying to help these three kids come up with a project idea, when it occurred to me I had a number of nylon backpack-type bags that we had started making for one of my classes a few years ago. Some were still in the plastic bag waiting to be sewn together and others were in various states of completion. I suggested the kids finish the bags and donate them to Kidpack Project, which

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Photo by Brian Kavanagh

At the Little Guy Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, March 5, Misty and Sam Whitford, center, were honored for faithfully running the Cut Bank Little Guy Wrestling Program for the last 10 years. The couple was presented with a Pendleton blanket. Pictured with them are Rachel and Tim Kipp, who have taken over the program.



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Work continues on the water transmission pipeline extending from the City of Shelby to the City of Cut Bank. Completion of the line will provide "supplemental water system capacity to the City of Cut Bank to address potential water supply shortages caused by drought conditions."

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published, adding, "Ms. Hall will be in contact with you in the near future regarding future publications."

According to the Secretary of State's office, they received "a new mail ballot for the Glacier County Recall Election on Friday, March 4." As of Monday afternoon, the new plan had not been reviewed or approved.

No information or updates on the rescheduled recall election were received from Hall as of press time.