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## EMS Strong: Called to Care describes crew of Glacier County EMS



Glacier County EMS has plenty planned for community during National EMS Week, May 15-21

By LINDA BRUCH  
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The theme for this year's National EMS Week, "EMS Strong - Called to Care," without a doubt, describes Glacier County EMS. The group of people that make up that team is indeed strong, strong in their commitment to take care of the people of Glacier County and strong in their desire to not just do it right, but do it well.

National EMS Week is May 15-21 and the "strong" group at Glacier County EMS has a full slate of happenings for the week as well as a few things to promote and celebrate.

Kicking off the week, Glacier County EMS is hosting a breakfast at the Moose Lodge on Sunday, May 15 from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. The entire community is invited. Breakfast will cost \$8 and will include, as the EMS crew put it, "a large plate of food."

On Monday, May 16, they will be holding a bake sale at Northern Rockies Medical Center from 10 a.m. to noon.

Also during that time on that day, they will be pre-registering those interested in participating in their upcoming Superhero Run.

"In conjunction with Cut Bank's Lewis and Clark Festival, we are holding a Superhero Run on Friday, July 29," said Amie Allison, Glacier County EMS Director. "People can walk or run and do either a mile, 5K or 10K. All the money we raise from this event will go towards purchasing some playground equipment that can be used by all the kids, but also by special needs kids. Actually all the proceeds from all the events of EMS Week will be going towards that purchase, including our bake sale and breakfast."

To learn more about the run, stop by the bake sale at NRMC on May 16.

On Tuesday, of EMS Week, May 17, the Glacier County EMS team will be making a presentation on a new service they will be starting in July, called Mobile Health. They will make the pre-

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## County attorney seeks commissioners' approval of resolution prepared by Attorney General's office to investigate and review Glacier County Treasurer

By LEANNE KAVANAGH  
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"You can't cure a crime. The recall election doesn't change anything," stated Glacier County Attorney Carolyn Berkram during the May 5 meeting of the Glacier County Commissioners. On April 26, Berkram submitted an agenda item advising the commissioners to approve a resolution from the Montana Attorney General's Office. The resolution appoints the Prosecution Services Bureau of the Montana Department of Justice as special counsel "in the investigation and review of County Treasurer Mary Ann Boggs as it relates to Official Misconduct."

At last week's meeting, Berkram questioned who revised the agenda item regarding the resolution that was prepared by the Attorney General's Office and why. "The intent of the Attorney General's Office is to investigate and possibly prosecute Mrs. Boggs and they would like the resolution signed by the commissioners," stated Berkram.

A Freedom of Information request was made by this newspaper to obtain a copy of the email sent by Berkram requesting the matter be placed on the

agenda. The email was addressed to Commissioner DesRosier, as well as County Commissioners Ron Rides At The Door and Tom McKay and Clerk and Recorder Glenda Hall.

The email was very brief and requested: "Please place the following on the May 5, 2016, agenda at 10 a.m.: Discussion/ Approval: Resolution Glacier County Attorney's request for prosecutorial assistance from Prosecution Services Bureau of Montana Attorney General's Office regarding investigation and review of Treasurer."

When the May 5 agenda was posted, it did not include anything about the resolution. It was listed as: Discussion: Glacier County Attorney's request for prosecutorial assistance from Prosecution Services Bureau of Montana Attorney General's Office regarding investigation and review of Treasurer." It also did not include the requested time of 10 a.m.

Commission chairman Michael DesRosier said he "wanted to see what it is about" before the commissioners approved the resolution. The email was sent at 12:26 p.m. on April 26, which was 10 days prior to the May 5 meeting.

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### Commissioners reject AG's resolution 3-0

As the Cut Bank Pioneer Press was going to print, the commissioners voted 3-0 against approving the Attorney General's resolution cited in the above story. Glacier County Attorney Carolyn Berkram stated, "I think it is unfortunate that the legislature has taken prosecutorial discretion away from attorneys and given it to governing bodies in situations such as this," adding, "I have taken all necessary steps required of me as it relates to this matter."

## It's official: Voters recall Boggs

By LEANNE KAVANAGH  
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Glacier County voters were shouting for change when they cast their votes in the May 3 recall election of Glacier County Treasurer Mary Ann Boggs. They voted overwhelmingly to recall Boggs by a vote of 1,785 to 360. Those official results were released shortly before 4 p.m. on May 9 after three provisional ballots were counted and canvassed yesterday.

There was not one precinct in the county where Boggs received more "against" the recall votes than "for" it.

Elaine Mitchell, who spearheaded the recall petition, spent the entire Election Day in the county's satellite office in Browning, observing the election process. "The staff in Browning did an excellent job. I had no idea what the outcome would be," said Mitchell who returned to Cut Bank to observe the ballot counting procedure.

"The ballot box from Browning was delivered to the courthouse at 8:34 p.m. but not one ballot was counted until 1:21 a.m. It was 4:11 a.m. when the last ballot was counted and shortly before 4:30 a.m. before we received the result, which was overwhelmingly in favor of recalling the treasurer. The voters were paying attention. Doing the right thing for the right reasons paid off."



Photo by LeAnne Kavanagh

Election workers were "sequestered" while they opened and certified ballots on Election Night. The public was only allowed to observe the counting of the ballots, which began after 1 a.m.

According to the first set of unofficial results released on May 4, 1,744 voters voted "yes" to recalling Boggs and 325 voted against the recall.

Once the election results are declared "official" Boggs will be removed from office and the commissioners will need to appoint an interim treasurer.

According to Hall's unofficial tally on Monday, May 9, the total number of ballots distributed was 4,607 and the number of ballots returned was 2,149 for a voter turnout of 47 percent.

Unofficial precinct totals released by Hall on Monday are as follows:

Prec. 1:	For 328; Against 4.
Prec. 2:	For 234; Against 5.
Prec. 3:	For 197; Against 13.
Prec. 4:	For 127; Against 10.
Prec. 5:	For 320; Against 20.
Prec. 6:	For 52; Against 0.
Prec. 7:	For 7; Against 6.
Prec. 8:	For 47; Against 40.
Prec. 9:	For 139; Against 121.
Prec. 10:	For 105; Against 18.
Prec. 11:	For 53; Against 14.
Prec. 12:	For 39; Against 38.
Prec. 13:	For 24; Against 24.
Prec. 15:	For 73; Against 21.
Prec. 19:	For 20 ; Against 12.
Prec. 21C:	For 20; Against 14.

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## NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK MAY 9-15



Photo by Linda Br

Mark Hill, NP, is the newest addition to the staff of Northern Rockies Medical Center.

## NRMC, community 'a good fit' for Hill

By LINDA BRUCH  
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"I think it was more like Cut Bank found me," said Mark Hill, NP.

Hill is the newest provider at Northern Rockies Medical Center, having started March 12. He will be working mostly in the Emergency Room, filling in occasionally at the Northern Rockies Rural Health Clinic as needed.

Hill comes to Cut Bank from Bay Springs, Miss., where he put his Nurse

Practitioner skills to work a family clinic-urgent center.

But after spending his life in the southern part of the country, he and his wife, Joc began talking about a move north, either to Alaska or Montana.

"We settled on Montana and I put in an application for this job. Not long after that got a call from Cherie Taylor and Niall Atkinson and spoke a few hours with them on the

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## National NURSINGHOME Week • May 9-15



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Glacier Care Center's Joan McKay, BScN, Director of Nursing; Kristie Head, RN, Asst. Director of Nursing, and Hattie LaPlante, CNA, show off their MHA awards.

## GCC staff earns top awards from MHA

By LINDA BRUCH  
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Glacier Care Center seems to always be on the receiving end of numerous awards and certifications. It could very well be because they do so many things right at that facility.

Now they can add one more thing to their "done right" list. Actually, they can add three to that list, thanks to three employees who just recently received awards from the Montana Healthcare Association.

"Montana Healthcare Association only gives out six honorary awards to employees in one year and this year Glacier Care Center received three of those six awards. That is pretty impressive said Joan McKay, BScN, RN, Director of Nursing at Glacier Care Center.

Joan, along with two other employees from Glacier Care Center, Kristie Head RN, who is the Assistant Director of Nursing and Hattie LaPlante, CNA, were

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# Recall . . . . .

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A handful of concerned citizens paced the halls of the Glacier County Courthouse waiting for results of the election. Five hours after the polls closed election officials had yet to count the first ballot. It took nearly a dozen "sequestered" election workers in the courtroom of the Glacier County Courthouse that long to open and certify the approximately 2,100 ballot ballots.

Once that was done, shortly after 1 a.m., Hall attempted to feed the tri-folded ballots into the relatively new ESS DS850 voting system scanner and tabulator. Since it kept jamming, election workers attempted to "smooth" out the bal-

lots. Hall finally resorted to feeding the ballots five at a time into the machine.

The recall petition against Boggs was approved on Sept. 9 and within 90 days over 1,400 people signed the petition in favor of recalling the first term treasurer.

Reasons cited for recalling Boggs included incompetence for violating her oath of office by failing to discharge her duties, official misconduct by negligently failing to perform mandatory duties, failing to submit cash reports, failing to submit district revenues and reports to the School Districts in Glacier County, and failing to respond to public record requests.