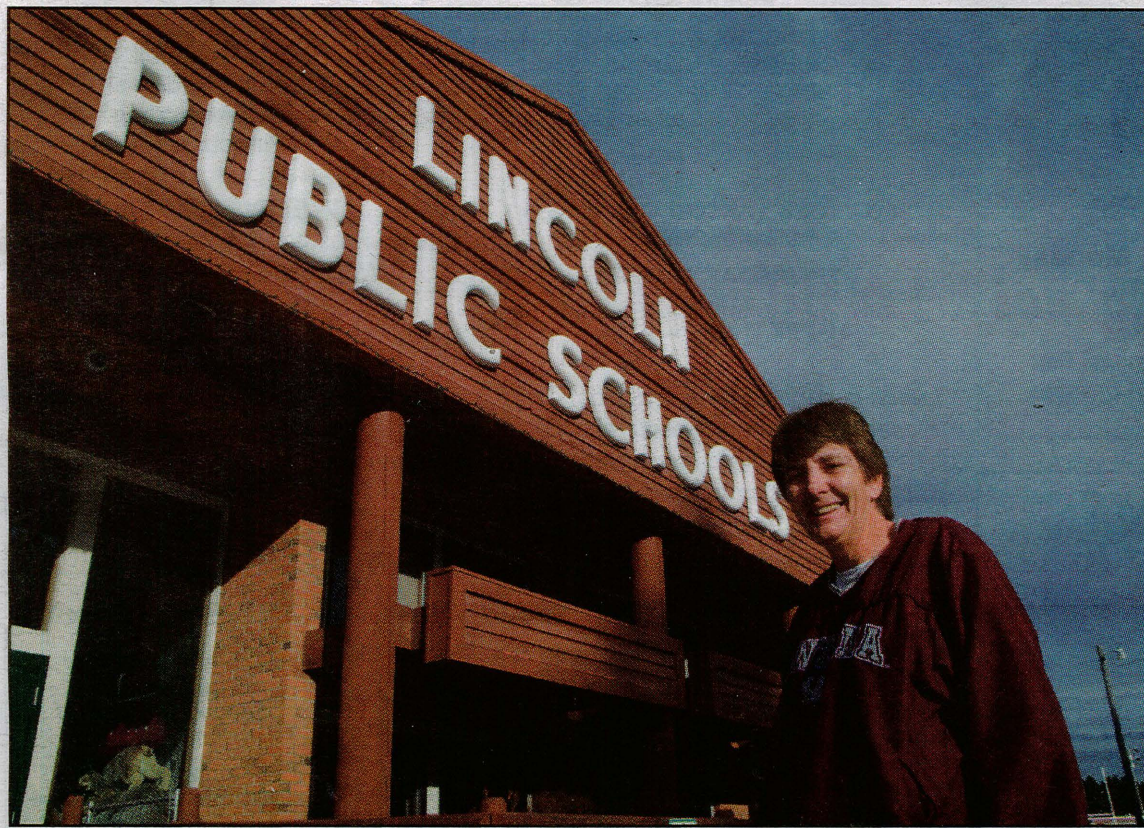
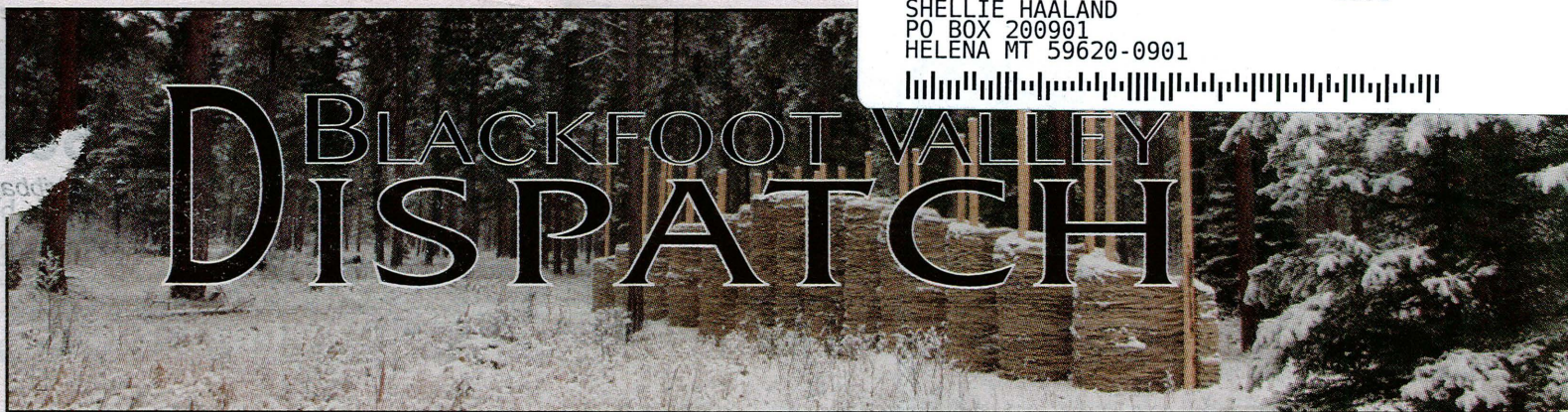


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Lincoln School Superintendent Kathy Heisler stands near the entrance to Lincoln School earlier this week

Heisler announces plan to retire after 32 years with Lincoln School

Story/photo by Roger Dey
 BVD Editor

In a letter to the Lincoln School Board of Trustees presented during last weeks School Board meeting, Superintendent Kathy Heisler announced her decision to close out her 32-year career at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

Heisler, who began working at Lincoln school in 1983 as a counselor and the kindergarten through 8th grade PE teacher, plans to retire June 30, 2015.

"I've been kind of thinking about it and it just seemed like a logical time," she said.

Heisler's career and life have both been tied to Lincoln School since she began working here. It was during her first year at the school that she met shop teacher Jim Heisler, and by the start of the following

school year they were married. (Jim retired in 2008, but came back to teach for the 2010-11 school year.)

By 1985 Heisler had moved into the schools administration as the school principal, a job she held for 20 years, and in 2005 she took over as the superintendent of Lincoln Public School District 38.

"This has been a great job, a great opportunity and I'm gonna really miss the kids and the staff," she said. "You get really attached to (the students) watching them go through the system, and I hope each and every one of them can go on to a job they love."

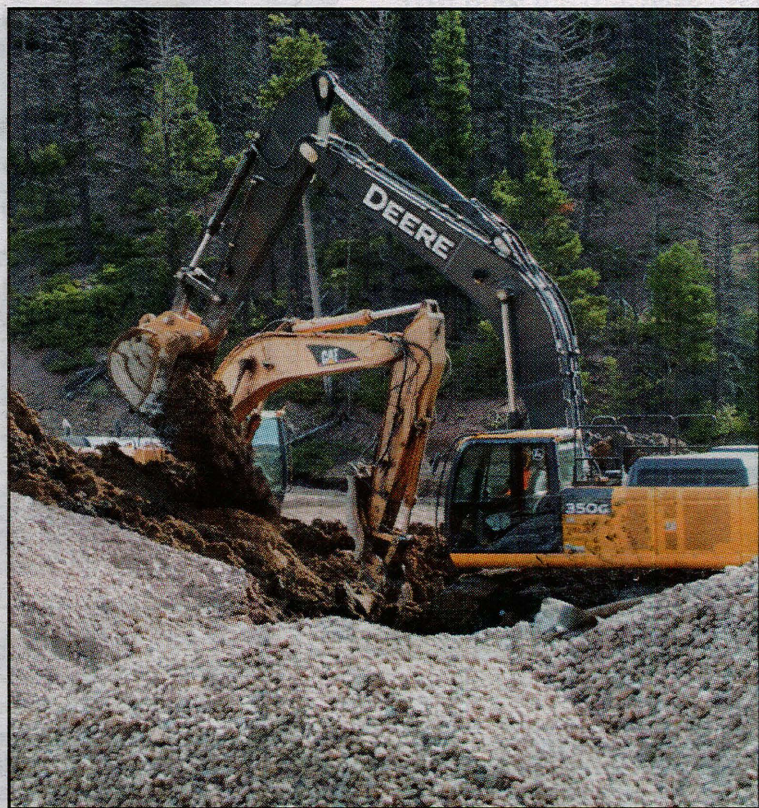
Heisler has managed to keep track of, in one way or another, many of the students who attended Lincoln School over the years. Looking out the door of her office toward the

wall bearing the photos of all the graduates from Lincoln High School, she said, "I can probably look at the wall out there, and look at the graduates and know where a lot of them are. A lot stop through in the summer and during the school year, (or) when they're home on military break. Its just fun to talk to the kids and see what they've done and where they're at. We've had kids who have done amazing things and I'm always just proud of them."

She's also seen quite a few changes at the school in three decades.

"When we first got here in '83, it was the second year of the high school. The upstairs wasn't finished, this addition wasn't here, so there've been a lot of building additions,"

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Two excavators pile contaminated mine waste to be loaded in haul trucks in this photo from August.

Meadow Creek Road re-opened as Mike Horse cleanup ends for season

Story/photo by Roger Dey
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The Montana Department of Environmental Quality announced that work at the upper Blackfoot Mining complex came to a close for the season Sunday, Nov. 9.

The gate on Meadow Creek road reopened for public use Nov. 14, but the access to the impoundment and the Mike Horse Mine area will remain closed out of concern for public safety.

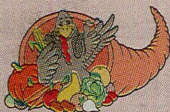
According to the update from Jeni Garcin-Flatow, the DEQ's Remediation Division public information officer, contractors removed their equipment from the site early last week and the DEQ and U.S. Forest Service reopened Meadow Creek road after an inspection of the site.

"The agencies want to thank the public, and especially our neighbors near the UBMC, for their patience during the first year of hauling. We will continue to work with our neighbors to reduce impacts to their lives, and to complete the entire cleanup as soon and as safely as possible," Garcin-Flatow said in the update.

Work in removing the contaminated mine tailings in the area is expected to resume in 2015 as soon as conditions allow. One of the previously stated goals of the cleanup is to have the remaining impoundment and dam removed from Beartrap Canyon and to have Beartrap Creek returned to it's original channel by the end of the 2015 construction season.

LOCAL EVENTS

Nov. 27
Thanksgiving Day



Nov. 28-29
Old West
Christmas Fest
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Dec. 4
Senior Citizens
Christmas Dinner
 Senior Center
 11:30 a.m.

Dec. 6
Lincoln Christmas
Tree Lighting
 Dusk
 Community Hall

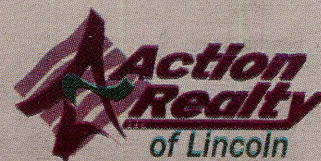
Dec. 6
Christmas Bazaar and
Nativity Display
 Lincoln Methodist
 Church
 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Lincoln's Annual
Christmas Bazaar
 Lincoln Community Hall
 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Dec. 6
Breakfast with Santa
 Lincoln Senior Center
 9 a.m.

Santa's Workshop
 Lincoln School
 10 a.m.

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