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CABOOSE FACELIFT

If you want to get some rain just start a painting project! Mark Breheim of **MB Painting** started the project on Friday the 13th by first power washing the caboose. Painting began on the following Monday along with the rain.

The caboose has been on site since 1999, the last time it was painted. Due to exposure, the caboose's bright sheen had become highly oxidized. The fresh paint coincides with the planned opening of the **Bonner Learning Park** in 2014.

Sundial project completed

4th grade teacher Lars Hoff completed his project to construct a sundial at the learning park earlier this summer. Mr. Hoff first presented his proposal at the January 2013 BDG Director's meeting. The board recognized the project as fitting into the theme of the **Bonner Learning Park**. This project was supported, in part, by donations from the **BDG Membership**. The project fulfills part of Mr. Hoff's Masters Thesis in Art and Education. Later this Fall the Montana Conservation Corp will construct a secondary trail that will access the sundial.



Sundial under construction

BONNER LEARNING PARK

In the January issue of the **Two Rivers News** the BDG reported on the importance of the developing Bonner Learning Park. As an extension of the Bonner Elementary School's campus the Learning Park will provide significant opportunities that will enrich student education. Many of the teachers have been engaged with a variety of service learning activities at the park that include reclamation of the site. This Fall Bonner teachers have toured the park and been presented with the Mission of the park and while presenting their ideas for incorporation into the classroom. Bonner teachers and students have had exclusive access to the park prior to an official opening to the public next year.

A tour of the park can be arranged by calling the BDG office @ **258-6081**.



**HELLGATE
SERVICE
LEARNING
PROJECT**

Hellgate High School students working under the supervision of Frank Gruden constructed a kiosk design provided by the BDG for inclusion at the **Bonner Learning Park**. The project was completed prior to release for summer break. BDG Director Bob Starr worked to install the kiosk on site. The kiosk will be used to post information pertinent to the developing Learning Park Thanks to Bob for his volunteer service.



Several weeks ago the **Missoula Electric Co-op** erected two nesting platforms at the Learning Park that were constructed by **Price Construction**. Once occupied the nests should arouse interest and curiosity for visiting classes at the park. Many thanks to the Co-op and Kevin Price for their volunteer service to the park!



Project Underway
BDG is asking for your support to help purchase a spotting scope for the Bonner Learning Park. The scope will be mounted on a cement base already on site. The scope will be a fantastic addition to the park allowing visitors the ability to view nesting platforms and wildlife activity along the river bottom. The cost of the scope is **\$2,700**. The project has the support of the Bonner School and the Two Rivers Bank. Check out the website below for further information

<http://brasstelescopes.com/allweather.html>

Your tax-deductible donation for the spotting scope can be made payable to BDG @
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Thank you for your support!

