



Bishop Insurance
302 First Street West
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Refer a Friend and Win

Bishop Insurance Service "Spread the Word" Referral Program

Your referrals mean the world to us. We work hard to earn each referral with great service every day. As our way of saying thank you for this business, we're kicking off our new "Spread the Word" program.

Here's our way to say thanks for all the referrals you've trusted us with over the years:

Refer someone to Bishop Insurance and get something back! For every referral, you get a **\$10 Theater Card!** What qualifies as a referral? A referral is when we get a call for a quote from someone saying you referred them to us.

There's more! You will also be entered into our monthly and annual drawings for prizes.

- Each month we draw for a **\$100 Gas Card** from everyone who referred someone to us that month.
- Each month we'll announce the monthly winner in our hard copy or e-mailed newsletter. If we don't currently have an e-mail address for you give us a call or send your e-mail to Polson – bishopinsurance@centurytel.net or Ronan – bishop@ronan.net

We also have an annual drawing. Each referral you've given through the year equals one entry for our drawing in **July, 2012** for a chance to win a **\$1,000 Grocery Certificate!**

That's it. Give it a try!



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Bishop Insurance Service's First Newsletter!

What's Happening in August?

August 4th-7th
Pioneer Days (Ronan)

August 5th & 6th Cruisin'
by the Bay (Polson)

August 11th-28th
"The Cemetery Club"
by the Port Polson
Players (Polson)

August 13th
Soroptomist Wine
Festival (Polson)

August 20th
Brewfest and Smokin'
on the Water (Polson)

August 27th
Rotary Chili Cook-off
(Polson)

**WIN \$1,000 IN
GROCERIES**
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In October 1958, Bill Bishop and his wife Marcy opened Bishop Insurance Service on Highway 93 in Polson, Montana (the current location of Lakeview Chiropractic Office). The office was in the front and the family resided in the back of the house. They began alone, working side by side, growing the business and managing its day to day operations. Eventually Marcy pursued her lifelong dream of working with wildlife and left the agency.



L-R Robin Bishop Nelson, Pete Bishop and Debbie Vassar

Over the years all five of the Bishop children were employed in the agency in one manner or another. Their daughter Robin Bishop Nelson joined the agency in 1983 and son Pete Bishop joined the agency in 1994. Bill's love of the insurance industry and the desire to help others protect their families and businesses kept him at the agency until he passed away in 1997.

In 1981, Bishop Insurance purchased another insurance agency in Ronan and expanded its reach to the entire Mission Valley. In 1985, the Polson location moved to their current location in the Riverview Center building at 302 First Street W, above Riverside Park; and in 2001, the Ronan location moved to their current location at 104 Main Street SW.

In January 1999, Robin, Pete and Debbie Vassar, who joined the agency in 1988, purchased the agencies and continue to run the offices today. There are a total of nine employees between the two offices. We are an Independent Insurance Agency and a Trusted Choice member; this means that we have access to multiple companies and a commitment to quality that enables us to provide you, our customer with competitive pricing, a broad choice of products and unparalleled advocacy.

Thank you for your continued support,

Robin, Pete & Debbie



Ronan Pioneer Days – August 4th – August 7th

Kick'n It! is the theme of the 2011 Ronan Pioneer Days. Things start happening on the evening of Thursday August 4th with the Ronan Fire Dept hosting "Beer, Burgers & Brats" followed by a concert featuring "Out on Bail". Friday kicks off with the Kid's Fishing Derby at the Ronan City Park beginning at 8am. Bulls & Broncs Rodeo begins at 7:30pm followed by a street dance and music by "Cold Hard Cash". Saturday is full of activity starting at 7am with the always mouth-watering VFW Breakfast and the 3-on-3 "JAM"boree at 8am at Ronan High School's outside baskets. The Mission Mountain Classic Run starts at 8am from Community Bank. Head out to the Ronan Airport for an open house and free airplane rides for kids 8-17 starting at 9am. The Kiddie Parade is on Main Street at 10am and then come on out for the Kiddie Slicker Rodeo starting at noon; you can watch the kid's sheep riding, calf ribbon race, kid's sheep dressing and the chicken and pig scramble; the kid scramble is hilarious. The Trailblazer Award will also be presented. Saturday evening ends with more rodeo action, the wild cow race, and another street dance with "Out on Bail". Things wind down on Sunday with a volleyball tournament in the City Park from 9am – 3pm, the "Big Parade" at 12:30, and the open rodeo with a wild buffalo ride at 3:00. Where else can you have so much fun so close to home! Robin and husband Mark have been involved with Ronan Pioneer Days for 25 years, currently arranging the food and weekend workers in the concession stand that feeds several thousand people watching the rodeo for three days. Nothing like working in close quarters with friends while putting out excellent food like Super Nachos, cheeseburgers, and cheesy pretzels and watching great rodeo action. Pete and his wife Kara have been part of the cooking crew for three years as well, slaving over the hot grill come rain or shine. Come and see us – we'd love to share the fun with you!!

A Few Tips for the College-Bound

College is expensive enough without the added cost of unexpected accidents or theft, not covered by your insurance policy. If you have a student heading away to school, below are a few tips to help you get the most out of your coverage.

HOMEOWNERS

- **Personal Property:** Most homeowners policies will cover personal property for up to 10% of your total policy while your child is residing at school (a \$100,000 policy equals \$10,000 in coverage). Not all types of damage are covered, so read your policy carefully. Some items such as jewelry or expensive electronics require special coverage. Renters insurance is strongly recommended.
- **Liability Coverage:** General damage to a dorm room or apartment is not usually covered.
- **Documentation:** Creating an inventory of the items your child is taking to school is a good idea. Use photographs and keep receipts.



Employee Spotlight – Jennifer Davis



Jennifer Davis

In December, 2011, Jennifer will celebrate her 13th anniversary with Bishop Insurance. Since she started in 1998 Jennifer has done just about everything there is to do in the office. She was hired as the receptionist and quickly showed us how valuable she is. Growing up in Ronan (she's the daughter of Bud and Mona Lynch), she knew everyone that came into the office. In 2000 she began helping to service the commercial and farm accounts. In 2002 she earned her insurance license and went on to become the lead commercial and farm account customer service representative and currently works as the personal lines (auto, home, boat, etc) customer service representative. In 2007 Jennifer received the Independent Insurance Agents of Montana's CSR of the Year award for her commitment to provide the best service possible to her customers and her many volunteer commitments in the Ronan community. She served on the 4H Council, is a 4H Leader, has coordinated the annual 4H Christmas

Bazaar and Highway Cleanup on Round Butte Road and is very active in the local bowling association. As this newsletter reaches you she will have just finished the Lake County Junior Fair which was held July 25th – 30th. Jennifer lives in Ronan with her husband Blade, daughter Kayla and son Jackson. Thank you Jennifer for all your hard work!

AUTO

- **Car Stays Home:** Keep your child listed on your auto policy if they will still drive your car while at home on school breaks.
- **Car at School:** Make sure to notify us if your child will be taking a car away to school. In most cases, if the car is registered to you and listed on your policy, it will be covered.
- **Driving a Friend's Car:** Students are generally covered if they are listed on their parent's policy and are not regularly using the vehicle. The coverage would be secondary. The insurance for the friend's vehicle would be the primary coverage.
- **Discounts:** A full-time student meeting certain academic requirements can qualify for a good student discount. Distant student discounts may also be available. Drivers under 21 who have completed driver's education may also get a discount.

Before your child leaves for school, call us – Lynn in the Polson office at (406) 883-5372 or e-mail lynnreeves@centurytel.net or Jennifer in the Ronan office at (406) 676-5300 or e-mail jenniferd@ronan.net we can walk you through the steps to ensure you have the right coverage. We're here to help!