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## “What did Carolyn do this year for her birthday?”

Carolyn Glidewell is bookkeeper as well as one of the agency owners of Glidewell Insurance. She has become somewhat famous for planning her own birthday parties.

Each party is a carefully guarded secret until the actual event, and is always a unique surprise, such as the year she rented a gymnastic studio and the family took gymnastic lessons. We interrupted Carolyn from planning next year's party to ask her a few questions.



**Q: What was your most fun party?**

A: It would be hard to have more fun than we did last year when I procured Lolo Hot Springs for our own private swimming party.



**Q: Why do you plan your own party?**

A: I use my birthday as an opportunity to give my children and grandchildren the gift of an experience. Under the guise of fun, they are becoming more well-rounded individuals.



**Q: Are your family members always good sports about your “surprises?”**

A: Yes. Making a memory isn't just about having fun. It's about sharing special moments. Starting the day with coffee for everyone, getting on a bus, and waiting to see what the day will hold all equate to making a memory. Truthfully, I've been told by more than one child and grandchild that my birthday parties are one of their favorite days of the year. I am glad this tradition has developed and I believe **our family has become stronger through the shared experiences.**



## Never Give Up!

In 2007, GIIG Insured, Sharla Sweet, misplaced her ring. She kept hoping it would show up, but days turned into months and months into years

Recently she decided to re-organize her closet. When she opened a bag in which she stored pillow covers, she felt a small object...you guessed it...her missing wedding ring!

Sharla confesses it wasn't scheduled on her home insurance policy. Had it been, she would have had coverage for the listed amount of value with no deductible.

### *Today's tip...*

Schedule your wedding ring! If it's too late and it is already missing...check your pillow cases!



## If it happens again...is your car covered?

The summer hail storms that hit Gallatin Valley have estimated damage costs of \$60 Million!



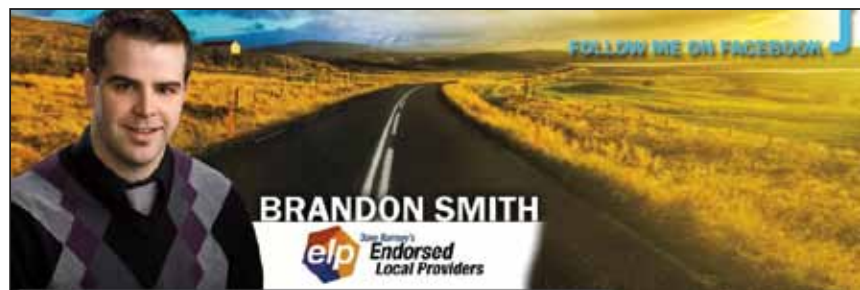
Hopefully repairs are complete and everyone can move on...but...as claims were being addressed we often heard the same **question:** *Will my homeowner's policy cover my vehicle for hail damage?*

**Answer:** Unfortunately, no. And remember, this also applies not only to cars (and motor homes) but to trailers, ATV's and boats. If you own any of these, please call us today to review what is covered BEFORE a loss occurs!

***If your auto insurance isn't through GIIG – visit Brandon's new website!***

**<http://www.montanaendorsedlocalprovider.com/>**

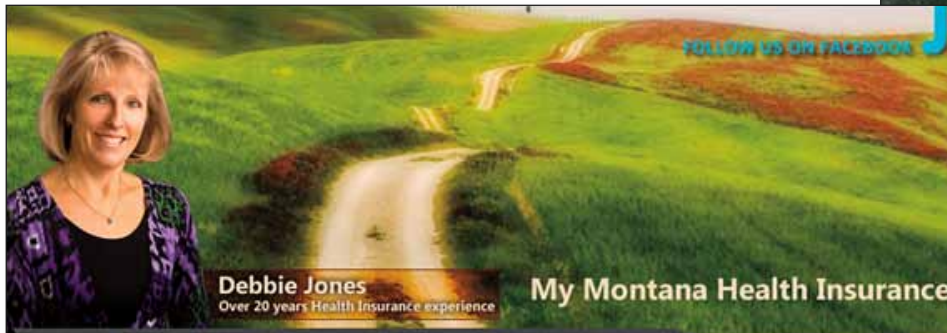
Let your friends know about it and if they get a quote, \$5 will be donated in your name to City Life Center for Youth of Missoula!



## A few notes of interest:



- Facebook – Every Wednesday is “Customer Focus Day” – check to see if you’ve recently made the news! Become a fan at [www.facebook.com/giig1](http://www.facebook.com/giig1)
- We’re receiving more ‘hits’ to our new web-site [www.mymontanahealthinsurance.com](http://www.mymontanahealthinsurance.com) every day. Check it out and learn more on all aspects of your health – from health care to health insurance!



- Have you recently reviewed your policies?– We encourage reviews a minimum of once every three years. Call Carolyn Glidewell at 258-0024. Our goal is to find both savings and potential gaps so you know what is and isn’t covered BEFORE an accident occurs!
- And speaking of reviews...a recent article in the Wall Street Journal advised that with the potential changes in the tax law in 2011, NOW is the time to review any investments you have in taxable accounts. Schedule an appointment with one of our Financial Planners – Dave Glidewell or Mark Glidewell



## Insured Wins Motorcycle!

It really does happen!

GIIG insured, Troy Peissig, hit a hole-in-one in a charity golf event and won...a motorcycle!

And of course your first thought is, “hmmm...does insurance cover a hole-in-one?”

Actually, it can! If you or your organization ever wants to sponsor a hole, ‘hole-in-one’ insurance is available!

Congratulations to Troy! (and...um Troy...we do sell motorcycle insurance.)



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### And a final wish from the crew at GIIG:



Thank you for being a loyal customer to GIIG. Often at insurance seminars we hear all sorts of horror stories from other agents about the customers they deal with...and honestly...we are never able to relate. You make our jobs easy and pleasant and for that we are grateful!

If you enjoyed this newsletter, will you pass it along to a friend? And remember, if they allow us to quote their insurance, \$5 will be donated to City Life of Missoula on your behalf!