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### Sworn Statement of Circulation

(To be filed with the County Clerk and Recorder  
in the county of publication prior to July 1 of each year)

To: Clerk and Recorder:

Yellowstone County

In accordance with the provisions of MCA 7-1-2121 and MCA 7-5-2411, the following information needs to be filed with the County Clerk and Recorder in the county of publication prior to July 1 of each year in order to be considered as a publication which is qualified to publish legal advertising wherever local governments, other than a municipality, are required by law to give notice by publication; and to be eligible to contract with the County Commissions for all advertising required by law.

Name of Publication: Yellowstone County News

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 130

City: Hunthe State: MT Zip: 59037 Tel: 406-348-2650

Publisher's Name: Jonathan & TANA McNiven

Date Publication Established: 1976

Is the Publication of General Circulation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Has the Publication been published continuously at least once a week for the prior 12 months in the county? Yes

Number of Days per Week Publication is published: 1

Is the Publication required to publish a United States Postal Service Periodical Statement of Ownership, Management and Circulation?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", please include a copy of the Statement of Ownership for the prior year.

**CIRCULATION INFORMATION:** For the 12 months prior to July 1 of the filing year.

	Within County	Outside of County
Average Net Circulation Paid:		
By Mail or Carrier	<u>1,617</u>	<u>41</u>
By Rack or Newsstand	<u>421</u>	<u>0</u>
Average Net Circulation Free:	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
By Mail or Carrier	<u>362</u>	<u>42</u>
By Rack or Newsstand	<u>68</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Average Net Circulation Per Issue:*	<u>2,468</u>	<u>83</u>

\* All figures are to be net, subtracting circulation not actually delivered.

*Total online subscriptions = 293 Courtesy subscriptions = 42*

I certify that all information furnished on this form is true and complete. I understand that anyone who furnishes false or misleading information on this form, or who omits material or information requested on the form may be subject to criminal and/or civil sanctions as provided by law.

Jonathan D. McElh Date 6/30/25  
Signature and Title of Editor, Publisher, Business Manager, or Owner



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Statement of Ownership, Management, and Circulation  
(All Periodicals Publications Except Requester Publications)

1. Publication Title <u>Yellowstone County News</u>	2. Publication Number <u>454-450</u>	3. Filing Date <u>9/30/24</u>
4. Issue Frequency <u>Weekly</u>	5. Number of Issues Published Annually <u>52</u>	6. Annual Subscription Price <u>\$49.00</u>
7. Complete Mailing Address of Known Office of Publication (Not printer) (Street, city, county, state, and ZIP+4®) <u>P.O. Box 130 Huntley, MT 59037</u>		Contact Person <u>Jonathan McNiven</u> Telephone (Include area code) <u>406-672-5941</u>
8. Complete Mailing Address of Headquarters or General Business Office of Publisher (Not printer) <u>SAME</u>		

9. Full Names and Complete Mailing Addresses of Publisher, Editor, and Managing Editor (Do not leave blank)  
Publisher (Name and complete mailing address)

Jonathan & TANA McNiven P.O. Box 130 Huntley  
Editor (Name and complete mailing address) MT 59037

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Managing Editor (Name and complete mailing address)

SAME  
10. Owner (Do not leave blank. If the publication is owned by a corporation, give the name and address of the corporation immediately followed by the names and addresses of all stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of the total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, give the names and addresses of the individual owners. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, give its name and address as well as those of each individual owner. If the publication is published by a nonprofit organization, give its name and address.)

Full Name	Complete Mailing Address
<u>Jonathan D. McNiven</u>	<u>P.O. Box 130 Huntley, MT 59037</u>
<u>TANA L. McNiven</u>	<u>P.O. Box 130 Huntley, MT 59037</u>

11. Known Bondholders, Mortgagees, and Other Security Holders Owning or Holding 1 Percent or More of Total Amount of Bonds, Mortgages, or Other Securities. If none, check box ☒ None

Full Name	Complete Mailing Address

12. Tax Status (For completion by nonprofit organizations authorized to mail at nonprofit rates) (Check one)  
The purpose, function, and nonprofit status of this organization and the exempt status for federal income tax purposes:  
☐ Has Not Changed During Preceding 12 Months  
☐ Has Changed During Preceding 12 Months (Publisher must submit explanation of change with this statement)

13. Publication Title <i>Yellowstone County News</i>		14. Issue Date for Circulation Data Below <i>9/30/24</i>	
15. Extent and Nature of Circulation <i>General circulation</i>		Average No. Copies Each Issue During Preceding 12 Months	No. Copies of Single Issue Published Nearest to Filing Date
a. Total Number of Copies (Net press run)		<i>3,000</i>	<i>3,000</i>
b. Paid Circulation (By Mail and Outside the Mail)	(1) Mailed Outside-County Paid Subscriptions Stated on PS Form 3541 (Include paid distribution above nominal rate, advertiser's proof copies, and exchange copies)	<i>51</i>	<i>48</i>
	(2) Mailed In-County Paid Subscriptions Stated on PS Form 3541 (Include paid distribution above nominal rate, advertiser's proof copies, and exchange copies)	<i>822</i>	<i>817</i>
	(3) Paid Distribution Outside the Mails Including Sales Through Dealers and Carriers, Street Vendors, Counter Sales, and Other Paid Distribution Outside USPS®	<i>1,209</i>	<i>1,203</i>
	(4) Paid Distribution by Other Classes of Mail Through the USPS (e.g., First-Class Mail®)	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
c. Total Paid Distribution [Sum of 15b (1), (2), (3), and (4)] ▶		<i>2,082</i>	<i>2,068</i>
d. Free or Nominal Rate Distribution (By Mail and Outside the Mail)	(1) Free or Nominal Rate Outside-County Copies included on PS Form 3541	<i>45</i>	<i>58</i>
	(2) Free or Nominal Rate In-County Copies Included on PS Form 3541	<i>129</i>	<i>108</i>
	(3) Free or Nominal Rate Copies Mailed at Other Classes Through the USPS (e.g., First-Class Mail)	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
	(4) Free or Nominal Rate Distribution Outside the Mail (Carriers or other means)	<i>352</i>	<i>358</i>
e. Total Free or Nominal Rate Distribution (Sum of 15d (1), (2), (3) and (4))		<i>526</i>	<i>524</i>
f. Total Distribution (Sum of 15c and 15e) ▶		<i>2,608</i>	<i>2,592</i>
g. Copies not Distributed (See Instructions to Publishers #4 (page #3)) ▶		<i>392</i>	<i>408</i>
h. Total (Sum of 15f and g)		<i>3,000</i>	<i>3,000</i>
i. Percent Paid (15c divided by 15f times 100) ▶		<i>80%</i>	<i>80%</i>

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**16. Electronic Copy Circulation**

	Average No. Copies Each Issue During Preceding 12 Months	No. Copies of Single Issue Published Nearest to Filing Date
a. Paid Electronic Copies	228	252
b. Total Paid Print Copies (Line 15c) + Paid Electronic Copies (Line 16a)	2310	2320
c. Total Print Distribution (Line 15f) + Paid Electronic Copies (Line 16a)	2836	2844
d. Percent Paid (Both Print & Electronic Copies) (16b divided by 16c × 100)	81%	82%

☒ I certify that 50% of all my distributed copies (electronic and print) are paid above a nominal price.

**17. Publication of Statement of Ownership**

☒ If the publication is a general publication, publication of this statement is required. Will be printed  
in the 10/4/24 issue of this publication.

☐ Publication not required.

**18. Signature and Title of Editor, Publisher, Business Manager, or Owner**

Date

*Jonathan S. McN...*

9/30/24

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