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## UMW Alumna Brigid Reedy Announces Release of "Seeds," Her Debut Book of Original Poetry and Art



University of Montana  
Western alumna Brigid Reedy, an interdisciplinary artist whose work bridges poetry, music, horsemanship, and visual art, has announced the release of "Seeds," her first book of original poetry and artwork. The publication marks the beginning of Reedy's Montana book tour and is the first written work she has formally published.

Reedy graduated from the University of Montana Western in spring 2025 with two bachelor's degrees, one in English Literature and the other in Natural Horsemanship with an option in instruction. A lifelong performer who began connecting with audiences through music at the age of two, Reedy credits her upbringing, homeschool background, and focus on liberal arts education with shaping an artistic practice that resists boundaries and celebrates interconnected ways of knowing.

"Montana Western was first a place where all of my worlds—music, poetry, horsemanship, philosophy, and art—were able to coexist and encouraged to inform one another," Reedy said. "There were no hard lines between the arena and the classroom. Everything felt connected and deeply rooted in lived experience."

"Seeds" is a broad and eclectic collection of 56 original poems, blending works developed through the oral tradition with newly written pieces that cross multiple forms, styles, and genres.

In addition to her poetry, Reedy also designed the book's title graphic and created the original pen-and-ink drawings throughout the volume. Inspired by 19th-century seed catalogs and engraved plate illustrations, the floral images draw heavily from traditional leather tooling styles. For the past several years, Reedy has been working closely with master saddle maker George Holt, whom she considers one of the best in the field.

A longtime participant in the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada, Reedy has attended the event for more than 20 years and has been a featured performer for many of them. She has also served as a teller-in-residence at the International Storytelling Center and performed at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee. Her performance career includes appearances at Carnegie Hall and the Grand Ole Opry, and she was featured on the album "Roll On Cowboys," produced by Andy Hedges.

Much of the work in "Seeds" was shaped during Reedy's time at Montana Western, where faculty supported the integration of personal creative work into academic

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“The English Department was incredibly supportive of my creative and professional work,” Reedy said. “Nothing was done just for a grade. Every project was something that mattered deeply to me and gave me real, applicable skills as an artist.”

Reedy credits faculty members for shaping her academic and artistic journey, including Dr. Bethany Blankenship, whose course initially drew her to Montana Western; Dr. Laura Wright, who helped her explore poetry; and Dr. Brian Elliott, whose courses fostered intellectual risk-taking and respect for diverse perspectives. Instructor of Equine Studies, Olie Else, invited Reedy into the Natural Horsemanship program in recognition of her cultural background and artistic perspective, where she was later nominated by faculty as the program’s Top Student in 2023.

Reedy performs as a duo with her brother Johnny Reedy, a current Montana Western student studying English Literature and an interdisciplinary degree with a unique focus he has titled “Culture and Sustainability of the American West,” that incorporates subjects including environmental sustainability, scientific writing, and music. The siblings will be featured in an upcoming episode of “11th & Grant” airing in March on PBS with host Eric Funk.

The official launch event for “Seeds” will take place Saturday, February 28, from 5–7 p.m. at Sweetwater Coffee in Dillon. The event will include a reading, artist’s talk, book signing, and a concurrent display of Reedy’s original artwork. Books will be available for purchase provided by The Bookstore. The public is invited, and light refreshments will be served.

This event marks the beginning of Reedy’s Montana book tour, with additional locations planned across the state, including a forthcoming stop at the C.M. Russell Museum this spring.

In addition to her artistic work, Reedy teaches workshops and lessons in Natural Horsemanship, Western dance, music, and leather tooling.

For more information about “Seeds,” upcoming tour dates, or workshops, visit [www.brigidreedy.com](http://www.brigidreedy.com) or follow @brigidreedy\_ official on Instagram.



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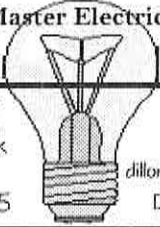
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 Cons. Round 1 - Aurelia LaChance (Columbia Falls) won by fall over Lily Malesich  
 Chloe Moore place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.  
 Champ. Round 1 - Kate Lewellen (Columbia Falls) won by fall over Chloe Moore  
 Cons. Round 1 - Margaret Weatherwax (Browning) won by fall over Chloe Moore  
 Baya Eddie place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.  
 Champ. Round 1 - Raigan Bauman (Corvallis) won by tech fall over Baya Eddie  
 Cons. Round 1 - Baya Eddie received a bye  
 Cons. Round 2 - Araya Wellman (Browning) won in overtime over Baya Eddie  
 Beau Reynolds placed 4th and scored 14.0 team points.  
 Quarterfinal - Beau Reynolds won by fall over Korah Yerian  
 Semifinal - Kaiah Dumont (Polson) won by fall over Beau Reynolds  
 Cons. Semi - Beau Reynolds won by fall over Lillie Matson  
 3rd Place Match - Laila Neiss (Ronan) 24-13 won by fall over Beau Reynolds  
 Bridget Lovaas placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.  
 Champ. Round 1 - Bridget Lovaas won by decision over Nevaeh Hammons  
 Quarterfinal - Bridget Lovaas won by fall over Dynalea Tomblin  
 Semifinal - Bridget Lovaas won by fall over Alayah Stevens  
 1st Place Match - Bridget Lovaas won by decision over Cadence McClaran  
 Bailey Blake placed 1st and scored 25.5 team points.  
 Quarterfinal - Bailey Blake won by fall over Brook Mendoza  
 Semifinal - Bailey Blake won by fall over Ella Timlick  
 1st Place Match - Bailey Blake won by tech fall over Venessa Wheeler  
 Salem Parker place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.  
 Champ. Round 1 - Salem Parker received a bye  
 Quarterfinal - Marley Olsen (Hamilton ) 3-1 won by fall over Salem Parker  
 Cons. Round 2 - Kinsley Birdrattler (Browning) 1-3 won by fall over Salem Parker  
 Adilynn Pilon placed 3rd and scored 17.0 team points.  
 Quarterfinal - Aubree Guardipee (Browning) 17-11 won by fall over Adilynn Pilon  
 Cons. Round 1 - Adilynn Pilon won by fall over Peyton Boggs  
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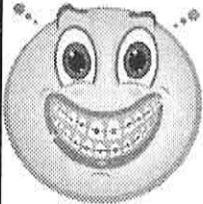
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**Levi Winters**, Defensive Back 5-11, 170, Florence, Mont., Florence HS Winters is a defensive back who led his team to two state championships and four conference championships. He earned first team all-state accolades his senior year as well as three first team all-conference nods. He is the son of Jeremy and Kelley Winters and will major in business.

**William Wittgow-Busch**, Offensive Line 6-2, 270, Olympia, Wash., Olympia HS Wittgow-Busch is an offensive lineman from Olympia, Wash. He was named an SPSL 4A honorable mention. He is the son of Cavan Busch and Elizabeth Wittgow-Styles and plans to major in business.

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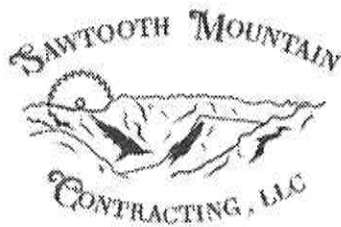
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Floaters may also call the Smith River reservation and information line at 406-454-5861 beginning Monday, March 2, to request any remaining launch dates or cancelled permits. The call line will be open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to noon.

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- Camp Baker is a day-use only site, with no overnight camping allowed, except for the period of Sept. 1 through Nov. 30. For more information about Smith River State Park visit: [fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/smith-river](http://fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/smith-river).

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*Friday, Feb. 20* vs Providence – 5 p.m. MT

*Saturday, Feb. 21* vs MSU-Northern – 5 p.m. MT

**Men's Basketball**

The Montana Western men's basketball program (travels to Providence and MSU-Northern for the final two games of the 2025-26 regular season.

*Friday, Feb. 20* @ Providence – 7 p.m. CT

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**11 Bulldog Track and Field Athletes Earn  
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The Frontier Conference announced its Track and Field Academic All-Conference selections presented by Billings Clinic/ Logan Health.

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Braden Kopp – Missoula, Mont. / JR

Ellie Stutsman – Columbia Falls, Mont. / SO

Kylee Wyatt – Omak, Wash. / SO

**Men's Indoor Track and Field**

Layne Cooney – Missoula, Mont. / R-SR

Wade Dahood – Anaconda, Mont. / SO

Brody Henry – Havre, Mont. / JR

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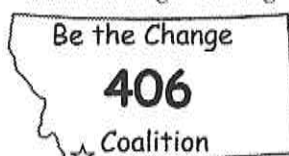


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9:00 A.M.	Pledge of Allegiance Update on County Projects <i>Public Comment</i> Commissioners Report <i>Public Comment</i>
9:30 A.M.	Discussion & Action- Resolution 2026-10 Sheriff's Grant <i>Public Comment</i>
9:45 A.M.	Discussion & Action- Appointment to Fair Board <i>Public Comment</i>
10:00 A.M.	Discussion- MVD Change of Schedule for Dillon <i>Public Comment</i>
11:00 A.M.	Discussion- Study Commissioners Final Report <i>Public Comment</i>
12:00 P.M.	<i>Recess for lunch</i>
1:30 P.M.	Public Comments Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda <i>Public Comment</i> New Business / Other Topics of Discussion <i>Public Comment</i> Payment of Invoices <i>Public Comment</i> Action on Previous Meeting Minutes <i>Public Comment</i>
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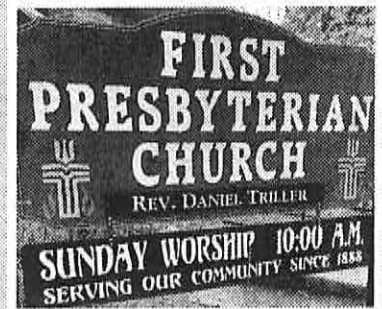
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School District #10 anticipates having the following full-time, certified position open for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

- 1.0 FTE Elementary School Counselor – Must have current, unexpired Montana Educator License with an endorsement in Counseling.

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### External Application Procedure

- 1) Letter of interest
- 2) Completed District Application/Resume
- 3) 3 current Letters of Recommendation
- 4) Copy of Certification and Transcripts

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*All School District #10 classified staff members, who are appropriately certified and interested in applying for any of the above, must complete the entire application packet. Current employment with the district does not guarantee an interview.*

External Application Deadline – Open Until Filled

Contact Mrs. Natalie English, District Secretary, at [nenglish@dillonelem.k12.mt.us](mailto:nenglish@dillonelem.k12.mt.us) or at (406) 683-4311, option #3 for application materials.

**All application materials must be returned to Mrs. Natalie English at the District Office before the aforementioned deadline! Incomplete applications will not be considered!**

Dillon Elementary School District #10  
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