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This exciting event offers prospective students a comprehensive introduction to UMW's campus life and academic programs. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the campus, explore Montana Western's innovative Experience One (X1) block scheduling system, and meet with faculty, staff, and community members. Additionally, participants will learn about UMW's diverse range of courses and academic programs. As a special bonus, all attending students will be automatically entered into a drawing to win a \$500 scholarship.

Schedule of Events:

10:00 – 10:30 AM, Keltz Arena | Welcome & Introduction to Experience One (X1) Learn about UMW's innovative block schedule that allows students to focus on one course at a time.

10:30 – 11:30 AM | Campus Tour Explore the Montana Western campus, including classrooms, labs, and student spaces.

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Inside the Experience: Campus Life and Academics Attend a fair to hear about a variety of opportunities at UMW!

12:30 – 1:30 PM | Lunch in the Dining Hall

1:30 – 2:15 PM | Experience One Forum Join a Q&A session with current students, faculty, staff, and community members.

2:15 – 2:45 PM | Admissions & Financial Aid Process/ Wrap-Up
Learn more about Admissions and Financial Aid.

2:45 – 3:15 PM | Enrollment Checklist Completion
Get things checked off your "to-do" list!

3:15 | Residence Hall Tour: Mathews and JDC Complex
Take a tour of the Montana Western residence halls and learn more about life on campus.

Individuals that are unable to attend the spring Experience Montana Western event can schedule a campus tour for the opportunity to meet with an Admissions Representative and request to meet with professors or student support staff. To schedule a tour of UMW, please complete this online form: <https://apply.umwestern.edu/portal/campus-visits>.

For more information about Experience Montana Western 2026, please contact UMW Admissions Representative, Sarah Detlaff: sarah.detlaff@umwestern.edu or 406-683-7451

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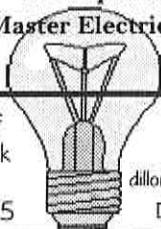
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The Montana Western track and field programs competed in day 1 of the Frontier Conference Indoor Championships Saturday. Five Bulldogs were in action on the opening day.

Stanley Stremick finished 16th in the men's long jump with a mark of 6.11m (20-00.50).

Olivia Heiner (19:21.31) and Justene Santi (21:09.79) placed 11th and 13th, respectively, in the women's 5000m.

Wade Dahood (8.78) and Tyler Raine (8.79) went seventh and eighth in the men's 60H prelims, with both qualifying for Sunday's finals.

Raine also finished 15th in the men's 400m, clocking a 52.53.

Men's Track and Field Places Ninth, Women Finish 10th

The Montana Western men's track and field program took ninth and the women placed 10th at the Frontier Conference Indoor Championships Sunday.

On the track, Tyler Raine placed fifth in the men's 60H finals with an 8.73. Wade Dahood clocked an 8.87 to finish seventh.

Brody Henry earned a season-best 1:58.58 to place ninth in the men's 800m.

Tristan Von Barga ran a 1:30.63 in the men's 600m, finishing 13th.

In the women's 3000m, Olivia Heiner posted an 11:05.48 personal best to place 16th while Justene Santi finished 18th with a personal record 11:44.07.

Raine, Dahood, Von Barga, and Henry clocked a 3:39.30 in the men's 4x400m, taking ninth.

In Sunday's field events, Stanley Stremick finished 10th in the men's triple jump with a 12.61m (41-04.50) leap.

In the women's shot put, Kendalyn Streck placed 12th with an 11.25m (36-11.00) while Cassie Green took 15th with a best mark of 10.73m (35-02.50).

In the men's shot put, Layne Cooney earned 13th with a 13.57m (44-06.25).

Additionally, Raine and Heiner received the FC Champion of Character awards for Western.

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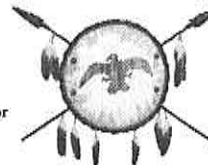
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Joshua Lyons Status Hearing	Criminal Mischief Criminal Trespass Threat in an Official Matter	Plea None Bond None Posted Trial Pending
James White Status Hearing	DUI Drug Possession Obstruction	Plea None Bond Posted Status Hearing Rescheduled
Mark Roach Initial Appearance	Assault DUI Obstruction Resisting Arrest Driving Violations	Plea Not Guilty Bond None Posted Trial Pending
Christopher Cox Initial Appearance	Negligent Homicide	Plea Not Guilty Bond None Posted Trial Pending
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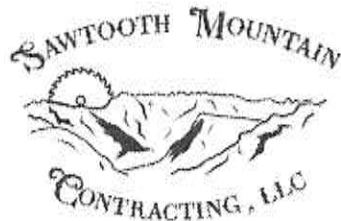
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1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of Minutes from February 12th
3. Review of Variance Requests
3. Discussion of Petersen Appeal of FEN25-005
4. Public Comment on Items of Significant Public Interest Not on the Agenda and Within the Jurisdiction of the Board of Adjustments.

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Prime Rib for \$50.00 per plate is on the menu and a No Host Bar is available. All dinner tickets need to be purchased in advance by March 1st.

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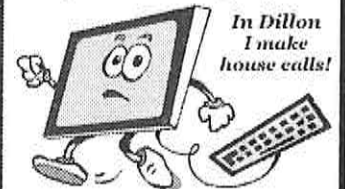
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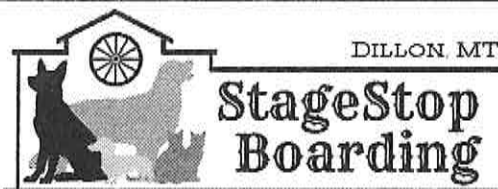
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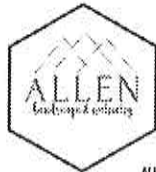
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Letter to the Editor

Labels Won't Fix Our Democracy — Informed Voters Will

Recently, Rep. Shannon Maness argued in favor of placing partisan labels on judicial races — and potentially on school board, mayoral, and other traditionally nonpartisan local offices. His reasoning is that labels would help voters quickly identify which candidates share their belief system.

I strongly disagree.

Judges are not legislators. Their role is not to advance a party platform, but to interpret and apply the law fairly and impartially. The moment we reduce judicial candidates to party labels, we erode public trust in the very independence our courts are designed to protect.

Montana's nonpartisan judicial ballots exist for a reason. The courtroom should not be an extension of party politics. It should be a place where the law stands above party loyalty.

The same principle applies to school boards and local offices. These positions are closest to our communities. They require thoughtful leadership, practical problem-solving, and collaboration — not partisan branding.

If voters want to know what a candidate believes, that information is available. Candidates hold forums. They publish statements. They answer questions. They attend community events. It is not too much to ask citizens to take the time to listen, read, and evaluate.

In fact, it is time we expect more of ourselves as voters.

When we rely solely on party labels, we stop thinking critically. We vote down the ticket out of habit. We miss opportunities to discover that a candidate from a different party might better reflect our values, priorities, or vision for our community. Democracy requires participation, not shortcuts.

Adding labels to every office does not empower voters — it simplifies complex decisions into tribal ones. It encourages division over discernment. And it risks turning every corner of public service into a partisan battleground.

Montanans are independent by nature. We pride ourselves on evaluating people for who they are, not what letter sits next to their name. We value integrity, accountability, and common sense over party allegiance.

If we want stronger communities and stronger institutions, the answer is not more labels. It is more engagement. More research. More conversation. More personal responsibility.

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To pressure recipients into providing their personal information and/or money, the scammers are sending urgent text messages with fake payment deadlines and, in some cases, threatening increased fees and suspension of vehicle registration. To stay vigilant, be on the lookout for texts that originate from a phone number outside the United States and claim to be from the Montana MVD.

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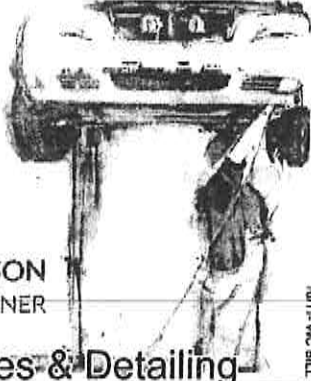
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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA) and the Administrative Rules of Montana 17.30.1001 et seq., Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS). The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website <https://deq.mt.gov/public/index>

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Elevation NewCo, LLC
FACILITY NAME: Barretts Minerals Inc., Mill Site
FACILITY LOCATION: Section 17, Township 08 South, Range 09 West, Beaverhead County
Latitude: 45.13641°, Longitude: -112.73431°

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001 - Class I Gound Water
PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000094

The Department proposes to renew the Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit, MTX000094, to Barretts Minerals Inc. Mill Site for the operation and maintenance of the existing wastewater treatment and disposal system. This permitting action authorizes discharge of treated wastewater to ground water. The scope of this permitting action is for the operation, and maintenance of the proposed wastewater treatment and disposal system.

The facility generates a small volume of low-strength industrial wastewater from normal boiler operations and laboratory activities. All wastewater is collected within the boiler building, measured, and routed to an on-site boiler pond. Water used in the boiler system is obtained from an on-site well and treated to remove minerals before use. Boiler blowdown and small amounts of laboratory wastewater are either reused on site or directed to the boiler pond, where the water is allowed to settle and gradually infiltrate to ground water.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited and **must be received by 11:59 p.m. on MARCH 19, 2026**. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. **All comments received or postmarked by 11:59 p.m. on MARCH 19, 2026**, will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit.

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During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1024).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-5546 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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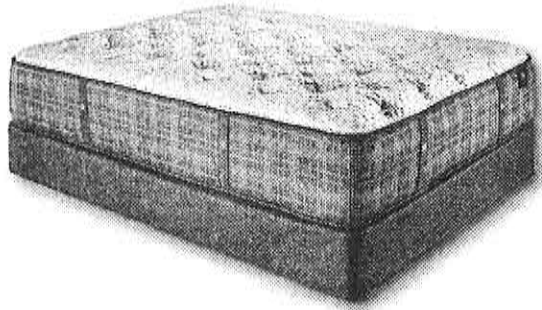


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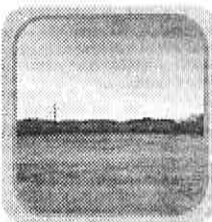
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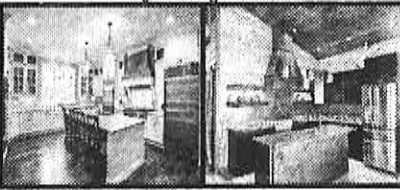
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2/23-27

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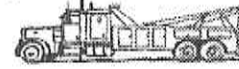
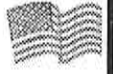
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