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Friday, November 11th, 1932 - Saturday, March 5th, 2022

Mom was born Frances Marion Ryan on November 11, 1932 in Laurin, Montana, the second of four children born to James Patrick and Marion Kathryn Ryan. She grew up in Dillon, Montana, attending Beaverhead County High School.

Mom was an avid student and an expert typist, typing close to 100 wpm in school. During high school Mom worked at the nurse's office typing and filing and might have become a nurse, but instead married and applied her energy and skills to being a homemaker and this made her very happy.

Mom's future husband Benjamin R. Davis attended the same high school. Dad asked for a first date by driving up on a curb and onto the grass to get her attention, and the rest is history. Mom and Dad were married in September of 1951 in the little Episcopal church in Dillon that Mom served as altar girl in her teens and where, with her gorgeous voice, she sang in the church choir. Mom and Dad just happened to share the same birthday. And to this union were born five children: Karen, Mikel, Kathryn, Kristin and Kelsa (Kelly). Mom and Dad loved watching Bishop Sheen on TV on Sunday mornings. Dad passed away in November of 1958, leaving Mom a young widow. Shortly after, Mom moved here to Missoula for a new start and she never left. She later married Gary Gallagher. They were eventually divorced and she never remarried.

In the day, Mom loved to entertain and was known to be a fabulous cook. She dearly loved her home up the Rattlesnake, which she helped design and proudly decorated with an artistic eye. She lived in that home for fifty five years and saw her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren enjoy many wonderful times there. Mom spent a lot of time ironing for her family and every piece of clothing and bedsheets had to be "just so." When her eyes were stronger she enjoyed doing needlepoint and made some beautiful pieces. She was also a talented watercolorist. One of her best paintings is of the bronze grizzly bear on the campus of the University of Montana.

Mom died peacefully at home, on March 5, 2022. She was preceded in death by Dad; son Mikel; beloved granddaughter Xondra; brother Pat; and sister Shirley.

She is survived by her sister Nora (Dave); her daughters Karen, Kathryn (Mike), Kristin, Kelly and Karrie; her grandchildren, Anna, Hunter, Lisa (Al) and Libby (Jay); her great-grandchildren Eloura, Arabell and Benjamin (Dad's namesake); and many special nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mom's honor may be made to the American Lung Association. A private family visitation has occurred, with a celebration of life being planned for the spring.

Sweet girl, rest easy. You will be in our hearts and missed forever.

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Thank god she answered her phone & I told Irene, she didn't know it yet, but she's is dead as far as the people of Dillon are concerned ;) Irene & I got a great laugh about it & she went on to explain that there were 3 Irene Millers in town & was wondering when this day would come & if she'd be alive to laugh about it.

I'm not trying to take anything away from the other Irene Miller that was on the cover of the Dillonite the other day God rest her soul but thought it was a story worth sharing with people to get a smile. Irene did mention that if you wanted to throw a wake for her she would love to attend. She actually offered the location for this shin-dig (Dotty's Casino) & supply all the snacks & beer and use your donations for the wake so it's not outta pocket.

If you have had the pleasure in meeting this wonderful woman you can see her smiling & getting a laugh about this. It's the little things that make us smile these days & I'll tell ya my face is sore from laughing & smiling!!

God bless both Irene's!! I lost my father last week & I certainly almost dropped dead myself after receiving my first call about this woman who is like a mother to me. There's another special woman & special friend Letha Kivinen who had foot surgery the other day. Letha's healing well with her daughters here to help her get by for a week or so. I don't know if I could have handled losing 2 people in the same week that I love so much!

So here's to you Irene Miller & I hope it's going to be another 20 years before you hit the front page of the Dillonite.

Love you always, BBT



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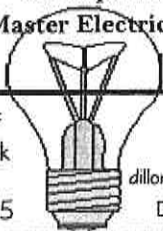
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Bryce Angell

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I took exception to the politician's choice of words.

And wondered did he have a clue? He sounded so absurd.

The man that he was funning might not be the world's charmer.

But I'd appreciate a different tone when saying, "Just a Farmer."

'Cuz Just a Farmer raised me up since I was mere a boy.

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Just a Farmer, where I'm from, grows food to feed us all.

At night he'll be home on his knees, asking for rainfall.

When you're frying eggs and bacon after climbing out of bed.

Remember Just a Farmer helps to keep your children fed.

It doesn't matter what you're eating, any time of day.

The food that's on your plate is how the farmer gets his pay.

He prays his harvest pays the bills, a hefty year's price tag.

If he makes some extra cash, he'll accept it without brag.

Just a Farmer won't sleep in. He's up before first ray.

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You'll see him baling hay at night. He burns the midnight oil.

Just a Farmer is the sole caretaker of his soil.

He's learned to grow his crops. Been educated through the years.

He takes the good years and the bad with smiles and
sometimes tears.Just a Farmer, dairyman, keeps moo juice on the flow,
so you can have a glass of milk to dip your Oreo.

Let's not forget ice cream. To go without, it sure would bite.

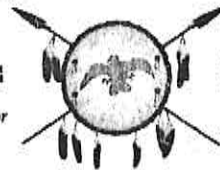
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The Just a Farmer that I know is quiet and reserved.

He'll always pass to someone else the credit he deserved.

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The boat ramp areas at these sites are closed due to unstable ice and unpredictable river conditions. However, the upper walk-in and parking areas at these sites remain open.

Visitors are encouraged to use caution when visiting these and other sites because river and ice conditions can change suddenly and without warning. Floating on frozen or flooded rivers can be extremely dangerous and is discouraged due to unpredictable and rapidly changing conditions.

A previous closure remains in place at Valley Garden and Ennis fishing access sites due to ice and flooding.

All sites will be reopened as soon as they are safe again for visitors.

DILLON ELKS LODGE STAG NIGHT

The Elks Stag Night is March 16th. It will be hosted by The Dillon Volunteer Fire Department and they will serve corn beef & cabbage, small red potatoes, with all the trimmings. Cocktails at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm. Come in and celebrate this Irish tradition.

CALLING ALL SENIORS

Lunch at the Senior Center, 126 S. Montana St. on Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. March 16th Corned Beef, Cabbage, bread & dessert. March 23rd Baked Chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, vegie and dessert. \$5 for over 55 years and \$6 for under 55.

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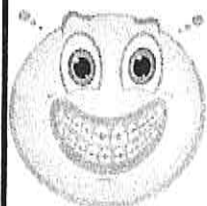
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Drawing results for March 12

15, 18, 20, 27, 34

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Drawing results for March 11

24, 28, 39, 44, 66 - 25 x 3

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Drawing results for March 12

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The community is invited to attend the events below free of charge:

Friday, March 18

Fine Arts Gallery Reception: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Gallery Talk: 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 19

Artist's Lecture - Beier Auditorium: 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

Hot Glass Demonstration - Emerick Studio: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

The art of Preston Singletary has become synonymous with the relationship between European glass blowing traditions and Northwest Native art. His artworks feature themes of transformation, animal spirits, and shamanism through elegant blown glass forms and mystical sand-carved Tlingit designs.

Singletary learned the art of glass blowing by working with artists in the Seattle area including Benjamin Moore and Dante Marioni. As a student and assistant, he initially focused on mastering the techniques of the European tradition. His work took him to Kosta Boda (Sweden) where he studied Scandinavian design and met his future wife. Throughout his 30+ years of glass blowing experience, he has also had opportunities to learn the secrets of the Venetian glass masters by working with Italian legends Lino Tagliapietra, Cecco Ongaro, and Pino Signoretto. In 2010, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Arts degree from the University of Puget Sound.

Now recognized internationally, Singletary's artworks are included in museum collections such as The British Museum (London, UK), The Museum of Fine Arts (Boston, MA), The Seattle Art Museum (Seattle WA), the Corning Museum of Glass (Corning, NY), the Mint Museum of Art and Design (Charlotte, NC), the Heard Museum (Phoenix, AZ), and the Smithsonian Institution (Washington, D.C.).

Singletary maintains an active schedule by teaching, lecturing, and exhibiting internationally. In 2009, the Museum of Glass in Tacoma, WA, launched a major mid-career survey of his work, entitled "Preston Singletary: Echoes, Fire, and Shadows." In 2018, he launched a new traveling exhibition with the Museum of Glass, titled "Raven and the Box of Daylight", which will push the boundaries of glass as a medium for storytelling.



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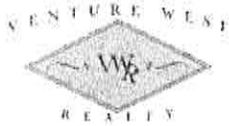
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City Council Chambers

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March 17, 2022
7:00 pm
City Council Chambers

Fox Run Special District Meeting
March 16, 2022
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3:00 PM

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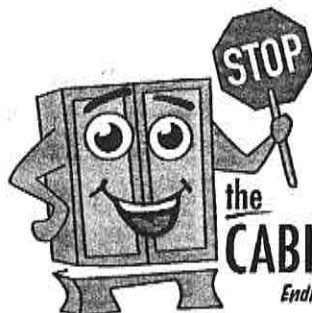
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Title: Dillon City Court, Clerk II

Close Date: Open until filled

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Benefits: Some benefits available - effective at hire date

The Clerk II manages the Court and serves as the first point of contact between the Court and the public. Clerk II duties include, but are not limited to:

1. greeting the public and assessing the purpose for the visit to the Court;
2. facilitating the adjudication of misdemeanor criminal, parking ticket, and civil cases;
3. expertly entering data into the court management software system;
4. preparing, processing, and filing court documents and correspondence;
5. preparing reports, deposits, and checks payable;
6. updating the Court's calendar and internet meetings;
7. accurately recording payments;
8. maintaining detailed account records and case files;
9. attending court sessions to prepare minutes, act as bailiff, administer oaths; and
10. maintaining the active jury pool and summoning juries.

A qualified candidate for the Dillon City Court, Clerk II position will have general knowledge of basic legal procedure and terminology; pay exceptional attention to details; have the ability to quickly learn new software programs and proficiently operate office equipment; have experience taking minutes and producing legible, precise documents; possess a commitment to working in a small, fast-paced office; be a motivated, self-starter who is able to complete daily tasks with minimal supervision; and pass a criminal background check. The ideal candidate for the position will have one or more years' experience in a legal/court office, business administration, project management, and/or executive director experience.

Starting wage is up to \$15.00 per hour/pay D.O.E. with a TBD per hour increase in pay after successful completion of twelve-month probationary period or promotion. At least once a year, the Clerk II must attend an out of town, two-day training seminar. Preference will be given to applicants that have been honorably discharged from a military branch of the United States Government. A DD214 is required for the preference. *The City of Dillon is an equal opportunity employer.*

To apply, please submit a complete City of Dillon application, resume, and three work-related references. A job description and the City of Dillon application are available online www.dillonmt.org. The position is open until filled.

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2/21-3/21 BILL

Clarification on Coroner and Mortician

by Julie Briggs

Coroner – An elected official

Determines cause and manner of death

Education

Basic and Advanced Coroner Training through the Montana Law Enforcement Academy
Continuing Education

Responsibilities

Respond to scenes of accidents, crimes, and unattended deaths. Investigate to determine the cause of death indicating on the certificate this determination (such as gunshot wound, blunt force trauma, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, hypothermia, etc). Document the manner of death such as natural causes, homicide, suicide, or accidental

Required for performing duties

A morgue, vehicles, gurney's, equipment to document scenes, equipment to process scene and collect the body of the deceased, basic knowledge of the causes and manner of death, a laboratory to do toxicology reports, collection of evidence. Document for record keeping and storage of records.

Time Requirements

24 hours a day, 365 days out of the year

Mortician – A chosen profession

Cares for the deceased and the families of the deceased

Education

A degree in mortuary science
A national board examination
An internship
A state board examination
Continuing Education

Responsibilities

Transport a deceased individual to the funeral home and prepare them for final disposition. Determine the necessary procedure to be either burial, cremation or sending out of state. Prepare and filing of proper documents for the final disposition of the remains. Prepare and make all arrangements for services, embalming and/or cremating. Educate families regarding all funeral service options and requirements including, documents such as social security, insurance, and etc. Arrange for newspaper notices, burials, cremations, etc.

Required for performing duties

A mortuary, vehicles, gurney's, equipment to document and keep records, a laboratory to embalm, a crematory to do cremations, a chapel to hold services

Time Requirements

Dependent on staff

Recent media reports have caused concern for many in our community, and I want to thank those that took the time to contact me for accurate information. The confusion is regarding the resignation that I submitted for the additional responsibilities that I previously held as the county coroner. The duties of each position have been attached so the community can better understand. My desire is to help the county undertake a smooth transition to the much needed "county" financial responsibility within that elected position of coroner. A vote will be held on the next ballot regarding this vacated coroner position. Historically the community entrusts the position of county coroner to the local mortician. As you can see (by the attached description of duties) a mortician does have the proper education to perform a complete investigation. Before my resignation date took effect, the board appointed our county Sheriff as a temporary coroner.

Brundage Funeral Home is my private business. It was purchased to provide services to grieving families who have lost loved ones. My ownership of the building and the business property have allowed me to 'gift' the community. As owner and operator of Brundage Funeral Home it was an honor and privilege for me to have made a conscious choice to utilize my private property and my equipment to handle those additional coroner responsibilities. For many years it was possible for me to provide both services and give more than expected on behalf of that elected county coroner position. The facilities and equipment, anything that is used for providing the funeral services for our community, is not owned by the county. It is also not owned by the coroner of Beaverhead County. You can see that this was an important gift that I gave to the community as the county has never budgeted for the need to provide what was necessary for this very important position.

The county coroner conducts serious investigations for any issue that result in loss of life. During the 2020 pandemic, discussions were held with the board of commissioners regarding the many problems that had developed. There became a need for me to use additional private equipment and time. Next, there was an additional loss of life "post vaccination". As the need continued to grow for data collection, I indicated that a committee would need to be developed to coordinate and gain a better understanding of the new phenomenon. They could collect information for a possible determination of what incidence would have led to that new statistical loss in our community. These issues demand an excessive amount of time for data collection and then coroner investigation. Those new procedures would have supported that serious challenge of the investigative work of the county coroner. My additional increased time dedicated to the duties of coroner continued for 2021. Under the circumstances, continuing to perform the duties of what is established as a "part time position" would no longer be possible. These clearly defined roles and explanation of property will eventually allow our community and the county board to move forward in beginning to provide what is in the best interest of the community. That will allow me to focus on the dignity of the deceased through continued services for families at Brundage Funeral Home.

I am very pleased to announce that Bryan Coble has been here working with me for the last month and a half. He is a licensed mortician in the state of Montana, and he has worked in Montana for many years. Many of you might remember that he came to help me when Ron died. I was so confident in his capabilities that I recently took advantage of his expertise by enjoying a much-needed vacation to see my family. Stop by and say hello to welcome him into the community. He will become a familiar face in no time and has already taken care of many families in the community. I believe that he has the same values and commitment to Beaverhead County that I do and feel as though he will be good at providing the services at the funeral home and crematory. He will continue to be a great asset to Beaverhead County for many years to come.