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Cowdrey Rodeo Endowment Receives $25,000 Gift to Support UMW Scholarships

The University of Montana Western Foundation is pleased to announce that the Cowdrey Rodeo Endowment has received a $25,000 gift to support Montana Western Scholarships.

Marvin R. "Buz" Cowdrey was born and raised in Whitehall, Montana. He attended grade school in Cardwell, Montana, and high school in Whitehall. He was a standout athlete, lettering four years in track and basketball. Buz graduated in 1958 from Whitehall High School and continued his education at Western Montana College, now known as the University of Montana Western, where he received a teaching degree.

In 1959, Buz married Judy Huckaba and in 1962, they moved to Bozeman where he started his teaching career as a history teacher at Bozeman Junior High. In 1971, after nine years of teaching, he retired to begin a full-time career in real estate and construction. Buz and Judy owned and operated many real estate projects in Montana and Arizona.

Buz was active in the Bozeman community and was very committed to supporting the Bozeman Hawks, Montana State University, and the University of Montana Western Rodeo Program. He was a successful bull rider in his younger days, winning many events throughout his rodeo career. Buz served as a board member and treasurer of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association for several years and was honored as the Outstanding Alumnus of the NIRA in 2014.

Cowdrey's love for rodeo and his continued involvement in the sport at the collegiate level inspired his family to gift annually to the Montana Western Rodeo Program through the Cowdrey Rodeo Endowment. Recently, Judy Cowdrey committed a $25,000 gift in support of the rodeo endowment in memory of Buz. Buz passed away on March 24, 2022.

UMW Rodeo Coach, JT Robbins, has chosen to award a $1,000 scholarship this spring from the rodeo endowment to Luke Murphy, a junior majoring in Business Administration at Montana Western.

The UMW Foundation is grateful for the continued support of the Cowdrey family.

To learn more about the UMW Foundation, please contact Executive Director Roxanne Engellant: 406-683-7305 or roxanne.engellant@umwestern.edu.

Department of Justice to test AMBER Alert system January 13

The Montana Department of Justice will issue the following test of the Montana AMBER Alert system statewide on January 13 which is National AMBER Alert Day.

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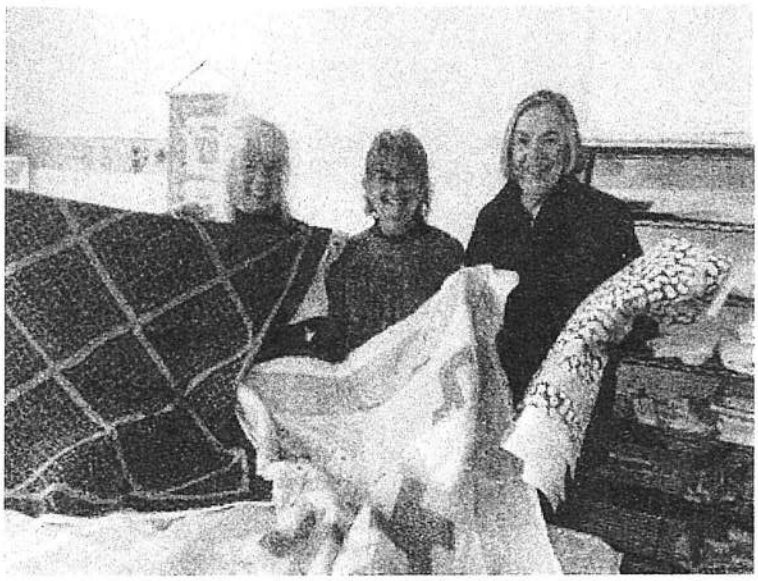

Pictured with some of the quilters Aleta Lavender, Sharon Stede and Janey Eudaily. Not pictured are Marilyn Bachelor, Lil Hegstad, Joyce Andersen, Sharon Champine, Arlis Vannett and Kerstin Lorenzen.

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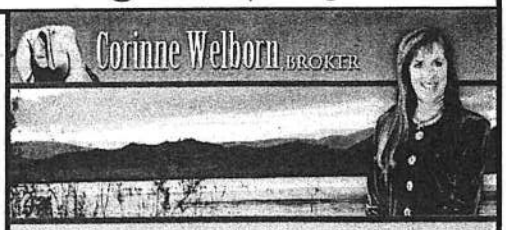

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1/13 – 1/14 Fri – Sat	FFA @ GOLD Conference	Helena
1/14 Sat	Boys Basketball @ Hamilton	1:00/2:30/4:00
1/14 Sat	Girls Basketball @ Hamilton	
	*sub-varsity at Hamilton Middle School	1:00/2:30/5:30

The Dream Bowl

Three Montana Western football players were invited to participate in The Dream Bowl all-star game for Sunday, January 22 at 11AM MST in Little Elm, Texas. The Dream Bowl is a College Football All-Star Showcase of the best FCS, D-II, D-III, and NAIA players from across the country.

Jon Jund, a 6'1 senior quarterback from Spring Creek, Nev., will be participating in the game. He was named First Team All-Conference Offense and was named Offensive Player of the Year for the second year in a row after this last season's performance. He was also named AFCA All-American Honorable Mention.

Noah Danielson, a 6'4 offensive lineman from Vaughn, Mont., joins Jund in the game. He was named AFCA First-Team All-American after this season's performance. He was also honored with First Team All-Conference recognition after his offense totaled 425 yards of offense per game and led the conference with 4675 total offensive yards.

Trey Mounts, a 5'9 wide receiver from Belgrade, Mont., rounds out the trio participating in the game. He earned Second Team All-Conference Offense this past season after he was second in the conference in receiving touchdowns (7).

"This is truly an honor for us to represent our school and team at this game. Just a chance to play one more collegiate game and compete. We are excited to show what Bulldog football has to offer and to just soak in the moments out there and play this game at a high level in front of professional scouts. I am thankful I get to experience this journey to continue playing with a few of my teammates and have one more week of football with them before our pro days in March. Thanks for all the support for us and please tune in to cheer on Team Crusaders!" Bulldog Trey Mounts commented on the experience.

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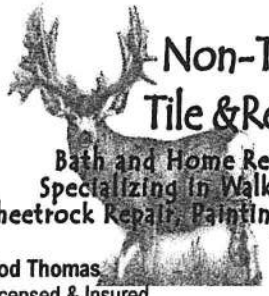
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Roadside Geology of Southwest Montana
Thursday , January 12 ▪ 6:00pm

Join us at the Patagonia Outlet in Dillon, Montana for the presentation of Roadside Geology of Southwest Montana. At this free event, Dr. Rob Thomas will focus on the geologic history of southwest Montana. The free booklet, "Geologic History of Dillon, Montana Area" will be available to all who are attending, and signed copies of Roadside Geology of Montana, 2nd Edition will be available for purchase.

We will also have snacks and beverages for your enjoyment!

Beaverhead Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture:

Thursday, Jan. 12 @ 12:15pm – Beaverhead Chamber Board Meeting at 4B's Restaurant

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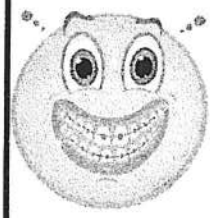

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RUNDOWN OF LAST CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Jeremy Crawford, Southwestern Montana News

On Wednesday, January 4, Dillon City Council kicked off the new year with their first 2023 meeting. However, numerous problems from prior years continued to plague the council, the biggest of which being ongoing problems with the Idaho Street water project.

Business owner Ron Carroll presented his report on the negative impact the construction had on his and other Idaho Street businesses, particularly those located on Idaho Street between Center and Bannack Street. That portion of Idaho Street was barricaded with road closure signs for an excess of 22 weeks. He reiterated that these businesses rely heavily on tourists, especially during the summer season when construction was at its peak. The impact it had on the businesses was devastating, resulting in severe financial loss.

Carroll requested three things from the city council:

1. Some financial compensation for the lost revenue, due to improper handling and oversight of the project's impact on the local economy, and asked for some sort of a resolution proposal by January 15th.

2. Forming a community-based business advisory committee, composed of small, medium, and large businesses of our community, who would meet at least monthly with the mayor and city council. This would allow the businesses to have a stronger voice with problems going forward.

3. And lastly, the creation of an independent review committee to determine what happened with this project and why those challenges occurred. By analyzing this data, the hope would be to avoid issues with future projects.

After his presentation, the meeting then moved on with the acceptance of Officer Dairy's resignation. Council Person O'Rourke questioned if the officers had to sign a 5-year agreement to stay with the Dillon Police Department since the city pays for their training. Chief Alvarez stated he signed a three-year contract when he started, but he could not find a similar contract for Officer Dairy. The cost to send a rookie officer to training is around $27,000, he continued, noting that most officers quit the city and either go to work at the Sheriff's Office or another department with higher wages. O'Rourke suggested the police department investigate hiring an outside HR firm to investigate why they are losing officers.

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During the approval of meeting minutes, the discussion came up regarding what ever happened to the approval and purchase of laptops for the city council members. In lieu of laptops, it was suggested the substitution of iPhone or tablets for the members to use, which would be bought and paid for by the city. Many members stated they did not want an iPhone, and some even preferred handling documents the old fashion way on paper. No conclusive answer was reached on that topic.

The next agenda item circled back to the opening topic of the city water project. Kevin Johnson from Dowl Engineering presented the council with some final change orders and updated bills. The first bill was for "traffic control", to the tune of $11,000.

Council person George Johnson proposed that the bill be cut in half, due to the lack of traffic control provided. The council asked Dowl's Johnson to address this, to which he spewed off his reasoning to the excessive charge. He stated it was a non-negotiable bid document, which wouldn't allow for any price reduction. He stated they would have to go and place a claim against the retaining bond with the company. Council person Johnson reiterated his confusion for paying for traffic control when Mungus did not deliver proper traffic safety and only provided barricades.

The confusion stemmed around the point that you cannot cut a line item in half, and you would need to take any grievances away from the contractor through the Bond negotiation. Kevin Johnson kept echoing that the city needed to stay within the confines of the contract, even though many at the meeting voiced similar concerns with Mungus repeatedly violating their contract.

Many tried to explain that this contract is based on the fact that if you hire someone to build a 3-car garage and they build it, you pay them for the finished product. But what they seemed to be glossing over was if they built you a three-car garage that was crooked, leaked, and had many flaws you would not square up on payment until the garage was completed to what was agreed upon. Kevin Johnson advised the city to pay for the work in good faith that Mungus will come back and finish the checklist, as well as guarantee the work in the coming years. If there is a grievance with the work, then the city needs

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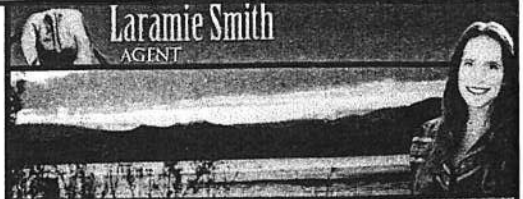

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to present it to the final Bond payment and take it out from there.

Moving on in the change orders, Mungus also asked for the city to forgive eight of the days they went over the allotted time. It was pointed out that Kip himself admitted his construction crew screwed off for one week early in the season, to which council members began questioning Kevin Johnson more in depth over the contract worked and by extension granted to Mungus early on. At this point, Dowl's Johnson's mood changed from explanative to a defensive stance, shifting the blame back to the city and what people observed as a street closed vs open.

At this point Ron Carroll posed the question, "It states in the contract that you have no authority over Mungus construction, and that Dowl Inc. is there to monitor the specs and make sure they stay within these specifications."

Kevin Johnson responded "That is very correct, we had authority over them to direct them how to comply. To comply with the contract specifications."

This question and answer highlighted that the city had fallen short, hiring Dowl to be the babysitter, when in reality the only job Dowl had was to was make sure Mungus met the requirements of the engineer. The somber realization was that too much trust had been placed in the wrong hands.

The next change order was in regard to the replacement of survey points that were destroyed by Mungus in the city streets. Again, excuses followed that it was someone else's fault and the city needed to pay for these expenses. When pressed, Johnson stated if they had known the survey points were there, it would have cost even more because it would have been a bid item. This mistake could have been avoided by a simple phone call.

Council person O'Rourke stated, "It sounds like the surveyors did a sloppy job and we are paying for it."

Kevin's response was "everyone has an opinion."

The total cost of the change orders co7-1 thru co7-3 came to a grand total of $115,647.64 after some negotiating, leaving the city to try and get any money back they can when it becomes time to release the final $40,000 bond. This step is slated to be complete in roughly 2 weeks from the date of this city council meeting.

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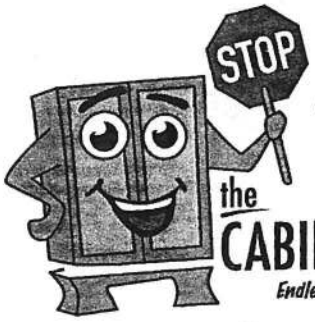

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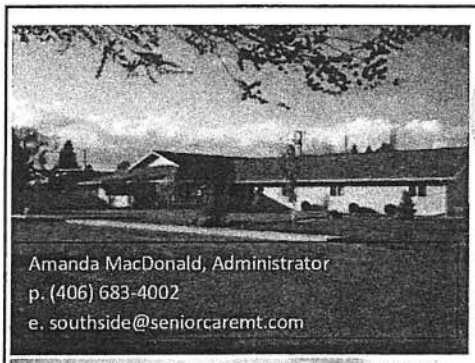

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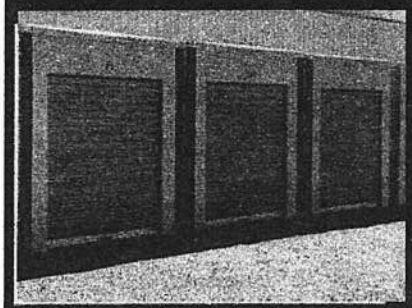

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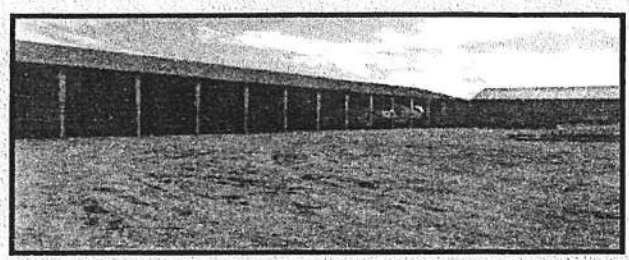

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Patient Account Representative-Registration

The Patient Financial Services Department at Barrett Hospital & HealthCare invites applications to fill a Patient Account Representative-Registration position to join our team of professionals. The Patient Account Representative is responsible for timely and accurate patient registration tasks and processes. The Patient Account Representative interviews patients for all pertinent account information, verifies insurance coverage, establishes need for pre-authorizations, financial counseling, and recovers co-insurance, deductible and/or self-pay payments, as necessary. The Patient Account Representative ensures the collection of appropriate signatures for treatment, medical records, and insurance processing. The Patient Account Representative displays courtesy and sensitivity in managing difficult or emotional customer situations.

Minimum Qualifications: High School Diploma, general education degree (GED) or equivalent; with one year of related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered **Qualified candidates will be required to complete a Patient Financial Services Departmental Workplace Questionnaire/Survey prior to being considered for a formal interview to assess basic customer service skills and industry related competencies

There is a full-time position that is eligible for the full benefit package as well as a PRN position that is not benefits eligible. This position is a full-time position and is eligible for the full benefit package.

HIM Coder Certified

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare invites applications to fill a Certified Medical Coder position to join our team of professionals. As a member of the Health Information Management team, the Certified Medical Coder performs highly technical and specialized functions for Barrett Hospital & HealthCare. The Certified Medical Coder reviews, analyzes and assigns appropriate diagnostic and/or procedural information to ensure compliance with established coding guidelines, third party reimbursement policies and regulatory guidelines. The Certified Medical Coder must have demonstrated experience in abstracting and can assure final diagnoses and procedural documentation as stated by providers are valid and complete. The Certified Medical Coder must possess advanced knowledge of medical terminology and coding conventions (ICD-10 CM, CPT-4, HCPCS) with established rules by the American Medical Association, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the assignment of diagnostic and procedural codes. Incumbents must have a passion for teamwork, customer service excellence and enjoy working with the public.

Minimum Qualifications: High school diploma, GED, or equivalent required. Two years' experience as a medical coding professional in a hospital or clinic setting. Active CCS, CCS-P, CPC or RHIA certification required through AHIMA or AAPC.

This position is a full-time position and is eligible for the full benefit package

Registered Nurse – Home Health & Hospice

***$5,000 Sign-On Bonus, Retention Bonus and Relocation Assistance Available ***

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare invites applications to fill a Registered Nurse (RN) position to join our Home Health & Hospice team. The RN provides direct care and supervision of patients receiving Home Health & Hospice Services. The RN ensures the quality and safe delivery of home care services, delegates and performs all aspects of patient care in an environment that optimizes patient safety, assists the Home Health & Hospice Manager in meeting Federal and State regulations and standards. Successful candidates will have a passion for customer service excellence, teamwork and enjoy working with the public.

Minimum Qualifications: Associates degree in Nursing required. BSN preferred. Current Montana Licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN) required. Two years directly related experience preferred, or combination of education and experience may be considered. Basic Life Support (BLS) required. Travel is required for this position and candidates must have a valid and unblemished drivers' license.

Patient Services Coordinator

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare invites applications to fill a Patient Services Coordinator position to join our Clinic team. The Patient Services Coordinator provides a full range of receptionist and clerical supportive services including greeting visitors, providing general information to patients either in person or on the telephone, maintains the switchboard, interviews patients for pertinent account information, verifies patient insurance coverage/eligibility, and enters new patient information into the electronic medical record. The Patient Services Coordinator protects the privacy of patients, physicians and employees in accordance with policy and regulatory requirements. The successful candidate will have a passion for customer service excellence, possess a high standard of communication skills, and enjoy working with the public.

Minimum Qualifications: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent required. A minimum of one to three years related healthcare experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience preferred. Candidates who are bilingual in English/Spanish are preferred.

This position is a full-time position and is eligible for the full benefit package