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Richard J. Rankin

Richard J. Rankin entered eternal peace on September 15, 2023, just ahead of his 91st birthday, passing peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones. Cremation has taken place. A memorial ceremony will be held at the Brundage Funeral Home on Veteran's Day, Dick and Donna's 61st wedding anniversary, November 11, at 11 AM.

Born in Mingo, Iowa on September 27, 1932, Dick moved to Montana with his parents Tom and Flossie Rankin, 9 siblings, and champion black Percheron stallion in 1936. Rankins settled on the Wigwam Ranch on the Madison River at Varney. The family built a log home and had a successful cattle and sheep ranching operation. Dick graduated as Salutatorian from Ennis High School in 1951 and joined the US Navy during the Korean Conflict. He returned 2 years later and enrolled in Billings Business College graduating with a degree in Business Accounting and was instrumental in starting the first Circle K at the college. He worked for a large CPA Firm in Billings and was later employed by a large CPA firm in Las Vegas NV until he returned to Ennis in 1962 to open his own accounting, insurance and real estate company.

He met his wife, Donna Balkovetz, on a blind date to the Virginia City Players. They were married on November 11, 1962, sharing almost 61 eventful years together. Some folks still remember the Chivaree friends held for them to celebrate their marriage. In addition to his business in Ennis, he worked in Madison County law enforcement and served as coroner and as Justice of the Peace in Virginia City. He was producer and manager of the Ennis Rodeo for several years. In the fall of 1969, the family moved to Dillon upon purchasing the Barrett Agency and continued to build a successful insurance and real estate business and family. Dick is survived by his wife Donna, and their three daughters - Peri (Andy) Suenram of Dillon, Richelle (Robert) Galiger of Three Forks, and Rita Principe of Billings. Dick and Donna have eight grandchildren and three great grand daughters.

He loved the outdoors and exploring with his family, bouncing around in his Willy's Jeep fishing and hunting. In the 70's he encouraged and helped his daughters in their endeavors, raising and showing Appaloosa Horses throughout Montana and neighboring states, becoming President of Montana Appaloosa Horse Club.

He was a devoted Master Mason holding many offices at the Dillon Lodge along with Fraternal Grand positions in Commandery and the York Rite Bodies. He was a member of the Order of Eastern Star holding offices in Virginia City Chapter and Mizpah Chapter in Dillon where he was Worthy Patron for several years and held Grand office in 2008.

Dick took great pride in his business, community service, and family. He and Donna enjoyed annual vacations to Las Vegas attending the NFR and touring. He cherished his time with his family and rarely missed an event. Perhaps his greatest source of pride, and his most notable accomplishment of all, was 90 years as a serviceman, husband, dad, and grandfather.



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Rifle & Pistol Range

The Dillon Rifle & Pistol Club Range will be closed on 9/22 from 1:00 - 4:00 and on 9/30 from 1:00 - 4:00 for a High School Rodeo competition.

City of Dillon Special & Regular Council Meeting September 20th, 2023

6:45 P.M.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 2023-2024 BUDGET
OF THE CITY OF DILLON**

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The full agenda for the council meetings is available at City Hall.

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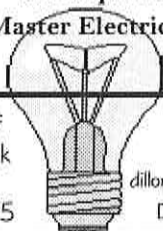
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Bryce Angell

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He said you've gotta change your stance if you wanna hit at all.
He pushed me closer to the plate, my left leg just ahead.

Then said, "Never rest your bat up on your shoulder by your head."
And then he said, "Be ready. Keep your good eye on the skin.

And soon you'll see the stitches that the ball has been sewn in.
"Swing level, eye still on the skin, then watch the ball take air.

With practice you can be the best ball-hitter anywhere."
I practiced every day and learned to swing with all my might in
hopes that I might hit another home run for the night.

I can't say I could hit the ball much better than the rest.

But every time I swung the bat I gave it all my best.
Well that's been nearly sixty years. Still have my baseball bat.

And I won't forget my dad's advice was more than just a chat.
Two days ago, on Saturday, I heard my good wife scream.

I panicked, maybe burglar or a mouse fell in the cream.
Thank heaven for no burglar and the cream without a mouse.

But flying in our bedroom was a bat loose in the house.
I moved the two scared hostages, dog Daisy and my wife.

Then grabbed my baseball bat for the bat's battle of his life.
The lessons from my father and my baseball expertise would

prove this scary bat's dark life was on the shortest lease.
I felt just like Clint Eastwood though I stood at 5 foot three.

I could hear the bugle playing, "The Good, The Bad and Me."
The battle started in. The bat was flying straight my way.

I took a swing and missed him by a mile, you could say.
Each time the bat came close enough I'd swing then he would dart.

They say a bat is blind, but makes me look like one old fart.
It didn't take me long to see this bat was more than brave.

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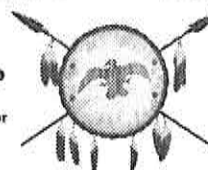
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- **Bras For A Cause:** Friday, Sept 29th 5 - 9 PM Dillon Elks Lodge
- **Ducks Unlimited Banquet:** Saturday, Sept. 30 Frontier Event Center
- **Chamber Halloween Fall Fest:** Saturday, Oct. 28th Idaho Street 2 - 5 pm
- **Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet:** December 2nd Frontier Event Center



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Bulldog Volleyball Bounces Back, Defeats University of Providence

Notables – • As a collective, the Bulldogs totaled 21 blocks, with Vogl totaling seven in the game. Olson followed just behind with six blocks. • Smith led the match with 15 kills on a .211 attack percentage. Kaitlyn Van Well tallied a career high of nine kills (.316) and Martin added nine (.474). • Fritz led the contest with 23 assists and Sophie Worden dealt a career high of 18.

• Kelsey Goddard totaled a team high of 23 digs. Three Bulldogs also recorded double digit digs (Smith (19), Kopp (14) and Fritz (10). Up

How It Happened – Jazi Smith kicked off her big game with a big kill early in the first set to push the Bulldogs to a 2-0 lead. Despite a short 3-0 grab from Providence to take a 9-6 lead, the Bulldogs exploded behind three straight kills and a big block from Smith and Peyton Vogl. Up 19-14, UMW continued to show resilience and outlasted the Argos down the stretch to win 25-22. The Argos dialed back in for the second frame, opening the match with an 8-7 lead. Swing from Smith and Kaitlyn Van Well helped put the Bulldogs up 9-8. Providence picked back up to take a 14-12 lead. Though trailing just one point following a service ace from Kaylee Fritz, the Argos rounded out the set with back to back points to win 25-23. The Bulldogs rattled off five straight points in the third frame following a big defensive front. With the Bulldogs up 16-9, Providence attempted a comeback but was stopped short by the pair of Vogl and Jordan Olson. UMW finished on top 25-16. The Bulldogs carried momentum over into the final set of the night, powering on to a 9-4 early set lead. A kill from Smith boosted the Bulldogs. An ace from the hand of Morgyn Harrison brought the score to 20-10. Danyel Martin and Smith paired for a block to end the game at 25-15.

State Trails Advisory Committee to meet Sept. 27

The State Trails Advisory Committee (STAC) will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. via Zoom. updates to the Recreation Trails Grant Program (RTP) and the Trail Stewardship Grant Program (TSP) for the 2024 grant cycle. For information on how to join the Zoom meeting, go to fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/commission-councils-committees/state-trails-advisory-committee. STAC advises FWP on trail issues in Montana, including funding, use and the promotion of recreational trails across land ownership.



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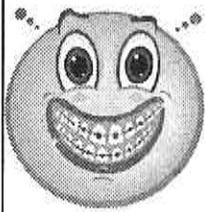
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Bulldogs Show Lewis & Clark College The Way

Jeremy Crawford, Southwestern Montana News

Saturday afternoon was the Bulldogs first home field game at Vigilante Field. They let Lewis & Clark College know that with a 49-13 win.

The Bulldogs started off a little slow allowing Lewis and Clark to score on their first two drives of the day. The Pioneers would take a 10-0 lead early in the game but the Bulldogs would wake up and flip the switch by starting it off with DJ Kirven rush for a 75 yard touchdown.

In the second quarter down 10 to 7 Michael Palandri would throw a 37 yard touchdown to Dylan Shipley giving the Bulldogs the lead and from there they would keep the lead.

Some highlights of the game courtesy of Lindsey Branch are:

- The Bulldog defense forced a three and out on the following drive, featuring a sack by Tanner Harrell. This ignited another Western scoring drive that was capped off by a 15-yard rush by Pete Gibson.
- UMW continued in their second quarter barrage with an eight play, 64-yard drive that was capped off by a five-yard touchdown rush from Kirven. Just before the half, the Pioneers added their final points of the game in a field goal from 44-yards out. UMW went into the half up 28-13.
- Western wasted no time in the third quarter after Coby Tanioka returned the opening kickoff for 68 yards. On the following play, Eli Nourse caught a 32-yard pass from Palandri for a touchdown.
- With UMW up 35-13, Aiden Prado added some excitement after he picked off Pioneer quarterback Cruz Montana. The following play saw Pete Gibson rush the ball in for another Bulldog score, putting the Bulldogs up 42-13.
- The final score of the game came in the fourth quarter after Bradley Eleton rushed for nine yards for a touchdown. The Bulldog defense hung on to keep the Pioneers scoreless for the entire second half.



Notables

- The Bulldog defense stepped up to the plate as they recorded four sacks, two interceptions, and 9 tackles for loss in the win.
 - Bulldog running back Kirven led the way after he rushed for a career high 137 yards and two touchdowns.
 - Nourse recorded 117 receiving yards with a touchdown.
 - Palandri threw for 280 yards with two touchdowns and an interception.
 - Kameron Rauser and Prado each recorded an interception in the game. Rauser for a return of 28 yards and Prado for a return of 23 yards.
- Up Next** – The Bulldogs are back at home next week for a Conference match against Southern Oregon Univ. Kickoff is 1pm at Vigilante Field.

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Bulldog Volleyball Wins Two in Final Day of Frontier Preseason Tournament

The Montana Western volleyball team (13-1) defeated two conference opponents in the Frontier Conference Preseason Tournament. They first topped nationally ranked no. 23 Rocky Mountain College 3-1 (27-25, 25-17, 27-25, 25-18). They followed up this evening with another 3-1 victory over Carroll College (25-19, 23-25, 25-19, 25-13).

How it Happened vs. No. 23 Rocky Mountain

Down 20-16 in the first set, the Bulldogs rallied behind Kaylee Fritz who added an ace to Peyton Vogl's three quick kills. Tied at 20, the two teams matched each other point for point to take the set into extras. A kill from Danyel Martin and an ace from Sophie Worden put the Bulldogs up for the win at 27-25.

UMW took charge of the second frame, hitting a game high of .357 as a team. They totaled just three errors in the set on their way to a 25-17 victory.

Though a kill from Jazi Smith put the Bulldogs up 21-17 in set three, Rocky Mountain fought to get ahead and strung together five straight points. RMC finished the set on top 27-25.

An early 7-1 run for the Bulldogs put them up 8-4 early in the fourth frame. The set was rounded out by a set of kills from Jordan Olson paired with a kill from KayLee Kopp. UMW finished on top 25-18.

How it Happened vs. Carroll College

UMW got off to a slow start, trailing the Saints 14-9 in the first set. Three blocks from the hands of Danyel Martin fueled a 9-0 scoring rally for Western. Martin would also go on to record the final kill of the set, helping the Bulldogs to a 25-19 first set win.

The Saints got back up for the second set, holding the Bulldogs to a game low of .062. UMW would fall to the Saints 25-23.

Western got rolling again in the third set, riding behind a kill from Olson and an ace from Morgyn Harrison. Up 14-12, UMW capitalized on three straight Carroll hitting errors to take a six-point lead. The Bulldogs finished out up 25-19 to go up 2-1 in the game.

UMW went off in the final frame, posting a team hitting percentage of .432 and racking up a collective 19 kills. The Bulldogs finished out the game with a 25-13 victory.

Up Next

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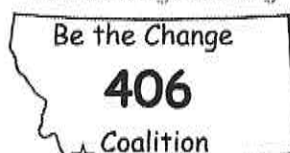
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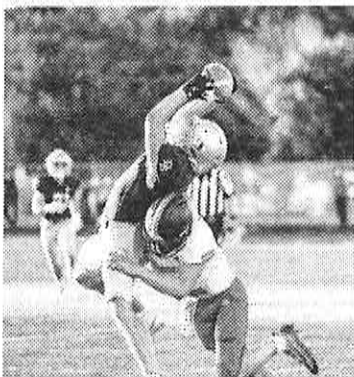
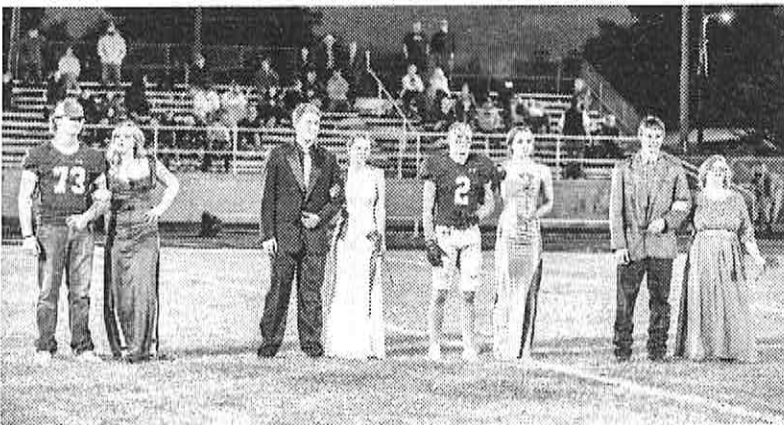
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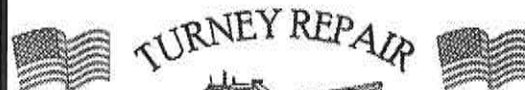
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Friday: September 29, 2023

- Polaris (Grasshopper)
- Jackson (Jackson Hot Springs)
- Wisdom (The Crossing)
- Wise River (Community Center)
- Dewey (Dewey Bar)
- Melrose (Melrose Bar and Cafe)

9:15am
10:00am
10:45am
1:15pm
2:15pm
2:45pm

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Questions?

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Beaverhead County Public Health

Department: Every Wednesday during September and October from 9am-4pm

Lima: Lima School Oct 5th from 1-3pm

- Community

Big Hole Loop: Sept. 29th

- See flyer for location and times (flip over)

BCHS: Students/Staff Oct. 11th 7:45am

District 10: Students/Staff Oct. 6th 8-11am

Drive-Thru: Sept. 27th from 11-2pm

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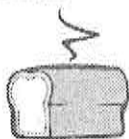
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CALL FOR BIDS 9/18-29 BILL

CALL FOR BIDS

SALE OF 1982 JOHN DEERE BACKHOE JD310A 4219DT07 SERIAL 591277T

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Lima passed Resolution 2023-11 on September 5th, 2023, calling for bids from interested purchasers for the sale of:

1982 JOHN DEERE BACKHOE JD310A 4219DT07 SERIAL 591277T

This backhoe is no longer necessary for the conduct of the Town's business.

Said BACKHOE is being sold "as is" without warranty of any kind. The Town Council will accept sealed bids for the sale of said backhoe until 4:00 pm on October 6, 2023 at Town of Lima, PO Box 184 (5 W. Section Corner), Lima, MT, 59739. Envelopes containing bids should be marked on the outside with the words, "BID FOR BACKHOE." The Town Council will publicly open and declare the bids at its regular meeting on October 9, 2023. The minimum bid the town will consider is \$8,000.00. The successful bidder will be required to make payment in full within ten (10) calendar days by cashier's check. Questions regarding the sale may be directed to the Town Clerk-Treasurer at the above address or by phone at (406)276-3521. The Town Council of the Town of Lima reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any defect or informality of any bid therein, and to accept the highest responsible bid.



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