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Please bring your Vitalant Donor card or photo ID. Join us for some holiday treats and save a life!

Upcoming BCHS Band Concert

The Beaverhead County High School Band will be presenting their winter concert in the BW Lodge Gymnasium this coming Wednesday, Dec. 6th at 7:30 p.m. Both the Jazz and Symphonic Bands will be featured playing some classic holiday tunes! We'd love to have you join us!

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The Beaverhead County Road Department closed Lemhi Pass and the Pioneer Mountain Scenic Byway on Monday, December 4th for the winter season.

Community Invited to Annual Holiday Celebration at Montana Western

The Students, Faculty and Staff of the University of Montana Western invite Dillon and the surrounding communities to the Annual Holiday Celebration!

Please join us in the Lewis and Clark Room of Mathews Hall for dinner and refreshments on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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Sign-ups for little shooters will be December 7th, 11th, 18th and 21st in the basement of city hall from 630-730 pm (look for the sign across from the event center). For questions call or text William Hampton 406-660-1313

Dementia & Alzheimer's

There is no Dementia & Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meeting this month.

We'll see everyone in January. Happy Holidays!



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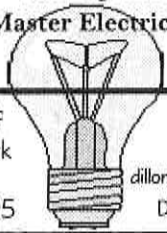
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Our troop was made of thirty boys plus four adult grown men.

'Twas the first time that I'd ridden in an air conditioned van.

Our final destination was at Farragut State Park.

We set up camp then heard the trumpeter play taps at dark.

Our group was full of farmers with some cowboys wearing boots.

Some might have called us rednecks, but we all had country roots.

Each troop was asked to build a project, one that they could share.

Ours could launch an unsuspecting boy up in the air.

The cowboys in our group built us a buckin' barrel to ride.

The leaders gave approval. One said, "No scout has ever died."

Four corner posts are planted. Wire and spring attached to each.

Then tied to a large barrel, barely tight enough to reach.

Jerking on each wire will send the barrel into a buck.

The object was to throw you off, unless you had good luck.

My uncle was a rodeo producer in his day. So my cousins chose

the saddle broncs they rode for work and play.

Our leader, Mr. Jardine, while his kindness overflowed,

heard my name was Angell so assumed I rodeoed.

He asked me if I'd show 'em how to ride the buckin' barrel.

I told him right flat out that it would lead to my own peril.

He just would not believe that I weren't rodeo for fact.

So I soon found myself sitting on the buckin' barrel's back.

He looked at me with confidence, I'd never seen before.

I wouldn't let him down. I'd give it all I had and more.

I grabbed down on the rigging. Were they gonna get a show?

Then I looked square in a cowboy's eyes and hollered,

"Let her go!"

I was stuck in bucking frenzy with no justice to its fame.

But to let go of the rigging I'd have no one else to blame.

I guess I was too terrorized to count, by then too late.

That's when I heard an angel's voice. Times up he made the 8.

I do believe in miracles no matter big or small.

What kept me on the buckin' barrel was bigger than them all.

I didn't let my leader down. 'Twas more than just good luck.

But I'll leave it to my cousins who prefer a horse to buck.

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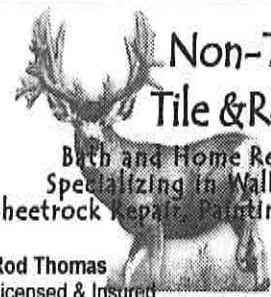
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Mountain lion population monitoring planned for Gallatin Range this winter

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks biologists and experienced houndsmen will be conducting field work this winter in the Gallatin Range south of Bozeman to help estimate the number and density of mountain lions in the area.

The research is scheduled to begin in early December and last through mid-April as part of a statewide effort to monitor and manage Montana's lion populations.

This monitoring program is helping improve Montana's ability to understand the effects of lion harvest. It is also helping biologists manage and maintain viable lion populations in balance with other wildlife species and various public interests.

Highly pathogenic avian influenza found in Canada geese at Laurel's South Pond

Canada geese that were found dead at Laurel's South Pond earlier this week have tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks staff responded to reports of sick and dead Canada geese at the popular Laurel park on Tuesday, Nov. 28. Carcasses were transported to FWP's Wildlife Health Lab in Bozeman for HPAI testing.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

City Council Chambers
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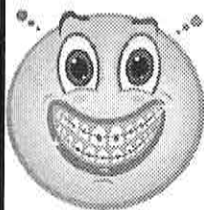
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100-year prison sentence for child sexual abuse

A Wibaux man who previously pleaded guilty to sexually abusing two children under the age of 16 was sentenced to a 100-year sentence in the Montana State Prison with 80 years suspended with no parole for 20 years, Attorney General Austin Knudsen announced.

Joshua Harris, 42, admitted in July to sexually assaulting three young girls multiple times over the span of about eight years. He began sexually abusing one young victim at the age of 8 and mentioned multiple times he wanted to leave his now former wife and run off with one of the victims. Years before conviction, Harris served as the Wibaux County Deputy Sheriff.

The sentencing, which was requested by the State and fully granted by the judge, guarantees that Harris will be imprisoned for 20 years.

VFW Christmas Stocking Campaign

The Bill Carroll VFW Post 9040 Auxiliary will again be distributing Christmas Stockings to Veterans in our local care facilities.

In 2022 we gifted over 125 stockings to Dillon Veterans and those in the Southwest Montana Veterans Home in Butte. If you have a donation please contact Joan Grogan at 406.925.1871 or Joanie Bacon at 406.925.0611. Donations of new items may also be left at the 3-D Store, 130 S. Montana. Stockings will be hand delivered in Mid December.

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UMW Hosts Community Water Conversations Panel with Trout Unlimited

The University of Montana Western and Trout Unlimited are excited to host the second annual "Community Water Conversations: Digging into Water Rights and Exempt Wells" on Thursday, December 7, 2023, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Lewis and Clark Room located in UMW's Mathews Hall.

The event is free and open to the public and will feature a panel and Q&A session. Designed to share knowledge and perspectives from a group of experts, this year's panelists include: Andrew Gorder, Legal Director of the Clark Fork Coalition, Nate Ward, Water Rights Bureau Chief at Montana DNRC, Brooke Erb, Erb Livestock Company, and Race King, Ranch Manager at the Selkirk Division of Matador Ranch and Cattle Company.

"There were a lot of questions about water rights and exempt wells last year, which is why we want to create a space where we can learn about these topics and hear different perspectives. Understanding the legal structures and management practices that shape water flows is critical to understand the challenges our community faces as well as identify opportunities for improvement," said UMW Professor of Environmental Sustainability, Dr. Arica Crootof.

Dr. Crootof's students are helping design and host this event. "It is important that our students - who will be land and water managers - understand the complexity of natural resources management as well as the importance of working with different stakeholders to find shared solutions," said Dr. Crootof. "This forum offers the students, and the community, a chance to dive into the complexity of these topics together and see how we all play a role in shaping local water resources."

Montana Western would like to thank Montana Trout Unlimited and each of the panelists for making this event possible.

"We are excited to welcome the community to this event on the Montana Western campus for the second year. It is a great opportunity for our students to be involved in a community-wide forum that will highlight a variety of different ideas and perspectives," said Montana Western Chancellor, Michael Reid.

Attendees are encouraged to bring questions and ideas for this and future community conversations. For more information, please contact Dr. Arica Crootof: arica.crootof@umwestern.edu or 406-683-7075.

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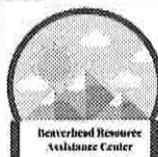
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FWP adopts new elk management plan and environmental assessment
 Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks has adopted the 2023 Elk Management Plan and accompanying environmental assessment.
 The elk plan lays out how FWP will manage elk; the EA is an evaluation and summary of potential impacts on the physical environment and human population.
 The new plan is flexible and reflects current elk management direction and challenges, as well as being forward looking in anticipating management changes.
 Along with the plan, FWP also released its most contemporary elk counts and associated maps. These counts and maps are updated annually.

Martin and Smith Earn AVCA All-Region Honors
 The American Volleyball Coaches' Association (AVCA) announced the All-Region teams for each level of the NCAA, NAIA, and junior college members, where the Montana Western volleyball program saw two of their starters named to the awards list.
 Redshirt-junior middle blocker Danyel Martin earned her spot on the All-Region first team. Martin, a 6-2 junior middle blocker from McAllister, Mont., was selected after she totaled 258 kills on the season for 2.26 kills per set with a .344 hitting percentage. Martin earned first team all-conference honors after her performance this season. She also became the all-time career block leader with a total of 279 total and broke the season hitting percentage record after she hit .344 this season.
 Jazi Smith was named an AVCA All-Region Honorable Mention for her contributions this season. Smith, a 5-11 junior outside hitter from Mossyrock, Wash., was also selected first team all-conference after she led the Bulldogs with 302 kills on the season and 2.63 kills per set. Smith also was a force in the back row, coming in second on the team with 411 digs this season and 3.57 digs per set.

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11-11	Swenson Way	CO Call
11-13	Hwy 41	Power line down
11-16	Hwy 41	Vehicle Accident
11-16	Atlantic St	Vehicle Accident
11-17	Atlantic & Idaho	Vehicle Fire
11-17	Blacktail Rd	Vehicle Accident
11-17	S Pacific	Bomb Threat
11-18	Reeder St	CO Call
11-20	White Ln	CO Call
11-20	N Montana	Ambulance Assist
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11-29	Hwy 91 N	Ambulance Assist
11-29	Hwy 278	MVA
11-29	E Center St	Smoke Alarm
11-30	E Bannack St	Smoke Alarm

We had members go to Bannack State Park & learn about their alarm & fire suppression systems. Racetrack Volunteer Fire Dept came down & worked with us on a couple different hose loads on our engines. Thank you for your continued support of the Dillon Volunteer Fire Department.

Please be safe & take extra time traveling this time of year as the road conditions can become dangerous without warning.

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12/4-12/8	Mon-Fri Shine Studio Recital	Aud.	3:30-9:00 pm
12/5 Tue	MBI/MTSS Meeting	Staff Lounge	7:30 am
12/5 Tue	Volleyball Banquet	BW Foyer	6:30 pm
12/6 Wed	Band Concert	BW Lodge	7:30 pm
12/7 Thu	2nd Quarter Progress Reports	BCHS	4:00 pm
12/7 Thu	Wrestling vs Ronan/Hamilton	BW Lodge	5:00 pm
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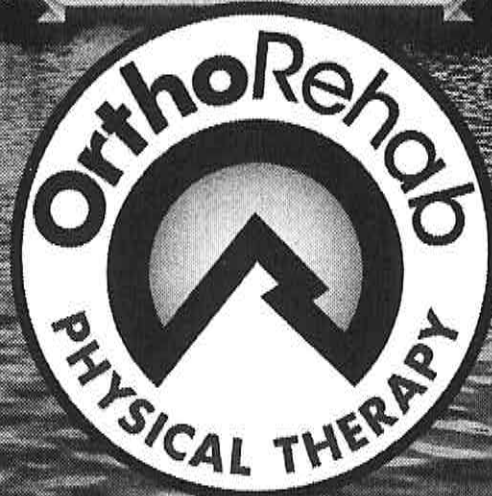
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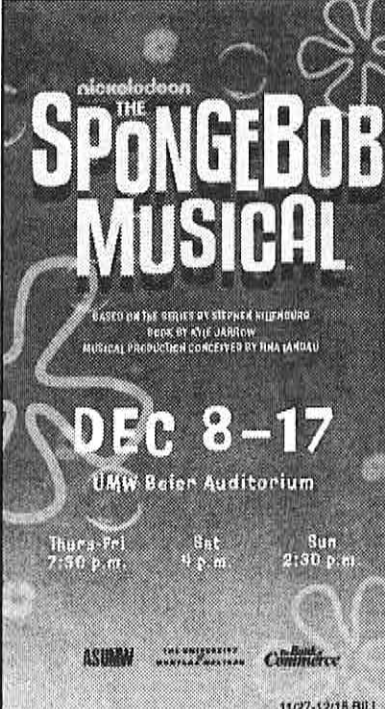
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