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### Montana Western Announces TEDx Event Speakers and Schedule

The University of Montana Western is pleased to announce the speakers and schedule for "TEDx: University of Montana Western" to be held in the Beier Auditorium on Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on the UMW campus in Dillon, Montana.

17 speakers will present during four sessions on a wide range of topics throughout the day.

#### Session One:

Rob Thomas, Ph.D.: How to Inspire a Passion for Learning

Erik Guzik, Ph.D.: The Originality of Machines: A Discussion of the Striking Novelty of Generative AI

Jarred Kvamme, MS: Disentangling the Genome with Artificial Intelligence

Spruce Shoenemann, Ph.D.: What Will the Climate Be Like for Our Kids?

#### Session Two:

Marybeth Wilson PT, DPT: Why Pain is All in Your Head

Amber Jordan: Food Fight: The Hidden Impact of Food Rules on Workplace Culture

Diana Pallin, MD: Obesity Medicine is the Science of Hope

Aleisha Shirley PT, DPT: Solid in the Saddle: How science can make you a better horseback rider

#### Session Three:

Kyra Wood, OTD: Montana Female Veterans: Cultural Considerations

Dev Seacrest, Ph.D.: Building a Mathematical Community to Support All Learners

Sophia Etier, MA: Lost Montana: The Path from Remembrance to Inclusive Heritage

Nathan Boll, MS, MA: A Life Less Ordinary: Navigating Nontraditional Education

#### Session Four:

Callie Triller & Melissa Winger: Building Your Own Village: The Story of the Early Childhood Coalition of Beaverhead County

Katy Wright, MEd: Lowering the Case For Reading: A Sound Approach

Nathaniel Freeman, MFA: "What's Up with That Kid?" Trauma-Informed Pedagogy

Yasmin Arlette Acosta-Myers, MS: A Cultural Odyssey through Intercultural Experiential Education

To view the full schedule of events and biographies for each speaker, please visit the TEDx: University of Montana Western website: <https://www.umwestern.edu/tedx-umw/>.

Members of the public are invited to attend, but participation is limited to 100 audience members. Those who wish to attend must enter an audience lottery by submitting an online application no later than Wednesday, February 7, 2024. The application is available at: <https://www.umwestern.edu/tedx-umw/attend/>.

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### AFRICA: Adventure & Coexistence

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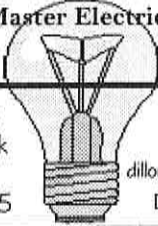
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## Bulldog Rodeo Releases Spring Schedule

The Montana Western head rodeo coach JT Robbins announced the Bulldogs' 2024 spring rodeo schedule on Tuesday morning.

This year's spring schedule includes five rodeos that will be spread across three weekends.

The first rodeo to kick off the season will be at Montana State University for the MSU Spring Rodeos #1 and #2 from April 11 through the 14. The weekend will see four days of rodeo action with four public performances. Tickets go on sale for the event on February 9th at 10:00am. Last year, the Bulldog men made the Brick Breeden home after they took the top finish in the second rodeo and had numerous Bulldogs take first place in various events.

Following the weekend in Bozeman, the Bulldogs will travel out to Miles City, Mont. where they will compete in the Miles Community College Rodeos #1 and #2. The spring season will then culminate in the final rodeo that will be hosted by the University of Montana. This year's final rodeo will be held in Hamilton, Mont. at the Ravalli County Fairgrounds.

The 2024 College National Finals Rodeo will be held June 9-15 this year if there are Bulldogs that qualify. Last year, the Bulldogs sent five men to compete in the rodeo.

## AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

125 N. Idaho St. - City Council Chambers

January 25th, 2024 • 1:30 PM

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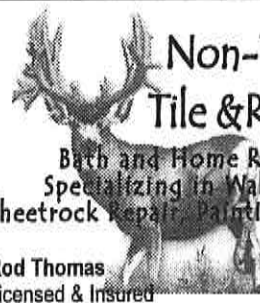
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| Joshua Lyons       | Parole violation    | Suspended Sentence |
| Admission Hearing  |                     |                    |
| Joshua Lyons       | Criminal Mischief   | Bond Out of County |
| Bond Hearing       | Threat to Public    | Bond with          |
|                    | Official            | Conditions         |

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Beaverhead Food Pantry: open Tuesday  
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- Chapter AD P.E.O Friday January 26th UMW  
Lewis & Clark
- Soroptimist Purses with a Purpose  
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Elks Lodge
- Friends of Jaycee Park Annual Fundraiser  
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## Congratulations to our Choir program

We have five seniors who attended All Star Honor Choir at the University of Montana this weekend. Please congratulate on the honor of participating when you see them today.

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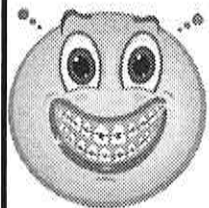
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## Dillon Rotary Speaker

Dr. Michelle L. Anderson, Professor of Ecology, at UMW, will be the guest speaker at the Dillon Rotary meeting on Wednesday, January 24th, at noon. Michelle and students will update members on undergraduate research activities in the Biology Dept at UMW. Anyone interested in learning more about this topic and the Rotary organization are all invited to be our guest and attend our luncheon. The Rotary Club meets in the Guild Hall of St. James Episcopal Church, located at 203 East Glendale.

## Ask a Therapist Live

WHEN: Wednesday, January 24 @ 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
WHERE: This is a virtual event. Registration information can be found at DillonSchools.org. Ask questions of leading family therapists and take advantage of a FREE resource to help parents with important topics such as identifying anxiety, depression, grief, suicide ideation and parenting with purpose.

## Sweeney Player of the Week

After helping Montana Western to a pair of wins, Jordan Sweeney has been selected as this week's Erck Hotels Women's Basketball Player of the Week.

Sweeney averaged a double-double of 17.5 points and 10 assists in wins at Montana Tech and at home versus Rocky Mountain. The senior guard shot 60 percent from the field and was 5 of 10 from beyond the arc while grabbing 6.0 rebounds and 1.5 steals per game.

In the win at Montana Tech, Sweeney finished with 19 points by shooting 8 of 12 from the field and adding seven assists. She followed with 16 points and 13 assists – the most by a Frontier player this season – in the win over Rocky.

Sweeney earns the award for the first time this season.



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## VETERAN'S CORNER UPDATE #239

BY MIKE LAWSON

Greetings to those of you who read my SW MT Veteran update articles. Football playoffs seem to be the main topic of conversation during this time of cold and being homebound, for many, in the long winter days/nights of January. Our snowpack is low in spite of having our recent winter storms of cold temperatures and minimal snow in SW MT. I for one am doing a snow-dance and praying for some good snow storms that will add feet of snow (not an inch or two) in the high country. Here in SW MT our road conditions, during the winter months, can be challenging with the ice and snow-packed conditions, we experience. The Montana DAV Drivers drive our Montana roads, covering all of the state, to get Veterans to their VA medical appointments. DAV Drivers, have a very good safety record and take pride in giving our passengers a safe, enjoyable ride to their appointments. For any Veteran needing a ride to their VA medical appointments, who live in the SW MT areas of Butte, Anaconda, Deerlodge, Dillon, Whitehall, Ruby Valley and Boulder, please call our DAV Coordinator Darlene at 1(406) 490-3692.

- On February 3rd the Butte Elks are doing a fundraiser breakfast as a kickoff for the Butte Elks Lodge Building's 100 Year Anniversary. The Elks are honoring Veterans, and those who attend have had their meals donated. Please RSVP to 1 406 498 7213. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 -11:30. It will be a breakfast buffet menu of bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, and French Toast. It will also include fruit crepes, crockpot casseroles and fruit infused cinnamon rolls. All our SW MT friends are all invited.

- The MT Veteran's Meat Locker has rescheduled their meat giveaway to Veterans. It will take place at the Copper Canyon Harley-Davidson, 34 Olympic Way, Butte, Mt., on January 27th, from 1PM - 3 PM. They're bringing 3600 pounds of meat (300 premade bags) ready to go. Please bring proof of service.

- For those of us veterans who are considered to be in the senior citizen stages of our lives or veterans who have serious health problems, long-term health care is something that should be considered and planned for. The Montana DPHHS Senior and Long -Term Care Division has a survey for anyone to fill out to help better plan the future of long-term care for Veterans of Montana. It's purpose is to steer us in the right direction. I did the survey and it was eye-opening. I would recommend veterans, veteran's caretakers, etc. to consider taking this survey. Contact DPHHS- Senior and Long Term Care Division, 1100 N Last Chance Gulch, 4th Floor, Helena, MT 59601

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We oppose the proposed Missouri River Headwaters Conservation Area (MHCA) for the sake of the resource and the communities we live in.

Ranchers holistically manage grazing resources under federal, state and private control. As stewards of the resource we would be negligent not to voice our concerns about the potential adverse impacts of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's proposed designation of 5.7 million acres in the Missouri River Headwaters as a Conservation Area (CA). Its purpose is to protect wildlife habitat, open space, and working lands from fragmentation due to development, and preserve our rural way of life. This proposal is made possible using federal laws, policies and funding and relies entirely on their ownership of the Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge which is less than 1% of the size of the proposed CA. The designation makes available federal funding for the USFWS to purchase conservation easements from willing sellers on 250,000 acres of private land within the CA.

Our concern with the proposed CA is not the purchase of conservation easements from voluntary sellers, but its potential negative impact on working landscapes, multiple use and watershed yield. In proximity to the proposed CA are national parks and designated roadless, wilderness and wilderness study areas which already restrict the multiple use that drives the economic stability of our natural resource based rural communities. Goals of the CA fit into the vision of the Greater Yellowstone Area as a vast recreational playground, and protecting wildlife habitat, migration corridors and open space. The MHCA's goals give little attention to the management of the landscape based on inherent ecological site conditions which are prerequisite to enhancing diversity of seral stages of succession and the diversity of plant species and their age classes. The habitat being protected for wildlife, especially listed or threatened species, is based on perceived needs of a particular species and limits agency management for ecosystem health and multiple use. In other words, protection of a species is prioritized at the expense of the overall health and diversity of the ecosystem. Litigants are using The Endangered Species Act (ESA) and The Natural Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to generate income by suing federal agencies. This has hindered agency management responsibilities that mimic natural disturbances critical to maintaining the function of

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As water availability shrinks in Missouri River watersheds and lawsuits stifle meaningful watershed management on federal lands, vegetative management within watersheds becomes ever more critical in enhancing water yield. Water and watershed yield are not prioritized in the vision of the proposed MHCA.

The premise of using conservation easements to limit urban sprawl is commendable, and available funding for them would increase. However, the proposed MHCA is enormous in scope and will allow litigation to further limit the management of working landscapes based on ecological viability and revenue generated from multiple use. As stewards who have dedicated our lives to the holistic management of the lands we call home, another jurisdictional polygon only limits our ability to fulfill our obligation to nature and the public in managing the working landscape to enhance its ecological sustainability and income generating capacity.

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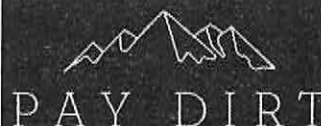
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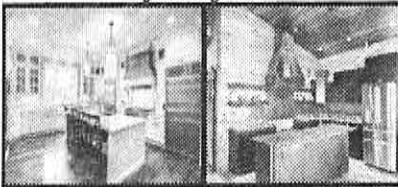
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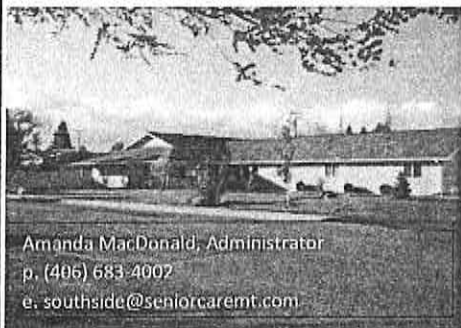
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