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Betty Naylor Nelson Miller

Betty Naylor Nelson Miller passed away on January 15, 2024 at her residence at Birchwood Assisted Living in Bozeman, Montana after a long period of declining health. She was under the excellent and loving care of close friends and family members, Enhabit Home



Health Care and Hospice, the Birchwood staff, and Qualicare Big Sky. She was born on April 23, 1937 to Gordon K. and Pearl "Polly" S. Naylor in Fargo, North Dakota where the family lived until moving to Havre, Montana in 1942. After her father's death in 1950, she and her mother moved to Bozeman where her mother taught school.

After graduation from high school, Betty worked at the Gallatin Trust and Savings Bank for one year before attending Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota for two years where she always said she "loved every minute." After her return to Bozeman, she continued to work at the bank where she met her future husband, Dean Lee Nelson. They were married on June 4, 1959. They lived in the Bozeman/Belgrade area until they moved to West Yellowstone, Montana in June of 1966 where they opened the first bank in the area with the support of the officers and directors of Security Bank and Trust Company in Bozeman.

Betty and Dean enjoyed their life in West Yellowstone, working hard and participating in many outdoor activities such as skiing, snowmobiling, golfing, and bicycling. They also enjoyed time spent with their family including many holidays. Their grandchildren, Jake and Shelly, spent every summer with them. They retired in the fall of 1983 and were fulltime RVers for the next four years which Betty loved. They spent the winters in St. George, Utah and the summers in Bozeman. In 1990, they built a home in Las Vegas, Nevada where they lived for 11 years, summering in Bozeman. They returned to Bozeman in 2001 due to Dean's declining health. He passed away on May 23, 2003.

Betty's second marriage was to Robert N. "Bob" Miller on July 4, 2005 at their home in Dillon, Montana in the presence of both of their families. They experienced five wonderful years together, taking many trips and purchasing a winter home in Las Vegas. They loved taking care of their beautiful yard, Arabian horses, and feeding a multitude of birds. Betty enjoyed reading, shopping with her great-grandchildren, dining out, keeping in touch with friends all over the country, and spending any time she could with family. She absolutely loved traveling and the many trips she made to visit and attend family events in other states. The Oregon coast was one of her favorite places in the world.

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When she turned 80, she made the decision to make her home in Bozeman, residing at Hillcrest Senior Living, Aspen Pointe and Birchwood. She endured her health struggles over her final years with grace and dignity. Betty was a strong Christian who was a member of Lutheran, Methodist, and Episcopal churches with her last church home being St. James Episcopal in Dillon.

Betty loved children. One of her favorite writings was, "One hundred years from now, it will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much was in my bank account, nor what my clothes looked like. But the world may be a little better because I was important in the life of a child." Betty made an impact on many children who became her own through love, not birth. She was a Girl Scout leader for a period of time and cherished that experience. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were incredibly important to her, and she was blessed to have granddaughter Chelsey and her children, London and Sayre, live close to her in Bozeman.

From her first marriage to Dean, Betty is survived by two stepchildren, Linda Garrett and Joe Nelson, and former daughter-in-law and dear friend, Kathy Whitesitt; grandchildren, Sheri Sullivan (Todd), Shelly Sullivan, Jacob Nelson (Christina), and Lana Sue Schreyer (Carl); great-grandchildren, Sharaya Sullivan, ShiJia Sullivan, Bridger Sullivan, Samantha Nelson, Lenya Schreyer, Phoenix Schreyer, Finley Schreyer; and great-great-grandson, Kayden Humphries.

From her second marriage to Bob, she is survived by four stepchildren, Cherie Stevens (Wayne), George Miller (Bonnie), Kathie Drew (David), and Terry Miller (Bill); and grandchildren, Robert Stevens (Heidi), John Stevens (Sharon), Chris Stevens-Yu (Nick), Shawn Miller, Melinda Newman (Randy), Jordan Miller, Marcus Drew (Kelly), Chelsey Drew, and Sarah Irwin (Alora). Great-grandchildren include Brittany Stevens, Zachary Stevens (Rebekah), Samuel Stevens, Peter Mora Stevens, Oriah Mora Stevens, Coleen Kyne, Joey Kyne, Kevin Todd-Yu, Thomas Todd-Yu, Alison Loveless (Kaine), Daniel Fuhrman, Alex Newman, Brayden Newman, Emma Newman, Storm Miller,



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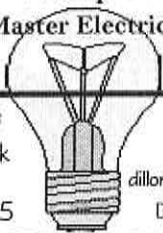
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 2. LLJ Rentals Bill Adjustment Request
 3. Review Linduska Letter
 4. Update on Drying Beds
 5. Update on Lead Line Project
 6. Discuss Lift Station
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Montana Western Hosts Hoops for a Cause Night

The Montana Western Athletic Department announced Tuesday morning that Thursday's home Frontier Conference basketball games against the University of Providence will be Hoops for a Cause Night to fundraise for this year's beneficiary, the Isakson family.

Thursday night's games will feature numerous ways to donate to the family. There will be a raffle throughout the evening and halftime pop a shot. In addition, both teams will be wearing ClayStrong t-shirts as warm-up shirts. There will be a limited number of t-shirts for sale with proceeds going to the family.

Clay Isakson's Story

Providence men's basketball coach J.C. Isakson is facing the unthinkable a his seven-month-old son, Clay, is experiencing health complications due to neonatal Marfan syndrome.

Clay Kobe Isakson was born June 6, 2023, the twin to Crue, and little brother of BlaykLinn. He suffered immediate and difficult complications after birth and spent 22 days in the NICU.

Neonatal Marfan syndrome affects the development of connective tissue in the heart, lungs, eyes, and muscular skeletal system. Clay is one of only 35 patients with this syndrome in the United States, and has dealt with respiratory issues since birth.

He suffered immediate and difficult complications after birth and spent 22 days in the NICU. Clay will need to visit hospitals in both California and Colorado at least twice a year for the foreseeable future.

J.C. is in his first season with the University of Providence Men's Basketball program. The Augusta, Mont. native played at Montana Western on the men's basketball program under head coach Steve Keller. During his time at Montana Western, the Bulldogs qualified for three NAIA National Tournaments, making the "Sweet 16" twice. They were also the 2012 Frontier Conference Co-Champions. As a player and a coach, Isakson has qualified for the NAIA National Tournament five times, and was part of two Frontier Conference Championships.

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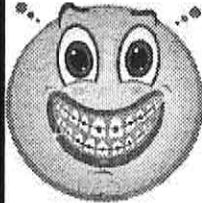
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Adam Bruzza Initial Appearance	Drug	Plea Guilty Bail Released Deferred Sentence Fine None Fees Yes
Johnathan Hiltz Initial Appearance	Strangulation Witness Tampering Assault Obstruction	Plea Not Guilty Bail None Posted Trial Pending
Robert White Initial Appearance	Criminal Mischief Driving Violations	Plea Not Guilty Bail Posted Trial Pending
Nathaniel German Initial Appearance	Theft (3) ID Theft	Plea Not Guilty Bail Bail Posted Trial Pending
Raymond Sederdahl Sentencing	DUI Driving Violations Resisting Arrest Obstructing Officer Fees Disorderly Conduct	Plea Guilty State Program Fines Satisfied by Jail Time Yes
Alycia Dell Sentencing	Criminal Child Endangerment	Plea Guilty Bail Released Three Year Suspended Sentence Fines Yes Fees Yes

Dillon Little Guy Wrestling Sign ups

Dillon Little Guy Wrestling Sign-ups are now open!
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Trooper receives Highway Patrol's highest award for hostage situation with armed robbery suspects

Montana Highway Patrol (MHP) Trooper Thomas Tafoya today received the Medal of Valor, the agency's highest award for mitigating a hostage situation involving armed robbery suspects, and then providing aid to the hostage who was shot in the incident by the suspect. MHP Colonel Steve Lavin presided over the ceremony and presented the award.

To qualify for the award, troopers must show an act of heroism and bravery, knowingly expose themselves to obvious life-threatening peril, or react to a situation without regard for personal safety to effect aid or rescue. In March, Tafoya confronted two suspects that were wanted for an armed robbery in Idaho earlier that day.

"There is no doubt that Trooper Tafoya saved many lives on this day. He risked his own life to save others." Colonel Lavin said. "This is just one of the many brave and heroic acts that our men and woman of the Montana Highway Patrol perform on a daily basis. The Montana Highway Patrol is proud of this act of heroism, and I know that the citizens of Montana are proud."

"Our Montana Highway Patrol troopers are heroes as they put themselves in harm's way to keep Montanans safe every day," Attorney General Knudsen said. "Trooper Tafoya exemplifies what it means to be a trooper. He willingly entered a volatile active shooter situation without regard for his own safety. I am grateful for his bravery and quick thinking that helped save lives that day."

On March 18, 2023, Trooper Tafoya responded to a call from dispatch that the Shoshone County Sheriff's Office in Idaho was pursuing suspects from an armed robbery that occurred in Idaho. Trooper Tafoya went directly to the area of Lookout pass to assist. Idaho authorities stopped their pursuit, but the suspects continued eastbound into Montana. After searching, Trooper Tafoya was unable to locate the vehicle.

Shortly after, the vehicle was reported in St. Regis. One occupant was detained, and the other occupant was observed on the board walk at the Travel Center pacing back and forth. Trooper Tafoya along with three Mineral County deputies and two Sanders County deputies approached the travel center in patrol cars. As Trooper Tafoya exited his patrol vehicle, the suspect began shooting and ran around the back of the buildings.

Trooper Tafoya moved into an alley and began to move to the back of the buildings as civilians began running down the alley toward him. After Trooper Tafoya assisted the civilians, he began to move down the alley again. When the suspect came out of the front of the travel center holding a gun to the head of a hostage, Trooper Tafoya immediately moved toward them and found cover. The suspect moved to the hostage's car then shot him. Trooper Tafoya and several deputies fired, ultimately killing the suspect.

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Small Town Performance Lights Up The UMW Stage

By Hailey Briggs for Southwestern MT News

Almost, Maine, the newest feature from The Bank of Commerce Performing Arts Series, is a must see for anyone looking to chase away the winter blues and glimpse into the simplistic beauty of small towns, the ins-and-outs of love and the emotions associated with it, and the true poignancy of the sweet, simple moments of life. Sure, this production provides a cacophony of metaphors and outlandish visuals, but, for the most part, each of the eight differing tales packs a relatable, hearty punch.

The performance is bookmarked by the clumsy, awkward story of two people falling in love. Betwixt this storyline lies scenes where people from all stages in life and relationships tackle the human condition of love, loneliness, and hope.

With the backdrop and lighting of a night sky in a small town, the quiet, somber performance caressed the viewer into a performance of thoughtful introspection. The stripped-down storytelling helped convey the emotions and scenarios to the audience, while showcasing the talents of the performers. The empathetic nature of the narrative honed in on the woes of missed chances, too late discoveries, while rallying the audience with the victories of seized opportunities and emotions laid bare.

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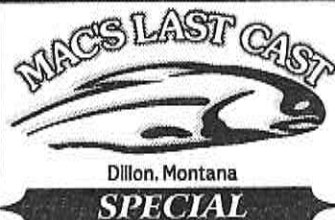
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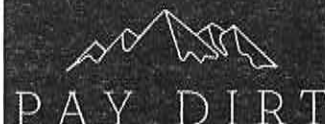
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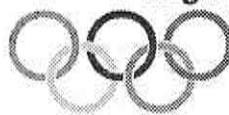
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