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UMW's "On the Rocks" Series to Host Speaker Dr. Don Penman

The University of Montana Western Environmental Sciences Department is proud to host Utah State Assistant Professor, Dr. Don Penman, as part of the "On the Rocks" lecture series. Dr. Penman will be presenting "Carbon and Silica Cycle Coupling During Cenozoic Warm Periods" on Wednesday, February 14, at 3:45 p.m. in UMW's Block Hall room 311.

Dr. Don Penman holds a bachelor's degree in Geology from Carleton College, and a Ph.D. from UC Santa Cruz where he studied the carbonate chemistry response to the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum with advisor Dr. James Zachos. He subsequently became a postdoctoral fellow at Yale University and in 2020 joined the Department of Geosciences at Utah State University as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Penman has sailed on three IODP expeditions as shipboard scientist (342, 371, and 392). His research uses the deep-sea sedimentary record to probe interactions between climate and geochemical cycling during ancient Earth System perturbations.

Presentation Abstract:

"Our current understanding of the long-term carbon cycle holds that Earth's climate is stabilized by a negative feedback involving the consumption of atmospheric carbon dioxide by the chemical weathering of silicate minerals. This theory posits that silicate weathering responds to climate: when atmospheric pCO₂ and surface temperatures rise, chemical weathering accelerates, consuming more atmospheric CO₂ and cooling global climate; when pCO₂ falls, weathering fluxes decrease, permitting buildup of CO₂ and consequent warming. The role that this feedback plays in climate and the carbon cycle has received significant attention, but the implications for the marine silica cycle are relatively less well-studied.

Since the release of dissolved silica from chemical weathering reactions is the main input of silica into the oceans, variations in silicate weathering rate in response to trends and perturbations in climate and the carbon cycle must lead to a dynamic marine silica cycle. This inexorably couples the silica cycle to the carbon cycle and global climate. Due to the relatively short residence time of dissolved silica in the oceans, silica burial rates must respond to climate as well. 60 years of deep-sea scientific drilling present the opportunity to probe this dynamic carbon-silica cycle coupling through records of silica burial rates and novel proxies constraining various aspects of the marine silica cycle. In particular, I will present results from recent IODP drilling expeditions to explore the marine silica cycle response to two contrasting Cenozoic warming events: the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum (PETM, 56 million years ago) and the Middle Eocene Climatic Optimum (MECO, 40 million years ago)."

This presentation is free and open to public. For more information, please contact UMW Assistant Professor of Environmental Geophysics, Dr. Neil Foley

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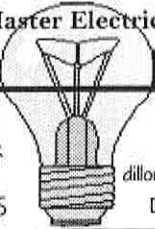
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UMW Football And Engine 18 to Host Signing Day Party

The University of Montana Western football team, paired with Engine 18 has announced that they will be hosting a Football Signing Day Party on Wednesday, February 7 at The Den Steakhouse in Dillon, Mont. The event will run from 6-8 p.m

Beaverhead County HS Activity List

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|------------------|--|------------------|----------------|
| 2/1 Thu | Speech & Drama Showcase | Auditorium | 5:30 pm |
| 2/1 Thu | FFA Meeting | Vo-Ag | 6:00 pm |
| 2/2-2/3 Fri-Sat | Wrestling @ Western A Divisional | Hamilton | |
| | Fri 3:00 pm | Sat 9:00 am | |
| 2/3 Sat | Boys & Girls Basketball @ Corvallis Doubleheader | | |
| | Away B-11:00/12:30/6:30 | G-2:00/3:30/5:00 | |
| 2/4-2/5 Sun-Mon | Teen Tones @ Treble Festival | Bozeman | 6:30 pm |
| 2/5 Mon | Booster Club Meeting | Seminar Room | 6:00 pm |
| 2/6 Tue | MBI/MTSS Meeting | Staff Lounge | 7:30 am |
| 2/6 Tue | Boys & Girls C Basketball @ Butte Central | | |
| | Away B-4:30/G-6:00 pm | | |
| 2/7 Wed | Half Day - Staff PIR - Periods 1,5,6,7 | BCHS | 12:00 pm |
| 2/7 Wed | 8th Grade Registration Night | Auditorium | 6:00 pm |
| 2/8 Thu | Boys & Girls V/JV Basketball @ Butte Central | | |
| | Doubleheader Away B-3:00/6:00 | G-4:30/7:30 | |
| 2/8 Thu | Wrestling State Send-Off Assembly | Aud. | 8:55 - 9:06 am |
| 2/8-2/10 Thu-Sat | Wrestling @ All-Class State Tournament | | |
| | Billings Metra | Fri 10:00 am | Sat 9:30 am |
| 2/9 Fri | Music @ Bozeman Opera | Bozeman | 6:30 pm |
| 2/10 Sat | Boys Basketball @ Stevensville | Away | 1:00/2:30/4:00 |
| 2/10 Sat | Girls Basketball vs Stevensville | Senior Night - | |
| | Girls B-Ball, Band, Choir | Home | 1:00/2:30/4:00 |

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- **Soroptimist Purses with a Purpose** Saturday, February 10, 2024 5:00pm-10:00pm Elks Lodge
- **Friends of Jaycee Park Annual Fundraiser** Dinner & Auction March 19th UMW Lewis & Clark 5:30 pm



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By "Swede" Troedsson

In the 1970's I was a volunteer ski patrolman at the Bridger Bowl Ski Area, located near Bozeman, Montana.

One Saturday night, the ski area received about a foot of new snow. Shortly after the ski area opened on Sunday, I responded to an injured skier on one of the ski runs. Arriving with a rescue sled at the injured skier, I discovered the injured skier was one of our ski patrolmen!

The ski patrolman's injured leg was buried in the deep snow. I dug down to the patrolman's injured leg, and I saw that he had suffered a badly distorted lower leg fracture. His lower leg was bent sideways at mid-shaft, and it was rotated such that the toe of his ski boot was pointing to the right. The patrolman was in agonizing pain.

I carefully removed the ski, and informed the patrolman I would have to straighten his leg so I could splint it. Cradling the boot in my hands, and exerting slight tension as I began to straighten the leg. I carefully, VERY CAREFULLY (like porcupines make love), slowly rotated and straightened his injured leg, carefully lining up his big toe with his patella (knee cap).

As I was straightening his leg, he suddenly exclaimed "Oh, the blood, the blood!" Alarmed, I thought I was dealing with an open leg fracture! I was relieved to find out his exclamation was one of pain relief as the blood to the lower part of his injured leg, which had been pinched off by the distortion, resumed flowing.

With assistance from other patrolman, I carefully splinted his injured leg. We then loaded him into the rescue sled, and I transported him downhill to the ski patrol room at the lodge. Friends loaded him into a vehicle and transported him to the hospital in Bozeman.



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The next weekend I was approached by the ski patrol Medical Advisor (a physician). He informed me that at the hospital the injured patrolman was diagnosed with a closed reduction fracture (did not require surgery)! He asked me, "How did you do it?" In jest, grinning, I said "Oh, I just lined up the leg with the crease in the ski pant." I then went on to explain to him how I did it. The physician shook his head and mumbled "Amazing!"



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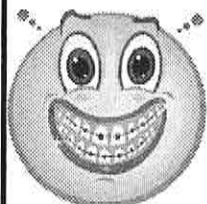
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Montana Western Hosts Hoops for a Cause Night

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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Veteran's Corner. Update #240

By Mike Lawson

Greeting to those of you who read my SW MT Veteran update. In our surrounding communities the changes are seeing the housing and retail construction structures, being built all over. "The Last Best Place" being advertised to bring people to Montana, both to relocate or visit, has worked very well. I'm a third generation Montanan whose grandfather homesteaded north of Fort Benton in 1910. He lost it in 1924 when the depression hit and many of the banks went bust. Having lost his money, he worked at the Gold Mine in Jardine, Mt., where he was raised and was my place of birth. The mine closed down in 1948 and our family moved to Butte. I grew up with the Montana values of being respectful, friendly to your neighbor, waving to a oncoming car, stopping to help someone having trouble along the road, closing the gates when the owner allowed you to fish or hunt on, and the list goes on about we who live here." The immigration of folks coming here has been going on since Lewis and Clark passed through. The point is that we who have been born/raised here, should welcome newcomers and encourage them to adopt our culture and feel at home.

• The Montana Veterans Meat Locker gave away 360 pounds of meat portions to any veteran who had proof of being a veteran, last Saturday at the Copper-Canyon Harley Davidson dealership in Butte. From all reports it was a great success and very much appreciated by those who were on the receiving end.

• This Saturday, February 3rd, is a special day for the Elks in both DeerLodge and Butte, who will be doing a special breakfast with a Four Chaplain Ceremony being conducted at both Elk's Lodges. The breakfast at the Butte Elks' Lodge will be from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. The Four Chaplain's Ceremony will be presented at 8:30 by Paul Armstrong and seating is requested to be at 8:15. Carolyn Cornelius from the Butte Elks Lodge is coordinating this breakfast/event and has received a \$600.00 donation from Steels Warehouse and a \$500.00 donation from Northwest Energy, to pay for any veterans and their wives' breakfast. Many thanks to them and Carolyn. The ceremony is a very solemn ceremony in memory of the four Chaplains who went down on a ship that was sunk during WWII, after giving their life-jackets to others, knowing they would perish. Please consider coming. No cost to you who are veterans. Call Carolyn and RSP her to let her know your coming. This helps making sure they have enough food. Her number is #1-406-498-7213.

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Tyrades! by Danny Tyree

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According to the New York Post, the Ohio legislature is considering a bipartisan pilot program that would make cash transfers to select kindergarten and ninth-grade students if they show up a whopping 90 percent of the time.

(One of my friends remarked that the \$1.5 million project is called a pilot program because it makes as much sense as a beagle flying a WW I Sopwith Camel. But I digress.)

Schools have exhausted other methods of motivating students (year-round dunking machines showed promise, but principals balked when hydrochloric acid kept mysteriously disappearing from the chemistry lab), so the payment experiment is part of throwing things against the wall and seeing what sticks.

("No, Bobby, we're not going to pay you not to throw things against the wall.")

I admire the good intentions of the legislators (and like-minded lawmakers in other states), but there are limitless ways for this to implode.

For starters, you realize, of course, that getting a reluctant student to darken the doorway of home room is just the first tentative step of having them participate, learn and truly earn a diploma.

Some cagey young entrepreneur will inevitably game the system with budget-busting add-ons. ("Now that I'm here, teacher, perhaps you would like to see our price list. I recommend our savory 'walk single file/show your work' combo platter.")

These same entrepreneurs may draw inspiration from the existence of substitute teachers and delegate some responsibilities. ("No, you haven't seen me before. I'm a substitute Caitlyn. We do a 70-30 split while she's playing hooky.")

Granted, pay-for-attendance may curtail some social justice controversies. ("Who cares what my pronoun is? Here's my Cayman Islands routing number. That's all I care about.")

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the old "When will I ever use the stuff they teach in school in real life?" lament. ("Can't wait until I'm a surgeon and start negotiating about hanging around AFTER I open up the thoracic cavity! KA-CHING!")

A sizable percentage of potential dropouts will inevitably decide that the payments are either irresistible or insultingly low. For the former, that could mean dragging themselves to school even when their medical condition makes it unwise. ("I was determined to deliver my big essay today, no matter what. Where is it, you ask? My plague-infested pet rat ate it.")

As for students who become immune to the initial financial rewards, states and school districts may have to take drastic steps, involving property tax, pension funds and other resources. ("The wheels on the bus go 'round and 'round - even without fancy-schmancy new tires.")

And let's be realistic. Boredom, laziness and social awkwardness are not the only reasons students avoid school. Some come from a bad home environment and would not necessarily retain control of their attendance bonus. ("Mrs. Johnson, could the school board possibly swing letting me earn attendance points on weekends, too? Dad's teen-age girlfriend really needs that boob job.")

I wish school systems well going forward, but there will be animosity from generations of scholars who maintained near-perfect attendance with no reward other than a passing remark in the graduation line.

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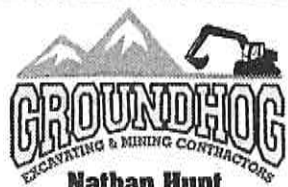


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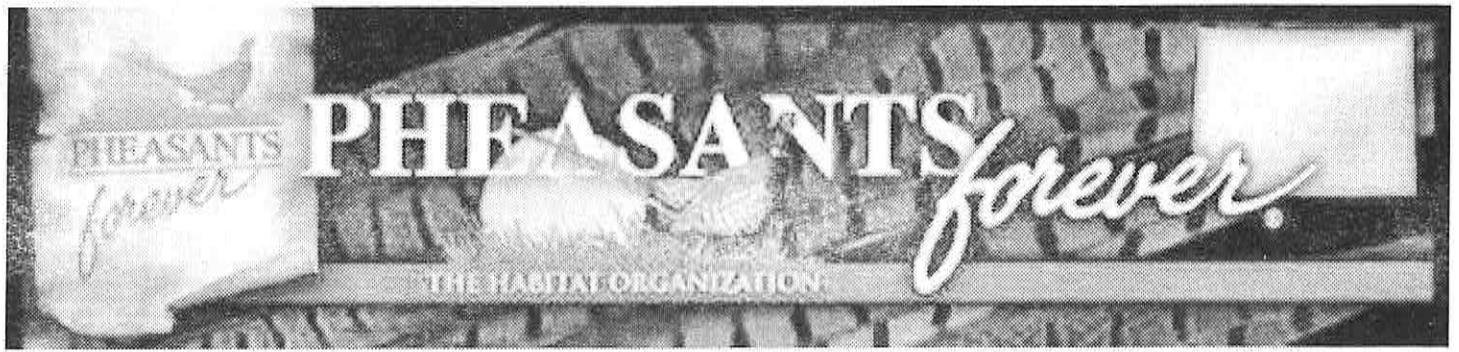
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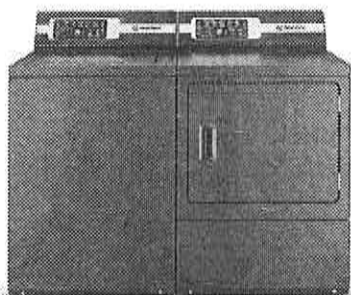
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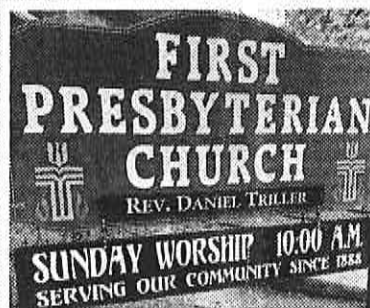
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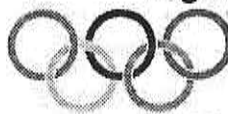
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