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Montana Western Presents "Deep Echoes"

by Miya Hannan

The University of Montana Western Fine Arts Gallery is proud to present "Deep Echoes", an installation by artist Miya Hannan. A closing reception will be held on Friday, March 22 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the UMW Fine Arts Gallery. This exhibition will run from March 11 to March 23, 2024. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The closing reception on March 22 is free for all to attend and will feature light refreshments.

This exhibit is part of the 2024 "Japanese Festival in Western Montana", organized by Nao Fukumoto, Japan Outreach Initiative (JOI) Coordinator, to be held in Dillon on March 22 and 23. Miya Hannan is scheduled to deliver presentations daily during the festival at the UMW campus in Main Hall room 156. On March 22, there will be two sessions: one from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and another from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The presentation on March 23 will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"Deep Echoes" is part of a project that is inspired by Japanese immigrants who crossed the Pacific Ocean in the late nineteenth century to work for a railway company in Montana. This work was done to send money back home to support their families. Thinking about how much hope, expectation, and fear Japanese immigrants held when crossing the ocean, Hannan deeply shares the same feeling as an immigrant who also crossed the Pacific Ocean for a better life. This project is a reminder of the Japanese workers who were never able to go back to their homeland, their voices hidden within the ocean. Hannan views the world as one comprised of layers and linkages of history, a chain of lives and events that leads from one to the next. Landscape is the record of these histories. Using the image of nature and physical objects from nature as triggers for narratives and identities of people, Hannan's artwork tries to preserve stories that are almost forgotten or, otherwise, lost.

Hannan has been actively showing her work in solo and group exhibitions nationally and internationally. She is a recipient of the 2023 Nevada Council Artist Fellowship Grant. Her artist's book, a collaboration project with Brighton Press in San Diego in 2017, is now in the collections of over 30 institutions including the Getty Research Institute, Library of Congress, and Stanford University. She was awarded many artist residencies, including the Jentel Artist Residency, Open AIR Artist Residency, MT, and the Red Gate Residency in Beijing, China. In 2012, she was commissioned by TEDxSan Diego to create an installation for their meeting. She also received the 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award from Mesa College, San Diego. Before coming to the United States, she received a bachelor's degree in medical technology and worked for a hospital for seven years in her native country, Japan. She is now an associate professor at the University of

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This exhibition is supported by the Japan Foundation New York, the Japan Outreach Initiative program, the University of Montana Western, and the Dillon Public Library. In addition to this exhibit, there will be several workshops and presentations including games, calligraphy, and tea ceremonies throughout Dillon during the Japanese Festival. There will also be a presentation about Montana's sister state's relationship with Kumamoto Prefecture in Japan.

PHANTOM 309

By "Swede" Troedsson

At dusk one winter evening in the early 70's, I was returning to Dillon from Helena, MT. It was snowing lightly. Snow skittered lazily across Highway 41 in front of me. Between Twin Bridges and Dillon, I was listening to Red Sovine's song Phantom 309 on the KOMA, Oklahoma City radio station. That song is about a truck driver who lost his life as he swerved off the road in order to avoid hitting a bus load of kids.

In my rear-view mirror, I saw the headlights of an approaching semi-truck. As that semi roared around past me, I caught a glimpse of the Bull Dog ornament perched on the hood of his Mack truck.

Once the truck was ahead of me, I broke on my CB radio, using my handle, and said "Howdy, 18-wheeler. The Meat Man here." The truck driver immediately replied, "Back to you, Meat Man, Phantom 309 here."

I replied, "As we speak, they are playing your song on KOMA!"

The truck driver replied "I'm listening to it!"

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(You can Google Phantom 309. It's an all time classic, first released in 1967.)



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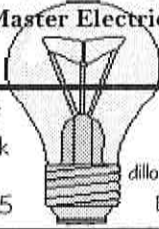
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Montana Western Announces Next Class of Bulldog Football Recruits - Continued

Three spring additions, 27 high school signees

Josh Jenkins, LB

- 6-0, 200, Bozeman, Mont., Gallatin HS Jenkins is a linebacker who joins the Bulldogs from Gallatin High School in Bozeman, Mont. He was a three-year varsity athlete who earned honorable mention All-State honors and second team all-conference recognition after last season. In his senior season, Jenkins totaled 66 tackles with 42 being solo tackles. Jenkins also competed in lacrosse for the Raptors. He is the son of Mike and Kathi Jenkins and plans to study business while at Montana Western.

Koby Johnson, K/P

- 6-2, 185, Washougal, Wash., Washougal HS Johnson is a kicker and punter who joins the Bulldogs from Washougal High School in Washougal, Wash. He was a three-year varsity athlete for the Panthers who was a two-time league champion. He earned all-league as a kicker/punter twice and earned all-region honors his senior year. In addition to football, Johnson also competed in soccer and basketball where he was named team captain in soccer for three seasons. Johnson is the son of Derek Johnson and Holly Johnson and plans to major in business while at Montana Western.

Bryant Kelly, OL

- 6-2, 315, Pocatello, Idaho, Highland HS Kelly is an offensive lineman who joins the Bulldogs from Highland High School in Pocatello, Idaho. He was a three-year varsity athlete for the Rams who won a pair of conference championships in 2022 and 2023 and was also the 5A Idaho State Football Champions. He earned second team all-conference honors after last season and also competed in track and field while at Highland. Kelly is the son of Tyler Kelly and Lindsay Fehringer and plans to major in environmental science while at Montana Western.

Aiden Lammers, RB

- 6-0, 200, Shepherd, Mont., Shepherd HS Lammers is a runningback who joins the Bulldogs from Shepherd High School in Shepherd, Mont. Lammers had a successful senior season last year after he led the state of Montana in rushing with 210.3 rushing yards per game and a total of 26 touchdowns. He was named All-State and all-conference as a runningback and earned all-conference honors as a linebacker. He also became the all-time rushing leader

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- FFA Alumni Banquet Feb 17th UMW Keltz Arena
- Friends of Jaycee Park Annual Fundraiser Dinner & Auction March 19th UMW Lewis & Clark 5:30 pm
- Mule Deer Foundation Banquet Feb 24th UMW Keltz Arena
- Pheasants Forever Dinner & Auction February 29th 5:30 pm UMW Lewis & Clark



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- at Shepherd High School after last season. Lammers is the son of Scott and Jessica Lammers and plans to major in business while at Montana Western.

Fareed Lawal, WR

- 5-11, 160, Spokane, Wash., Ferris HS Lawal is a wide receiver who joins the Bulldogs as a graduate of Ferris High School in Spokane, Wash. He was a three year athlete for the Saxons where he earned offensive player of the year honors and was a team most valuable player. He also earned second team all-league honors. Lawal also competed in basketball, soccer and track in high school. He is the son of Idris Lawal and Olabisi Olubajo and plans to major in business while at Montana Western.

Trevor Lewis, DL

- 6-1, 210, Hamilton, Mont., Hamilton HS Lewis is a defensive lineman who joins the Bulldogs from Hamilton High School in Hamilton, Mont. He was named honorable mention all-conference in 2022 and 2023 and was a conference champion twice. Lewis also was a member of Hamilton's state championship team in 2021. In addition, Lewis competed in track and field and wrestling at Hamilton and was named to the honor roll in 2023. Lewis is the son of RC Lewis and Sarah Crider and plans to major in secondary education and k-12 education at Montana Western.

Arie McLaughlin, DL

- 5-10, 255, Florence, Mont., Florence-Carlton HS McLaughlin is a defensive lineman who joins the Bulldogs from Florence-Carlton High School in Florence, Mont. McLaughlin spent four seasons on varsity for the Falcons where he was a member of Florence-Carlton's three consecutive Montana Class B State Championships. McLaughlin recorded 121 tackles with 73 last season alone. McLaughlin earned All-State honors last year and earned all-conference honors twice for the Falcons. In addition, he earned Academic All-State honors four times and was named to the honor roll twice. McLaughlin also competes in wrestling, rugby and track where he took fifth place in the 2022-23 wrestling state tournament. McLaughlin is the son of Chris and Brittany McLaughlin and plans to major in secondary education and k-12 education while at Montana Western.



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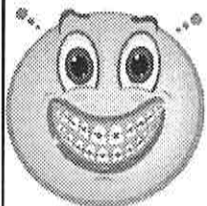
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Wolf trapping season set to close Feb. 15 in much of Montana Closure mandated by court order.

Wolf trapping season is set to close in Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks administrative regions 1, 2, and 3 at midnight on Feb. 15.

The closure is mandated by a federal district court order in November, which closed wolf trapping in these areas until Jan. 1 and then after Feb. 15.

FWP appealed the court ruling but has yet to receive a decision on the appeal.

Wolf trappers in FWP regions 1, 2, and 3 must have their traps out of the field by midnight on Feb. 15. The wolf harvest season is closed in the rest of Montana due to reaching established quotas.

The order applies only to trapping and snaring and does not apply to wolf hunting season which will remain open in regions 1, 2 and 3 until March 15 or the harvest quota is reached.

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February 20th, 2024 4:00 P.M.

1. Call To Order
2. Discuss/Recommend Tree Removal in Fedel Huber Family Plot
3. Discuss/Recommend Cemetery Software
4. Update on Poindexter Cemetery
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With love in the air and the recent FBI warning, the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI) emphasizes the importance of Montanan's to be on the watch for romance scams—or confidence scams—and to recognize the warning signs.

On the rise nationally, romance scams target our neighbors and loved ones of all ages. However, these fraudster cupids often focus on our most vulnerable senior population.

In 2023 the FBI internet complaint center (IC3) identified more than 19,000 victims of romance scams with losses greater than \$735 million.

When looking for love or companionship, dating sites and social media platforms are exciting and seem like good ways to meet people. For the unknowing, these sites can also be a breeding ground for scams.

Don't get caught seeing red—know the warning signs.

- Reluctant or too busy to meet in person
- Want a long-distance relationship
- Discuss wealth or business success
- Have farfetched stories, with international intrigue or sudden emergency

- Pressure you for money
- Introduce an investment app or website

Avoid getting caught in someone's love affair with your money – steer clear of conversations about finances and possessions, yours, and theirs. Don't send money to someone you've never physically met in person – a video call or chat doesn't count. With recommended investment websites and apps, these scammers often create a custom online platform to take your money and hide from authorities. Do your research before parting with your hard-earned money.

Always keep your guard up and if you ever question whether something is too good to be true, it probably is. For any questions or if you think you or a loved one have fallen victim to a romance scam, contact the CSI Securities Division at 406.444.3815.

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Attorney General's Office secures guilty verdict for Lake County man responsible for Boulder 2700 Fire

A Lake County man was found guilty of two counts of arson, including one count for the Boulder 2700 fire that destroyed homes, damaged property, and forced evacuations in Lake County during the summer of 2021, Attorney General Austin Knudsen announced today.

On February 8, a Lake County jury found Craig Allen McCrea responsible for deliberately setting the Boulder 2700 fire near Finley Point in Lake County on July 31, 2021. As one of the most high-profile fires in the country at one point, the forest fire burned 2,589 acres of forest, destroyed 14 homes, 17 structures, and forced the evacuation of thousands of Lake County residents. McCrea is also responsible for starting the Finley Fire in Missoula County just north of Evaro Hill on July 25, 2021, which burned 18 acres.

"Arson cases are very difficult to prove, but with the help of detectives in the Lake County Sheriff's Office and the Lake County Attorney's Office, our prosecutors secured a guilty verdict," Attorney General Knudsen said. "I'm proud of our team for working to get justice for the Montana families who suffered significant loss as a result of McCrea's actions."

McCrea is suspected of started a series of fires near Flathead Lake and was also charged with two other counts of arson for smaller fires around the same timeframe which resulted in a hung jury. One witness, Crystal Kline, who was with McCrea at the time one of the fires was started stated that she thought the pair were going into the woods to get high and did not know that McCrea was going to start a fire. Evidence also suggests that Kline and McCrea travelled to Washington to purchase fentanyl during the same timeframe McCrea started the fires. He also pleaded guilty in October to an unrelated charge of criminal possession of dangerous drugs.

McCrea was designated a persistent felony offender prior to trial and therefore faces 100 years in Montana State Prison for each count rather than the usual maximum of 20 years. He may also be responsible for several million dollars in restitution and may be required to repay the cost incurred from fighting the fires.

Assistant Attorneys General Thorin Geist and Caitlin Creighton prosecuted the case with the assistance of Lake County Attorney James Lapotka. It was investigated by the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

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9:00 A.M.	Pledge of Allegiance Updates on County Projects <i>Public Comment</i> Commissioners Report <i>Public Comment</i>
9:30 A.M.	Discussion & Action- Reinstatement Open Burn March 1, 2024 <i>Public Comment</i>
9:45 A.M.	Discussion & Action- Resolution 2024-06 Approving an Invitation for Bids for Expansion of the Beaverhead County Weed District Building <i>Public Comment</i>
10:00 A.M.	Discussion & Action- Western View Minor Plat Approval <i>Public Comment</i>
10:15 A.M.	Discussion & Action- Ordinance 2024-01 Subdivision Regulations Second Reading <i>Public Comment</i>
10:30 A.M.	Discussion & Action- Cell Tower Application West of Wisdom, MT <i>Public Comment</i>
12:00 P.M.	RECESS for lunch
3:00 P.M.	Unfinished Business / Other Topics of Discussion <i>Public Comment</i>
4:00 P.M.	Public Comments Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda <i>Public Comment</i>
4:30 P.M.	Payment of Invoices <i>Public Comment</i> Action on Previous Meeting Minutes <i>Public Comment</i>
5:00 P.M.	ADJOURN

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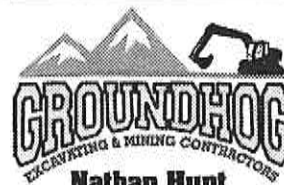


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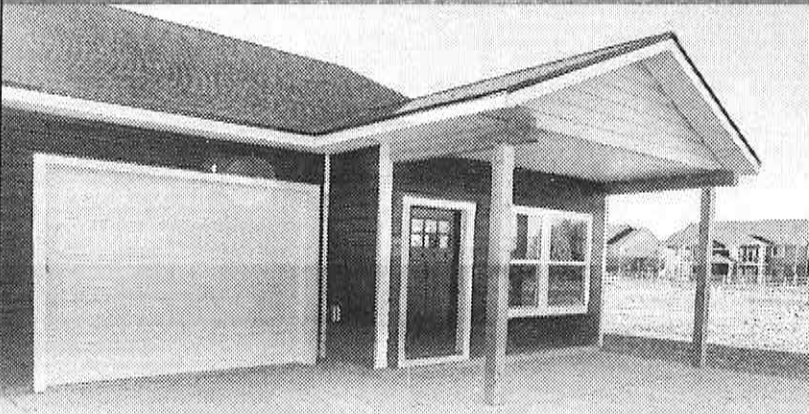
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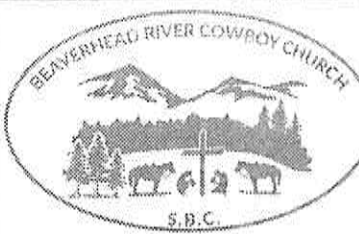
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I am reaching out to my community, friends and family on behalf of Jennie and Allen Kamps.

Recently my mom, Jennie was diagnosed with a sizeable brain aneurysm requiring treatment to prevent rupture. Mom has to travel to Spokane for the 1st appt with Neurosurgeon on March 11th for a diagnostic procedure.

They will be sending a camera up through the femoral artery in her leg, bypassing her heart up to her brain. There they will measure the aneurysm for size accuracy, blood flow, weak spots and finally, the next possible form of treatment. The 2nd appt will be as soon as they get insurance authorization. This will be to actually treat the aneurysm. Each appt will require at least 2 nights lodging. The second obviously could be more. Both will require gas and food for them and their driver, as neither can physically drive that far. Both mom and Allen are on disability, making these emergency and very unexpected expenses nearly impossible. That being said, I have set up a Medical Benefit account at Bank of Commerce under Jennie Cole Kamps. We are attaching my payment apps for their use as well as they don't have/ use them.

**Venmo- @chughes03 • Cashapp- \$scarhuh
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All monies will be transferred to the benefit account. If you do use these, please add your name in the notes so we know who to thank. Or send me a message as I'm keeping track for thank yous. If you can help in any way please feel free to contact me, Carleen @ 701-946-8553. Big thank you in advance for any help offered or donations sent. But most of all, thank you for the very much needed prayers. I can't tell you how much it all helps and means to our whole family.

Sincerely, Carleen Hughes and Family

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