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Dillon Concert Association membership grants admission to all 2022-23 performances. Single event tickets will be sold at the door: adults $20, college $10, student/youth $6. As a bonus, the Anaconda and Butte Community Concert Associations will grant admission to their concerts upon showing your DCA membership card.

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The necessity for this temporary closure stems from evaluations revealing that the current runway, over 20 years old, is exhibiting signs of potential failure. After thorough consultations with aviation experts, local stakeholders, and community leaders, it was determined that a complete overhaul was essential to ensure the safety and reliability of the Airport infrastructure.

Important Closure Details:

- Closure Period: April 2nd, 2024 to June 28th, 2024.
- Project Details: The reconstruction includes a complete overhaul of the main runway, repairs to the auxiliary runway, taxiways, and apron with significant upgrades to lighting and navigation systems.
- Operational Impact: During this period, no aircraft operations will be permitted at the Airport, necessitating the suspension of all flight operations.

Special Advisory for Aircraft Owners:

Aircraft owners with planes housed at Dillon Airport are advised that no operations will be possible during the construction phase. Those requiring access for flight operations to their aircraft during the closure are strongly recommended to relocate their planes to another Airport before the end of March 2024 to avoid any inconvenience and ensure the safety of all aircraft and personnel involved.

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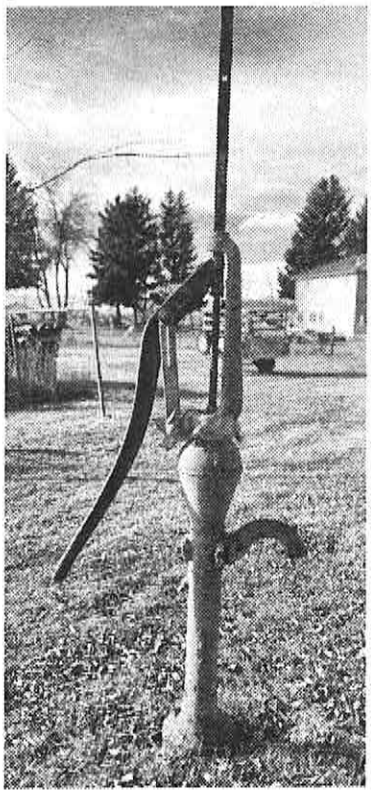
By "Swede" Troedsson

In 1995, it came to my attention that the City of Dillon, Montana, had passed an ordinance that potable water well owners must connect to city water within ten years.



The city had just constructed a new water reservoir, and they were attempting to force well owners like me to contribute to paying off the construction cost.

At that time, my daughter Karin was enrolled in a constitutional law course in law school. I informed her of the city ordinance and that I had a water right on my well. (In Montana, a water right is considered a property right.) I also informed her the city was not willing to compensate me the $10,000 it would cost me to connect to city water. I questioned as to whether the city had followed proper due process because we well owners had never been individually informed of the city proposal. Karin replied "Oh, Dad, that's an illegal taking under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution!"

Following my conversation with Karin, I attended a City Council meeting. At that meeting I informed the Council that they could not force me off my well

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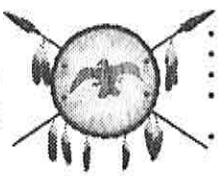
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because I had a water right on it. Forcing me off my well would cost me $10,000 to connect to city water, and would devalue my property.

The Mayor replied that the issue has already been settled by the State Supreme Court. When I asked him the name of the case, he replied "I'm not going to tell you."

I then inquired how many potable well owners were in the city. The Mayor replied "Only a couple of dozen." I would later find out that there were over 50!

Replying to my inquiry, the Water Rights Bureau informed me that the appeal to the Supreme Court involved a couple from Ennis, MT. They had been ordered to connect to city water in order to contribute to the cost of a new water reservoir having been constructed.

They lost their appeal because they never argued the issue of their property rights.

I called a meeting of well owners. Thirty-five attended, which included a State Senator. At that meeting, I found out that many of the well owners mistakenly assumed that their Well Log was a water right. I explained to them that their Well Log was merely the well driller's documentation of their well location, the depth, the flow rate, and the type of use. A WELL LOG ITSELF DOES NOT CONFER A LEGAL WATER RIGHT!

I also informed the well owners that they could obtain a water right by obtaining a Water Right Application Form from the Clerk & Recorder's Office. After filling out the form, they could submit it to the Water Rights Bureau, and obtain a Water Right.

The attendees signed a letter of complaint to the city. One paragraph in the letter began by stating "Your attention is invited to the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution."

A compromise was offered by the city. The city insisted that we well owners would derive improved fire protection from the new reservoir. City water users were charged a $10.18 monthly construction fee for the new reservoir. We well owners would be charged only half, or $5.09 monthly. But, best of all , the compromise included the agreement that our wells would be grandfathered in and that we would not be required to tie in to the city's water supply.

We accepted the compromise.

Later I was informed by the Clerk & Recorder's office that they received an inquiry from the Water Rights Bureau. They wanted to know why they were receiving so many Water Rights Applications from Dillon!

(This story appeared on the front page of the December 29th, 1995 issue of the Montana Standard.)

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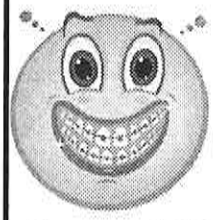

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Beaverhead Conservation District Meeting

NRCS Office 420 Barrett St
March 21, 2024, 6:00 pm

The meeting will be in-person, but we can open a conference call line if anyone is interested, please let us know by noon the day of the meeting, if you would like to call into the meeting. If you would like to submit written comment, please do so by noon the day of the meeting to BeaverheadCD@gmail.com or in person at 420 Barrett St.

- Call meeting to order
- Approval of February 15, 2024 minutes
- Financial report
- NRCS Report
- SWMSP Report
- Range Committee Report
- Old 310 business
- New 310 Business
  - o BCD 2408 East Bench Irrigation, Beaverhead River, Remove Silt Buildup for better storage capacity
- Administrator's Report
  - o Watercraft Inspection Station Opening
- Beaverhead Watershed Committee Grant Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
  - o DNRC report- Catey Bauer
- Upcoming Events
  - o Cheatgrass Workshop – April 10th
  - o Next meeting date – April 18th 6 pm
  - o Youth Conservation Day – April 30th
  - o Local Work Group Meeting – May 9th
  - o Poindexter Weed Pull – May 28th
- Public Comment

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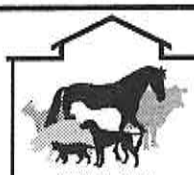

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1. Call To Order
2. Discuss/Recommend Cemetery Software.
   Review Budget to purchase.
3. Update on Poindexter Cemetery
4. Discuss/Recommend Hughes Monument changes.
5. Review/Approve Title 11.
6. Public Comment On Items Of Significant
   Public Interest Not On The Agenda And Within
   The Jurisdiction Of The City
7. Adjournment

Rotary Club Speaker

Wed., Mar. 20th at Noon – Rebecca Jones, Executive Director, Beaverhead Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture and Dillon Visitor Center. Rebecca will be speaking about the importance of tourism for Beaverhead County and share visitor statistics from the last two years! Did you know that tourism reduces the average tax burden on every Montana household by over $721? Come and learn how! We will meet at St. James Guild Hall at Glendale and Washington Streets in Dillon

Dear Hunters and Anglers

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FWP, MSU seek help from anglers who catch tagged fish in upper Missouri River Basin

Angler reports of tagged fish will help inform trout research

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks staff, in cooperation with Montana State University, have begun tagging trout in the Big Hole, Beaverhead, Ruby and Madison rivers.

This tagging effort is part of ongoing research that aims to address trout declines and fish health concerns in the upper Missouri River Basin. Staff plan to tag fish each year for the next three years. With help from anglers, these tags will help researchers identify individual fish and monitor their health, survival, movement and other indicators over time.

Each tag has a unique number and will be attached to the fish near the dorsal fin. Anglers who catch a tagged fish should use clippers to remove the tag as close to the skin as possible while minimizing handling time and exposure to air, then submit a report for each tagged fish they catch. These reports will include information such as the tag number, date, location, condition of the fish, gear type used, and whether the angler released or harvested the fish.

A how-to video on this process is available on FWP's website.

Anglers who submit reports may also be eligible for rewards. Blue tags will be entered into a drawing for gear and fishing trips. Yellow tags are each worth $100.

Anglers can submit reports by visiting mtcfru.org/msutag or by calling 406-994-2384.

"Anglers play a critical role in this study," said Mike Duncan, FWP's fisheries program manager in southwestern Montana. "When they submit reports on tagged fish, they are helping gather important information on the health of the fishery."

Anglers and other recreationists may also see creel clerks from MSU while they're on the river. These clerks will be interviewing recreationists as part of the research effort.

This research kicked off last year when annual sampling found fish numbers to be at or near historic lows in sections of these rivers. Since then, FWP has been working closely with MSU in hiring three PhD students and additional staff to study fish mortality, recruitment and health.

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Dillon Middle School News for the week of March 18-22, 2024

The lunch menu for the the week is as follows:

- Monday: Egg Sandwich or Chicken salad bar
- Tuesday: Chicken Teriyaki with Rice and a Breadstick or Taco salad bar
- Wednesday: Pulled Pork Sandwich and Coleslaw or Chef salad bar
- Thursday: Taste test Thursday with Italian Meatball Sub or Cobb Salad bar
- Friday: Chili with Cinnamon Rolls or Asian Chicken salad bar

Academic Olympics went to Bozeman in the early morning of Tuesday, March 12. Participants were: Ean Field, Eli Freeman, Amelia Maki, Kestrel Aiken, Reese Roberts, Kendalyn Martin, Greer Morstein, Abigail Eason, Aidan Ferguson, Ripley Reasoner, Lizzy Steadman, Katelyn Smith, Everett Sitton, Hannah Kidd, Sage Rhodes, Mira Reints, Easton Oswald, Keltie Guiberson, Clementine Regan, Kaia Salix, and Barrett Yeadon.

Great job on all of your hard work leading up to this competition, students!

On Tuesday, March 19 at 6:00 am, MASS Band will depart to Anaconda. Have a great time students!

Friday, March 22nd is the end of Quarter #3. Students, make sure you have all assignments turned in before the end of the quarter! Final grades will be sent home before Spring Break on Wednesday, March 27th.

The Beaverhead County ACEs Task Force wants you to know that children who grow up in a household with a family member with mental illness or depression can experience confusion, fear, anxiety, and stress. But one committed, caring adult can help a child build resilience and find success. Be that adult! Healthy families build strong communities.

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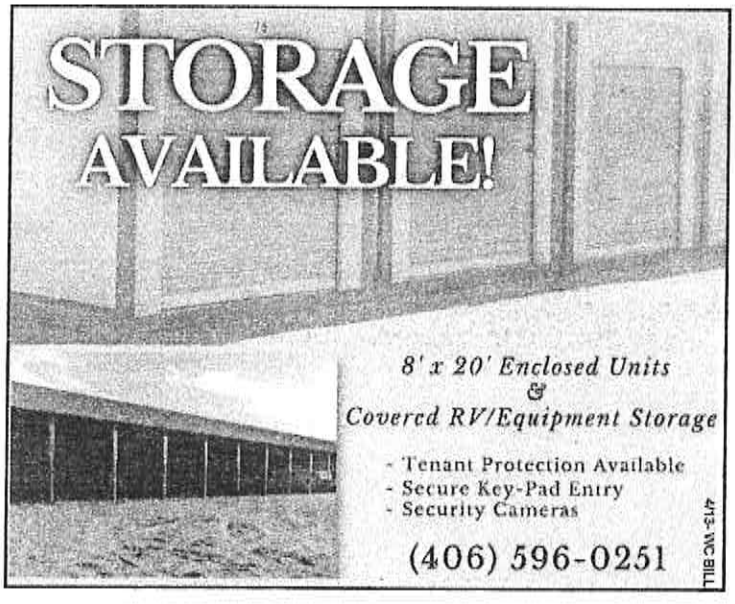

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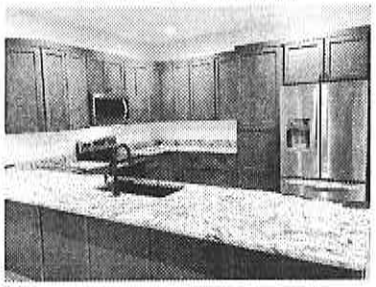

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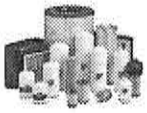

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RETAIL SALES POSITION
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Must lift up to 50 pounds & work one weekend day.
Starting wage depending on experience.
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Regan Patterson 406-902-9115
Ashton Knapp 406-660-1661
3/22 PD

Hiring for 2024 Seasonal Weed Crew!

Interested in an outdoor job that is beneficial to communities, habitats, and waterways? Weed crew members manage noxious weeds through various integrated weed management techniques, all while working in and protecting Beaverhead County. Must be 18 years old by June 3, 2024 and have a valid driver's license. For more information or to apply, inquire with the Beaverhead County Weed Office, Beaverhead County Website, or Job Service:
2 S. Pacific • Dillon, MT 59725
aburch@beaverheadcountymt.gov • www.beaverheadcounty.org
(406) 683-3790
3/6-4/6 BILL

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Garage / Storage For Rent

406-683-2721

- 30 x40 foot
- Possible RV storage and other toys
- New heated 12x12 Bathroom – Shower, work-sink, toilet,
- Extra off-street parking and 8 x 12 shed
- Natural gas heated garage and electric heated bathroom
- RENT is $900 with a $900 deposit – Tenant pays for utilities

Call Mark at
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Lunch specials come with a side and drink

Monday-Chicken Cordon Bleu

Tuesday- Chicken & Beef Enchiladas

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Friday- Fish & Chips

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$2 EACH OR 6 FOR $10

GUESS WHEN THE CLOCK WILL FALL THROUGH THE ICE

PRIZES:
1st PLACE $500
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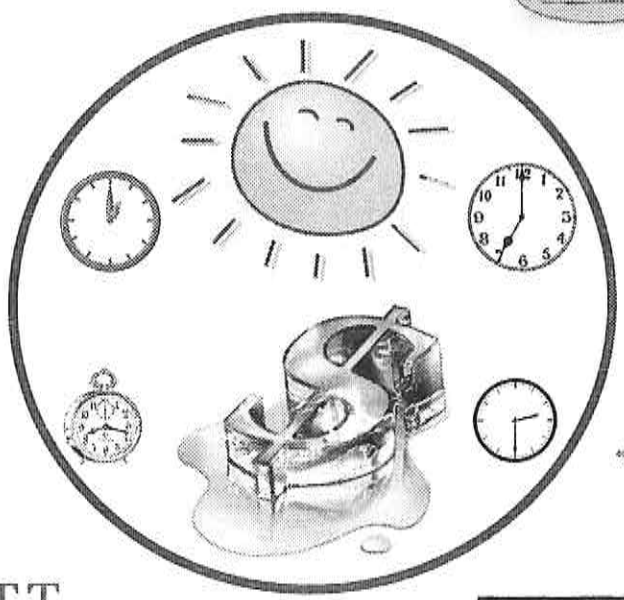

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- **Part time opener**
- **or Full time if flexible hours**
- **Late day Shift 11 am - 7 pm**
- **Closing 3 pm - 9 pm**

3/8- WC BILL

Love to camp and enjoy people?

Have you ever thought about being a campground host?

The Dillon District of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest is seeking individuals to maintain campgrounds and host in several campgrounds around the district.

If you're interested, please contact Adam Norlander at (406) 683-3950. 3/14-27 BILL C

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OFFICE ASSISTANT FOR MSU/BEAVERHEAD COUNTY EXTENSION 3/13-26 BILL

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY is currently accepting applications for the position of Office Assistant for MSU/ Beaverhead County Extension. Position requires varied receptionist, secretarial, bookkeeping and office management duties requiring the ability to work well with people and have good organizational skills. Position works extra hours during the county fair. Requires the equivalent of H/S diploma. Some college courses and/ or experience in agriculture, office management and home economics is preferred. This is a full-time position and has an excellent benefit package. A complete job description and application can be found on the Beaverhead County website at www.beaverheadcountymt.gov. Applications can also be picked up in the County Finance Office. Please return application and resume to john.bazemore@montana.edu or ssetzer@beaverheadcountymt.gov or drop off in the Finance Office. Position open until filled.

WANTED 3/18-29 PD

Caregiver for kind elderly woman with dementia. No experience necessary; will pay new employee while they train. Need a patient, kind, caring person to join a team of three other caregivers. Starting pay $18/hour. Shifts are 8:30am to 2:00pm and 3:00pm to 8:30pm, 7 days a week, but employee may expect 3 days a week off. Work one shift per day or two per day, depending on employee's availability/needs and coordination with other caregivers. Janet needs your help; please call or text 406-660-0291. If no answer, please leave a message.

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FOR SALE 3/13-22 BILL

Liberty Gun Safe, Made in USA, New condition, 850 lbs. 64"H X 42" W X 28"D. $1,400.00 (Retail $2,100.00). Moving, Must Sell. 406-925-9807

FOR RENT 4/6 PD

Taking applications for a studio apartment. Perfect for 1 person. $400 month/power/water included. References required. Apply at Womack's Printing Place 126 N Montana St or call Jim 406-596-0232

FOR SALE 4/6 PD

Farm Fresh Organic Eggs for sale $4/dozen. We deliver in town. Text or call 406-660-0683

Allen Farrier Service 5/15 PD

Servicing Dillon and surrounding areas. Hot/cold, therapeutic, and sharp shoeing available. Call or text 406-694-4843

HELP WANTED 3/18- WC BILL

Concrete laborers & finishers. $20.00 - $34.00 an hour depending on experience. Call Phillips Concrete (406} 491-3772 or Email brian@phillipsconcreteinc.com

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