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Karen Helen Javurek Simon

It is with great sadness that the Simon kids announce the passing of our mother, Karen Helen Javurek Simon. As some of you may know, Mom had been suffering from an unusual dementia for many years, and we are all so grateful that we were able to keep her in our lives for so long.



Mom was a devout Christian, and there's nothing that could have made more sense than her choice to go to heaven early Easter morning. We buried her body as closely as possible to how Jesus was buried -- unembalmed and wrapped in linen

-- in their Promised Land of Dillon, Montana, overlooking Mount Baldy.

In lieu of a poetic eulogy, I offer the following, written some years back on Mothers Day:

Happy Mother's Day to the woman who taught me how to cook, sew, recycle, grow things, write speeches, make awesome presentation materials, and sit like a lady. Who also insisted that calcium should never be taken without also supplementing with magnesium, and who snatched away those colorful gumballs sent out by Nutrasweet back in the eighties because she already knew the danger of aspartame. Who taught me how to properly smack the dough with the rolling pin when rolling out a noodle, how to smell when whatever was in the oven was done, and even how, if you add gluten to your 100% whole wheat bread, you can win the grand prize at the county fair. Who taught me how to stretch a dollar and recognize great writing even in the humblest of settings. But most importantly, the woman who taught me that, if you think you have to divide love, you do not understand what love is about.

Godspeed, dear mother. We will see you again.

Stories Through Time with the Early Childhood Coalition

Join the Early Childhood Coalition of Beaverhead County on twice a month for an intergenerational storytime that bridges the gap between the young and the young at heart. Starting at 10:30 am, our sessions take place in rotating senior community locations, providing a unique and heartwarming experience for all.

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If you've been thinking about giving back to our nation's veterans who have helped preserve our freedoms, this is an excellent opportunity. To learn more about the DAV organization, you can go to <https://www.dav.org>.

If you think you'd be interested in being a local volunteer driver or would just like more information, please call Darlene, Dillon's Local Area Coordinator, at (406) 490-3692.

Dillon Track Invite Needs Your Help

BCHS will be hosting the Dillon Invite track meet on Saturday, May 4th at 10:00 am. I am looking for volunteer workers to help run the finish line and field events. If you are around, I would greatly appreciate any help you can provide. If you know of any students who might be interested, please send them my way.

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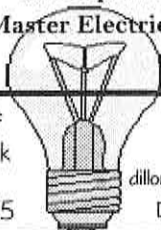
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We chose a table that was set away from all the light. Then our waitress asked how we would like prime rib prepared tonight.

My wife likes prime rib medium. I like it juicy rare. The chef knew how to cook the meat. None better I could swear.

The waitress brought our dinners. Culinarian first rate. That's when I noticed drippings at the bottom of my plate.

My mind went back when I was young, to a life of work yet joy. We were raised and fed on meat and spuds like every country boy.

Our grain fed beef was marbled. Soon the butcher they would meet. Providence was having two stocked freezers full of meat.

But somewhere in between the butchering and the eat, we wasted many T-bones, fried too long with too much heat.

No one asked if we would like our steak a medium well. 'Cuz the one who fricasseed your steak would burn it plumb to \$@##.

The cast iron pan was fired up and as far as we all knew, the steaks fried in the pan cooked tougher than a leather shoe.

Chewing takes some effort and especially when grown old. 'Cuz if you sport false teeth for sure your polident won't hold.

But then one day, while out at camp, I gained a life remake. A man from South America cooked all of us a steak.

He sprinkled all our t-bone steaks with powdered garlic salt. Then placed 'em in a hot pan. Watched 'em almost to a fault.

He cut a chunk of rare red meat and placed it on my plate. I popped it in my mouth. Dang sure, the best I'd ever ate!

My taste buds have convinced me, never overcook the meat. I learned from my experience that the drippings are a treat.

The cowboy and the rancher raised and fed the steer for you. They eked out a small living on what both knew how to do.

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Barrett Hospital & HealthCare Honored with Prestigious 2023 Jeff Martin Leadership Award for Advancements in Opioid Safety and Patient Care

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare, a leading provider of comprehensive health services in Montana, proudly announces its recognition by Yellowstone Insurance Exchange, RRG with the distinguished Jeff Martin Leadership Award for 2023. This esteemed accolade celebrates the hospital's exemplary commitment to enhancing patient safety and delivering high-quality care, specifically in the realm of opioid safety, within the community it serves.

The Jeff Martin Leadership Award recognizes healthcare institutions that demonstrate an unwavering dedication to advancing patient safety. Barrett Hospital & HealthCare's significant contributions to reducing opioid overprescribing and educating staff set a commendable standard for patient-centered care and innovation.

*****A Milestone in Community Health Improvement*****

Under the guidance of a dedicated team of healthcare professionals, Barrett Hospital & HealthCare launched an opioid safety program aimed at dramatically reducing the risks associated with opioid prescribing and usage. By implementing prescribing guidelines, enhancing patient education on pain management alternatives, and educating staff, the initiative has led to noteworthy improvements in patient outcomes and overall community health.

"Our team is honored to receive the Jeff Martin Leadership Award," said Taylor Rose, Chief Executive Officer of Barrett Hospital & HealthCare. "This recognition reflects our ongoing commitment to not only meet but exceed the expectations for patient care in our community. Reducing opioid-related harm is a critical component of our mission, and we're proud to see our efforts make a tangible difference."

*****A Catalyst for Change*****

The initial success of Barrett Hospital & HealthCare's opioid safety program serves as an influential model for other healthcare institutions seeking to mitigate the opioid crisis in their communities. The proactive measures undertaken demonstrate the significant impact healthcare providers can have in curbing the opioid epidemic's toll through leadership, innovation, and compassionate care.

"We believe that the strategies we've implemented can inspire change beyond our hospital walls," Rose added. "Sharing our successes



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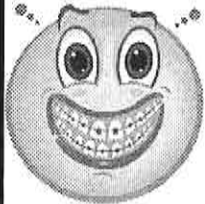
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and challenges with the broader healthcare community is part of our commitment to combating the opioid crisis on a national scale."

As Barrett Hospital & HealthCare celebrates this prestigious award, it remains dedicated to pushing the boundaries of healthcare excellence and improving the lives of those it serves. The Jeff Martin Leadership Award not only honors the hospital's achievements in enhancing patient safety and delivering high-quality care, but also shines a spotlight on its program concerning the critical issue of opioid safety, urging continued progress and collective action in the healthcare industry.

A Blessed Thank You

Thank you to the Dillon Community who helped in our time of need as renovation was required due to frozen pipes and subzero temperatures in late January. It was a challenge to empty the Beaverhead County Museum Thrift Store in three days and find storage for all our items. The community came forward for us and Jim Harvey from The Storage Place offered us a large unit free of charge, what a blessing. You all are amazing, and we were the recipients of your great talents and concern. We will reopen on Monday, April 22, 2024. The hours will be 11 :00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. We will accept clean resale donations during business hours only.

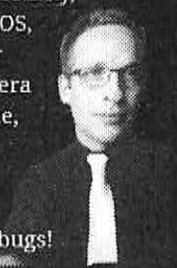
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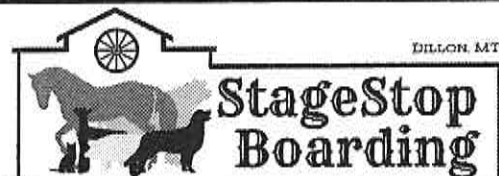
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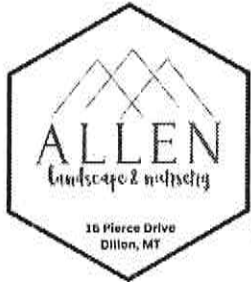
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Montana Western to Hold 127th Annual Commencement Ceremony

The University of Montana Western will celebrate its 127th Annual Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Straugh Gymnasium on the UMW campus.

Montana Western to Hold 127th Annual Commencement Ceremony.

"We look forward to celebrating this important milestone for our students, and we are proud of all of their accomplishments," said Montana Western Chancellor, Michael Reid.

401 Montana Western graduates will be awarded over 486 degrees by the end of the 2023-24 academic year. Of the 401 students, 80 have completed two or more degrees, and 69% of the graduates are receiving honors by achieving a GPA of 3.33 or higher. 175 graduates have chosen to participate in this year's ceremony. The ceremony's Chief Marshal will be Doug Daenzer, M.S., Instructor of Business at the University of Montana Western.

Commencement Speaker: Dr. Steve Mock

This year's commencement program will feature speaker Dr. Steve Mock, retired Professor of Chemistry Emeritus and Climbing Instructor in the Environmental Sciences Department at Montana Western.

Steve Mock's journey from a small farming community in Indiana to his retirement in Dillon, Montana, is a testament to a life filled with adventure and dedication. Graduating from Manchester College in 1977, Steve and his wife, Jan, pursued their love for the wilderness, eventually settling in Missoula in 1978. Steve's academic pursuits led him to earn a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Montana State University in 1989, later joining the faculty at the University of Montana Western in 1991.

Outside academia, Dr. Mock's passion for climbing led him to significant involvement with the Khumbu Climbing Center (KCC), a project of the Bozeman based Alex Lowe Charitable Foundation (ALCF) and Denali Rescue Volunteers (DRV). Serving as Co-Director of KCC for ten years, he played a vital role in training Nepali citizens in climbing and guiding. He also participated in Denali Ranger patrols, earning him the President's role at DRV in 2018.

"We are honored to welcome Dr. Steve Mock back to Montana Western for our 127th Annual Commencement ceremony. Dr. Mock's dedication to learning, teaching, and his adventurous spirit in the great outdoors provide a deep reservoir of experience and accomplishments to help inspire and celebrate our graduating students," said Montana Western Chancellor, Michael Reid. "We look forward to his address, as he helps us celebrate their achievements and ignites a sense of possibility and excitement for their future."

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with the Alumni Distinguished Service Award during this year's commencement program.

Anderson was born and raised in Dillon, Montana and attended Montana Western from 1970-1973, where she pursued a degree in Elementary Education with an English endorsement. Later, she earned a Master's Degree in Education and obtained a principal endorsement. Anderson dedicated thirty-six years to teaching at the Dillon Elementary School District, instructing students across all grade levels, from first to eighth grade. Alongside her teaching career, she coached track and cross country at both the middle school and at Beaverhead County High School. Following her retirement from District #10, Anderson served as the Principal of Hamilton Middle School in 2010 and briefly held the position of Principal at Divide Rural School.

Throughout her 50-year career in education, Anderson also contributed as an adjunct professor at Montana Western, served as an elementary school board trustee, and played a pivotal role in observing and evaluating UMW students during Rural Fridays. She remains active as a substitute teacher at BCHS and supervises student teachers from UMW. She enjoys judging the Rural School Science Fair, track meets, and spelling bees. An active member of numerous community organizations, she was named "Volunteer of the Year" in 2023.

"Montana Western is proud to honor Sharon Anderson with the Alumni Distinguished Service Award. Through her commitment to education and community service, Sharon has left a lasting and meaningful impact on those around her," said Montana Western Foundation and Alumni Director, Roxanne Engellant.

**Luncheon Honoring Sharon Anderson and
the UMW Classes of 1974 and 1999**

The Montana Western Alumni Office will host a luncheon in the Lewis and Clark Room in Mathews Hall on Friday, May 3, at 11:30 a.m. to honor Sharon Anderson and the Montana Western Classes of 1974 and 1999. Tickets can be purchased for \$30 by calling 406-683-7306 or by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/murbzww8>. Anderson will be recognized for the award during the Commencement Ceremony on May 4.

Rehearsal

Rehearsal for all graduates and degree candidates will be held on Friday, May 3 at 2:00 p.m. in the Lucy Carson Library and end in the Straugh Gymnasium. UMW staff will be available to answer any questions about the ceremony and order of events at Commencement.

Legacy Plaza Ceremony

An additional ceremony honoring the 2024 Graduating Class will be held on Friday, May 3, at 3:30 p.m. on the campus's Legacy Plaza. This celebration is part of a special tradition at Montana

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Bulldog Breakfast

Montana Western is hosting the annual Bulldog Breakfast from 7:00-9:30 a.m. in UMW's Dining Hall for all Commencement guests prior to the ceremony on May 4. Please RSVP online by Thursday, May 2, 2024: <https://www.umwestern.edu/commencement-breakfast-reservation/>.

Breakfast will feature waffles, scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, sausage, biscuits and gravy, sweet rolls, muffins, coffee cake, fresh fruit, cereal, yogurt, granola, chilled juice, fresh brewed coffee, and assorted teas. The cost will be \$10 for adults and \$8 for children ages 2-10. Payment will be taken directly by Dining Services via cash or card. Reservations are requested for planning purposes but are not required to attend.

Check-In

Graduates and degree candidates will need to arrive dressed in their full regalia for check-in no later than 9:00 a.m. at the Lucy Carson Library.

Seating

Guests can begin seating in the Straugh Gymnasium and Keltz Arena (both located in the BARC) at 9:00 a.m. Seating in the Straugh Gymnasium requires tickets reserved in advance by all participating graduates and degree candidates. Seating in the Keltz Arena, an additional ceremony viewing location, is open and does not require tickets. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/UMWComm24> for more information.

Livestream

For those who are unable to attend in person, a livestream of Saturday's Commencement Ceremony will be available starting at 10:00 a.m. on May 4 by visiting <https://www.umwestern.edu/commencement-live-stream/>.

For more information about Commencement, please contact the Montana Western Registrar's Office by calling 406-683-7371 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/UMWComm24>.

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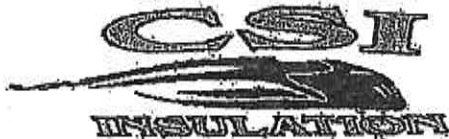
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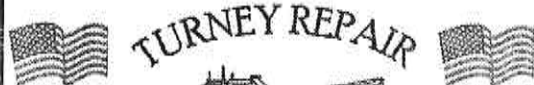
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