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Lowell Sterling Hildreth passed away May 25, 2024 in Dillon, Montana, surrounded by his family. He was born March 24, 1930 to Bessie and E.W. (Bob) Hildreth, the fourth of six sons born into a family that ranched in the Medicine Lodge Valley of Beaverhead County. He was very close to his parents and brothers, Pat (Trudy), Bill (Gisela), Gene (Wini), Raymond (Darlene) and Edward Barton (Eathal).

Lowell, "Scotch" graduated from BCHS, served in the US Navy, and was stationed at Pearl Harbor. He married Ruth Ann Brown in 1954 and their daughter, Gail, was born in Honolulu in 1956. After his Naval service, he and his family moved back to Montana. His son Justin, was born in 1958 in Dillon. He divorced and then married Dorothea Crampton; they were later divorced.

His true passion in life was ranching and developing sheep and later cattle ranches. He started sheep ranching in the late 1950's and bought the Bert McMenomey ranch on the upper Beaverhead River when Clark Canyon Dam was built. In the mid-1970's he began breeding Saller cattle and developed a herd with his son, Justin. Later they bred primarily Angus cattle.

Over the years he and Justin, owned and improved ranches in Oregon, Colorado, and a large grass ranch near Capitol, Montana and in South Dakota. His last major project with Justin was turning a property in the Upper Medicine Lodge near his grandparent's homestead into a working summer grazing ranch.

He enjoyed traveling and went to the Bahamas, Canada, Florida, Central America and the US East Coast. One of the highlights of his travels was attending horse shows with his daughter and her husband, Doug Whitsett DVM, and watching his ranch bred and raised Oldenburg stallion, Cochise, and his gelding Charlie, compete nationally in jumping and 3-Day events. He and Gail went to the World Cup of Jumping together and to see another of their warmblood stallions, Conquistador, compete in International Equestrian Federation (FEI) dressage shows in California. His close friend, Verda Clawson, went to Hawaii and accompanied him on many trips and horse shows after his retirement.

Lowell was a Christian, who especially enjoyed listening to the Reverend Billy Graham's messages. He was a true American patriot and veteran from the Greatest Generation, a dedicated and compassionate family man, and superb caretaker of the land and its animals. He will be greatly missed by the members of his close and extended family.

He is survived by his two grandchildren, Brandon (Anita) and Jesse Hildreth, step grandchildren/great grandchildren (Kim, Merrill, Shelby, James, Brayden, and Parker Buckley, Eva Lindow, Kyrie and Bob Cantoni), and numerous cousins (including Coy

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We would like to thank his special caregivers: Michelle, Reata, Aimee and Marie, as well as Dr. Burke Hanson and the staff of the Barrett Hospital for their kindness and care over the last few months.

A service for Lowell will be held in early July 2024.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Pioneer Care and Rehabilitation will be hosting the next Alzheimer's Support Group June 4th at 1pm at BeeHive Homes. This group is a safe place to navigate emotions and gather ideas to address challenges faced by caregivers. All are welcome.

Troy Andersen Free Youth Football Camp

Atlanta Falcons linebacker and Montana State Bobcat, Troy Andersen will be hosting a free youth football camp for kids entering grades 2nd - 8th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Wednesday, June 26th at his alma mater, Beaverhead County High School!

Date and time: Wednesday, June 26 · 1 - 5 pm MDT

Campers will run through drills, play mini games, and learn fundamental football techniques. Post-camp autograph session to follow.

For questions or inquiries, please contact: footballcamps@excelsm.com

Schedule of Events:

Check-in: 12:15pm - 12:45pm

Camp Activity: 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Awards: 3:30pm - 3:40pm

Autograph Session: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

About Troy Andersen: Troy Andersen is entering his third NFL season with the Atlanta Falcons. Born and raised in Dillon, Andersen was a standout at BCHS before playing collegiately at Montana State University. He was selected by the Falcons with the 58th overall pick in the 2022 NFL Draft.



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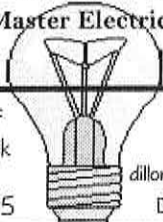
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June 1st National Trails Day Events in Dillon

The Beaverhead Trails Coalition and BCHS Cross Country team will be holding their annual Pronghorn Pursuit 15k and 5K trail run on Saturday, June 1st, at the trailhead west of town starting at 9:00 am. The 15k race course will now include a portion on the recently acquired connection to BLM land to the north.

Additionally, this year, the BTC trails group, along with the Early Childhood Coalition of Beaverhead County, will present an afternoon of family-friendly events starting at 12:00pm at the trailhead (1700 10 Mile Rd.). It will include a one-mile fun walk/run to the "M" for the younger crowd (adults welcome, too!), kid's activities, scavenger hunt, and 25 hidden Chamber Treasures on the fun run!

For more information or to sign up, visit: <https://www.beaverheadtrails.org/national-trails-day-celebration>.

Letter to the Editor

Having spent the past 7 plus years as your elected Montana State Representative in HD 72 (now HD 70), I have first hand knowledge as to what attributes are needed to be an effective Representative and leader.

Mary Ann Nicholas possesses the attributes and qualities necessary to represent both you and I as our Montana House District 70 Representative. She is not a politician. She is, however, an active community member who has lived and worked in our communities for decades.

Mary Ann is approachable and will go to Helena with an open mind and a commitment to helping all her constituents. She has met and listened to constituents District wide. Mary Ann has put forth plans to address issues such as illegal immigration, stronger support of our law enforcement, property tax relief, the teacher shortage, prioritizing affordable housing as well as continuing her strong support of the agricultural industry.

I continue to support and will be voting for Mary Ann Nicholas as our Montana House District 70 Representative. I would ask that you do so as well.

Representative Tom Welch

Montana Junior High State Rodeo Finals...

Dillon, Montana, welcomes over 100 rodeo contestants and their families from all over the state of Montana, Thursday, May 30th through Sunday, June 2nd at the Beaverhead County Fairgrounds. There are over 300 entries for the following events: pole bending, chute dogging, saddle bronc riding, girls breakaway, boys breakaway, tie down roping, ribbon roping, bull riding, girls goat tying, boys goat tying, team roping, bull riding and barrel racing! The first performance will begin Friday May 31st at 2:00

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PM. Second performance is at 10:00 AM Saturday June 1st. The top 12 contestants after the first two performance in each event will advance to the short go which will be held on Sunday at 10:00 AM. We are thrilled to be partnered with local photographer David Hollenbeck Photography and Wild Front Designs who created state apparel for all contestants.

Atomic 79 and Engine 18 will launch off the weekend with a Welcome BBQ/Block Party for contestants and their families in downtown Dillon, Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30. At the block party there will be a dummy roping contest for the contestants that will be brought to us by the College National Rodeo Finalist from the University of Montana Western's Rodeo Team, Teegan and Tavy Leno. The top three Cowboys and Cowgirls from the dummy roping contest will be awarded great prizes donated by Atomic 79. Morgan Seymour will also be performing live music for all to enjoy throughout the party.

Shine studio will be providing the concession stands for the Jr High State Finals to fundraise for their dance trip to Disney in October. Shine Studio provides a fun evening for contestants Friday with an 80's Dance Party.

After the performance on Saturday there will be a Ribbon Roping Jackpot in which a parent and contestant will team up and ribbon rope together. There will be a silent auction throughout state finals. The proceeds from this silent auction will be split 50/50 half going to the Jr High State Finals and half going to the Beaverhead Animal Shelter. We cannot thank Annabelle Gaasch and Kaprice Bray enough for reaching out to all of the amazing businesses and individuals to donate items for the silent auction.

Cowboy Church will be offered in the grandstands Sunday morning at 8:30, please feel free to join us. Following the Short Go Performance on Sunday there will be an award ceremony. The top four contestants in each event will advance to the World's Junior High Nationals in Des Moines, Iowa at the end of June.

A big shout out to our Platinum Sponsors Stockman Bank, Dillon Jaycees, Rocky Mountain Supply, Range Insurance and Livestock, and Atomic 79. With their sponsorship we are able to award the All-Around Cowgirl, All Around Cowboy, Reserve All Around Cowgirl and Reserve All Around Cowboy with Sline Saddles.

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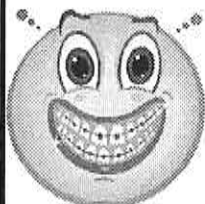
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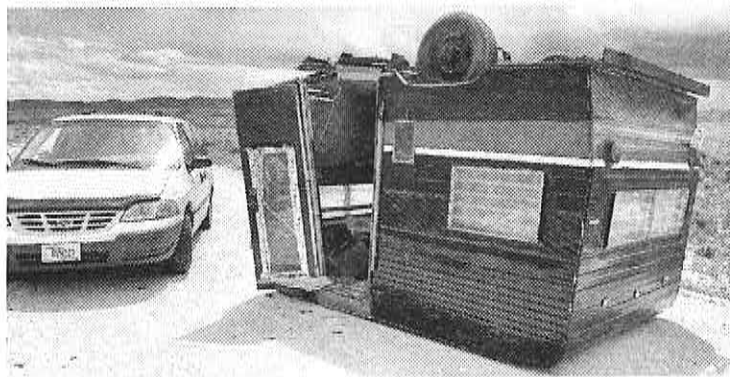
Trailer Rolls On Roof After Driver Over Corrects

Jeremy Crawford, Southwestern Montana News

Tuesday afternoon was a very busy day for local law enforcement with multiple wrecks and a fire in Sheridan requiring multiple agencies help.

A Ford Explorer was pulling a camper on Stonehouse road when the driver got too close to the edge of the soft shoulder, the camper was sucked off the road. When the driver tried to pull the camper back onto the road they over corrected losing control of the camper. The camper began to fishtail behind the vehicle and rolled landing on its roof.

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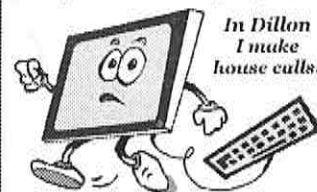
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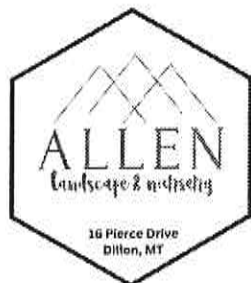
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Veteran's Corner Update

By Mike Lawson

Veteran News Updates:

• Today is Saturday and as we do every year, we put over 4,000 American Flags on Veteran's graves in our 4 local cemeteries, here in Butte. The veterans and volunteers that turned out to help were inspiring and a tribute to our community support for our Veterans. We had the kids from the Civil Air Patrol, Scouts and the Youth Challenge from Dillon, who were part of this effort. It was so encouraging to see these young men and women volunteer and do a great job.

• An 85 year old Marine and myself partnered up and started placing flags in the pauper's section of the Holy Cross Cemetery, bordering on the airport. Doing any of these projects in any cemetery across SW Montana is a history lesson. Many of these graves are 100 plus years old dating from the Civil War, Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, Korean War, Viet Nam War and all military conflicts since then, as well as the peacetime veterans who served in the US Military. As we put the flags on our deceased Veterans graves, it took us back to those times, especially the WWI times when in Butte the population was at 100,000 people and many of these folks were immigrants from other countries from around the world. When the war broke out, many of these immigrants joined the military to fight in this war for their newly adopted country. Sometimes people tend to forget that their ancestors came to this new land of promise from the old world and made it their home and had/raised families here.

• It was shocking for me to see that the maintenance/upkeep of this part of the cemetery was in such neglect. Sunken graves, name markers were in many cases unreadable or not there, headstones were fallen over, etc., etc.. I can't blame it all on the cemetery workers as their budget is probably limited and it takes all their efforts to keep the rest of the cemetery maintained. Wouldn't it be wonderful if some of our well heeled corporations would provide grants to pay for hiring a work force to restore our cemeteries across SW Mt by bringing these graves up to a respectable standard with decent readable headstones (not expensive) placed on each grave. It's something to seriously consider. More on cemeteries next week.

• My 85 year old partner said he hadn't had this much exercise in a year. I laughed but realized that we had done a lot of walking through row after row of graves to identify Veteran's graves and place a flag on each.

• I have met and have been in contact with an enthusiastic lady, Kathy Lunde, who has been researching Spanish American War Veterans who are buried in our SW MT Cemeteries, especially in the Anaconda and Butte areas. I'll share more of this research in future articles. Some of you might look back and see if you have ancestors who were in this war.

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 *Summer trivia, Thursday May 30th at 6:00pm.
 *Dillon Jaycees Pint Night, Friday May 31st at 6:00, supporting the July 4th Fireworks Show. Live music with Morgan Seymour.

Cubs Finish Tournament With A Win
Jeremy Crawford, Southwestern Montana News
 Monday, May 27 the Dillon Cubs played their final game in the Butte Miners Memorial Day Tournament. The Cubs faced off against the Kalispell Sluggers winning 8 to 4.
 The Cubs were the first to get on the scoreboard Monday afternoon with one run. The Sluggers would come back and tie it up in the bottom of the first.
 In the top of the second Kanin Englehardt singled, scoring two runs. Marcus Lagunas followed to extend the lead 4 to 1.
 Cohen Hartman hit his first home run as a Cub to left field bringing a point in for the Cubs in the fifth inning.
 Kanin Englehardt earned the win for the Cubs. Giving up five hits and four runs (two earned) over six innings. Kanin struck out two and walked five.
 Kanin Englehardt led the team with three hits in four at bats. Marcus Lagunas, Cohen Hartman, Tristan Alvarez, and Kanin Englehardt each drove in one run for the Cubs. The Cubs had seven walks in the game, Marcus Lagunas, Cohen Hartman, and Jase Alvarez led the team with two walks each. Andrew Bartlome had three stolen bases. The Cubs turned one double play in the game.
 The Cubs home opener will be Saturday, June 1st against the Livingston Braves.

Dillon Pistol & Rifle Club
 Range work will begin at the Dillon Pistol & Rifle Club beginning approximately 10 am on May 31st. Heavy equipment will arrive and begin work on the Pistol Range. Pistol shooters will need to put targets on the 25 yr rifle stand until work is completed shooters are welcome to set up their own targets, please clean up your mess! Anyone wishing to help pull fence can call Randy at 406-600-2307

Rotary Speaker
 Wednesday, June 5th, 12 Noon at St. James Episcopal Church-Guild Hall on Glendale St.
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Ethan Smart-Shelton Change of Plea	Theft	Plea Guilty Bond None Posted Sentencing Pending
Kenneth Weinreber Change of Plea	Drug DUI	Plea Guilty Bond None Posted Sentencing Pending
Robert Riley Initial Appearance	Aggravated Animal Cruelty Littering/Dumping	Plea Not Guilty Bond Own Recognizance Trial Pending
Constance Riley Initial Appearance	Aggravated Animal Cruelty Littering/Dumping	Plea Not Guilty Bond Own Recognizance Trial Pending
Asher Wright Initial Appearance	Montana Code 45-5-502 Sexual Assault	Plea Not Guilty Bond Posted Trial Pending
Kim Chism Initial Appearance	Drug Drug Paraphernalia	Plea Not Guilty Bond Posted Trial Pending
Chayla Pocha Initial Appearance	Criminal Child Endangerment DUI Driving Violations	Plea Not Guilty Bond Posted Trial Pending
Charles Merhar Change of Plea Sentencing	Drug Paraphernalia	Plea Guilty Bond Released Deferred Sentence Fines Yes Fees Yes
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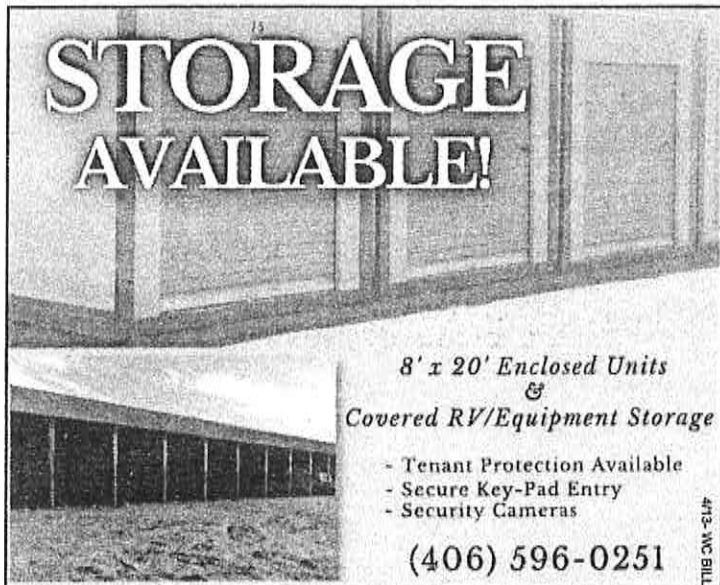
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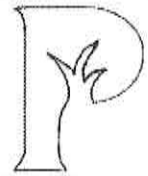
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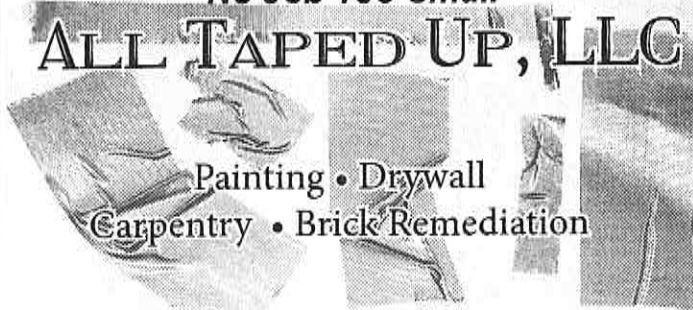
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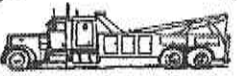



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If interested, contact Suzanne Crawford, Operations Manager, Pioneer Federal Savings and Loan, 32 North Washington, Dillon, or phone 406-683-5191 to obtain an application. Please provide a current and complete resume detailing previous employment/supervisors and professional references.

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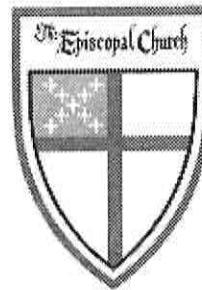
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