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She was the oldest of her 3  
siblings, all brothers, who have  
preceded her in death.

After graduating high school,  
she married Robert Billings.  
They had a long happy marriage  
until he passed in July of 2001.

She had 5 children: Roberta,  
Randy, Renee, Paula, and  
Terry. As a housewife she was  
very organized as Robert's job  
required them to move often.

She was a great cook, and always  
welcomed any of her children's friends who stopped by as long  
as they, "stayed out of her kitchen". Gardening was also one of  
the things she enjoyed, even insisting on mowing her own lawn  
into her late 80's.

Her family included 7 grandchildren and 8 great  
grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by Robert, Roberta and Randy.

In lieu of a formal memorial, we are asking you to take a  
minute and think of pleasant memories of her. Please share  
them with others, as we all have different memories, and please  
enjoy that moment.

### FWP seeks proposals for 2025 hunting license auctions

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks' Licensing Bureau is  
soliciting proposals from conservation organizations that are  
interested in conducting a competitive auction or lottery for  
some 2025 licenses.

Licenses available for auction include bighorn sheep and  
Shiras moose. Licenses available for auction or lottery include  
mule deer, elk and mountain goat.

All proposals must be received by July 15. Written proposals  
can be hand-delivered to the FWP Licensing Bureau at 1420 E.  
6th Ave. in Helena; mailed to P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT  
59620; or emailed to [payton.schild@mt.gov](mailto:payton.schild@mt.gov). Large proposals  
or proposals with sensitive information can be sent via the state  
of Montana file transfer service found at <https://transfer.mt.gov/Home/Login>.

Montana's Fish and Wildlife Commission will select the  
conservation organizations to conduct the auctions and lottery  
at its meeting on Aug. 16. Organizations submitting proposals  
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Tuesday, June 18, 2024 • 5:00 PM

#### AGENDA:

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of Minutes from 5-21-2023 meeting  
Public Comment
- III. Approval of Warrants  
Public Comment
- IV. Old Business
  - a. Discuss/Recommend the First Amended & Restated  
Bylaws of the Beaverhead Rural Fire District #2 Board of  
Trustees  
Public Comment
- V. New Business  
Public Comment
- VI. Chiefs Report  
Public Comment
- VII. Public comment on subjects under the jurisdiction  
of Beaverhead Fire District #2 that is not on the agenda.
- VIII. Adjournment



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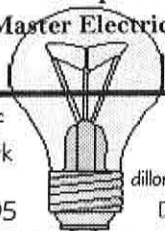
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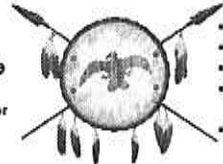
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Bryce Angell

Every year, each spring, my job was stretching up barbed wire. And every year I'd dream that we could put it up for hire.

I like to call it stretching wire but it's really fixing fence. And we never bought new posts and wire. Wouldn't meet the farm expense.

The worn, and rusty, coarse barbed wire would break with every bend.

So, we stitched the wire right from the start until the very end.

One day I mustered courage. Said, "It's time to buy new fence. It's like patching up Methusala. It don't make a lot of sense."

My father always listened. He gave credence to what I'd say. But never did I dream he'd buy new fencing on that day.

So he drove our '69 Cornbinder, two-ton flatbed truck to Cal Ranch for new posts and wire, I guess to my good luck.

That night I dreamed of fixing fence with not an end in sight. When my sleep was interrupted barely 6 o'clock daylight.

My father hollered loud enough to soundly wake the dead. "It's time to get a movin' because people die in bed."

I'd heard him yell a thousand times 'bout people, death and bed. That was our morning ritual before we all got fed.

He said, "We've got some work to do up by the north-end gate. But I need to be away in town, so build the fences straight."

My dad was kinda fussy 'bout his fences straight in line. He said, "The fence that's crooked sure ain't no fence of mine."

Back then we had no auger that would drill a fence post hole. You used a bar and shovel, kept your cussing in control.

That day I dug near twenty posts but held back all my brag. 'Cuz looking down the fence my posts were planted in zig zag.

Well sure enough my father said, "Your posts have character. Were they drunk or did they suffer from a genuine hangover?"

His laughter was contagious and thank heaven he weren't mad. He never showed his anger. He was that kind of Dad.

And then the twenty posts were pulled along with all my pride. But my father helped replant 'em. He was right there by my side.

So then I wore new glasses. They were bound to be my fate. But they didn't solve the problem 'cuz my fence line still weren't straight.

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- C&M Circus is coming to Dillon, MT! Saturday, June 29, 2024 • 2 pm & 5pm Chris Kraft County Park
- Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction Thursday, July 4, 2024 8 am-11am Grasshopper Valley Fire Department

## DILLON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #10

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA

June 18, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

District Conference Room – 22 N. Cotton Drive

### The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest welcomes Alfred Watson as the new Forest Supervisor

*Alfred will join us in July from the Sequoia National Forest*

The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest is pleased to welcome



Alfred Watson as our new Forest Supervisor. Alfred currently serves as the District Ranger for the Kern Ranger District in the Sequoia National Forest. He will begin serving the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest on July 15, 2024, and is replacing Lisa Timchak, who retired in April 2024.

In Alfred's multi-decade career with the Forest Service, he has held various positions in seven National Forests. He joined the Sequoia National Forest in 2013 after serving as the District Engineer at Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. During his

decade-plus career on the Sequoia National Forest, Alfred has also served in temporary positions in the Olympic National Forest as the Acting Forest Supervisor; the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest as Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor; and the Washington Office Fire and Aviation Management as Acting Program Manager with State, Private and Tribal Forestry.

"I'm beyond excited to be part of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge team. For as long as I've been in the Forest Service, building relationships with employees, user groups, Tribes, visitors and partners is what has brought me joy," said Watson.

"As a leader, being a public servant is important to me and I'm ready to roll up my sleeves to build trust with these groups. My short-term goal is to interact with as many individuals and groups as possible



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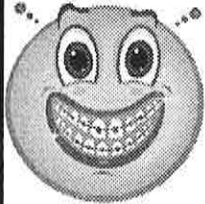
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to gain a better understanding on what the needs are for this majestic landscape."

Alfred holds a Bachelor of Science in Science in Civil Engineering from Portland State University with a minor in Geotechnical Engineering. His love of the outdoors stems from his childhood in Southern Oregon, where he explored nature with his sisters and brothers. In his free time, he can be found on local rivers, hiking trails or seeking tips on how to improve his home garden.

"The Regional Forester's Team really appreciates Carol Hatfield and Anton Brennick for their leadership as Acting Forest Supervisor and Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor during this time of transition," said Tim Garcia, Region 1 Deputy Regional Forester. "Carol and Anton's care for employees and communities during the transition was exceptional."

## JUNE LUNCH & LEARN POSTPONED

The Chamber's June Lunch & Learn that was scheduled for this Thursday, June 20th has been postponed to Thursday, July 18th!

## The Rotary Club of Dillon

The Rotary Club of Dillon will feature speaker Rob Isham who is involved with Duckworth! Join us to learn more! Wednesday, June 19th at Noon at St. James Episcopal Church-Guild Hall on Glendale Street.

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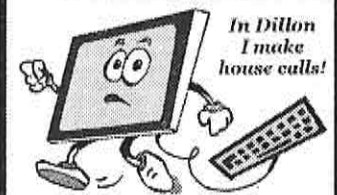
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By "Swede" Troedsson

In the fall of 1963, I was transferred from the Colville National Forest (north of Spokane) to the Madison Ranger District, headquartered in Ennis, Montana. The Madison District is part of the Beaverhead National Forest, located in southwestern Montana. My task was to lay out timber sales on the district.

At that time, a Mountain Pine Beetle infestation was reaching epidemic proportions in the vast stands of lodgepole pine on the Island Park Ranger District (part of Idaho's Targhee National Forest). The Island Park Ranger District is south of and adjacent to the Madison Ranger District.

Our forest Timber Staff person was concerned about this beetle epidemic and so he arranged for me to visit the Targhee Ranger District to see how that district was responding to the beetle epidemic, and also how they were dealing with Dwarf Mistletoe, which also infects and sometimes stunts or kills lodgepole pine. It was widely speculated that it was just a matter of time before the beetle infestation in Idaho would spread northward from Idaho into Montana and onto the Beaverhead National Forest.

A group of us, which included the Targhee N.F. Timber Staff person and the Island Park District Ranger, were standing on the edge of a forest road discussing the situation. The Island Park District was laying out HUGE clear cuts on their flat terrain (some as large as 1,000 acres) in order to try to block the spread of these lodgepole pine beetle and dwarf mistletoe infestations.

As we looked over the dying forest that spread out below us, I noticed a brand new four-strand barbed wire fence threading its way through the red needled and dying lodgepole pine stand.

I explained to the group that this new fence would end up smashed down to the ground in ten years as the dying trees fell on top of it! The Targhee personnel, new to the beetle epidemic, were shocked! They never considered the threat to the barbed wire fences that they were building within the dying timber stands. I suggested that they take lesson from the folks in the Big Hole Valley in southwest Montana. The Big Hole Valley had been host to this kind of massive beetle epidemic in the 1930s, and fences constructed in the timber since then were strong log fences able to withstand most falling trees.

I returned to Madison District feeling that I'd left the Targhee personnel older and wiser. And so was I!

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**Bulldogs Finish Season At CNFR, Leno Finishes in Top 15 in Nation**

The Montana Western Rodeo team finished competition at the 2024 College National Finals Rodeo this past week in Casper, Wyo. The Bulldogs sent nine athletes to compete across the week, with eight competing for the men's team and a lone Bulldog from the women's side.

Tavy Leno had a successful week at the finals, qualifying for championship Saturday in goat tying in her first trip to the CNFR. In the tight race, Leno recorded a 7.3, 6.4, and a 6.5 to put herself tied for third heading into the short-go. She ended up in 12th overall after Saturday night.

Leno also competed in breakaway roping where she recorded a 2.5 in the second go-round (NS, 2.5, 13.3).

Freshman Cade Costello competed in the Saddle Bronc Riding for the Bulldogs and had a pair of good outings in his first two go-rounds (51.5, 56.5, NS).

Junior bareback rider Trevor Kay recorded a pair of rides at the finals in the first two go-rounds after putting up a 70.5 and a 64.0 (70.5, 64.0, NS).

After the first go-round, Cooper Pavkov and Luke Murphy were sitting in third in the team roping standings after they recorded an impressive 7.3. They added to their time with a 16.4 in their second go-round, but recorded a no score in the



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final go-round (7.3, 16.4, NS).

Competing with Big Sky Region team roping partner Ty Christensen, Jhet Murphy recorded an 11.9 in the second go-round at the finals (NS, 11.9, NS).

Jake Deveraux and Teegan Leno also competed in team roping, but were unable to record a score in the finals (NS, NS, NS).

Gavin Knutson represented Montana Western in the bull riding, but was unable to record a time in the finals (NS, NS, NS).

## Vibrant Lives of Montana

Vibrant Lives of Montana has three enticing offerings this week (in addition to our regular, weekly drop in classes). The first is that of Christ-Centered Yoga on Thursday morning at 9:30. This class is designed for those who wish to know and understand how their Christian faith can be woven into the practice of yoga. Those who have never practiced yoga are encouraged to attend; the class is gentle and kind, good for your heart, soul, and body! Vibrant Lives is also hosting our seasonal sound bath on June 20th. The Sonic Solstice Sound Bath is designed to connect your outer and inner light through the harmonious vibrations of sound. The immersive session will help you align your energies and find balance during the longest day of the year. Open your heart for this journey of sound and light and enjoy an evening of deep relaxation. Doors open at 6pm, the sound bath beings at 6:36. The sound bath is available in person; suggested donation of \$25. Finally, on Sunday, June 23rd, Vibrant Lives will be hosting Yoga for Chronic Pain, an educational and experiential workshop designed to help you find relief from chronic life and reclaim your life. Our expert instructor will guide you through gentle, mindful practices tailored to ease chronic pain and promote healing. Discover the power of movement and breath in a supportive community on June 23rd from 2pm-4:30. This workshop is free of charge and is available in person or via zoom. Register for the sound bath and/or the chronic pain workshop here: <https://www.vibrantlivesmt.com/upcoming-workshops--gatherings.html>

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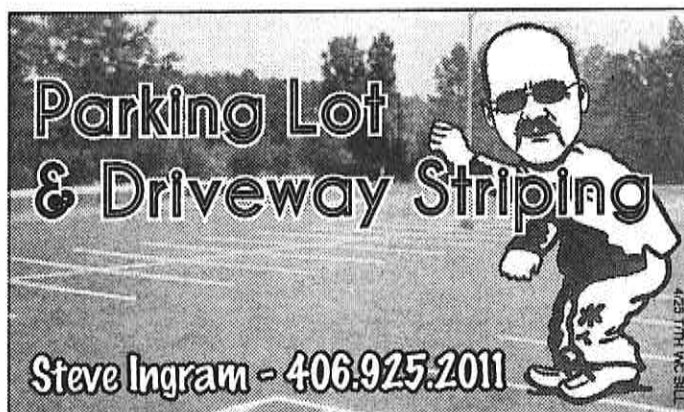
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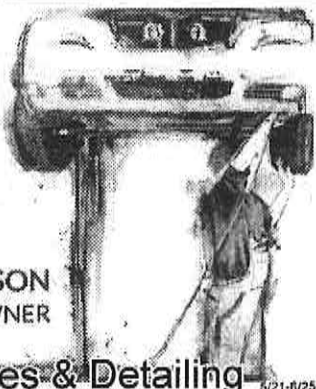
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