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Did You Hit My Jeep? Information Sought On Hit And Run

Jeremy Crawford, Southwestern Montana News

A 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee was severely damaged early Thursday morning when it was struck by another vehicle at the intersection of Center and North Nevada streets. The collision occurred around 6 A.M. and left the rear of the Jeep in considerable disrepair.

Witnesses reported that the vehicle involved in the incident was an older model, white Ford. Following the crash, the driver of the Ford fled the scene, prompting local police to launch an investigation and seek information regarding the individual responsible.

The owner of the Jeep is eager to obtain the driver's insurance details, as the damage inflicted upon the vehicle is extensive.

Authorities are urging anyone with information related to the incident to reach out to the police. Additionally, if the driver of the white Ford sees this report, they are encouraged to come forward to provide their account of the events.



FWP analyzing environmental impacts for potential new state park

The Montana State Parks Foundation received a donation of 109 acres of land in north-central Montana with the intent of donating the property to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks to become Montana's 56th state park. The historic property was formerly part of the PN Ranch and is located at the confluence of the Judith and Missouri rivers between Winifred and Big Sandy. The land was donated to the Montana State Parks Foundation by American Prairie.

The area is culturally and historically significant and was used for centuries by Indigenous people, playing host to significant treaties and peace councils. In 1805, the Lewis and Clark Expedition camped in the area, giving the Judith River its name. The U.S. Army built Camp Cook near the property to protect steamboats on the Missouri River, and a commissary and trading post were developed there. Not long after Camp Cook closed, Thomas Power and his partner purchased the camp, relocated it and renamed it Fort Claggett. Ranching thrived in the area and Power, along with his new partner Gilman Norris started the Judith Mercantile and Cattle Company, known today as the PN

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The proposed acquisition and development of the property would provide a rustic state park that preserves important pieces of Montana history and provides access to Montanans and visitors to the state.

If approved, the proposed acquisition and development would include:

- Perpetual public access to the property
- Interpretive opportunities to the public related to the surrounding historic district
- Expanding the Montana State Park system into a portion of the state with limited access to state parks
- Recreational opportunities including camping, wildlife watching, hiking and access to the Judith River and Missouri River for fishing and other water-based recreation
- A state park in north-central Montana with the potential to benefit the surrounding small communities due to increased tourism
- The preservation of historic structures and cultural resources found on the property

FWP released a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the acquisition and development of the property on Nov. 15. The public comment period for the EA runs through 5 p.m. on Dec. 14. The EA and information on how to comment can be found at FWP's website.

The Montana State Parks and Recreation Board will meet on Dec. 20, and the acquisition of the Judith Landing property will be on the meeting agenda. The public will have the opportunity to comment on whether FWP should acquire the property during the board meeting, with advance registration required. Information on the Montana State Parks and Recreation Board meeting will soon be available at fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/parksandrecreationboard.

If FWP acquires the property, FWP would seek funds for development and operations of the park at the 2025 legislative session and through private donations. If funding is obtained, FWP expects development of the property would begin in 2026.

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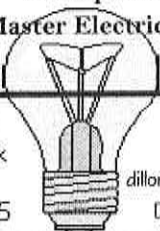
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Commerce Opens Applications for Grant Supporting Montana-Based Film Projects and Filmmakers

Big Sky Film Grant application deadline Feb. 7, 2025

The Montana Department of Commerce announces the opening of the 2024 Big Sky Film Grant, aimed at fostering growth and opportunities for Montana-based projects. The program closes for applications on Feb. 7, 2025. Awardees will receive financial support for feature films, television series, short-form content or other projects that utilize Montana's unique landscapes, culture and talent.

The Big Sky Film Grant is administered by Commerce's Film Office, established in 1974 as a central information source for filmmakers and a provider of services to the film industry and citizens of Montana. Its primary role is to promote Montana as a media production location for film, television and print industries.

"The Big Sky Film Grant helps filmmakers engage with local communities and connections to create documentaries, short films, animations and features films across Montana. The work produced through the grant has been recognized by some of the world's best festivals, including Cannes, Sundance, Tribeca and SXSW," said Allison Whitmer, Montana Film Commissioner.

The program, funded through the Lodging Facility Use Tax, continues to elevate Montana's position as a leading destination for film production. Previous awardees have included Montana residents, as well as both American and international filmmakers.

The award categories within the BSFG include:

1. Feature Film and TV: Awards for Montana-based productions of feature-length films, television series or limited series, with a minimum spend of \$350,000 in Montana.
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3. Short-Form Content: Awards for projects such as pilot episodes, short narratives, documentaries or animations under 60 minutes, with budgets below \$350,000.
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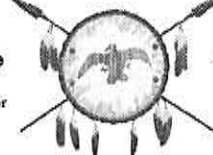
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Attorney General Knudsen files brief in support of American gun manufactures Mexico blames for gun violence

Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen led a coalition of 28 states in filing a brief Tuesday in defense of American gun manufacturers that Mexico blames for its gun violence problems. The states are asking the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) to reverse a lower court's ruling that would bankrupt American firearm manufacturers and disarm law-abiding Americans.

In the brief, Attorney General Knudsen asks SCOTUS to reverse the decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, which erroneously adopted a theory of proximate causation already rejected by SCOTUS. Mexico alleges that there is a correlation between American gun manufacturing and Mexican gun violence because the companies know some of their products are unlawfully trafficked into the country. But not only does the data not support that correlation, Congress established protections for firearm companies from being held liable for the criminal misuse of their products in the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA).

"If Mexico wants to end its domestic gun problem, it may do so. It could name and report the gun dealers who allegedly sell guns to drug cartels. It could attempt to negotiate with the United States to extradite individuals who trafficked guns to Mexico. It could finish its war with the cartels. It could even close its border with the United States. But it cannot end the domestic manufacturing of American firearms," Attorney General Knudsen wrote.

Mexico's case was first dismissed by a federal judge in Massachusetts in 2022. Then, on appeal, the First Circuit wrongly held that Mexico's claims fall within one of PLCAA's exceptions, which narrowly authorizes suits alleging knowing violations of firearms laws that proximately cause a plaintiff's injuries. To squeeze Mexico's case into that narrow exception, the First Circuit's decision relies on an expansive view of proximate causation that will eviscerate PLCAA. SCOTUS should reject that expansive interpretation.

The attorneys general instead argue that the proximity cause fails because Mexico's declaration of war on the cartels caused gun violence

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- Beaverhead Food Pantry: open Tuesday Nights 5:30 - 7:30 & Wednesday 12-2:30
- Dillon Festival of Trees Dec 6th Family Night at the Elks. Dec 7th Gala UMW Lewis & Clark Room
- Jaycee Auxiliary Breakfast with Santa December 7th 8 am Elks Lodge

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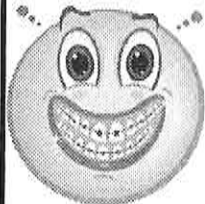
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"That Mexico disagrees with our Nation's history and tradition of firearm ownership is no consequence to its ability to impose its preferences on the American people via judicial fiat. This lawsuit against American gun manufacturers recycles the failed, anti-gun lawfare tactics already rejected by Congress. Mexico's legal theories have no basis in law or fact. This Court should reverse," the brief states.

Attorneys general from Alabama, Arkansas, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming, and the Arizona Legislature joined the brief.

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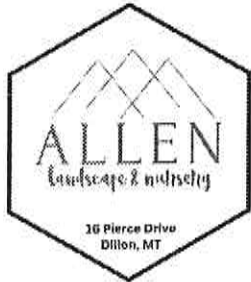
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9:00 A.M.	Pledge of Allegiance Update on County Projects Public Comment Commissioners Report Public Comment
9:30 A.M.	Discussion and Action- Seymour Ag Exemption Survey Public Comment
10:00 A.M.	Discussion and Action- Montana Community Reinvestment Plan Public Comment
11:00 A.M.	Discussion- Finney Bryant Public Comment
11:30 A.M.	Discussion and Action- Records Retention Public Comment
12:00 P.M.	RECESS for lunch
1:30 P.M.	Safety Team Meeting Public Comment
3:00 P.M.	Solid Waste Board Meeting Public Comment
4:00 P.M.	Discussion and Action- Request for Prosecutorial Assistance Public Comment
4:00 P.M.	Unfinished Business / Other Topics of Discussion Public Comment
4:30 P.M.	Public Comments Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda Public Comment Payment of Invoices Public Comment Action on Previous Meeting Minutes Public Comment
5:00 P.M.	ADJOURN

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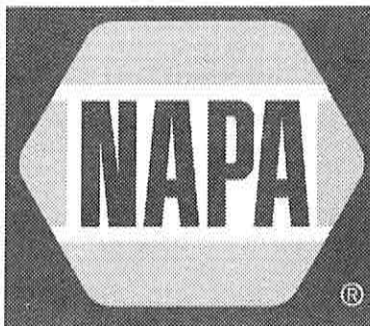
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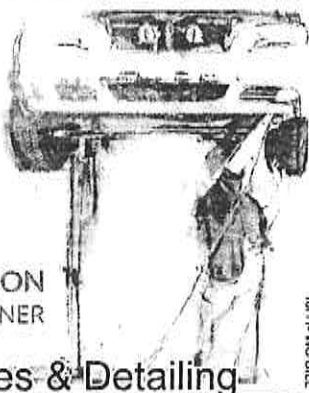
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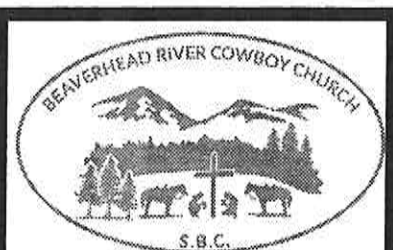
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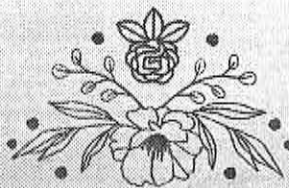
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The City of Dillon will issue Kennel Licenses beginning December 1, 2024. Licenses will be sold at a reduced rate during the month of December. During that time, the cost for a City Kennel License will be \$20.00.

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****Kennel Licenses Do Not Include the Individual Animal Registration Requirements****

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Proof of current rabies vaccination must be provided at time of license purchase if current proof is not on file with the City of Dillon.

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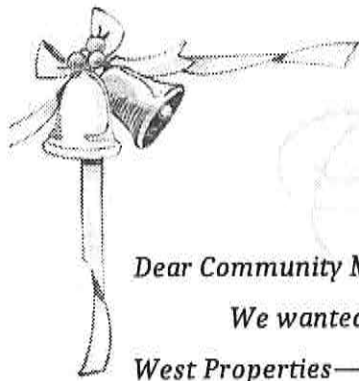
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Dear Community Members, Friends, and Colleagues,

We wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and trust in Best of the West Properties—it truly means the world to us! We also wanted to let you know about a few changes happening here at the office.

First, we are absolutely thrilled to announce that Corinne Welborn has returned to the role of Owner/Broker. With 40 + years of experience under her belt, she has a deep knowledge of Beaverhead County and the surrounding areas, and she's seen firsthand how the local market has evolved over the years. Her expertise is unparalleled, and her ability to guide clients through even the most complex real estate transactions is something we all admire. Corinne is not only an incredible professional but also a wonderful leader who deeply cares about the community and the people she works with.

We're also proud to have Angela Macdonald as part of our team. While Angela has only been in real estate going on two years, she has quickly proven herself to be a standout agent. Her passion for helping clients find their dream homes is evident in everything she does. She takes the time to understand each client's unique needs and goes above and beyond to ensure they have a seamless and stress-free experience. Her warm, approachable demeanor and attention to detail make her an absolute pleasure to work with. Angela has already built a strong reputation for her dedication to her clients, and we have no doubt that she will continue to make a lasting impact on the community.

We're also excited to share that Cassidy Thorn will remain with us as our Executive Assistant. She has been with Best of the West for going on three years now, and her attention to detail and organizational skills are truly invaluable to the team. She helps keep everything running smoothly so we can focus on providing the best possible service to our clients.

We wish Laramie the best as she has stepped away for personal reasons and is no longer affiliated with Best of the West Properties. We are in the process of expanding our office and will update you as these changes materialize.

Our commitment to serving you with the same level of care and dedication that has defined our 35 years of real estate service in Beaverhead County and the surrounding areas remains stronger than ever! We are here for all your real estate needs, and we look forward to continuing our work together. Please feel free to stop by the office anytime—we'd love to see you! Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and many blessings this holiday season.

Your Best of the West Team—Corinne, Angela, and Cassidy

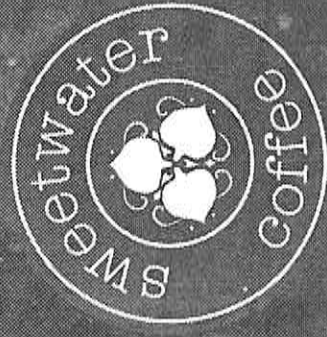
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