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75th Anniversary Dinner for BVHD Co. Museum

Be sure to get your tickets for the Diamond Anniversary celebration of the Museum in its current location. The dinner will be held on March 19, 2025, at the Lewis and Clark room of UMW and will kick off a year of celebration. There will also be a silent auction of donated items.

Don't miss this celebration. Tickets are available at High Peaks Credit Union, The Museum, Womack's Printing and the NV salon. The ticket prices are $30 for an individual, $50 for two people, and $200 for a table of eight. So, gather your friends and come and see what has evolved in the last 75 years at the Museum.

Library Spring Fling and Bling

Dillon Public Library is hosting its annual Spring Fling and Bling on Saturday, April 12, 2025. Vendors may reserve a booth to sell craft items, yard sale items and/or commercial items. Booth space rents for $30 or $25 with the donation of a door prize. This event is a fundraiser for the Dillon Public Library. Booth fees will support youth and teen programs at our library as well as the purchase of new books. Registration forms may be picked up at the library. To receive a registration form by email, please call the library at 406-683-4544.

Soroptimist Purses with a Purpose Mardi Gras

The Soroptimist of Dillon will be celebrating Mardi Gras on Thursday, March 6th at 5:30 pm. Jambalaya prepared by chef Jeff Welborn, and Mardi Gras theme food. $30/person, table of 8/$220 for or 1/2 table at $110. Get advanced tickets at Womack's Printing Place.

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Commerce Awards $8.75 Million to Seven Montana Communities for Tourism Success

The Pilot Community Tourism Grant Program funds projects that increase visitation appeal and create economic opportunities

The Montana Department of Commerce announced today that $8.75 million of grant funding will be distributed to seven pilot communities to increase economic vibrancy and tourism appeal, enhance destination resiliency and diversify tourism-related assets and infrastructure. The grant funding is provided through the second round of Commerce's Pilot Community Tourism Grant Program.

"Tourism significantly impacts towns and communities across the state," said Mandy Rambo, acting director of the Montana Department of Commerce. "The Pilot Community Tourism Grant Program helps communities increase visitation appeal, which diversifies their economic opportunities and improves quality of life for local residents."

To be considered for PCTGP funding, eligible applicants demonstrated community readiness, commitment, vision, goals and partnerships to aid in the long-term success of their plans.

"It's gotten our community excited about the future," said Joe Ungaretti, a steering committee member from Anaconda, which was a first-round recipient of the PCTGP grant. "This will be something that's a great positive for our community, for our businesses and for recreationists around the state."

The following communities will each receive $1.25 million of PCTGP grant funding within a two-year period, with the potential to receive $2.75 million over 60 months for these projects or plans:

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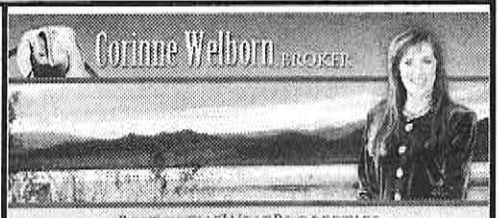

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In 2023, the Montana Legislature authorized the Pilot Community Tourism Grant Program enacted through Senate Bill 540. To learn more about this program and other upcoming funding opportunities, visit commerce.mt.gov.

Montana Commissioner of Securities and Insurance James Brown is Seeking Comments on Digital Assets Before 5PM, Friday, February 28, 2025

The Montana Commissioner of Securities and Insurance ("Commissioner" or "CSI") is actively seeking comments on Digital Assets including cryptocurrency, Bitcoin, Blockchain Tokens, and other related financial instruments.

As digital assets become increasingly prevalent, establishing industry standards is critical to protecting investors from fraud and abuse. The Commissioner invites comments from all U.S. citizens, not just Montana residents, to help shape potential regulatory approaches that safeguard investors while fostering innovation.

Commissioner James Brown emphasizes the importance of public engagement in shaping responsible policies:

Although a public hearing on digital assets was held today (February 26, 2025), the Commissioner encourages those who could not attend to submit their feedback.

Deadline: Friday, February 28, 2025, by 5:00 PM (MST).

Who Can Submit: Any U.S. citizen with an interest in digital asset regulation.

How to Submit Comments:

Email: Due to the short time frame, the Commissioner is requesting to please forward your comments via this email, csi@mt.gov to:

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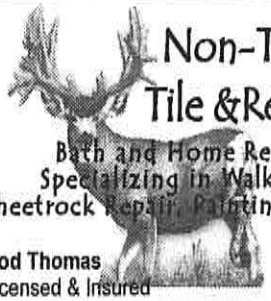
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Would it kill you to buy some antiques?

Tyrades! by Danny Tyree

Besides the omnipresence of cellphones ("those little machines"), my mother's greatest frustration in her final years was the sluggishness of the antiques market.

Yes, back in my mother's heyday as a flea marketeer, "the sky is the limit" was the motto for prices on vintage furniture, quilts, butter churns, Gramophone cylinder-record players, hand-cranked wall telephones, Buck Rogers ray guns and other treasures with a Cracker Barrel Old Country Store vibe.

Today's motto? "Look — up in the sky! It's a bird, it's a plane – no, it's just once-valuable dishes being used for skeet-shooting practice."

Granted, there are still nods to the glory days (reproduction tin advertising signs at Hobby Lobby, newspaper headlines trumpeting a record-breaking Sotheby's bid on some high-end objet d'art); but, in general, I understand my mother's consternation.

The situation may be less dire in your particular geographic location, but many once-bustling antique shops have become like museums. Shoppers have devolved into mere browsers murmuring observations like, "You know who that classic quill pen would be perfect for? That cousin who is no longer on our gift-giving list. Oh, well…"

Why don't antiques hold as much appeal for Millennials or Gen Z as they did for the Greatest Generation (who lived through the Great Depression) and their Boomer offspring who heard their stories? I mean, besides the fact that 27 percent of younger consumers associate the "Great Depression" with that time Ticketmaster had a 15-second delay in offering Taylor Swift tickets?

Well, for starters, disposable income is certainly an issue. Inflation, high interest rates and student loan debt don't leave much cash for mule collars and laundry scrub boards. Although, creativity can justify an exception. ("I just had to buy that blacksmith bellows. Talk about vaping in style!")

Tiny homes do not mesh with some of the heftier antiques. ("I know family lore says this kitchen cabinet came over on the Mayflower, but *grunt* I think it really WAS the Mayflower.")

The affluence and collector mentality of their elders has probably soured a lot of youngsters on artifacts of yore. Patriarchs and matriarchs used to bequeath the bare essentials of useful-and-or-sentimental keepsakes. Now kids are told, "I know you want to go out with your

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friends, but you need to dust the 5,000 'Joanie Loves Chachi' Bobbleheads I'm leaving you when I'm dead."

Slasher movies have made antiques seem quaint and irrelevant. Why decorate your hallway with framed portraits of long-dead strangers when you can revel in images of freshly killed strangers on your 98-inch flat screen TV?

I suspect that some young people would feel shame if surrounded by antiques. Who wants to be reminded of an era when everything was proudly crafted to last? (Only a trademark dispute kept cast-iron long johns off the market.) It's much more comforting to live in a time of cheap, disposable thingamajigs imported from China. ("Well, if my $1.99 life jacket dissolves in frigid waters, I'll just order a replacement.")

Whatever is causing the lack of motivation, I implore youngsters to devote a little time, money and space to the good things of the past.

Drop in on a flea market or estate auction soon.

At least call an antique mall.

But not on one of those little machines!

If God had meant for man to have little machines, He wouldn't have invented rotary phones!

Or something like that.

ENGINE 18 UP COMING EVENTS

Monday March 17, 2025

The 6th Annual Engine 18 March Madness Calcutta at the Beaverhead Golf Course. Registration is from 5:30-6:30 PM, auction starts at 7:00 PM. Food will be provided, must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Calcutta auction is licensed by the State of Montana. 15% of the proceeds benefit Engine 18.

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All times are approximate
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- Minutes of January 9th meeting
- Planning Board Member Reports
- Planner's Report
- Public Comments & Questions

1:30 P.M. Silas & Laramie Smith Conservation Easement (Horse Prairie)
1:45 P.M. T.C. Mitchell LLC Conservation Easement (Big Hole River Valley)
2:00 P.M. Jim Berkey, The Nature Conservancy (Discussion on Conservation Easements)
2:30 P.M. Public Comments & Questions of Non-Agenda Items

Class of 2025 Senior Parents:

There is a month left to sell Senior raffle tickets. Ticket sales fund the Senior Grad Night Party
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Thanks for all your help!

American Legion Post 20 Dinner and Meeting March 5

American Legion Post 20 invites all veterans to dinner and to our General Meeting on Wednesday, March 5, at the Legion Hall. Social time starts at 5:30 pm, and at 6, dinner is Corned Beef & Cabbage, and lite cherry cheesecake. Dinner is $12, soda $1, and other drinks $2. The General Meeting is after dinner for those who wish to attend. If questions, contact Commander Lois Volkening (406) 925-3774.

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Montana's Motor Vehicle Division and County Treasurer's offices prepare for office closures

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The Montana Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) and every Montana County Treasurer's office is preparing to launch a new vehicle services system on March 17. The new system will overhaul the vehicle titling and registration process. In preparation for the launch, all MVD exam stations will be closed, and County Treasurer offices will not be processing vehicle transactions Thursday, March 13 through Sunday, March 16.

The new system will offer more online services to customers, electronic payment options, and improved turnaround time for all vehicle service transactions, as well as improve functionality for law enforcement, car dealerships, insurance companies, and simplify county operations. This new vehicle services system is the final phase of MVD's Credentialing and Registration System (CARS), a multi-phase, multi-year effort to improve customer service and efficiency for Montanans at MVD exam stations and county treasurer's offices across the state.

County Treasure offices received new equipment in November, and employees have been training with the new system since November. Between the updated technology and programmed efficiencies of CARS, MVD partners and the citizens using vehicle services are expected to see improved ease in obtaining titles, renewing registrations, and all other vehicle-related services.

For up-to-date information on office hours and appointment availability, customers can go to their County Treasure's website. For information on MVD exam station hours, please go to https://mvdmt.gov.

The CARS platform is a software solution created in partnership with FAST Enterprises, which has successfully implemented motor vehicle licensing and registrations in 18 other states, following a competitive bid process that MVD began in 2021. Work on CARS officially began in July 2022.

MVD launched the first phase of CARS in 2022 with a new online appointment scheduling system which offers new features including appointment scheduling to fit each customer's needs, automated appointment reminders, and online check-in. In 2023, MVD successfully launched the second phase of CARS which overhauled the driver services system, which includes driver licensing, at MVD exam systems.

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AGENDA

9:00 A.M.	Pledge of Allegiance Update on County Projects *Public Comment* Commissioners Report *Public Comment*
10:00 A.M.	Discussion and Action- Plutt Minor Subdivision Final Plat Approval *Public Comment*
10:30 A.M.	Discussion and Action- MACo HCT Renewal *Public Comment*
11:00 A.M.	Discussion- George Warner Regarding Trustee Positions *Public Comment*
12:00 P.M.	*RECESS for lunch*
1:30 P.M.	Legislative Update *Public Comment*
2:00 PM	Discussion- Kelly Cotton from the office of Senator Sheehy *Public Comment*
3:00 P.M.	Unfinished Business / Other Topics of Discussion *Public Comment* 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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* indicates member of Board of Directors

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Wood Bank Wanderings February 2025

News from the Beaverhead Community Wood Bank Ministry
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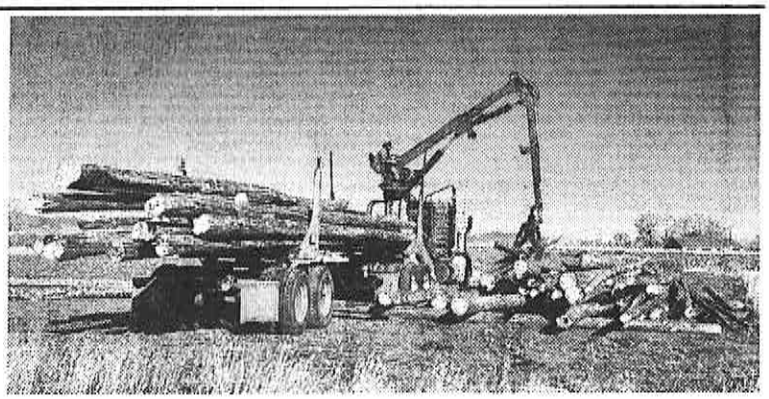
Who we are and what we do

Our mission is to help others keep warm. The Beaverhead Community Wood Bank Ministry helps households in our community who struggle with limited means, for whom keeping warm in winter can become a crisis.

The Beaverhead Community Wood Bank Ministry officially incorporated in 2015, a unique nonprofit charity dedicated to ministering to people by giving gifts of firewood to warm our neighbors in need.



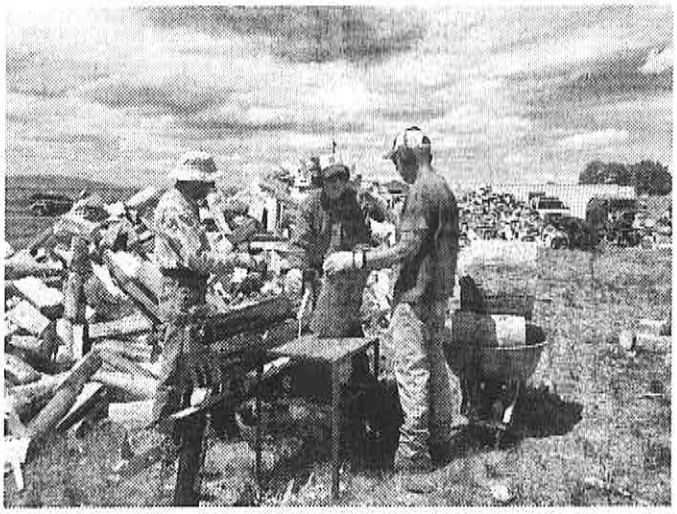
Why is this ministry?

There are many ways to minister to the needs of others. Wood Bank founder, Harry Neeley, an Episcopal priest, loved to cut firewood for others, saying, "To work is to pray." Over 31 years since Harry began this ministry, many have been inspired to continue bring gifts of firewood to neighbors.

There is a saying that firewood warms twice—once as you work to cut, split, load, and deliver it, and again as it burns to heat a home or prepare a meal. At the Wood Bank, firewood has a third way of warming—*spiritually,* in giving and receiving, sharing and connecting with, and caring for others. This spirit makes the wood bank a ministry.

Where does the wood come from?

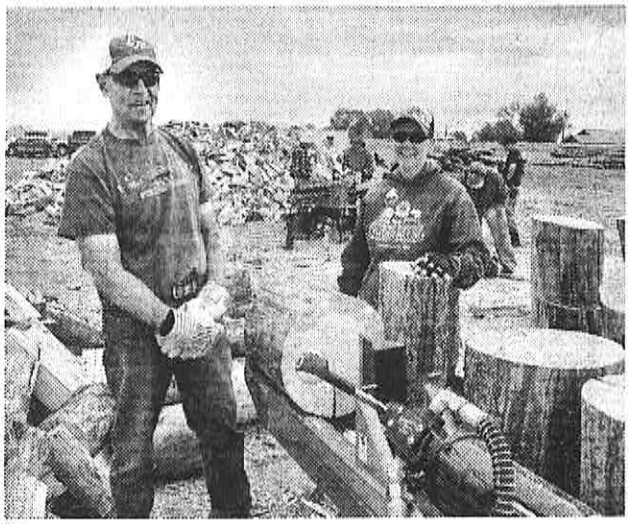
Most of the Wood Bank's firewood comes from timber sale areas where dead timber is salvaged for sale as firewood. A logging truckload can be made into 10-11 cords of firewood. This year, a truckload of logs cost about $2,000. Since all the labor is done by volunteers, buying logs is our largest expense. The Wood Bank also received donations of suitable wood from the private landowners, including the Mooney Ranch and TJ Thomas. In 2024 the Wood Bank was fortunate to consolidate operations at a new location leased to the Wood Bank by the City of Dillon.

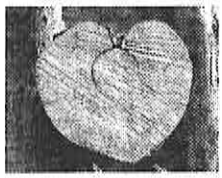


In the photo above, logs are being unloaded at the Wood Bank's new location in January 2025.

At left, are volunteers Pat Clark, Chris Kraft, and Craig Johnson. At right are Craig Johnson and Marla Martinell at the splitters.

Below is a Wood Bank "Valentine."





Who gets the wood?

Household eligibility for firewood is based on income, disability, and other considerations. We ask people to complete an application including income details to ensure the wood is distributed appropriately. The Board of Directors keeps this information in confidence. In 2024 we provided firewood to 57 households, where it warmed more than 70 residents of Beaverhead County. Most (64%) of our clients were seniors. More than half of these live alone. About 18% of households had disabled residents.

The maximum Wood Bank client household income in 2024 was $2,510/month for a single person. Households of two had under $3,407/month. A household typically receives up to 3.6 cords of wood. In heat value, three cords of firewood represent about $862 worth of heat that households would otherwise need in the form of electricity and gas.

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March 25 & 26, 2025

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March 25 – Workshop (8:30 AM – 5:00 PM)

- **8:30 – 9:00 AM** | Welcome & Sustainable Grazing Project Update
- **9:00 – 12:00 PM** | Expert speakers, including Dr. Fred Provenza, Dr. Jeff Mosley, and Donnie Engelhardt, will discuss reducing costs and increasing vegetative production and nutrition.
- **12:00 – 1:00 PM** | Lunch Provided (Taco Bar)
- **1:00 – 5:00 PM** | Sessions on carbon markets, enhancing ecosystem services through ranch success, and regenerative agriculture, featuring Kris Hulvey (Working Lands Conservation), Lora Soderquist (Impact Ag Partners), and Ford Smith (Kateri Carbon).

March 26 – Field Trip (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

- Visit Open A Ranch north of Dillon
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Everyone Welcome!

Tuesday, March 4

5:30—7 pm

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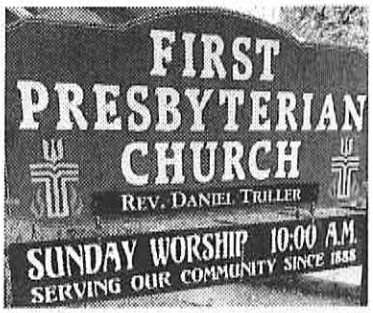

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