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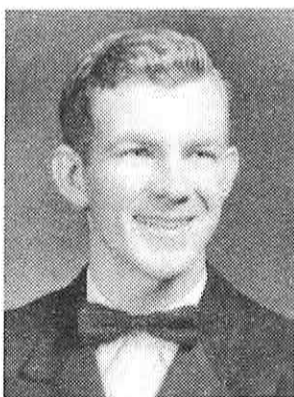
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Dr. Alan G. Zetler



Dr. Alan G. Zetler passed on July 2, 2025. He was born to George and Hazel Zetler in February 1930. Reared in rural Pennsylvania, Alan excelled in woodworking, music, drama, and was an all-around 'freckle-faced red head' good citizen. Alan worked in the Zetler Apiary and learned to play the guitar and piano by ear from his mother. Alan attended California State Teachers College and had a brief tenure as a teacher in Pleasantville, PA. After Armistice, he served for two years as an engineer building bridges in Korea. Upon his return, he pursued a Master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado, where he met and married his wife, Dorothea in 1955.

Alan loved the outdoors, so moved to Harrison, Montana where he taught math, industrial arts, and physical education. While there, the family grew, adding Tracie Lynn, Peggy Jo and Mark Alan. The family then ventured to Bozeman

where they built their first home, and Alan served as the Assistant Junior High Principal. Kimberly Dawn arrived, completing their family of six. Alan later attended Montana State University, where he earned his doctorate in School Administration.

In 1970, he accepted a position as the assistant professor of education at Western Montana College in Dillon. Alan also served as Director of Student Teaching, Director of Teacher Placement, and Dean of Education. He was a vital part of a think tank that contributed to the adoption of the new Montana constitution in education in 1972, and co-penned "The Single Best Thing, Mentoring Beginning Teachers". Alan liked to dress dapper, demonstrating his respect for his position. He crafted a unique home on a beautiful plot of land in Dillon. Upon his retirement in 1986, he became the head of school accreditation and worked with the Montana State Board of Education for the next 11 years.

Not slowing a bit, he was an active member of the Retired Teachers Association and Kiwanis, as well as energetic supporter of Bulldog sports, community arts, and his church. Alan traveled extensively and continued to work on his many projects. Alan is the true example of giving back, teaching others, and creating things that last. He remained

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Because Alan lived nearly a century, he is preceded in death by his wife, Dorothea; daughter, Tracie; his brothers Phil and Bud, as well as so many others whom he cared for deeply. He was a treasure to his four children, seven grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren as well as to the community at large.

Graveside memorial services will be held at Mountain View Cemetery on Thursday, July 24, at 12 PM. Following the service, there will be a reception in the Lewis and Clark Room at UMW, where everyone can celebrate and honor Alan's legacy. Donations in his name may be sent to the Dr. Alan Zetler Bulldog Athletic Scholarship Fund.

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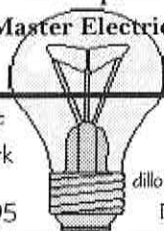
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6-09	Freeman Ln	Gas Line Broke
6-14	Orr & Rife	Electrical burn
6-14	Swenson Way	Grass Fire
6-15	Hwy 91 N	Grass Fire
6-16	I-15 MM 80	MVA
6-16	I-15 MM 83	MVA
6-20	Highland St	Gas Line Cut
6-20	Anderson Ln & Hwy 41	MVA
6-20	N Interchange	Hydro-Spill
6-21	I-15 MM 85	Motorcycle Acc
6-23	Hwy 91 N	MVA
6-24	I-15 MM 61	MVA
6-26	Dakota St	Gas Odor
6-26	I-15 MM 59	MVA
6-29	Hwy 91 & Burma Rd	Gras fire
6-30	2 S Pacific	Explosive detonation-standby

June monthly training included continued FF-1 training. Members trained with the Grasshopper Valley Fire Department on progressive hose lay. Assist with the Demolition Derby. Several members attended classes at Montana DNRC Wildland Firefighting Training Academy here in Dillon at UMW. We tested and interviewed new DVFD FF applicants.

Please be extra careful when you are out & about as it is wildfire season & the fuels are extremely dry.

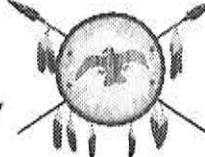
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FWP releases Grizzly Bear Conflict Dashboard

In Montana, grizzly bear populations have expanded in both number and in distribution along both sides of the Continental Divide and in the Greater Yellowstone area. In many instances, grizzly bears are expanding into areas they haven't been in more than a century.

With this expansion comes an increased focus by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks to help people and communities stay safe and avoid conflicts. Across Montana's bear country, FWP staff are working hard to respond to conflicts, provide tools to landowners and communities to prevent conflicts, and to educate people on how to stay safe.

As part of that effort, FWP unveiled a new Grizzly Bear Conflict Dashboard as a resource for information on where FWP staff are helping landowners and communities with conflicts and the types of conflicts people are experiencing.

Public interest in FWP's grizzly bear management remains high. To meet this interest and to increase public awareness, FWP released a Grizzly Bear Mortality dashboard last year. FWP is working on a relocation dashboard as well, which will be released later this summer and show grizzly and black bear relocation information. Until then, the relocation information can be found on the FWP website.

Conflict information on the dashboard is updated regularly, but not until after the conclusion of a conflict. This could take several days depending on what the conflict is and what response is taken. The dashboard displays conflict data from starting in mid-June. Conflict information prior to that will be entered by FWP staff as time allows. Grizzly bears remain federally protected in the Lower 48 under the Endangered Species Act. This protection remains despite populations in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) and the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem (NCDE) growing well past recovery goals. Montana, Idaho and Wyoming petitioned the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to delist grizzly bears.

For more information on grizzly bear management, FWP has many web-based resources for communities, landowners and recreationists. A link to the Grizzly Bear Conflict Dashboard can be found on the grizzly bear management webpage.

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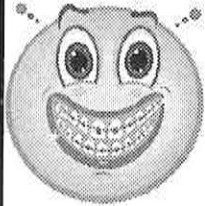
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- Approval of Warrants
Public Comment
- Old Business
Discuss/ Recommend Volunteer Handbook
Public Comment
- New Business
Public Comment
- Chiefs Report
Public Comment
- Public comment on subjects under the jurisdiction of Beaverhead Fire District #2 that is not on the agenda.
- Adjournment

\$2.5 million opioid settlement with drug makers

Attorney General Austin Knudsen announced that Montana will receive \$2.5 million from in a settlement with eight opioid drug makers to resolve their roles in the nation's opioid epidemic.

Montana will receive \$2.5 million of the total \$720 million national settlement that will be distributed among all 50 states and U.S. territories. The settlement money will be used for opioid abatement which could include programs like opioid use disorder treatment, providing Narcan to emergency or first responders, and drug treatment courts for defendants with opioid-related substance abuse problems or histories.

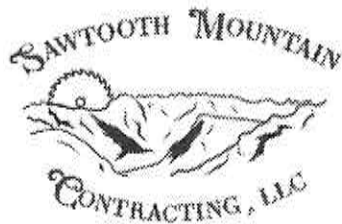
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Dillon City Council Holds Special Meeting to Address Beaverhead Meats Kill Floor Proposal

July 10, 2025 – The Dillon City Council convened a special meeting on Wednesday, July 9th, to discuss the controversial proposal for a kill floor at Beaverhead Meats. The meeting, which drew a large crowd of concerned citizens, highlighted issues of transparency, enforcement of city codes, and the handling of permits, leaving many questions unanswered.

The meeting began with Mayor McGinley stating that neither the Chief of Police nor the City Attorney had received any permits from Beaverhead Meats regarding the proposed kill floor. However, Councilwoman O'Rourke quickly pointed out discrepancies in the information provided to the Council. She revealed that the City Attorney had spent several hours reviewing the legality of a slaughterhouse floor in Dillon and had even toured the proposed site, costing the city thousands of dollars. O'Rourke expressed frustration, accusing the administration of misleading both the Council and the public.

"It seems like there's been some sidelining of this issue in hopes that people would just let it go," O'Rourke said. She also noted that a letter from the Best Western Paradise Inn, which should have been included in the meeting packet, was missing. This omission became a recurring theme throughout the evening, as other missing documents and correspondence were brought up.

Legalities and Enforcement

Chief of Police Alvarez addressed the legalities of the situation, explaining that if the city wants to stop the killing of animals at Beaverhead Meats—which has been occurring for the past 15 years in violation of city code—it would be up to the city to issue an order. The City Attorney provided a letter outlining the steps necessary to enforce this, but it ultimately falls on the Director of Operations to ensure that Beaverhead Meats operates within city codes and ordinances.

Mayor McGinley stated that the Director of Operations, in collaboration with the City Attorney, is drafting a cease-and-desist letter to halt the killing of animals at the facility. However, this raised further questions from Council members and citizens alike. Many were baffled as to why the city has allowed the practice to continue for 15 years, especially after Beaverhead Meats lost a lawsuit against the city over the same issue in the past.

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Councilman Deem pointed out that a single formal written complaint could trigger an investigation by the Director of Operations, potentially shutting down the operation. However, despite residents claiming to have filed complaints, no action has been taken. Deem also referenced a video showing the slaughter of animals at the facility, which is on record with David McGinley, a representative of Beaverhead Meats. McGinley himself appeared at the meeting, stating that the company had received a citation from the state prohibiting them from slaughtering animals.

Permitting and Transparency Concerns

The meeting also shed light on broader issues surrounding the city's permitting process. Several Council members expressed frustration over the Director of Operations' apparent inconsistency in enforcing building permits. For example, a local bike repair store was required to obtain a change-of-use permit when converting an office space, while Beaverhead Meats was reportedly told they did not need one for converting a taxidermy studio into a kill floor. This selective enforcement has raised eyebrows, with many questioning whether the city is applying its codes fairly.

Council's Role and Frustrations

The Dillon City Charter grants the Council significant authority, making them the primary decision-making body for the city. However, several Council members voiced frustration over issues being sidestepped and decisions being made without their input. The lack of transparency from the Mayor and Director of Operations has left the Council feeling sidelined and unable to fulfill their role as the voice of the community.

Community Concerns

The meeting concluded with citizens voicing their concerns not only about the proposed kill floor but also about the lack of transparency and accountability in city government. Many expressed frustrations over the handling of the situation behind closed doors and the seemingly selective enforcement of city codes.

As the city moves forward, the next few weeks will be critical in determining how the Council and administration address the Beaverhead Meats issue. The community will be watching closely to see if the city can restore trust and ensure that all businesses are held to the same standards.

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For now, the meeting has left more questions than answers, with residents and Council members alike calling for greater transparency and accountability from the Mayor and Director of Operations. The Dillon community remains united in its demand for clarity and fairness in the handling of this and other city matters.

Stay tuned for further updates as this story develops.

Community Gathers for Popular 'Dinner in the Park' Series, Featuring Zach Nytomt

Jeremy Crawford, Southwestern Montana News

Downtown Dillon came alive with the sounds of country music and the aroma of delicious food as one of the most anticipated summer series, "Dinner in the Park," kicked off tonight. This beloved event, which takes place every Thursday night in July, returned with a vibrant performance by musician Zach Nytomt.

Attendees had the opportunity to enjoy a hearty meal of brisket and beans, brought to you by Soroptimist of Dillon with proceeds benefiting the B.A.S.S. Meals on Wheels Program. Local generosity was on full display as businesses contributed pasta salad, watermelon, and ice cream to round out the meal.

Zach Nytomt, a talented country artist from Argyle, Texas, captivated the audience with his music. His latest album, New York to Montana, has been well-received and has even inspired a book by Dan Sullivan, also titled New York to Montana, offering fans another medium through which to appreciate Nytomt's work.

As the evening continues, there's still time to enjoy the free, lively performance at Jaycee Park. "Music in the Park" offers a perfect summer evening experience for those looking to unwind with great music and a sense of community.

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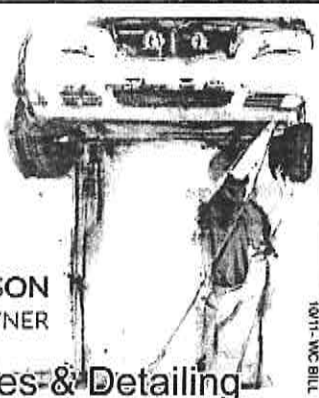


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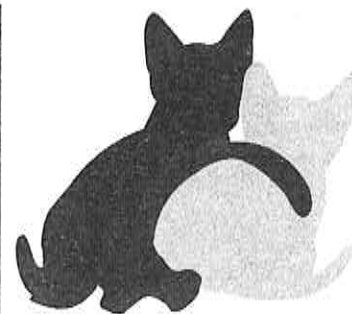
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Position open until July 21, 2025 or until filled.

FOR A DETAILED JOB DESCRIPTION, APPLICATION AND SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTION, PLEASE GO TO:

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PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION, SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTION & RESUME TO:

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3. Deliver in person to office:

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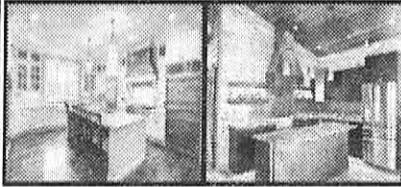
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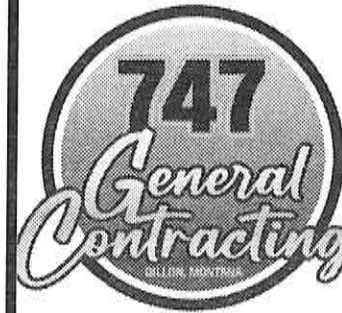
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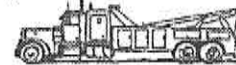
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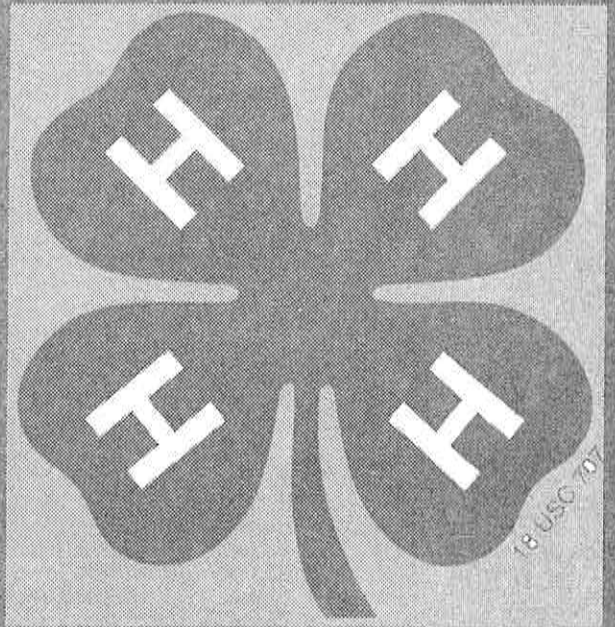
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