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Living life on her terms until the very end, Dolores "Buzz" Tash died Oct. 21 in Dillon. She was 98.





Buzz was born Sept. 24, 1928, to Walter Cline and Charlotte (Fiske) Cline in Bozeman, the third of four sisters, and the tomboy of the group. Her siblings were Phyllis, Lilah and Coleene.

Buzz and her sisters grew up poor, but not without. Their dad was a contract farmer and worked on several farms in the Gallatin Valley as they grew up. Food was always on the table, and they had decent clothes to wear, though some were hand-me-downs from other families in the area, for which Buzz was very grateful.

Her family first lived in a little log house on the west Gallatin River. The family eventually moved to a stone house on Amsterdam Road, where their dad worked for the Sales Ranch. Her mother gave her the nickname Buzz because as a small child she never slowed down … always buzzing around, busy as a bee.

Buzz attended the Cameron Country School until 5th grade, often riding her beloved horse, Brownie, to school. She later attended schools in Belgrade, including Belgrade High School, from where she graduated in 1946.

Buzz was thrilled and thankful to become the first in her family to attend college when she enrolled at Montana State University for a year. She then attended and graduated with a teaching degree from Montana Normal School (now University of Montana-Western) in Dillon, where she met and fell in love with Dale Tash of Dillon. They married Dec. 27, 1949, in Bozeman.

She taught school in Three Forks and then in Missoula while Dale earned his master's degree in education from the University of Montana. They moved to Dillon, where Dale taught at the college, and later lived briefly in Boulder, CO, where Dale worked on his doctorate in education.

They moved back to Dillon and raised four children – Ray, Betty, and twins Paul and Sue – primarily in the Ibeyville neighborhood on Skihi Street. In the 1990s she returned to her roots and lived again in a log cabin, this one in Bannack State Park, which Dale managed after retiring from Western. One

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winter was enough, though, and she returned to Dillon and lived again in Ibeyville, this time on Tobacco Root Road, until her death.

None of the children can remember a swear word, or even a cross word, ever coming from their mom while they grew up – she was an incredibly caring lady, empathetic and kind, and always with a smile. She was the family's moral compass, for sure.

Buzz was also confident and fearless, living at home by herself until the very last days, with no problems driving to the grocery store or to get her hair done. She could be stubborn, too, promising to use her walker while family visited, only to "put it out of the way" when she was alone.

Her husband Dale died in 1998. Survivors include daughter Betty Iverson of Dillon, daughter and son-in-law Sue and Jay Hansen of Dillon, sons and daughters-in-law Ray and Nancy Tash of Ocean Park, WA, and Paul and Carol Tash of Butte; grandchildren Anna (Mark) Buckner and Jake Iverson, Josh (Brit) Hansen and Cecelia (Bo) Herak, Nicholas and Jorie Tash, Jennifer Avila and Tammy Shubat; and great-granddaughter Lainey Herak.

A celebration of life will be held Dec. 5 in Dillon at a location to be determined. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Dale Tash Scholarship Fund, in care of the University of Montana-Western Foundation, or the Beaverhead Animal Shelter.

Condolences for the family may be posted online at www.brundagefuneralhome.com

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	Judge Berger is in Boulder			
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026				
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026				

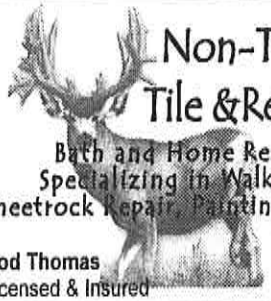
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Menu: Chicken Tortilla Soup with Cheddar (GF), Crackers, Dinner Rolls & Butter (3ea GF bread), Mexican Quinoa Salad (GF) Dessert: Chocolate Fudge Oat Bars (GF)

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It is that time of year again, and the Town Pump has graciously offered to provide a match up to $20,000.

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We would truly appreciate you helping us reach our goal of $20,000 in cash donations. This is what we can bring in from September 1 – November 30, 2026. If we reach the $20,000, Town Pump will match that amount.

We use these funds to purchase milk, produce, eggs, yogurt, cheese, canned goods, and meat. We are a non-profit 501(c)3 business. We will send out receipts for tax purposes in January 2027.

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A Community Conversation

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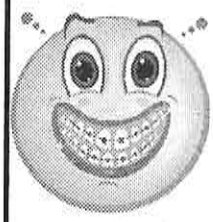
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- Call to Order
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- Old Business
- Pay Bills
- Adjourn

Father and son plead guilty to multiple poaching charges; face heavy fines and loss of hunting privileges

Investigation began with report of trophy bull elk shot with a firearm during archery only season

As a result of a yearlong investigation by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks game wardens, a father and son pled guilty to multiple wildlife violations in Wheatland and Musselshell county courts earlier this month. Both men face thousands of dollars in fines and restitution and will lose hunting privileges for multiple years.

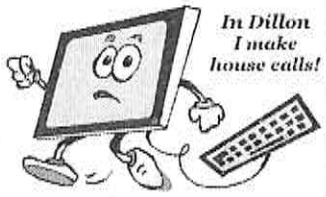
Michael Jason Letasky of Billings pled guilty in Wheatland County District Court to two counts of unlawful possession of a game animal, two counts of hunting during a closed season and one count of a waste of a game animal. He faces over $12,000 in fines and restitution and will lose hunting privileges for 20 years in Montana and all other states in the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. Michael's son Kolton Letasky, of Austin, Texas, pled guilty in Musselshell County Justice Court to two counts of unlawful possession of a game

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animal and two counts of hunting without a license. Kolton faces over $3,000 in fines and restitution and will lose hunting privileges for four years.

This investigation began on Sept. 22, 2025, when two archery hunters in the Little Belt Mountains reported that a man shot a large bull elk with a rifle during archery only season. Thankfully, both witnesses were able to provide descriptions of the suspect. FWP game wardens and Wheatland County Sheriff's deputies responded and identified Michael Letasky as the suspect during an investigative traffic stop.

The witnesses led wardens and Wheatland County deputies to the kill site, where they located a large bull elk shot with a rifle. The 6x6 bull elk met Montana's trophy restitution requirements with a Boone and Crockett score of 321 2/8. The trophy bull elk had been left to waste at the scene, rendering the meat unfit for human consumption.

"The hunters that witnessed this trophy bull elk unlawfully shot during archery season were rightfully upset and immediately reported the crime to authorities," said game warden Diego O'Brien, who led the investigation. "Their quick and accurate reporting and assistance in locating evidence were crucial to this investigation."

During their extensive investigation, game wardens discovered that Micheal Letasky also shot a raghorn bull elk in 2023 in the same area with a firearm during archery only season. They also discovered that Letasky was in possession of an unlawful black bear that he had failed to report. Additionally, game wardens discovered evidence that Kolton Letasky had killed a mule deer buck in 2024 and bull elk in 2022 in Musselshell County without the required 535-50 mule deer permit or 411-20 elk permit.

"We appreciate the assistance from Wheatland County Sheriff's Office and Billings Police Department Digital Forensic Team in this investigation, and thank Wheatland and Musselshell county attorneys' offices for their prosecution of the charges," said warden O'Brien.

"Most of all, we appreciate the reporting by the hunters who witnessed the crime. They sacrificed their own hunting trip to ensure justice was served, and this case wouldn't have been possible without their help," said O'Brien.

FWP game wardens often rely on reports and good witnesses from the field in many investigations. Anyone with possible information about crimes against wildlife or state lands is asked to call the local game warden, 1-800-TIP-MONT, or visit tipmont.mt.gov to provide details. Those who report information may be eligible for a cash

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Conducted by Conor Whalen and featuring Kyla Rosenberger on the organ, the program is anchored by Dvořák's radiant Mass in D major. Also called The Lužany Mass, Dvořák's most popular sacred work was commissioned in 1887 by the architect and patron, Josef Hlávka, to commemorate the opening of a chapel he had built near his summer residence in Lužany, western Bohemia.

After intermission, the choir will perform a selection of American spirituals, from a toe-tapping arrangement of I'm Gonna Sing 'til the Spirit Moves in My Heart, by celebrated son of New Orleans, Moses Hagen, to the ethereal Shenandoah, arranged by James Erb, which was once performed as a sea shanty by 19th century fur traders floating down the Missouri River. As with most songs handed down in an oral tradition, there are other stories associated with the song, including one that refers to the Oneida Nation leader, Skenandoa—also known as Shenandoah—and a canoe-going trader who wanted to marry his daughter.

Conductor Conor Whalen is encouraging his singers to memorize the spirituals on the second half of the program, noting "By performing without referencing written music, we're honoring the oral traditions that brought these beautiful spirituals to us."

Performances will take place Friday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 14, at 2:30 p.m. Hope Lutheran Church is located at 2152 W Graf Street in Bozeman.

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Dillon Middle School News for the week of November 2-6.

We hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween on Saturday night!

The lunch menu for the week is as follows:

- Monday: Tatertot Casserole or Chicken Salad Bar
- Tuesday: Pork Philly Sandwich with Chipotle Aioli or Taco Salad Bar
- Wednesday: Local Beef Burgers or Chef Salad Bar
- Thursday: Ham Sandwich with Chips and Mac Salad or Cobb Salad Bar
- Friday: French Bread Pizza or Asian Chicken Salad Bar

On Tuesday, November 3, all Math classes will be taking the Window 1 MAST Testlet. Get lots of rest and do your best, students!

Also on Tuesday, there will be a 4:30 pm home game against Butte East for Boys Basketball. 7th grade B-team plays at 4:30 and the A-team plays at 5:30 in the DMS gym. The 8th B-team will play at 4:30 and the A-team will play at 5:30 in the Parkview Gym.

On Wednesday, November 4, all students will be taking the MAST testlet for ELA. Again students, get lots of rest and do your best!

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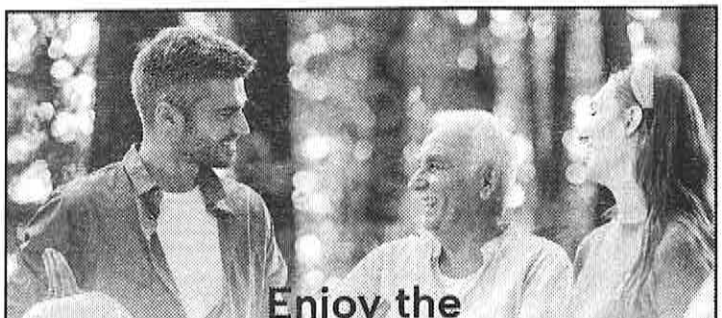
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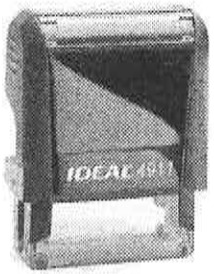
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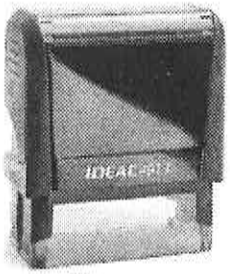
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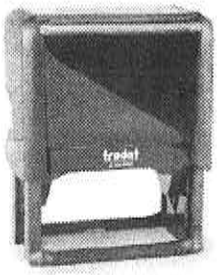
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Here are my two personal experiences with the USFS over 60 years ago. *(Dr. Stephen Selway, DVM)*

1) 1 was hired with some of my friends to put some cattle on an allotment in the Lima Peaks area when I observed a person placing a wire cylinder around some grass next to a creek and willows. I rode over and found out that he was working for the USFS and putting up fenced in cylinders to evaluate overgrazing. I asked him if he knew that cattle came down here to drink and fight flies. He said no - and I asked him where he went to forestry school. He said sheepishly- back East. I said good luck and rode off as he went back to staking the cylinder.

2) One fall I was going to require surgery over in Ennis with Dr Losie for a shoulder that had been dislocating several times that summer while rodeoing, so I decided not to go to college that fall and went to work for the USFS. At that time, as I remember, there were only 14 full-time employees for Beaverhead National Forest- how many now?

I worked with one of the Bostwick's and we were up in the Centennial grading roads and painting bridges. We had a road grader, a ton½ flatbed, a rock rake, and a small camp trailer. Are roads and bridges even done anymore? We finished there, so came into the Big Hole and headed up the road towards Skinner's Meadow. We were visited a few days later by a person who introduced himself as the new head of Beaverhead National Forest District. He evaluated the work we had done and said that it was excellent. He asked us when we came into the valley and got out a manual and then said that we were way ahead of schedule.

He got out a map and showed us a bridge near Reservoir Lake and that was where we were supposed to be by the end of the week. We were there by Friday afternoon, but I could not paint the bridge because of rain a couple of days before. By Saturday, it was okay to paint so I went up to paint it and Bostwick was servicing the patrol down at camp. I got the bridge painted and noticed some nice Brook Trout in the creek so got out my fly rod and decided to catch a few for dinner. The next thing I knew was that a pickup pulled up with the new head in it. He asked what I was doing and I said fishing. He went into a loud dissertation saying that I was not permitted to fish when I was working for the USFS. I said that he told us to stop at this bridge and all the work was done. He said that I didn't understand that I had to make the work last that long.

I told him what he could do with the job and got in our truck to go back to camp when he reached through the open window and tried to remove the keys. I opened the latch and pushed the door open and a minor physical altercation occurred. I then got back in the truck and went back to camp and told Bostwick what happened and then went in the trailer and got my pack and bedroll. Just as I came out, the head man drove up and proclaimed that he was going to have me arrested for assault. Bostwick told him that he could do that, but when it came out in court that we were told to "make the work last all week" he would be looked at very negatively by the citizens of Beaverhead County and his career with the USFS may well be impacted. I started walking towards Reservoir Lake but after several miles realized that I probably should have gone the other way. Finally, a bobtail truck with horses came along. They had been up at the Cow Bone/Dark Horse cow camp of the Brenner ranch. They were already upset with the USFS because they were now being made to buy "weed free" certified hay even though the ranch had been bringing up hay from their ranch for decades with no weeds at the cow camp attributable to the ranch's hay.

I called Dillon when I got to their ranch and got picked up. So ended my career with the USFS. By the way, when I had asked the new head where he received his forestry degree he said NY.

Dr. Stephen Selway, (DVM)

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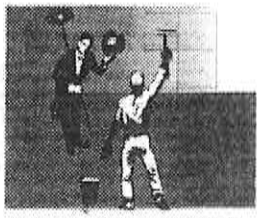
Benefits & Union: Health insurance, sick leave (after 3 months), vacation leave (after 6 months, accruing from hire date). Mandatory membership in the International Union of Operating Engineers (I.U.O.E.) within 30 days of employment. 6-month probationary period.

Full job description and application for employment can be found on Beaverhead County Website.

To be considered, applications must be submitted with a resume, and 3 professional references to Theresa Eathorne, Beaverhead County Human Resources, 2 S Pacific St., Ste 9, Dillon, MT 59725 or email teathorne@beaverheadcountymt.gov.

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VOTE FOR A COUNCIL/MANAGER

COUNCIL-MANAGER GOVERNMENT
A Proven Montana Model — Including Small Communities

Dillon voters are being asked to consider changing to a council-manager form of government

THIS IS NOT JUST A BIG-CITY FORM OF GOVERNMENT
Montana communities large and small already use professional city management, including West Yellowstone, Polson, Columbia Falls, Lewistown, Whitefish, Belgrade, and several larger communities.

POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION ARE SEPARATED

The voters still elect the City Council.
The Council remains responsible for setting policy, adopting ordinances, approving the budget, and representing the citizens.
The important difference is that the Council hires a professional city manager to administer city government.
The elected Council decides ***WHAT*** the city should do.
The professional manager is responsible for ***HOW*** the city's decisions are carried out.

Voters elect the policymakers. **The Council** sets the direction. A **professional manager** runs the day-to-day operation.

VOTE ***FOR*** COUNCIL/MANAGER

Paid for by: William Dwyer (acting as a private citizen)
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Beaverhead County Study Commission

VOTE

November 3rd

Beaverhead County Charter Form of Government

Beaverhead County Comparison of Specific Government Form Duties

CHARACTERISTIC	PRESENT FORM OF GOVERNMENT	PROPOSED FORM OF GOVERNMENT	EVALUATIVE COMMENTS
FORM OF GOVERNMENT	COMMISSION FORM Merges legislative, administrative and executive functions in commission	CHARTER-COMMISSION Charter is a local constitution and describes a commission form of government.	Commission form is written into the Charter. Basic change is that county gains self-governing powers and flexibility to respond to the citizens' concerns.
POWERS	GENERAL GOVERNMENT POWERS State Law defines what government may do and specifically how it shall do it. Very limited local power to pass ordinances.	SELF-GOVERNMENT POWERS County government shall exercise any power which the state does not deny. Local government gains more ordinance-making authority. Brings the power of government back local vs. at the State level.	Self-government powers bring to the county the power to act in its own best interest, and flexibility in shaping government structure.
FLEXIBILITY TO ADDRESS CITIZENS' CONCERNS	Limited form of government to address citizens' concerns with regards to ordinances, etc.	Self-Governing Power form of Government.	Commissioners will have more power to: • Provide services not permitted by the legislature. • Lawfully acquire and operate utilities (gas, electric) within and outside of boundaries of the county. (solar farm?) • Greater authority to dispose of public lands. • Authority to provide more ordinances that address citizens' concerns.

There are no changes to the following: Governing Body size, Election, Term Presiding Officer, Duties, Other Elected Officials, Chief Administrative Officer, Appointment Powers, Budget Preparation, or Service Delivery.

A SELF-GOVERNMENT CHARTER IS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT EQUIVALENT OF A STATE OR NATIONAL CONSTITUTION. IT PUTS THE POWER INTO THE HANDS OF THE VOTERS ON THE LOCAL LEVEL.

Ballot on the Alternative form of Local Government
Instructions to voters: Place an "X" in the boxes which express your preferences. Make sure to read your ballot! Some ballots choices may be switched!

[ ] For adoption of the commission form of government with a self-government charter proposed for Beaverhead County proposed by the Beaverhead County Local Government Study Commission.

[ ] For the existing commission form of government.