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The Beaverhead FFA Sr. Livestock Judging Team placed 4th in the RVI competition against 29 teams and 337 individuals. Eli Johnson placed 10th individually, followed by Kenndy! Meine, Leneva Miller, William Barcomb, Dally Woosley, Tessa Johnson, Audrey Clarno, Ashlynn Burk, Loaas Landon, Sage Rhodes, Evelyn Tolman, Rylee Ford and Asher Burch.

The Forestry Team placed 2nd against 13 teams and 70 individuals. Corban Lewellen placed 4th individually, followed by Taylor Yecny, Rowdy Mattison, Sam George, Savanah Nelson, Reece Jensen, Winona Wagoner, Addison Goolsby, Scarlett Garrison, Payton McWilliams and Jhett Hoffman.

In the Range competition, 38 individuals participated. The BCHS team placed 3rd. Brekken Venn placed 3rd individually and Porter Hopman placed 4th individually. Guy Holt also competed.

The Jr. Livestock Judging Team (Freshmen) Placed 4th against 26 teams and 175 individuals. Competing in this group were Audrey Clarno, Loaas Landon, Sage Rhodes, Lacy Baughman, Zane Garrison, Conley Pennington, Finiey leweiien "Jillian Hopman, Jackson Bergeson, Camilla Matamoros, Nathania Romkena, Gage Cerino and Eli Crites. The Beaverhead FFA teams will be competing at the NILE in October.

Legendary Anglers and Authors

Join us at Patagonia Dillon for a rare evening with legendary anglers and authors Yvon Chouinard and Craig Mathews, as they unveil their new book Pheasant Tail Simplicity: Recipes and Techniques for Successful Fly Fishing, through a moderated conversation with Brayn Gregson.

This event is a chance to talk story and hear adventures from decades on the water, guided by two voices who continue to bring fly fishing back to its essence—where skill, knowledge, and technique matter far more than gear.

Thursday, October 9th Doors open at 4:30 Event starts at 5:00

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The new provision allows residents who are 75 years or older to use a general elk license to harvest an antlerless elk on private lands during any season in a hunting district where youth under 15 may harvest an antlerless elk.

The hunting districts where residents 75 years of age and older can harvest an antierless elk on private land with general elk licenses are located in western and southwest Montana. They are:

Region 2

201, 204, 210, 211, 212, 213, 215, 216, 217, 240, 261, 270 (North of Rye Creek), 280, 281, 285, 291, 292, 293

Region 3

All hunting districts in Region 3, except 309, 310, 313, 324, 388, 391, 392.

Hunters looking to take advantage of this opportunity should be familiar with the regulations. Youth hunt opportunities that are equal to these opportunities for resident hunters and 75 years and older can be found in a chart on page 126 of the 2025 Montana Deer, Elk, Antelope Regulations.

Town Pump Matching Donation 2025

Town Pump has graciously offered to match up to \$20,000 in monetary donations to the Food Pantry! The event has begun and will run through November 30th.

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Ribbon Cutting to Reopen Dillon's Normal Street Bridge

Set for Friday, October 10 at 1:00 p.m.

The Beaverhead Trails Coalition (BTC), in partnership with the City of Dillon, will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the reopening of the Normal Street Bridge on Friday, October 10 at 1:00 p.m. (MT). Community members, partners, and the media are invited to attend on site at the bridge on Normal Street between Washington and Pacific Streets. The new span restores a vital walking and biking connection across the Dillon Canal.

The Normal Street Bridge has long served residents on Dillon's southwest side and is a key link in a safe walk/bike route that connects historic neighborhoods, the University of Montana Western campus, and the hospital. After years of deferred maintenance, the previous bridge was deemed unsafe and removed in the winter of 2022-23; the new structure reestablishes that connection and advances BTC's vision of a community with easy access to active transportation.

Event Details

What: Normal Street Bridge Ribbon Cutting

When: Friday, October 10, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. (MT)

 Where: Normal Street Bridge (Normal St. between Washington) & Pacific), Dillon, Montana

Who: Beaverhead Trails Coalition, City of Dillon, partners,

and community members

 Media Ops: Brief remarks, ribbon cutting, and photo opportunities on site

About the Normal Street Bridge Project

BTC partnered with the City of Dillon to replace the removed bridge with a new span across the Dillon Canal, improving accessibility on both sides and strengthening a planned network of safe, enjoyable walking and biking routes throughout town.

About Beaverhead Trails Coalition

Beaverhead Trails Coalition is a local nonprofit that provides the community with walking and bicycling trails, parks, and programspursuing a vision of a community with easy access to walking, bicycling, and horseback riding. More information at www.beaverheadtrails.org

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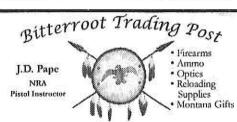




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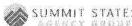


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Shut down the shutdown hysteria

Making Sense By Michael Reagan

It's almost like the news media is trying to get us to hide under our beds in fear.

From CNN to USA Today to Fox and beyond, all we hear is, "There's a shutdown! There's a shutdown!"

Of course there's a bloody federal government shutdown. It's the end of September, isn't it? It's federal budget-passing time, isn't it?

It's the season when our great political leaders in Congress finally have to stand up tall and decide who in the federal government will get the tens and hundreds of billions of dollars we don't really have and will be borrowing for our grandchildren to pay off.

For most Americans, shutting down the federal government means nothing. First off, it's an empty threat that rarely ever happens – the last time was 10 years ago. (America survived, by the way.)

Almost every year at this time we hear the same scary and sad media stories about the threat of federal parks closing and federal employees aka, bureaucrats – being furloughed and not getting their paychecks until the deadlock is over.

But shutting down the federal government for a few days or even weeks doesn't seriously affect the lives or the livelihoods of most

If it weren't for the big TV networks and print dinosaurs like the Washington Post acting like it was the end of the world, most Americans wouldn't even know that the federal government has been closed for the last two days.

It's the usual story - the usual dumb "government shutdown" story that I swear I've written about 10 times before. The characters are just a different collection of spineless and incompetent Republicans and Democrats in Congress who can't or won't make the right decision.

As usual, instead of sensibly passing a multi-trillion budget to fund the federal government one small chunk at a time, they kicked the entire 2025-2026 budget can down the road like a gang of little kids until the fiscal deadline - September 30.

This year the funding fight is over the extension of enhanced Obamacare subsidies, but it's always something partisan and stupid. Democrats okayed a similar bill nine months ago, but they won't OK this one largely because they hate President Trump so much they can't



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So now the Schumers and the Thunes and Johnsons and Jeffries are pointing partisan fingers of blame at each other. They're trying to force the other side to capitulate and sign a gigantic one-piece omnibus budget bill that contains all the legislative crap, boondoggles and self-serving bills both parties couldn't get passed on their own during the year.

No one knows how long this latest self-inflicted shutdown "crisis" will last - probably into next week. And you can bet any settlement will just push the next budget showdown "crisis" back to Thanksgiving week or on Christmas Day.

Meanwhile, the propagandists at CNN are already writing hysterical things like "The ramifications of Capitol Hill's deadlock are steadily rippling across a broad swath of American lives.

As examples of these supposedly dire threats to American lives, CNN pointed out that New York can't afford to keep the Statue of Liberty open and the DC court system won't be able to issue marriage certificates.

CNN and everyone else in the media's shutdown spook show know how this one will end. Everyone in the federal workforce will get their back pay. And America will survive, despite the predictable failures of Congress.

If we really want to stop these seasonal shutdowns,

I've got an idea that might help.

How about a piece of legislation that says when a government shutdown occurs, the first nonessential federal "workers" to lose their pay are members of Congress?

It's hard to be optimistic, given Congress' sorry track record, but I'm looking for a member of the Senate or House who has enough courage to write it – and a party that has enough courage to pass it.

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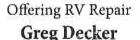




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The Bozeman Symphony invites children and families to a special Symphony Storytime featuring the upright bass on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 10:15 a.m. at the Bozeman Public Library. This free, interactive program, presented in partnership with the Library's Toddler and Preschool Storytime, combines storytelling with the wonder of live music, creating a joyful experience for children ages 3–5.

The morning's adventure will feature Bozeman Symphony bassist Scott Stebbins alongside Roxy, the playful monster puppet from Random Acts of Silliness, as the guest reader. Together, they will bring a story to life through the magical interplay of words and music. After the reading, Stebbins will introduce children to the unique sounds of the bass with a short, hands-on performance.

Families can look forward to the next Symphony Storytime of the season on Saturday, Nov. 8, at 10:15 a.m. at the Bozeman Public Library.

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Wednesday: Chicken Fillet Sandwich or Chef Salad Bar Thursday: Turkey Sandwich with Pickles and Chips or Cobb Salad Bar

Friday: Swedish Meatballs with Mashed Potatoes or Asian Chicken Salad Bar

On Monday, October 6, DMS Volleyball has a game in Clancy. The 7th grade B team will play at 4:00pm and the 8th grade A team will play at 4:00 in the Clancy gym. Good luck, girls!

Also on Monday, DMS Football will have a home game at the UM Western football stadium against Deer Lodge and Butte Central. The 7th grade team will play against Deer Lodge at 4:00pm and the 8th grade team will play Butte Central at 5:00pm.

On Tuesday, October 7, DMS Volleyball will have a game in Anaconda. The 7th grade teams will play in the Lincoln gym at 4:00 and 5:00pm. The 8th grade teams will play in the Fred Moodry gym at 4:00 and 5:00pm.

On Thursday, October 9, DMS Volleyball has a home game against Butte East. The 7th grade teams will play at 4:30/5:30pm in the DMS gym and the 8th grade teams will play at 4:30/5:30pm in the Parkview gym.

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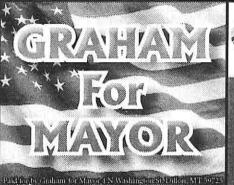


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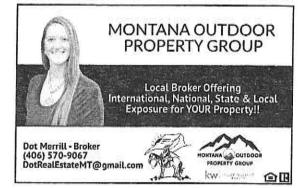
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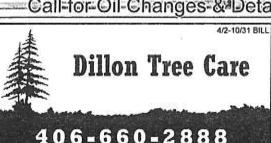
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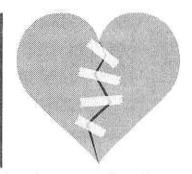
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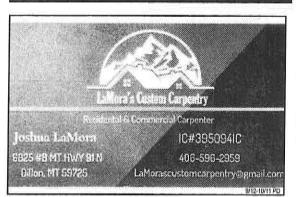
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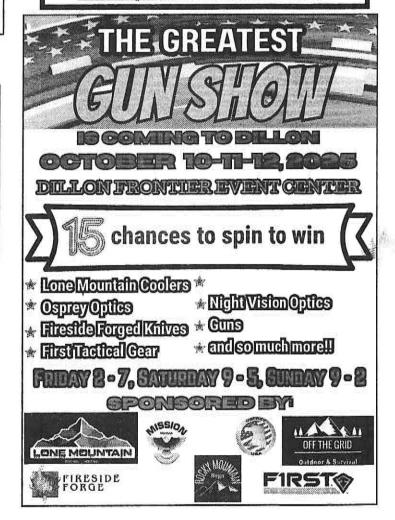
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"Strategies to Keep Working Ranches Working"

OCTOBER 14, 2025

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA WESTERN

Lewis & Clark Room | Dillon, Montana

ACENTRA

8:30 - 9:00 | Coffee, pastries, and networking

9:00 - 9:30 | Welcome - Flexible Grazing Project update & introductions

9:30 – 10:30 | Matt Ricketts, Range & Resource Consultant "The Two Essentials for Profitable Ranching"

10:30 - 10:45 | Break

10:45 - 12:00 | Matt Ricketts (continued)
"The Two Essentials for a Properly Designed Grazing Plan"

12:00 − 1:00 | Lunch provided (Fajita Buffet & Apple Pie)

1:00 — 2:00 | Dr. Tony Hartshorn, Soils/Soil Health Professor, MSU "Counting cows? Count your cores! How many holes to make your soil health whole?"

2:00 – 3:00 | Scott Morford & Shea Coons, Working Lands for Wildlife Science Team, UM "Woody Encroachment Impacts on Water and Forage"

3:00 - 3:15 | Break

3:15 – 4:45 | Flexible Grazing Project Pilot Ranchers Koy Holland, Colt High, and Andrew Anderson share experiences with:

- Virtual fence
- Satellite ear tags
- Intentional herding

Also featuring: Flexible Grazing Project environmental ϑ economic monitoring and analysis

4:45 - 5:00 | Questions, wrap-up, takeaways, and next steps

REGISTER FOR FREE!





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