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Celebration of Life Honoring The Life Of Renee Klakken

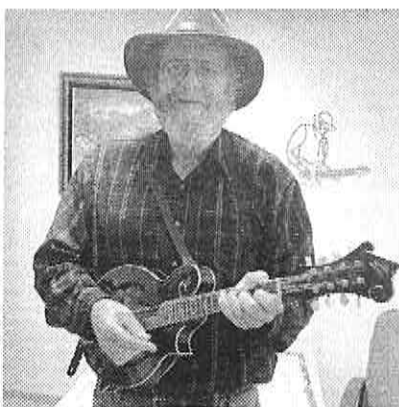
Please join us as we celebrate the life of Renee Klakken. Come share stories, memories, laughter, and food with the family and friends on July 25, 2026 at the Dillon Elks Lodge #1554 starting at 11:00am until approximately 2:00pm. Everyone that has stories or memories about Renee Klakken, please attend. Thank you.

Celebration of Life Honoring the life of Bill Jappe

Please join us as we celebrate the life of Bill Jappe. Come share stories, laughter, and memories with family and friends. Friday, July 17, 2026. 2 P.M. - 5 P.M. at the Dillon Elks Club. Your stories and memories are the greatest gift you can bring.

Bookstore hosts author Joe Drivdahl

The Bookstore in downtown Dillon will welcome 1976 Beaverhead County High School graduate Joe Drivdahl for a special book signing on Friday, July 17, from 4 to 6 p.m. The event is part of the BCHS Class of 1976's 50th class reunion festivities.



Drivdahl, a retired community college instructor, novelist, and musician, will be signing copies of his latest novel, *Expiration Date: A MAL's Pals Novel*, along with several of his previous works.

Set in Sheridan, Wyoming, *Expiration Date* is a supernatural thriller that follows Dr. Mavis Maldonado, a respected community college librarian whose orderly life is turned upside down after she develops the unsettling ability to hear the exact dates of people's impending deaths. As she grapples with the burden of this knowledge, the novel explores questions of fate, morality, guilt, and whether knowing the future is a gift—or a curse.

In addition to *Expiration Date*, Drivdahl is the author of: *Murder in the West Bottoms*, *Frank and Charlie*, *Sunset in Montana* and *Bitterroot Moon*, the sequel to *Expiration Date*. Drivdahl earned a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education with a major in English Literature and later completed a

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MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY, July 21, 2026 • 5:00 PM

AGENDA:

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of Minutes from 06-17-2026 meeting
Public Comment
- III. Approval of Warrants
Public Comment
- IV. Old Business
Public Comment
- V. New Business
Public Comment
- VI. Chiefs Report
Public Comment
- VII. Public comment on subjects under the jurisdiction of Beaverhead Fire District #2 that is not on the agenda.
- VIII. Adjournment

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Beaverhead County Road Department will be closing a portion of Sweetwater Road from the end of the pavement to Carter Creek Rd the week of July 27th thru August 3rd for maintenance and resurfacing.

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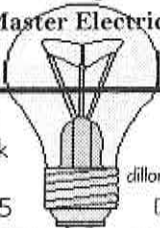
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Crash Near Dillon That Claimed 22-Year-Old Driver***Jeremy Crawford, Southwestern Montana News*

The Montana Highway Patrol (MHP) has released additional information regarding the fatal crash on Interstate 15 near Dillon, Montana, that occurred on Sunday, July 5, claiming the life of a 22-year-old driver.

According to the Montana Highway Patrol, a 22-year-old man was driving a gray Toyota Tundra southbound on Interstate 15 near Mile Marker 85, just North of Dillon, when the crash occurred.

Investigators say the pickup was attempting to overtake another vehicle traveling in the driving lane when the Toyota drifted off the left side of the interstate. The driver then overcorrected while attempting to re-enter the roadway, causing the pickup to begin skidding.

The Toyota crossed both southbound lanes before striking the guardrail head-on along the right side of the roadway.

The force of the collision ripped open the driver's side door, ejecting the driver from the vehicle. According to the Montana Highway Patrol, the driver was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash. Drugs, alcohol, and speed are not suspected factors.

After the driver was ejected, the Toyota rolled and struck the driver before coming to rest.

Emergency crews, including the Dillon Volunteer Fire Department, Beaverhead Sheriff's Office, Beaverhead Ambulance, and the Montana Highway Patrol, responded to the scene. The driver was transported by ambulance to Barrett Memorial Hospital in Dillon, where he was later pronounced deceased.

The crash remains under investigation by the Montana Highway Patrol.

Seatbelt Safety Reminder

The Montana Highway Patrol reminds motorists that wearing a seatbelt remains one of the most effective ways to reduce the risk of serious injury or death in a crash. According to investigators, the driver in this incident was not restrained when the vehicle left the roadway.

Southwestern Montana News extends its condolences to the family and friends affected by this tragic crash.

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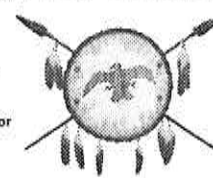
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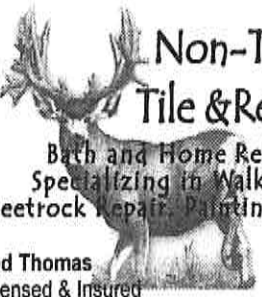
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A ceremony honoring those lost in the attacks of 9/11 twenty five years ago will be held on the site of the twin towers. September 11th events are being held for families of the victims and first responders exclusively.

On September 10th Stan Smith, Founding member of the Beaverhead White Hat Coalition, has been invited to attend an event for all those that supported families, first responders, our troops and veterans and helped in the wake of this tragic time in our history.

The White Hat Coalition was formed on September 19th, 2001 to coordinate community efforts with care packs, funds and prayers for those directly effected. Soon the Coalition, made up of many Dillon citizens started rallying the community in support of our young men and women serving in the military and placed on alert status.

Through the years since, Stan Smith has led the community in events such as fundraising auctions, concerts, prayer circles, parades, car shows and the ground breaking of the SW Montana Veterans Memorial as well as the DVFD Memorial Pavillion and thousands of "care pack" sendouts throughout the Iraq war to troops from Beaverhead county. Too many efforts to list with the all important help of VFW, American Legion, Patriot Guard Riders, Dillon Kiwanis, Elks Lodge, MYCA, Big Sky Cinema, 3D Store, KDBM, Dillon Tribune, Womacks Printing and many local businesses through the years.

After filming in Florida and Maine Stan will attend the event in New York City to help honor and remember our heros and their families.

Stan shares his love and appreciation for all who have supported the efforts of the White Hat Coalition the last 25 years.

THE BEAVERHEAD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL NOT MEET THE WEEK OF MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026

Due to the ANNUAL NACO CONFERENCE in
New Orleans- agenda and information
can be found on the NACo website.

The next Commissioners Meeting will be
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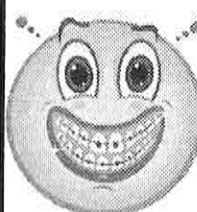
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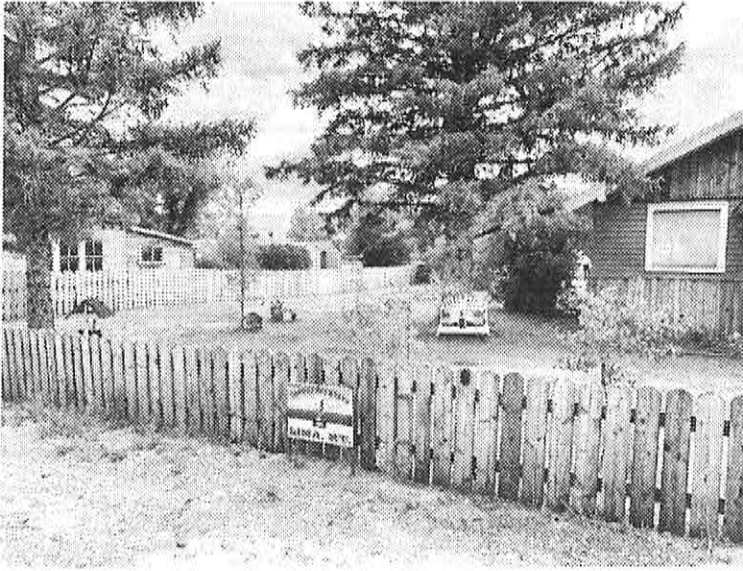


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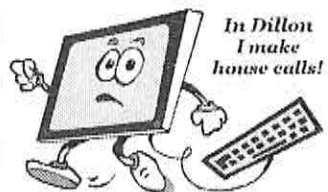
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Three Montana independent candidates meet signature qualification thresholds

The Montana Election Team, consisting of state and local election officials, has confirmed that three independent candidates have met the minimum signature qualification thresholds.

Seth Bodnar (U.S. Senate), Michael Eisenhauer (U.S. Representative 2nd Congressional District), and Shayne Morgan (House District 76) have each met the minimum number of petition signatures required for their respective offices.

Prior to finalization of the ballot for November's election, election officials will complete numerous requirements according to Montana law, including:

- August 10 is the deadline for candidates to withdraw their General Election candidacy, while August 19 is the deadline for political parties to appoint replacement candidates to fill such vacancies.
- On August 13, the Commissioner of Political Practices will notify state and local election officials of any candidates who may not appear on the ballot due to failure to comply with certain provisions required by Montana law.
- On August 20, the Montana Election Team will certify the General Election ballot.
- On October 9, absentee ballots will be mailed to eligible, registered absentee voters.
- On Tuesday, November 3, polls begin to open at 7 a.m. across Montana for the state's 2026 General Election.

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Montana Western and Women's Resource Center Invite Anonymous Survivor Stories for "After the Quiet"

The University of Montana Western and the Women's Resource Center (WRC) are partnering to present "After the Quiet", a community monologue production that explores life after leaving domestic violence. As part of the project, survivors are invited to anonymously share their experiences to help shape the performance.

After the Quiet will feature original monologues inspired by the lived experiences of survivors, highlighting both the challenges and resilience that follow leaving an abusive relationship. Through stories of healing, hope, and personal growth, the production aims to increase awareness, foster empathy, and encourage meaningful conversations about the lasting impacts of domestic violence.

Survivors are encouraged to submit an original, anonymous monologue centered on a single meaningful moment, event, or experience from their journey after leaving an abusive relationship. Rather than recounting an entire life story, submissions should focus on one experience that reflects an important aspect of healing or growth. All submissions will remain anonymous and will be thoughtfully reviewed for possible inclusion in the production.

"After the Quiet is about creating space for survivor voices to be heard," said Izzi Simonsen, Programs Manager at the Women's Resource Center. "By sharing their experiences, survivors can help educate our community, reduce stigma, and remind others that they are not alone."

The University of Montana Western and the Women's Resource Center hope the production will inspire greater understanding of domestic violence while recognizing the courage and resilience of survivors as they rebuild their lives. The production will be presented on November 2 and 3 in UMW's Beier Auditorium.

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Letter to the Editor

The recent lawsuit filed in the name of the "Yellowstone County Republican Central Committee" YCRCC (et al. against the Montana State Republican Party, without the consent or vote of the precinct representatives, is a glaring example of how our local YCRCC executive committee has centralized power at the top vs. being run as the grassroots political organization it is meant to be. The Executive Board decided unilaterally on July 1st that suing the GOP party over its new bylaws was in everyone's interest and by extension enlisted the entire committee as plaintiffs.

The issue is not whether one agrees with suing the state party over the new bylaws. The issue is precinct representatives being stripped of their voice by a small board that subjectively decides what counts as "official business." If the county bylaws truly grant this authority, the bylaws need to be changed as informed representatives are unlikely to relinquish their power to an executive board. A strong, organized county central committee is the first line of defense in protecting our republic.

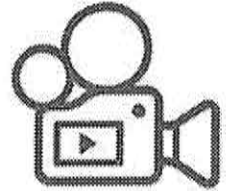
The principles that inspired the founding of our nation can secure liberty for all—if the systems of self-governance are run with integrity and include the governed. If not, then we risk turning dedicated volunteers into mere figureheads.

To the YCRCC Executive Board: Yellowstone County precinct representatives deserve transparency and a meaningful voice in decisions made in the name of the YCRCC. This is a respectful request that you bring this lawsuit—and any future actions of this magnitude—before the full central committee body for open discussion and a vote.

Let us model the republican principles of open, honest and transparent government we claim to defend.

Sincerely, Amanda Brown Precinct 45, Teresa Darnielle-Morse Precinct 10, Amanda Scheidler Precinct 2, Randy Glover Precinct 55, Mike Vinton Precinct 13/ Rep. HD 40, Nelly Nicol Precinct 47 / Rep. HD 53 Billings, MT

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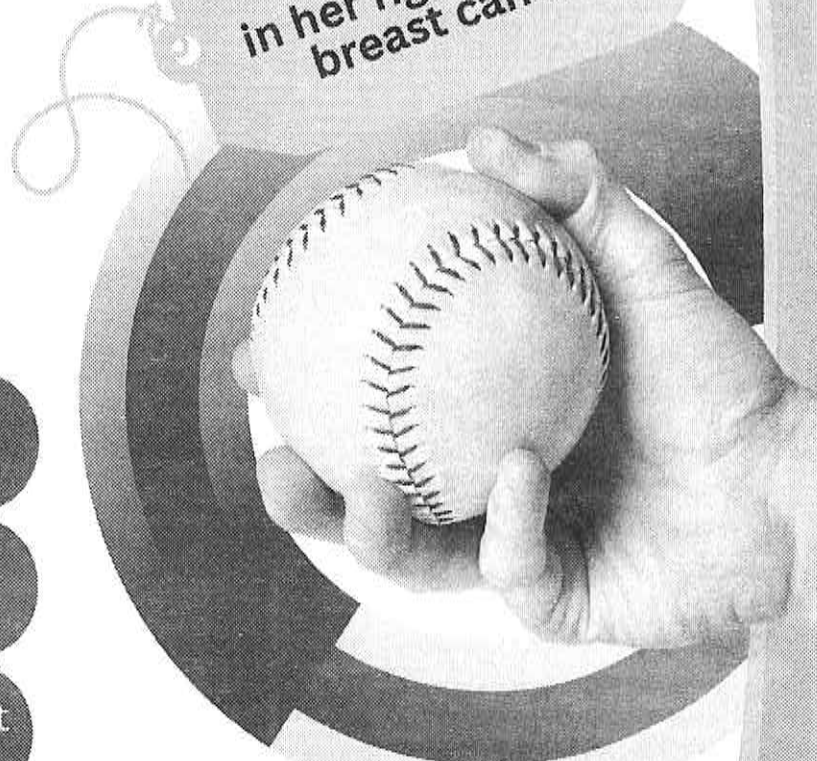
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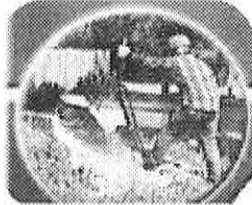
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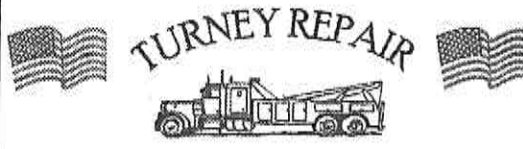
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