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grounded in faith,
service, family,
and love. She was
lovingly known as "a
pistol"—outspoken,

determined, fiercely loyal, endlessly hardworking, thrifty, and full of life. She always brought energy, and a lot of love into every room.

Darlene was born in Park City, Utah, to Fern May (Bell) and Daniel Glen Goodfellow. Born August 22, 1931, during the Great Depression, her childhood was shaped by hardship, resilience, and a deep appreciation for family. Frequent moves meant Darlene attended thirteen different grade schools, experiences that strengthened her independence and fueled her lifelong desire to pioneer a loving, stable home of her own.

Darlene often described her childhood by saying, "There was never a dull moment," and added, "Though we had many challenges, we had wonderful adventures too." She lovingly wrote that she was "spoiled, impetuous, stubborn, bossy, busy, and a hardworking little girl." Those who knew her best would add that she was generous, fiercely loyal, and unforgettable.

She met the love of her life, Raymond Fredrick Hildreth, marrying right after high school in 1950. Together, they built a life that blessed generations. Ray was the quiet, steady strength of the family, while Darlene was the spirited spark who brought adventure into their home. They raised five children, who blessed their posterity with 27 grandchildren, 74 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Darlene was the perfect companion for a sheep rancher, embracing seasonal shepherding moves during their early married years. Later, when Ray began building homes, she continued to view each move as a new adventure. Together, they moved 23 more times throughout this part of their life.

Darlene was a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Her faith in Jesus Christ guided every aspect of her life, and through both hardships and joys, she shared her testimony of the Savior's love and His hand in her life.

Darlene's kitchen reflected her heart. Her table always had room for one more. Family, neighbors, friends, missionaries, and those in need were welcomed and fed. She believed it was just as easy to prepare extra food as it was to prepare one meal, and throughout the week, portions quietly found their way to someone who was ill, lonely, or struggling. Not every batch of cookies turned out perfectly, and Ray lovingly called those "the dunk'n cookies"—best enjoyed with hot chocolate. Darlene had a remarkable gift for noticing those overlooked by others and freely gave her time, love, and resources.

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Darlene became a dedicated genealogist, preserving family histories and the stories of those who came before her. As a member of Dillon's "Head Hunters" genealogical society, she formed lasting friendships and helped preserve many Montana records.

She loved her country deeply, cherishing the United States Constitution and supporting causes that reflected moral values and constitutional freedoms.

The little girl who experienced uncertainty and a fragile family life became the woman who made others feel they belonged. We imagine Heaven has gained a little more energy and warmth because the "pistol" has finally come home.

Darlene was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond; her daughter, Fern Elizabeth; her son, Grant Joel (Deborah); her parents, Fern May Bell Wheeler and Daniel Glen Goodfellow; and her brother, James LeRay Goodfellow (Judith).

She is survived by her sons, Clayton Ray and Bryce Jay (Hazel); her daughter, Amber Fay Jensen (Douglas); daughter-in-law, Deborah; 27 grandchildren; (74) great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; her sisters, Glenna May Morrison Meine (Kenneth-deceased, Jack-deceased), Kathleen Dee Bird (Brent), and Margaret (Peggy) Louise Arsenault (Dave-deceased); sisters-in-law Judith Ann Goodfellow and Gisela Hildreth; brother-in-law Edward Barton Hildreth; and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

Viewing: Wednesday, August 12, 2026 from 6 to 8pm at Brundage Funeral Home

Celebration of Her Life: Thursday, August 13th, 11:00am at the Church of Later-Day Saints

Reception to follow Burial at the Church of Later-Day Saints
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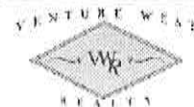
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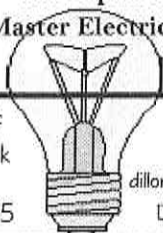
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City Money??? August 6, 2021

By: MJ

So many questions. If you read some anonymous and other posts on Facebook you may think of the city government as a debacle, a sudden chaotic collapse. The question is what are the problems, causes of them and how does the city fix them?

Mayor Klakken did not run for re-election in 2021. Mayor John McGinley was elected and took office in 2022 and resigned in mid-term. When Mayor Klakken left office, the city had a balanced budget with audits that assured the city had the funds to operate.

Explanation: When a newly elected mayor takes office, they can hire new personal to fill office positions. **Questions:** What are the city's requirements and qualifications for hiring employees? Examples; Director of Operations leadership skills, Clerk's ability to complete bookkeeping skills such as, bank reconciliations, recordkeeping...? Employees often must work as a team, collaborating with each other in order to complete their tasks and proceed. Incompetence in the ability to do a specific task creates an unfair burden on others and this imbalance breeds resentment, anger, division and finding a victim to **blame**. This is not only true for employees, also true for the council. **Question:** Who is the chosen person to blame? You will find the answer by looking at ourselves and our responsibilities within the positions we hold?

Mayor Klakken recognizing the financial position of the City and the need for continuity in leadership, agreed to finish Mayor McGinley's term. He ran into a can of worms, (a difficult financial situation). The city had appeared to have overspent and had little to no operating money available. The first thing Mayor Klakken had to do was find where the money was, tracking it and making needed corrections. *In the course of reviewing the City's financial records it appeared the bank reconciliations had not been done for 3+ years, deficient in funds, and dollars taken from one fund and transferred to another fund against rules and regulations.* It also appeared that employees may have been paid for a 40-hour work week with the hours being questionable, and possible inconsistency with Social Security being held out of checks...

Note: May everyone work as a coherent unit, get rid of blame and heal our cities problems.

TODAY: The employees have been paid and the newly reconcile budget has been accepted by the council.

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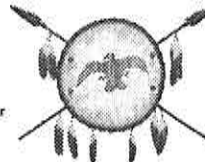
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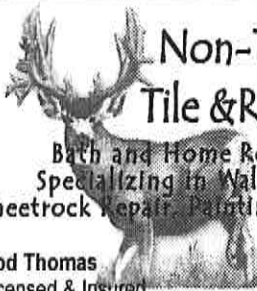
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Behind the Scenes: Firefighters Race to Protect Homes Near Polaris from the Sand Creek Fire

Jeremy Crawford, Southwestern Montana News

Monday morning, Southwestern Montana News was given a behind-the-scenes look at the extensive efforts underway to protect homes and cabins threatened by the Sand Creek Fire near Polaris.

On Saturday, the Beaverhead County Sheriff's Office issued evacuation notices for residents living beyond the Grasshopper Inn toward Elkhorn Hot Springs. Since then, firefighting operations have intensified as crews work to defend structures in the fire's path.

The Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway also remains closed after the nearby Bobcat Lakes Fire crossed the roadway in several locations. Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish those spot fires before they could spread further.

As we traveled toward Polaris Monday morning, thick smoke blanketed the area, reducing visibility to only a few hundred yards. Emergency vehicles lined the roads, with a strong presence of law enforcement officers and firefighters representing agencies from across the region.

Traveling with the Beaverhead County Sheriff's Office, we drove past the Grasshopper Volunteer Fire Department and continued toward Maverick Mountain. Throughout the area, the sound of chainsaws echoed through the forest as crews removed trees and brush surrounding private cabins to create defensible space.

One of the most noticeable sights was the extensive network of white fire hoses stretched throughout the forest. Firefighters have installed sprinkler systems around homes and cabins that can draw water directly from nearby creeks, allowing them to quickly saturate vegetation and structures if fire approaches.

In locations where streams are not easily accessible, large portable water tanks have been strategically positioned to supply pumps and sprinklers. Crews were busy installing additional hoses, checking pumps,



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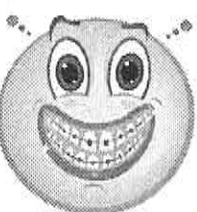
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Many homeowners have also taken steps to protect their properties by placing sprinklers on the roofs of their cabins, with several already running as an added layer of defense.

Evidence of Sunday's aerial firefighting efforts could still be seen across the mountainsides. Multiple air tanker drops left trees and hillsides stained pink with fire retardant, and even several Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) vehicles bore traces of the bright-colored retardant after working in the drop zones.

While many people see aircraft flying overhead or smoke rising from the mountains, few witness the tremendous amount of work taking place on the ground. Hundreds of firefighters, law enforcement officers, and support personnel are working around the clock to prepare homes and critical infrastructure should the fire continue to advance.

The Beaverhead County Sheriff's Office is asking the public to stay out of the affected area unless travel is absolutely necessary. Limiting traffic allows residents time to move livestock and belongings while giving firefighters the space they need to safely protect homes and continue battling the fire.

As fire activity continues, structure protection remains one of the highest priorities for crews working to protect homes and businesses in and around Polaris, Montana.

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The Atlanta Falcons released linebacker Troy Andersen last Friday morning. Troy did want to make a statement at this time.

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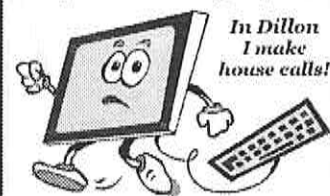
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*Pat Scott, Resource Assistance Center; Action Inc
 Carolyn Dylan, Beaverhead Community Food Pantry*

Commission amendment proposed for August agenda item

A proposed amendment for an item on the Aug. 19 Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting agenda is available for public review and comment online.

The amendment, proposed by Region 3 Commissioner Susan Kirby Brooke, would change the proposed Fall 2026–Winter 2027 Furbearer and Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas as follows:

In Region 3, reduce the bag limit to five wolves per licensed hunter.

In Wolf Management Units 313 and 316, reduce the bag limit to one wolf per licensed hunter.

The commission will meet at the Montana Heritage Center in Helena (225 N. Roberts St.) and virtually via Zoom Aug. 19 at 8 a.m.

There are two ways to comment before the meeting – and these are the only options for submitting comments or documents prior to Aug. 19:

Online portal (SurveyMonkey): Each agenda item includes a survey for submitting public comment. Letters and supporting documents may be attached to the survey.

Mail: Send written comments to: Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission, c/o FWP Liaison – Director's Office, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701.

Written comments on this amendment will be accepted through Aug. 12; comments will also be taken virtually during the meeting. Register to make comments virtually, by noon on Aug. 18.



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RESOLUTION 2026-28

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN BEAVERHEAD COUNTY

WHEREAS, Beaverhead County Commissioners by unanimous vote on August 10, 2026 decided to enter into Stage 1 Fire Restrictions in the county.

WHEREAS, extreme drought conditions exist, high winds, record high temperatures, low relative humidity, low water supplies and lack of precipitation are contributing to an increase in fire danger.

WHEREAS, Beaverhead County Board of Commissioners declares that all the private land not under the jurisdiction of the municipalities or state or federal agencies is a high fire hazard area.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Beaverhead County Board of County Commissioners this the 10th day of August, 2026.

Michael J. McGinley
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Stacey Reynolds
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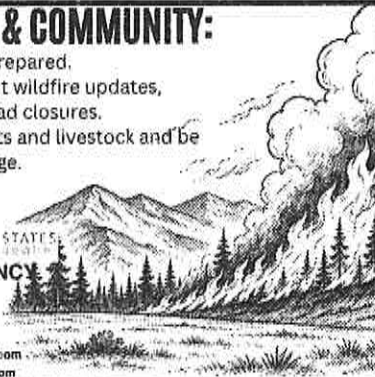
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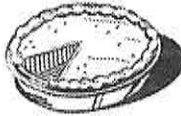
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August 10, 2026, 10 a.m.

Incident Commander: Ian Quist; Brian Gorwitz (trainee)

Fire Name	Acreage (estimated)	Containment	Location
Bobcat Lakes	7686	0%	13 miles SW of Wise River, 12 miles E of Wisdom
Sand Creek	15784	1%	7.5 miles SE of Wisdom

Total Personnel: 350 **Engines:** 21 **Crews:** 8 **Heavy Equipment:** 3 Dozers 2 Graders
Cause: Undetermined **Start:** July 31 and Aug 1

ALERT: On August 8, 2026, the Beaverhead County Sheriff, working in coordination with fire officials and local cooperators, updated evacuation orders to GO status for Elkhorn Hot Springs and Maverick Mountain, including all communities extending south to Shale Creek and Clark Creek on the north end of Grasshopper Valley.

CURRENT STATUS / ACTIONS:

Firefighters made progress on structure protection from Elkhorn Hot Springs towards Maverick Mountain ahead of the advancing Sand Creek Fire with the help of overnight crews. There was a slight relief in smokey conditions Sunday that allowed aircraft clearer skies. Two dozen heavy tanker drops delivered fire retardant to slow fire growth on the southern edge. North of the fire, firefighters completed handline connecting to the Lily Lake Fire scar to contain a run to the north. The fire continued a primarily eastern track with some growth south towards Maverick Mountain.

On the Bobcat Lakes Fire, firefighters continued work along the Pioneer Scenic Byway responding and mopping up spot fires. Ranchers and Forest Service staff continue to identify and relocate cattle from grazing allotments on the forest ahead of both fires.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR:

Another Red Flag Warning issued for Monday with Critical Fire Weather anticipated.

CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS:

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), (b), a closure is in effect for National Forest System (NFS) area, roads, and trails in the Wisdom and Dillon Ranger Districts, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest in the area as defined. Beginning at the Forest boundary and the junction of FSR 2421 at R.14W, T.1S Sec 29 and continuing along the Forest boundary south to R.14W, T.5S Sec 34. then turning east and following the Forest boundary to trail 1195 in R. 12W, T5S Sec 4. From the end of trail 1195 at R. 12W T. 5S section 1, the closure area continues from Sawtooth Lake northeast to Torrey Mountain then north along the ridge line to Mt. Tweedy, Mt Alverson, Mt Tahepia, and Sharp Mtn. The closure boundary continues north along Trail 2028 to near Canyon Creek Campground. It further extends northwest to follow along Trail 2216 to the junction with the Pioneer Scenic Byway at R 12W T. 2S section 2. From this junction, the boundary heads west on road 186 that turns into Trail 2245, followed by Trails 2202 and 2750. From 2750, the closure follows trail 3090 onto roads 2423D, 2423, 2422, 2421 ending at R. 14W, T. 1S Section 29. All campgrounds, trails and roads within the closure area are closed. The Pioneer Scenic Byway is now closed from Sheep Creek to Shale Creek and Clark Creek Roads for public and firefighter safety.





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Bobcat Lakes and Sand Creek Area Closure

Order # 01020326-04

Exhibit A



Legend

Closure Area

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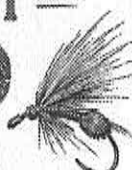


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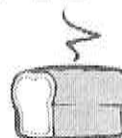
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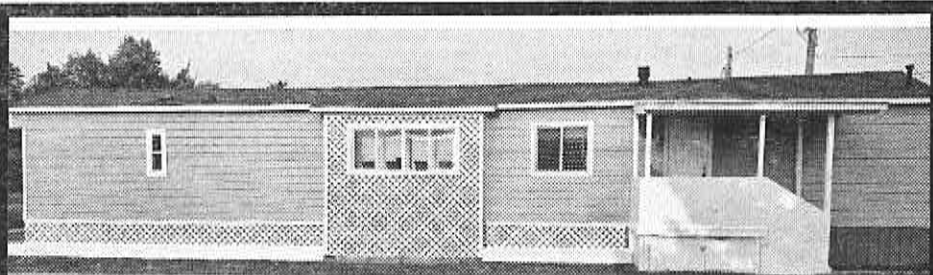
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