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Christopher Alan Linkenhoker (72)



Christopher Alan Linkenhoker was born in Lawrence, Kansas on September 7th, 1952, the second of four siblings. He graduated high school in Hattiesburg, Mississippi and attended Virginia Tech University, where he received B.S. and Masters degrees in Forestry and Silviculture. He hitch hiked to Oregon sometime around 1976 and joined the U.S. Forest Service for a 14-year storied career that included many exciting challenges and impressive accomplishments.

Chris married Beth Ann Curtiss in 1983 on the shores of Wallowa Lake, Oregon. Their first child, Hannah Elsbeth, was born on April 1, 1987 at their home in Princeville, Or. Their son Benjamin Caleb was born two years later on February 13, 1989 in an infamous home delivery ~ as recorded in the local paper~ wherein Chris delivered Ben moments after returning home from work and a mere 13 minutes after Beth went into labor.

Hanna and Ben were the lights and loves of Chris' life until the day he died. In 1991, Chris was transferred to the Bitterroot National Forest and spent a couple brief years there with the Forest Service before making a life pivot and opening the Bitterroot Beanery in 1993 at the IGA store in Hamilton, Montana.

The Bitterroot Beanery was the crown of Chris' accomplishments. Serving (excellent, organic, perfected!) coffee allowed Chris' love for people and community to flourish. The Beanery continues to be a thriving part of the Hamilton community and is now owned by the Truc family.

Chris spent nearly 35 years in his beloved Montana. He loved to hike, bike, fish, canoe, kayak, camp and almost any tother adventure that crossed his path. He padded that love onto his children and gave them the gift of being raised in the Rocky Mountains. He loved action movies, made a killer spaghetti sauce (almost every night for dinner...), and relished in telling life or death takes to anyone who would listen. He made great friends along the way, including those at Pioneer Care, where he spent his final years.

Ruth Lillian Sorenson

March 06, 1939 ~ October 19, 2025

Ruth Lillian Sautkus Sorenson passed away on October 19, 2025 at Beehive Homes and Hospice. The family would like to thank the staff for their excellent care and support.

Ruth was born March 6, 1939 in Chicago, Illinois to her immigrant father and mother, Louis and Anna Sautkus. She was the second child of the family, joining her big brother Frank. Ruth was proud of her Lithuanian heritage.

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Ruth was a Jaycee, belonged to the National Rifle Service and Senior Citizens. She was an avid poker and pinochle player. Ruth and Donald enjoyed many years of card parties in their home with their many friends. Ruth also enjoyed puzzles, reading books, and making many afghans.

Ruth was very proud of her career working for the Dillon Police and Sheriff's Department as a police dispatcher. She also worked alongside her husband, Donald, at the Dillon Middle School.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband Donald of 46 years, her infant son, her parents Louis and Anna Sautkus, her beloved brother Frank Sautkus, and sisters-in-law Nancy Sorenson and Caroline Rose.

She is survived by her daughters, Barbra Delano, Donna (Ed) Nolte, Margaret (Fred) Curtis, and Becky (Ed) Ufford. Grandchildren, Daniel (Jayde) Delano, Conrad Curtis, Kieth (Katie) Curtis, Darby Ufford, and Hunter Ufford. Great-grandchildren, Kane Curtis, Charlie Curtis, Knoxyn Curtis, and River Curtis. Sister-in-law Dorothy Reid, Brother-in-law Lynn (Louise) Sorenson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private family service will be held. The family appreciates your thoughts and prayers at this time.

Special thank you to Dr. Hansen and Susie Burgess. Thank you for the love and support you gave to our mother and our family. Thank you for being there when we needed you most. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

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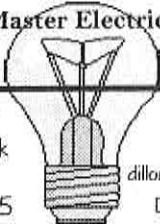
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Time	Cause	Proceeding	Attorney for Plaintiff	Attorney for Defendant
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

Judge Berger is in Virginia City

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

9:00	#24-4237, State vs Probst	Status hearing	County Attorney	Jim Dolan
9:10	#25-4330 & 4331 State vs Sepanski	Initial Appearance	County Attorney	Addam Pincock
9:20	#19-3874, State vs Southwick	Evidentiary hearing	County Attorney	Addam Pincock
9:30	#20-3962, State vs Evans	Evidentiary hearing	County Attorney	Addam Pincock
9:40	#24-4277, State vs Roll	Status hearing	County Attorney	Addam Pincock
9:50	#25-4327, State vs Jolley	Initial Appearance	County Attorney	Addam Pincock
10:00	#25-4297, State vs V. Jones	Status hearing	County Attorney	Addam Pincock
10:10	#25-4301, State vs Medina-Soto	Status hearing	County Attorney	Addam Pincock
10:20	#25-4309, State vs White	Status hearing	County Attorney	Addam Pincock
10:30	#25-4313, State vs Chapnick	Change of Plea	County Attorney	Sam Martin
10:40	#25-841, In re Knapp	Initial Appearance	County Attorney	TBD
11:00	#25-4329, State vs Ward	Initial Appearance on Appeal	County Attorney	Steven Thuesen

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Bulldog Volleyball Clipped by Bismarck State 3-2 Friday

The Montana Western volleyball team (9-13, 7- 8 FC) fell to Bismarck State (4-16, 2-13 FC) in five sets (25-17, 25-20, 24-26, 22-25, 14-16) Friday evening in Bismarck, N.D.

NOTABLES: Taylor Petersen recorded her second double-double of the season (30 assists, 10 digs).

Three Bulldogs hit at least .300 in the game, with a minimum of 10 attempts (Olivia Rosborough-.348, Kennedy Lingenfelter-.333, Averi Look-.300).

MATCH SUMMARY: UMW took care of business in the first two sets, quickly going up 2-0 with 25-17 and 25-20 wins. The hosts found their footing in the third, pulling one back with a 26-24 victory in the third. The fourth frame was also a nailbiter, with the Mystics narrowly edging the Bulldogs 25-22. The final set was close all the way through, and BSC managed the extra point 16-14 win to complete the win.

LEADERBOARD

- Averi Look led the Bulldogs with 15 kills, followed by Dani Brown (11) and Olivia Rosborough (10).
- Taylor Petersen ran the offense with a season-high 30 assists.
- Taylor Ketchum tallied a game-best 19 digs, with Morgyn Harrison and Peterson also in double figures at 15 and 10 digs, respectively.
- Rosborough earned a game-high 6.0 blocks.
- Ketchum and Harrison each tallied two aces to lead UMW

SPLIT BOX: Montana Western outdid Bismarck State in kills (59-55), assists (54-53), and blocks (9-5), but were bested in digs (68-71) and service aces (7-9).

UMW Volleyball Outlasts Dickinson State 3-2 Saturday Afternoon

The Montana Western volleyball team (10-13, 8- 8 FC) emerged victorious over Dickinson State (11-10, 7-9 FC) after a marathon five-set match (27-25, 23-25, 21-25, 28-26, 15-10) Saturday.

"The team really dug in and showed a lot of grit and determination today," Head Coach Katie Lovett said. "Dickinson is a well-coached team and were coming off a great win the night before so we knew we would have our work cut out for us. I'm proud of how the team pulled together today."



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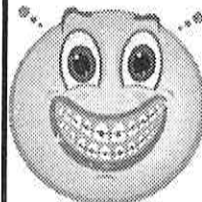
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NOTABLES: UMW tallied season-bests in kills (71), assists (67), and digs (97) while matching a season-high in blocks (13.0).

Taylor Petersen posted her second straight match with at least 30 assists (32).

Morgyn Harrison earned a season-best 24 digs.

Four Bulldogs reached double figures in kills.

MATCH SUMMARY: It was a back-and-forth affair from the get-go, with Western taking the opening set in extras, 27-25. The Blue Hawks leveled the match 1-1 in the second frame, 25-23, and took the lead 2-1 in the third frame 25-21. UMW would not be deterred, however, and forced a fifth set with a 28-26 extra-point win in set four. The Bulldogs sealed the match with a dominant 15-10 win in the final frame.

LEADERBOARD

- Averi Look led the Bulldogs with 16 kills while Kennedy Lingenfelter (15) Dani Brown (12), and Maxine Hoagland (10) were also in double figures
- Petersen led the team with 32 assists, followed by Megan Hardman at 27.
- Harrison tallied a game-high 24 digs with Savana Warburton close behind at 21.
- Rosborough earned a game-high 7.0 blocks.
- Warburton, Hardman, and Jayda Ward each landed one service ace.

SPLIT BOX: Montana Western held the statistical advantage in kills (71-58), assists (67-53), digs (93-81), and blocks (13-12), but were bested at the service line (3-7).

LOOKING AHEAD: The Bulldogs return to Straugh Gymnasium for four straight matches. Up first, UMW will take on #7 Bellevue on Wednesday (10/22).

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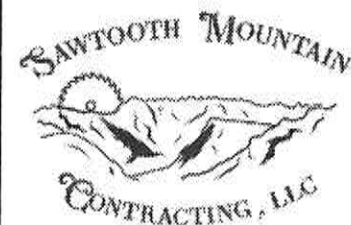
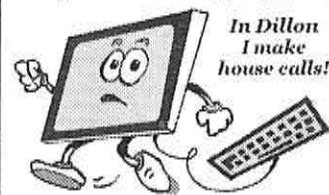
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The University of Montana Western's Environmental Science Department is excited to host Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG) geologists Amanda Willingham and Raymond Salazar as part of the "On the Rocks" lecture series. Willingham and Salazar will present "Assessing Landslide and Earthquake Hazards Across Montana and Yellowstone National Park" on Wednesday, October 22, at 4:00 p.m. in UMW's Lucy Carson Library.

Willingham received her M.Sc. in Geology from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 2012. She is a field geologist supporting both the STATEMAP and geohazards programs. She has a background in mineral exploration, geochronology, mapping, landslide hazards, and applying modern technologies to traditional geologic mapping (e.g., LiDAR, digital data collection, Structure-from-Motion photogrammetry). Her current projects include expanding the statewide landslide inventory and conducting geologic and geohazard mapping to support STATEMAP objectives.

Salazar received his M.Sc. in Geology from Montana State University in 2023. His research focused on geologic mapping and updating the stratigraphy of Yellowstone's most recent super eruption. He is now a field-based geologist using detailed mapping and chemical analysis to evaluate the volcanic and plutonic stratigraphy of Montana.

The "On the Rocks" series is an excellent opportunity for students, faculty, and the public to engage with experts in the earth sciences and learn more about developments in hydrology and geomorphology. Each presentation will be preceded by a social gathering at 3:30 p.m., offering light refreshments. We look forward to seeing you!

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Pickleball courts to close October 22, 2025

The outdoor pickleball courts will close for the season
October 22, 2025. Play will move indoors at the YMCA upon
closing of the courts. The courts will reopen next spring.

No Kings Protest Draws Crowd at Kiwanis Park Jeremy Crawford, Southwestern Montana News

Another "No Kings" protest was held Saturday at Kiwanis
Park in Dillon. Demonstrators gathered near Montana Street,
waving a wide variety of signs — some expressing frustration
through profanity, others showing support for immigrants,
and many declaring concerns that the nation is "now ruled
by a king."

Protesters voiced anger toward the Trump administration's
recent deployment of troops in several cities, stricter
immigration enforcement, and what they described as an
overreach of power through executive orders.

The Dillon event was one of many organized across the
country this weekend as part of the broader "No Kings"
movement. Officers from the Dillon Police Department
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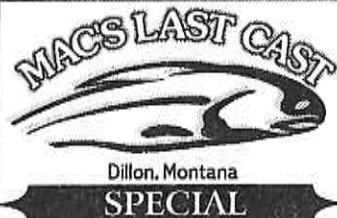
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Child's Death in Lima Deemed Homicide; One Arrested

Jeremy Crawford, Southwestern Montana News

On the morning of October 16, 2025, deputies from the
Beaverhead County Sheriff's Office, along with emergency
medical personnel from Lima Ambulance, responded to a
report of an unattended death in Lima.

Upon arrival, first responders located a deceased child.
Due to the circumstances at the scene, the death was
considered suspicious, and assistance was requested from
the Montana Division of Criminal Investigation.

Following the initial investigation, one adult female who
was present at the residence was arrested and charged with
deliberate homicide. She was booked into the Beaverhead
County Detention Center.

Authorities say the investigation remains active, and no
further information will be released at this time.

The Beaverhead County Sheriff's Office expressed
appreciation for the work of all first responders involved,
stating, "We sincerely thank all the first responders who
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Beaver Head Hunters Genealogical Society Meeting

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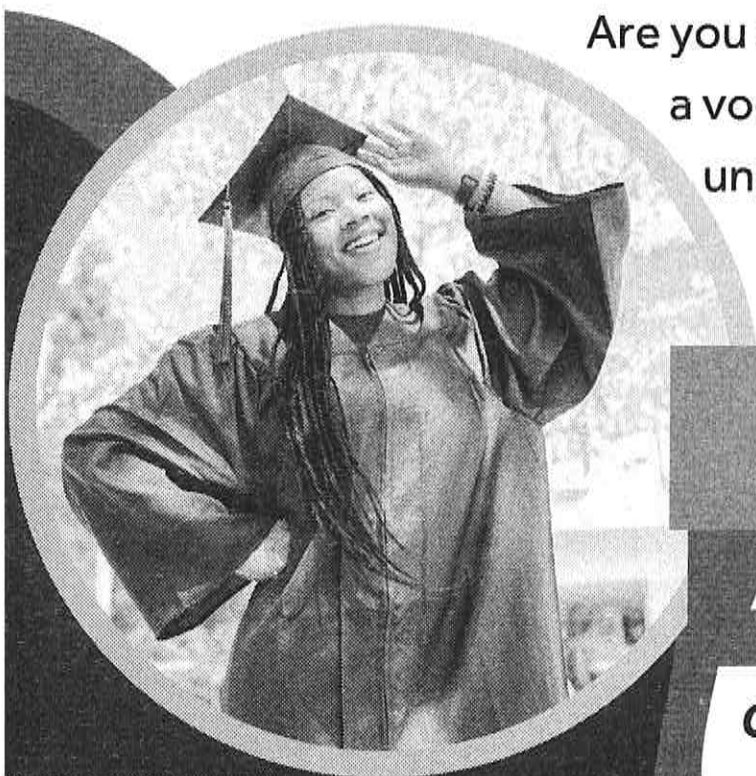
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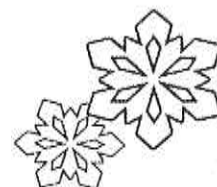


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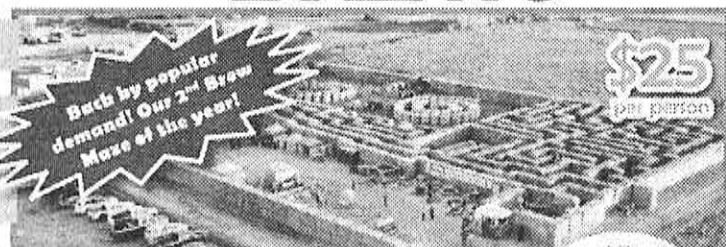


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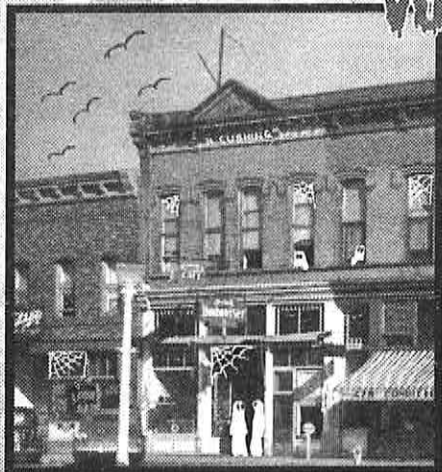
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Required Education and/or Experience

This employee is required to have the following minimum qualifications:

- Graduate of an accredited high school or GED equivalent.
- Knowledge of equipment, facilities, materials, methods and procedures used in maintenance, construction and repair activities.
- Skill in the operation of the following listed tools and equipment: Welder, motorized vehicles, generators, common hand and power tools, mobile radios, telephone, backhoe, hydro flusher and other equipment specific to the operation of a water and sewer department.
- Valid Montana Driver's license.
- Certification by the State of Montana with at least a 2a, 3b, and 1c water and wastewater operator's license or obtain proper licenses within one (1) year probation period.
- Ability to perform heavy manual tasks for extended periods of time.
- Ability to understand and carry out written and oral instructions.
- Preference will be given to applicants that have been honorably discharged from a military branch of the United States Government. A DD214 could be required for the preference.

The City of Dillon Application is available on-line. The City website is located at www.dillonmt.org. Applications will be accepted until filled and can be mailed to 125 N. Idaho St, Dillon, MT 59725 or emailed to mayor@dillonmt.org. Interviews will occur when qualified applications are received.

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The Dillon Jaycees and Jaycee Auxillary are seeking nominations from all clubs, organizations, or other interested parties for the **2025 Distinguished Service Award, Outstanding Woman, Outstanding Young Woman and Outstanding Young Man**. Men and Women that are nominated should have good character, leadership abilities, and a willingness to work and be very active in the community, church, and/or civic activities.

Nominations for Outstanding Young Man must be between the ages of 18 and 40 and nominations for the Distinguished Service Award are 41 and up. Nominees will be judged by a panel of judges from throughout the community of Dillon.

The awards presentation will be held Tuesday, November 4th at the Elks Lodge. Please submit a detailed letter of nomination to the Dillon Jaycees, PO BOX 334, Dillon, MT 59725 or drop them off to Seth at Carquest.

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