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Dolores Marquerite "Buzz" Tash

Dolores Marquerite "Buzz" Tash, 98, of Dillon, passed away Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at Barrett Hospital & Healthcare. She was born on September 24, 1928, in Bozeman, MT to Walter & Charlotte (Fiske) Cline.

The complete obituary will be published once finalized. Condolences for the family may be posted online at www.brundagefuneralhome.com

Montana Western Professor Discusses Science Writing at National Geology Conference

University of Montana Western geology professor Robert C. Thomas joined fellow authors at the Geological Society of America's national meeting in Denver, Colorado, to discuss the challenges of writing about geology for a general audience.

Thomas participated in a panel discussion titled "From Research to Bookshelf: Bringing Science to the Public." The session brought together authors of geology books written for readers without a scientific background. Moderated by science communicator Dr. Rachel Phillips, known online as GeoGirl, the discussion covered the challenges of explaining scientific concepts to the public and what motivates researchers to write for audiences outside academia.

One topic that came up during the discussion was the lack of institutional support for public-facing science writing. Thomas said many university researchers face pressure to publish academic research and secure grants to fund their work and support graduate students. That can leave little time or incentive to write books for the general public.

Thomas said Montana Western's tenure and promotion processes are less rigid in this regard, making it easier to pursue this type of work.

Thomas has published three books on the geology of Montana and Yellowstone, including Montana Rocks! A Guide to Geologic Sites Under the Big Sky, Roadside Geology of Montana, Second Edition, and Roadside Geology of Yellowstone Country, Second Edition. All three are published by the Geological Society of America.

Composite image showing the covers and spine of two geology guidebooks. On the left is Roadside Geology of Montana, Second Edition by Donald W. Hyndman and Robert C. Thomas, featuring a yellow cover with a geologic map inset, a photograph of a road leading toward mountain peaks, and the title in large black lettering. On the right is Roadside Geology of Yellowstone Country, Second Edition by William J. Fritz and Robert C. Thomas, featuring an orange cover with a geologic map of the Yellowstone region and the title in black lettering. The book spine appears between the two covers with the title printed vertically.

His interest in public science writing comes from decades of working in the region and teaching students in Montana and

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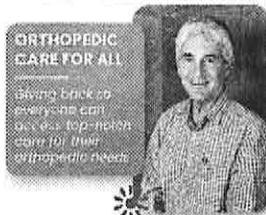
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Yellowstone. He said he began teaching in these areas in the summer of 1986 and has continued to draw on that experience in his writing.

"I do them because I have a passion for sharing what I know about Montana and Yellowstone geology that comes from decades of experience working on geologic problems in both areas, and teaching students in these places starting in the summer of 1986!" Thomas said.

For Thomas, making reliable scientific information available to the public is particularly important at a time when people encounter large amounts of information from a wide range of sources.

"The public is bombarded with information these days, and much of it, shall we say, is nonsense," Thomas said. "Expertise matters, so it is important for those of us with the knowledge and experience to share what we know with the public."

Writing a book for a general audience takes years of work. Thomas estimates that each of his books requires about five years, including traveling to geological sites, gathering information, taking photographs and reviewing scientific literature.

The writing itself is only one part of the process. After a publisher approves a proposal, the manuscript goes through multiple rounds of editing and revision, followed by peer review and further editorial work. Photographs and graphics are then incorporated into the book's layout, which is reviewed and edited before publication.

Thomas said the time involved is substantial, but the work is worthwhile if it encourages people to learn more about geology.

"Mostly, it's important to me that just one young person will read my book and begin a lifelong passion for the discipline of geology," Thomas said. "That's what I hope to achieve."

The conference also gave Thomas an opportunity to



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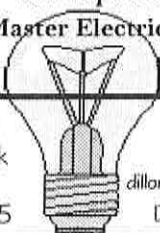
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connect with other authors who share his interest in public science writing. He said he already knew the other panelists and was familiar with their work, but appreciated hearing their experiences and discussing the challenges of writing books for general audiences.

Thomas is now beginning work on another book, *Yellowstone Rocks! A Guide to Geologic Sites in Yellowstone Country*. The project will cover geological sites in Yellowstone National Park and the surrounding region, with the goal of helping readers better understand the area's geology.

As with his previous books, the project will involve visiting sites, taking new photographs and conducting research. Thomas expects the process to take about five years.

"I look forward to traveling to all the sites once again, taking new photos and writing it all up for the layperson to better understand the geology of our nation's first national park and surrounding areas," Thomas said. "I don't enter this process lightly, but it will be fun!"

To purchase a copy of one of Thomas' books, visit the Geological Society of America.

For more information, please contact Dr. Rob Thomas at Rob.Thomas@umwestern.edu.

Dillon Public Library events

Cybersecurity for Citizens This Friday 10/30/2026 11 a.m. FREE
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Attorney General Knudsen leads intervention effort to protect oil and gas pipelines

Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen led a coalition of 20 state attorneys general in a request to intervene in two lawsuits filed by radical environmental activist groups challenging the Trump Administration's permitting process for natural oil and gas pipelines. If the lawsuits are successful, oil and gas development in the United States would be forced to come to a standstill.

The lawsuits, filed against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, seek to vacate Nationwide Permit (NWP) 12 in its entirety. NWP 12 allows pipeline projects to cross rivers and wetlands without being subject to unnecessary and burdensome red tape. Without the permit, the development and maintenance of oil and gas pipelines could come to a complete halt. The industry relies heavily on NWP 12 to build and maintain pipelines, which are the safest, cleanest, and most affordable way to transport oil and gas.

"If NWP 12 were eliminated, pipeline construction and maintenance costs would increase, and pipeline availability would decrease," the motion states. "Montana and its citizens would incur increased transportation costs through the lack of pipeline access."

The states have the right to intervene because they have a legally protectable interest in the cases, the outcome could impair those interests, and the existing parties cannot be relied upon to adequately represent them. Eliminating the permit would disrupt energy supply chains and raise costs for states and their residents.

Montana produces roughly 70 thousand barrels of crude oil per day and 4,000 million cubic feet of natural gas per month, all of which must be transported safely.

Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, West Virginia, and Wyoming are also intervening states in the motion

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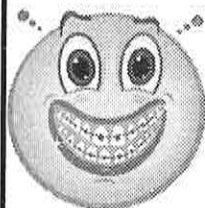
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**Billings woman sentenced to Montana
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A Billings woman was sentenced to three years at the Montana Women's Prison and ordered to repay over \$600,000 in fraudulent Medicaid claims following an investigation by the Montana Department of Justice's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Attorney General Austin Knudsen announced today.

On October 22, a judge found Staci West, a licensed professional counselor in Billings, guilty of Medicaid fraud and making a false claim to a public agency. Between January 2022 and September 2025, West billed Medicaid for sessions with patients she never treated and for sessions that did not occur.

As part of her sentence, West is ordered to pay the state \$603,719.66 in restitution and serve a 10-year suspended sentence after completing her three-year prison term. Additionally, she is excluded from billing any federal health insurance program for the length of the sentence.

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Agent Jared Piilola investigated the case with the assistance of Auditor Dennis Torrez. Assistant Attorney General Alexandra van Belle prosecuted the case.

MFCU is part of the Montana Department of Justice's Division of Criminal Investigation, which is overseen by Attorney General Knudsen and is responsible for investigating and prosecuting healthcare providers who defraud the Montana Medicaid program or who abuse, neglect, or exploit patients in Medicaid-funded care facilities.

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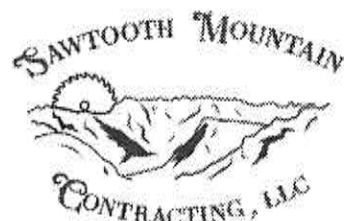
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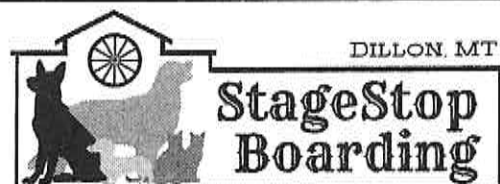
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Letter to the Editor

Letter To Editor - Response On Bill Dwyer's Memo
 Recently a flyer was placed in the Dillonite Daily and titled VOTE FOR A CITY MANAGER. This was paid for by William Dwyer, a City Study Commission member. Although his side prevailed on a 3-2 vote to recommend the change of government structure, no one else on the Commission has commented both pro or con on the recommendation after their service. To recommend "professional management" and "careful use of taxpayer dollars" is an oxymoron. In virtually any example of Dillon City's turbulent financial debacle a professional advisor was at the heart of the mistake. It was the City Council's reluctance to resist this poor advice which ultimately cost the taxpayers not the adherence to the advice. The City of Dillon has been officially non-partisan for over fifty years in its elections, we need to go no further than this recent Study Commission to find the partisan undertones that determined the 3-2 vote as the liberals succeeded over the conservatives. Any Government is responsible to be compliant with city, state and federal regulations. To "keep politics out of city management" is a standard that states: sit down and shut up! We are all tired of the relentless political advertisements that inundate us every day but without varying opinions to help guide us in the democratic process we would not have the opportunity to weigh the available options and make a minimally informed decision. A Mayor gives you one more opportunity to stop bad decisions in local government. It does not mean that the Mayor will but without a Mayor only the City Council and their vote stands between you and good or bad decisions.

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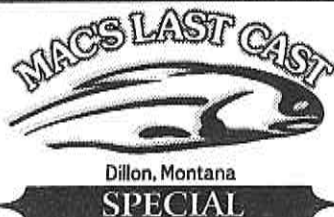


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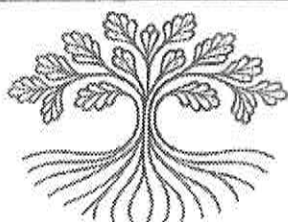
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**Please note the change of location due to elections.

9:00 A.M.	Pledge of Allegiance Update on County Projects <i>Public Comment</i> Commissioners Report <i>Public Comment</i>
9:30 A.M.	Discussion & Action- MACo PCT Contract <i>Public Comment</i>
9:45 A.M.	Discussion & Action- Emergency Road Ordinance (Lima) <i>Public Comment</i>
10:00 A.M.	Public Comments Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda <i>Public Comment</i> New Business / Other Topics of Discussion <i>Public Comment</i> Payment of Invoices <i>Public Comment</i> Action on Previous Meeting Minutes <i>Public Comment</i>
12:00 P.M.	Adjourn

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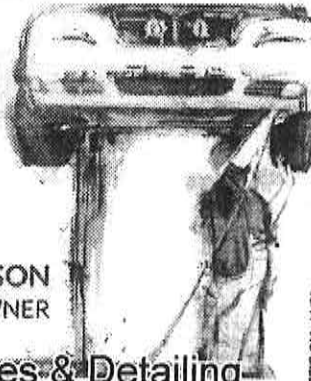
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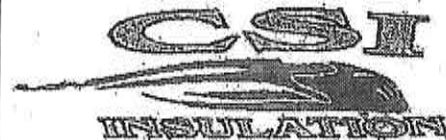
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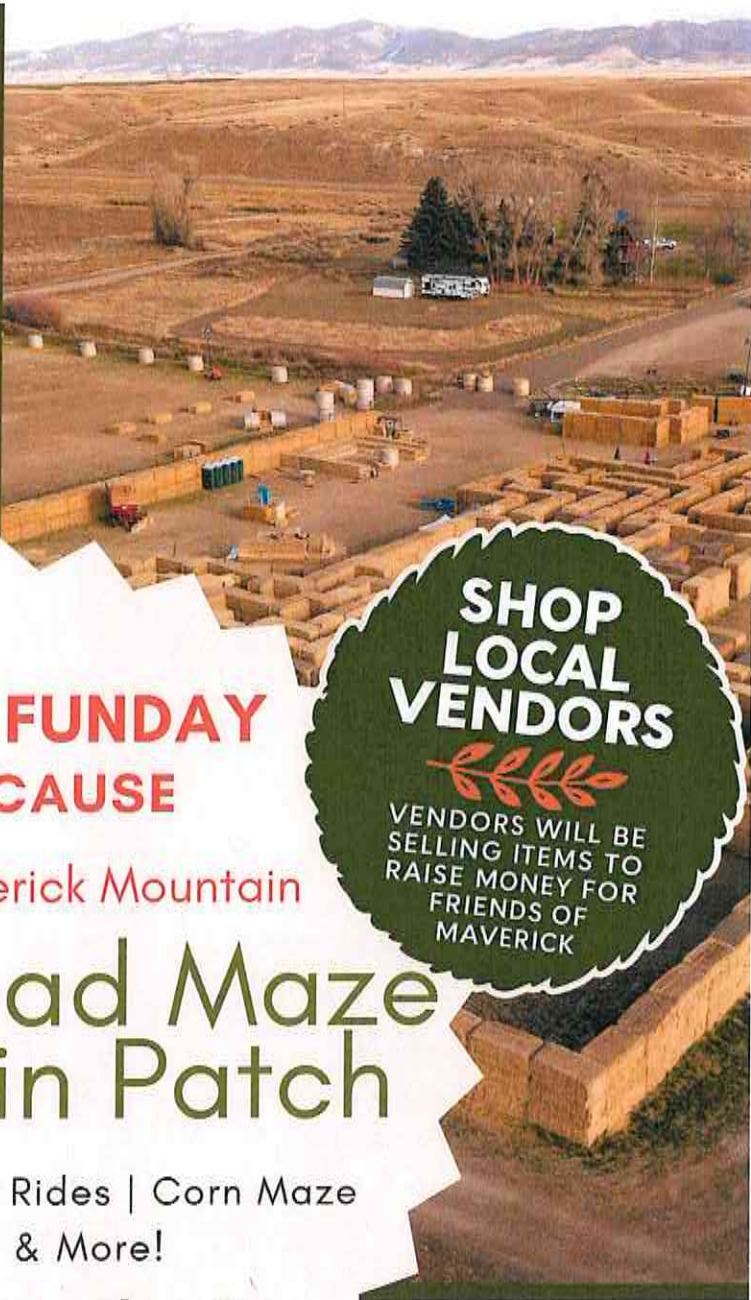
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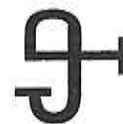
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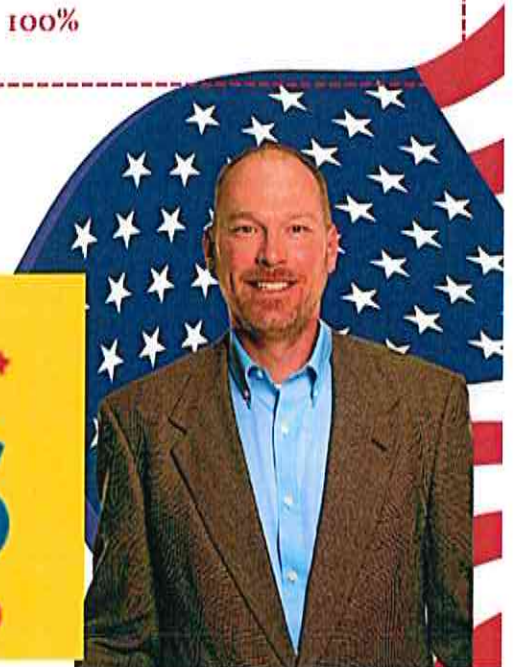
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