

HON. PETER B. OHMAN  
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE  
MONTANA EIGHTEENTH  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,  
GALLATIN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF:  
**M.C.**  
A YOUTH IN NEED OF  
CARE.

**Cause No. DN-24-27A**  
**SUMMONS / CITATION FOR**  
**PUBLICATION**

**TO: AUSTON COOPER**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-  
FIED that a *Petition for Ter-  
mination of Parental Rights  
and Permanent Legal Custody* ("the Petition") regarding,  
**M.C.**, the child who is the sub-  
ject of the above-captioned  
proceedings brought pursuant  
to Title 41, Chapter 3 of the  
Montana Code Annotated,  
has been filed in Cause No.  
DN-24-27A in Montana Eigh-  
teenth Judicial District Court,  
in Gallatin County by the Mon-  
tana Department of Public  
Health and Human Services,  
Child and Family Services Di-  
vision (CFS), located at 220  
W. Lamme St., Suite 2, Boze-  
man, MT 59715.

The Petition requests that  
CFS be granted the following  
relief: Termination of Parental  
Rights and Permanent Legal  
Custody. A copy of the Petition  
is filed with the Clerk of Dis-  
trict Court for Gallatin County,  
(406) 582-2165, and is hereby  
served upon you at this time.  
The child who is the subject  
of the proceedings, **M.C.**, was  
born on October 15, 2024,  
in Bozeman, MT. The child's  
mother is Brittany Nicole Fish-  
er. The child's biological father  
is Auston Eugene Cooper

**NOW, THEREFORE, YOU**  
**ARE HEREBY DIRECTED** to  
appear at the hearing regard-  
ing the Petition that is set on  
the 6th day of February, 2026  
at 1:30p.m., at the Gallatin  
County Justice Center located  
at 515 South 16th Ave., Boze-  
man, Montana, then and there  
to show cause, if any you may  
have, why CFS should not be  
granted the relief requested in  
the Petition.

**NOTICE: Your failure to ap-  
pear at the hearing will con-  
stitute a denial of interest in  
the child, which denial may  
result, without further no-  
tice of this proceeding or  
any subsequent proceed-  
ing, in judgment by default  
being entered for the relief  
requested in the Petition.**

You have the right to be repre-  
sented by an attorney in these  
proceedings. If you are unable  
to afford an attorney, the Court  
will have an attorney appoint-  
ed to represent you.

WITNESS my hand and the  
seal of this Court this 7th day  
of January, 2026.

Sandy Erhardt  
Clerk of District Court  
/s/ By: Deputy Clerk  
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