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Beaverhead Search and Rescue News

By Mel Rice, Public Relations

The Beaverhead County Search and Rescue held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 4th. Commander Kolby Malesich called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Roll was called with 27 members in attendance, treasurer's report was giving, and minutes of the last meeting were approved.

First order of business was the discussion of training opportunities coming up for the unit. On Saturday, December 7, there was another rope training that took on a new twist. Most training that we do is completed during daylight hours. However, most of our recoveries, rescues, etc., happen in the dark. So, Steve Mock put together a training exercise that took place in the dark of night. Other training opportunities that are being set up by training officer Adam Norlander will include basic snowmobile riding and safety, First Aid, CPR which is a requirement for membership, and avalanche training, provided we get some snow.

The SAR unit has had 4 call outs that were critiqued by individuals who participated in each incident. The call outs required responses on Gibbons Pass road, Medicine Lodge, Everson Creek, and Gallagher Mountain.

The next order of business was the "39th Annual Stan Shafer Memorial Ice Fishing Derby to be held on January 19th, 2025. We received a report that Clark Canyon was completely iced over as of Wednesday, December 4. The derby will have all the same payouts as in the past along with 50/50 tickets being sold on the ice the day of the derby. You can purchase your tickets from SAR members, various merchants around town, or at the dam on derby day. Tickets make great stocking stuffers during this Christmas season. So get those poles out, augers sharpened, and let's get ready for some fun...

During the December meeting, nominations opened for next year's officers. At the January meeting more nominations can be accepted and the election of officers will take place. Offices include commander, vice commander, secretary, treasurer, communications, equipment, public relations, training, and 3 board members at large.

In the past month there have been 3 probationary members accepted to full membership status. These three individuals are: Keri Carson, Aaron Beard, Lance Hopman. We also had two individuals retire from the organization after many years of service and they are: Parke Scott and Clint Rouse. Please take the time to thank these individuals for their dedicated service.

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**Bulldog Volleyball Closes Historic Season in
Quarterfinal Loss to Warriors**

The no. 16 seeded Montana Western women's volleyball team (25-10) closed a historic 2024 season this afternoon with a 3-1 loss to the no. 8 seeded Corban University (Ore.) in the NAIA Women's Volleyball National Championship quarterfinal matchup.

After winning the opening set 26-24, the Bulldogs fell in three straight sets by scores of 25-20, 25-16, and 25-22.

How It Happened: The opening set was a contested match from the start, with both teams trading points in a neck-and-neck battle that resulted in 13 ties. The deadlock persisted until 14-all, when a kill by Emma Bischoff for Corban ignited a 7-3 scoring run. However, Montana Western stayed within striking distance, eventually tying the score at 22 thanks to a service ace by Kelsey Goddard. The back-and-forth power struggle continued, with ties at 23 and 24, before UMW clinched the set 26-24 with a kill from Peyton Vogl and a Warriors attack error.

Corban opened the following set with the initial lead. The Bulldogs then tied things up at nine apiece following a kill from Jazi Smith, but a four-point run for the Warriors gave them enough space to keep the Bulldogs out at an arm's reach. Despite going down 24-16, the Bulldogs made a last-ditch effort and benefitted from a pair of kills from Jordan Olson to go on a 4-0 run before eventually falling to the Warriors 25-20.

Despite the late set magic in the second frame, the Bulldogs struggled get it into drive in the third set. They hit a mere -0.53 in the set while totaling an unfortunate 11 hitting error, with nine coming in the first 14 points of the set.

Set four was just as intense as the opener, featuring 10 ties and seven lead changes. Neither team managed to pull ahead by more than four points throughout the set. The Warriors broke the deadlock at 14-all with a decisive 6-2



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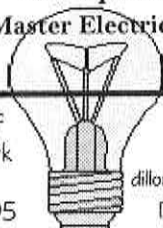
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ultimately sealing the match with a 25-22 victory in set four.

Notables

- UMW combined to hit .162 in the game, compared to CU's .238 across the match.
- Corban's strong offensive play and solid defense at the net (16 total blocks, 14 assisted) proved to be the difference in the match.
- Olson led the Bulldogs in today's matchup with 13 kills on a .267 hitting percentage.
- Smith also had a strong performance with 11 kills of her own, as well as 15 digs in the back row.
- Taylor Petersen directed the offense with 17 assists and Goddard added 22 digs.

Final Notes: The Bulldogs cap their season with an overall record of 25-10, playing in 21 games against teams that were either ranked or receiving votes.

Six Bulldogs earned their way into the record books following this season. Smith caps off a historic career becoming UMW's career kills leader with a record 1164 total. She also holds the single season kills record with 469 in a single season.

Kaylee Fritz broke the career service aces record as she caps her impressive career. She now leads in the record books with 104 service aces.

Danyel Martin broke the career blocks record last season for UMW and added 140 blocks this season to her total. She leads the record book now with 419 total.

Goddard broke both the career digs record and the single season digs record this season as she ends her career at Montana Western. She now leads both with a career total of 2321 and a single season record total of 699 this season.

Petersen broke the single season service aces record during the upset win over No. 1 Northwestern. She holds the top spot with a total of 42 service aces.

Vogl is now the single season block leader after she totaled 152 blocks this season.

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Adventures in After School Program

This program starts September 3rd and gives participants a more in depth programming while giving parents flexibility to fit work schedules. Children will ride the bus to the Y, have a snack, and then be involved in the camp offered for that week. You may sign up for a week or the month, it's up to you. Children in K-5th grade are eligible to join. Camp will end at 5:30pm each day. Camps will be offered all school year long with the exception of school holidays. Full and half day programs will be offered on school's out days for an additional charge. A separate registration is required.

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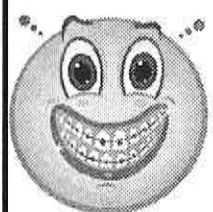
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Wednesday December 18th at the Museum's Depot Theatre at 4:15 p.m.:

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Community is welcome to join in on the fun!
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Putting Compassion into Action: Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

The Beaverhead County ACEs Task Force invites you to: Putting Compassion into Action: Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

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Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: Waypoint Church, 20 N Montana Street, Dillon, MT 59725

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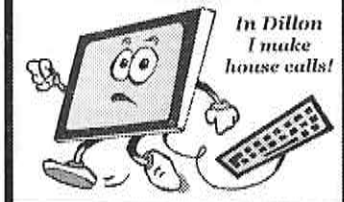
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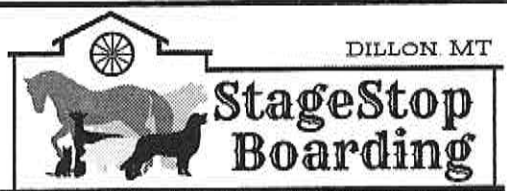
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3. Discuss/Approve East Side Water System Work Order #5
4. Review/Approve Forms
 - a. Property Owners Agreement for city Utility Services
 - b. Property Manager's Authorization
 - c. Meter Reading Request for Property Settlement
5. Public Comment on Items of Significant Public Interest Not On the Agenda and Within the Jurisdiction of the City
6. Adjournment

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The Point of Rocks acquisition was made possible by a landowner wishing to conserve the land for the enjoyment of the public. Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation partnered with the Forest Service on this project and was instrumental in facilitating the acquisition with the landowner. Funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund was used to acquire the property.

"Opening and securing quality public access is a core value of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the Forest Service, which made this a natural partnership. The work they do to conserve and protect elk habitat and hunting opportunities is a benefit to all Americans," said Tim Lahey, Butte District Ranger.

The newly acquired land adjoins the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest to the east and Bureau of Land Management property to the south. From Point of Rocks Road, this acquisition will provide critical access to an additional 2,757 acres of National Forest System land and 338 acres of Bureau of Land Management lands. The Point of Rocks acquisition will provide additional dispersed recreation, primarily hunting, off-trail hiking, and backpacking opportunities.

"I am so happy the public will be able to enjoy this land and the additional access it provides to the iconic Tobacco Root Mountains. I would like to thank Paul Hunt for selling his property to the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. Without his vision this would not have been possible," said Lahey.

In addition to providing access, an important benefit of this acquisition is conserving wildlife habitat. The property acquired contains a mixture of rangeland—dominated by native grasses—and mountainous terrain, providing year-round habitat for pronghorn and winter range for elk, mule deer, and moose. The Tobacco Roots are also an important ecological corridor for both grizzly bears and Canada lynx.

For more information about the Point of Rocks acquisition, please contact the Butte Ranger District at (406) 494-2147.

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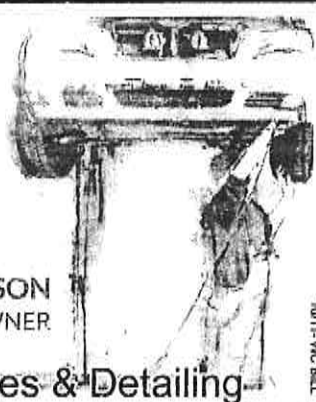
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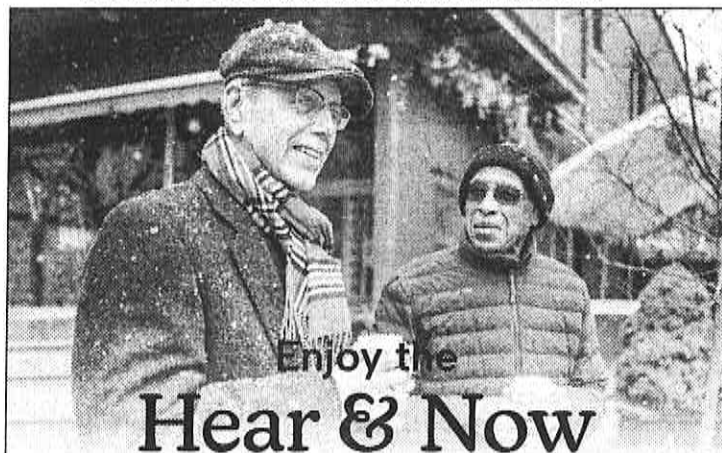
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City of Dillon Drinking Water Notice

Dear Residents,

We are pleased to assure you that the City of Dillon's drinking water is safe for consumption and meets all requirements set forth by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

As part of our commitment to public health, we conduct Lead and Copper testing every three years by collecting 20 residential samples. This year, we conducted the required testing and are fully compliant with DEQ standards.

For detailed information about our water quality, we encourage you to review the Consumer Confidence Report, which includes data from the past three years. This report is available at City Hall, located at 125 North Idaho Street, Dillon, or online at www.dillonmt.org/water-sewer.

In compliance with DEQ requirements, all municipalities in Montana are implementing a service line identification program. This program requires us to identify and report the materials of service lines within the water distribution system. Recently, we sent letters to households where service line materials remain unidentified. These letters followed a template provided by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

We understand that the language in this letter may have been unclear or caused concern, and we sincerely apologize for any confusion or inconvenience. Please rest assured that the City of Dillon's drinking water is and continues to be safe for your use.

As an added precaution, residents may consider the following steps to further ensure water safety in their homes:

- Run cold water from your tap for 1–2 minutes before using it for drinking or cooking, especially if the water has been sitting in pipes for several hours.
- Avoid using hot water directly from the tap for consumption or food preparation, as it may contain more dissolved materials.
- Consider using a certified water filter designed to reduce lead and other potential contaminants.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at (406) 683-4245 or watersupervisor@dillonmt.org

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to meet regulatory requirements and maintain the highest standards of water quality for our community.

Mayor John McGinley

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare

Financial Assistance

Notification

If you have active insurance coverage & your household earns 200% or less of the published federal poverty level you are eligible to apply for assistance with your Barrett Hospital & HealthCare bills. For details see below and contact Barrett Hospital & HealthCare.

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare (BHH) offers financial assistance to those who apply, qualify, and submit all required documentation timely for the program. The financial assistance program is a payer of last resort and applicants should check with Insurance Market Place the local Office of Public Assistance (OPA) to determine if they qualify for programs or coverage prior to applying.

BHH's financial assistance program is administered in conjunction with the Federal Poverty Guidelines that are used nationwide and that pertain to medical services provided at Barrett Hospital and Healthcare only. These guidelines incorporate rationale for age, number and ages of dependents and provide definitions of family and net income. The United States Department of Health and Human Services sets the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines and applies annual revisions to account for increases in the Consumer Price Index. BHH increases the federal poverty income levels from 100% to 200% for eligibility purposes.

To apply for assistance and/or to obtain free copies of the policy and application interested parties should contact a personal finance advocate by:

Phone: 406-683-3034

Email: fc@barretthospital.org

**Write: Barrett Hospital & HealthCare
Attn: Personal Finance Advocate
600 MT Hwy 91 South
Dillon, MT 59725**

**In Person: Barrett Hospital & HealthCare
600 MT Hwy 91 South
Dillon MT 59725
Monday – Friday 8a-5p
(Excluding holidays)**

Payments

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare offers zero interest payment plans and also contracts with long term billing companies to offer you additional budgeting options (NO credit reporting). Contact a personal finance advocate for details.

Extraordinary Collection Actions (ECA):

Patients that do not contact the personal finance advocate or respond to statements will ultimately be transitioned to an outside agency that may or may not affect credit.

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare will not take any ECA actions without making a reasonable effort to determine at patient's financial assistance eligibility in accordance with limitations outlined in the Credit, Collection and Uncompensated Care Policies and the Financial Assistance Policy (FAP). It will be the responsibility of the Financial Assistance Committee to determine if reasonable efforts were made to access the eligibility of a patient/guarantor for financial assistance.

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12/11-9

The Beaverhead County Fair Board has the following items for bid:

- 40 wooden hog panels
- 3 pallets of metal shelves
- 17 planter boxes
- 3 lots of approximately 75 pieces of rough-cut lumber of varying dimensions
- The old hog barn (buyer is responsible for disassembly and removal)
- 8 clothing racks

Bids may only be for one lot, but multiple bids may be submitted. To examine items or for more information please contact Justin Killebrew (Fairgrounds Facilities Director) at (406) 660-7383 or Jack Bazemore (County Extension Agent) at (406) 683-3785. All bids must be submitted to the Extension office by January 6th at 5pm.

12/11-17 BILL

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NATHANIEL READAL, MD, UROLOGY

Dr. Readal is board certified in urology by the American Board of Urology. He completed his medical school training at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, and a Urologic Surgery residency at the Brady Urologic Institute at Johns Hopkins. He is one of only a few urologists in Montana who treats children for urologic issues. Dr. Readal has provided care to the people of Southwestern Montana since 2015 and joined Barrett Hospital & HealthCare in 2024.