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Author, Karen Watson McMullin will be signing copies of her book, "Love Wins Ennis, Montana" A true story of Tragedy, Heroes, and Healing in a Small Town at The Bookstore on Saturday, December 14th from 1:00-3:00.

In Ennis, Montana on an early summer night in 2003, a group of young friends in a small Montana town gathered for a night out. But their summer celebration soon turned into a nightmare. Throughout the evening, a sullen stranger had verbally harassed them. They were grateful when the man finally left around closing time. Then George Davis returned carrying a gun. He opened fire, wounding six and killing one. News coverage at the time focused on the police chase that led to Davis' capture. But little light was ever shined on what really happened to the young people and the town. This is their story.

Love Wins is a tender portrait of community recovery. It recounts the heroic acts of civilians, EMTs, police, and small-town hospital staff. Then it highlights how the Ennis community wrapped its arms around the survivors and the grieving family for months and years to come. The people of this small mountain town are a living definition of the best of humanity, when confronted with the worst. Their actions remind us of the heroism, selflessness, and generosity we all can show to our fellow human beings. Their story confirms that when the unfathomable occurs, survival depends upon living among people who care. In the telling of this tragic story the author did a great job of capturing the emotions of the community and the individuals touched by this tragedy. This book is the perfect reminder that our relationships with each other exceed everything else in life.

McMullin a recently retired attorney had her own law practice for twenty-seven years. She and her husband have lived in Montana for 41 years where they raised 4 children and now have 8 beautiful grandchildren. She loves to travel and keeps busy at home with a border collie named Rex, Coco an Australian Shepherd along with 3 horses and 4 Scottish Highlander cattle. Writing was always a dream and she is embracing this part of her life.

If you have any question or would like to reserve a copy of Love Wins please call Debbie @ 683-6807

Bricks at SW Montana Veterans Memorial

The S.W. Montana Veterans Memorial is accepting applications for Veterans bricks to be placed in the memorial by 30, May 2025. The bricks are \$100 each, the same price that they were in 2003. Orders will be placed on 1, April to ensure that the bricks are here and will be installed by Memorial Day. Orders application forms are available at www.beaverhead.com/veterans or by calling Harvey Lake at 406-683-4514 or Cell 406-596-4514

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On Friday night, while many were gearing up for the annual Christmas Stroll, disaster struck as alarm bells rang out, signaling a fire emergency. The Dillon Volunteer Fire Department quickly responded to reports of a trailer fire off North Railroad Street. Despite their best efforts, the trailer was deemed a total loss.

The fire has left Sabrina and Timothy Nichols without their possessions, clothing, medical supplies, and a home. The community's immediate response has been heartwarming, as family and friends turned to social media, reaching out for assistance just a day after the fire.

In response, residents have mobilized to collect donations, asking for items to help the Nichols family get back on their feet. Community members are encouraged to donate clothing, particularly men's 2XL shirts, colostomy supplies, fragrance-free laundry supplies, women's clothing sizes up to 5XL, and women's size 10 wide shoes. They are also in need of a bi-pap machine.

Big Sky Cinema has taken the initiative to serve as a drop-off location for donations after 3:30 PM.

In addition to their immediate needs, the Nichols family is faced with the challenge of removing the wreckage of their old trailer from the rented lot.

For those who wish to contribute financially, the family can be supported through Venmo at Sabrina-Nichols-1 (last four digits of phone number: 0127) and Cash App at \$sabinanich24.

Dillon Jaycees Little shooters sign ups

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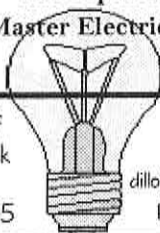
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Santa Claus events at the Dillon Public Library

Tuesday December 17th at Dillon Public Library at 6 p.m.:

Santa Claus and the Grinch arrive at 6 p.m. by fire engine and police escort. There will be chili from the Elks Lodge #1554, Ben Kenealey and his famous balloons, hot chocolate, cupcakes, raffle for Santa's Stocking, a Book Sale, and more.

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

Polar Express movie presented by Dillon Public Library. The Conductor will be there to welcome and afterwards, Santa Claus will be there to visit.

Community is welcome to join in on the fun!

Thank you and Merry Christmas from the Dillon Public Library and staff!

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).

Date: Saturday, December 14th

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Waypoint Church, 20 N Montana Street, Dillon, MT 59725

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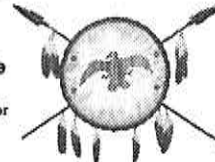
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For any questions, call or text Gail at 406-660-2528.

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Where to Donate: Drop off your donations in the collection boxes located in Barrett Hospital's main lobby or at our Clinic location on the first or second floor.

By donating diapers, baby wipes, or canned and non-perishable goods, you are helping to lighten the load for many during this season of giving. Thank you for your generosity and compassion. Let's make this holiday season truly special for everyone.

Capture the Joy of the Season with Santa at Barrett Hospital & HealthCare!

Join us for a festive day filled with holiday fun! Bring your smartphone and snap some memorable pictures with Santa. Don't forget to indulge in some hot chocolate to warm up as you celebrate the season!

Date: December 19th

Time: 4-6 PM

Location: Barrett Hospital & HealthCare-Hospital, Main Entrance
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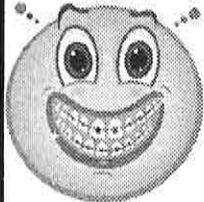


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Members will receive the quarterly Bannack Newsletter and choose to receive it either electronically or in the mail. You are also eligible for a 10% discount on Bannack Association products for sale in the Visitor Center. Members who pay dues are invited to attend the annual dinner which will be held on January 11, 2025, at the Lewis & Clark room at UM Western.

For the election of board members, individual membership gets 1 vote, family membership is entitled to 2 votes by adults, and a business membership is entitled to 1 vote. Individual membership is eligible for one free dinner, a family membership is eligible for 4 immediate family members to have a free dinner each, and business memberships are eligible for 2 free dinners. A silent auction and a program will follow the dinner. For more information, call Bannack State Park at 406-834-3413.

Removing Dying/Dead Trees In Mountain View Cemetery

Thanks to a grant from the DNRC, Edge Tree Care will be removing dying/dead trees in Mountain View Cemetery December 17th thru December 19th. The gate into the cemetery will be closed from 7am to 6 pm each of those days to protect the public while tree removals are occurring. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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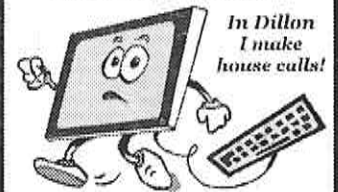
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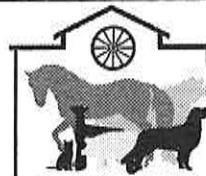
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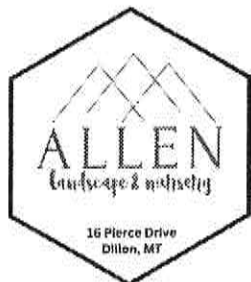
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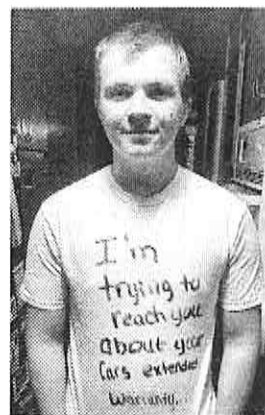
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Two Bulldogs Earn AVCA All-Region Honors

The American Volleyball Coaches' Association (AVCA) announced the All-Region teams for each level of the NCAA, NAIA, and junior college members, where the Montana Western volleyball program saw two players named to the awards list.

Jazi Smith was named an AVCA All-Region First Team for her contributions this season. Smith, a 5-11 junior outside hitter from Mossyrock, Wash., was also selected first team all-conference after she led the Bulldogs with 469 kills on the season and 3.35 kills per set. 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 after this year. Smith also was a force on defense, totaling 574 digs in the back row and totaling 63 blocks this season.

Jordan Olson was named an AVCA All-Region Honorable Mention for her contributions this season. Olson, a 6-1 junior opposite hitter from Billings, Mont., was also selected first team all-conference after she totaled 358 kills on the season and 2.20 kills per set. She also was impressive on the block this season, totaling 101 blocks for UMW.

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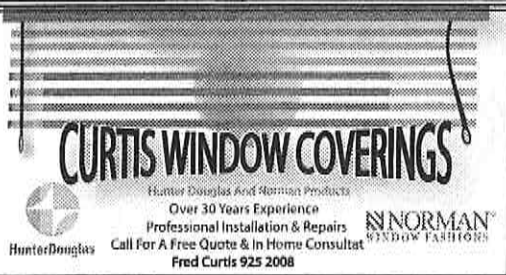
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Two Bulldogs Earn AFCA NAIA All-American Honors

After what proved to be an impressive season and posting their second outright conference championship season in a row and their deepest playoff run since the 1994 season, the Montana Western football team had two players named as AFCA NAIA All-Americans.

The AFCA's NAIA All-America Selection Committee is made up of two head coaches from each of the AFCA's seven districts, one of whom serves as a district chairman, along with another head coach who serves as the chairman of the selection committee. The coaches in each district are responsible for ranking the top players in their respective districts prior to a conference call between the district chairmen and the committee chairman on which the team is chosen.

UMW offensive lineman Marcus Lombard earned a selection on the AFCA NAIA Coaches' All America First-Team.

Lombard, a 6-1, 300lb redshirt senior offensive lineman from Laie, Hawaii, earned his first first-team All-American honor and his second All-American nod in his career after another impressive season on the offensive line. He was also previously named Frontier first team all-conference offensive line.

This season, the Bulldog offense broke the total offense in a season record set in 2021 at 5,399 yards. They totaled 5,773 yards of offense this season and broke the record for passing yards in a season with a previous record set in 1994 at 3,535. They also broke the total points scored record that was set in 2021. They totaled 3,735 passing yards and totaled 498 points this season.

UMW wide receiver Eli Nourse earned a selection on the AFCA NAIA Coaches' All America Second-Team.

Nourse, a 5-10, 170lb sophomore from Dillon, Mont. earned his first AFCA All-America second-team nod and his second career All-America nod as he led the Bulldogs this season with 1205 receiving yards and averaged 100.42 yards per game. He broke his own single season record for receiving yards of 1,186 in the final game of the season, totaling 1,205 yards this season. Nourse finished eighth in the country in yards per game and sixth in total touchdowns with 12 this season.

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9:00 A.M.	Pledge of Allegiance Update on County Projects <i>Public Comment</i> Commissioners Report <i>Public Comment</i>
10:00 A.M.	Discussion- Scoping Meeting from 12/11/24 on Hwy 324 <i>Public Comment</i>
12:00 P.M.	RECESS for lunch
1:30 P.M.	Unfinished Business / Other Topics of Discussion <i>Public Comment</i>
4:30 P.M.	Public Comments Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda <i>Public Comment</i> Payment of Invoices <i>Public Comment</i> Action on Previous Meeting Minutes <i>Public Comment</i>
5:00 P.M.	ADJOURN

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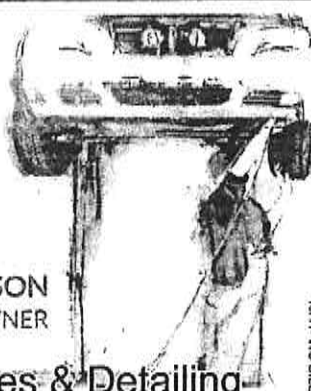
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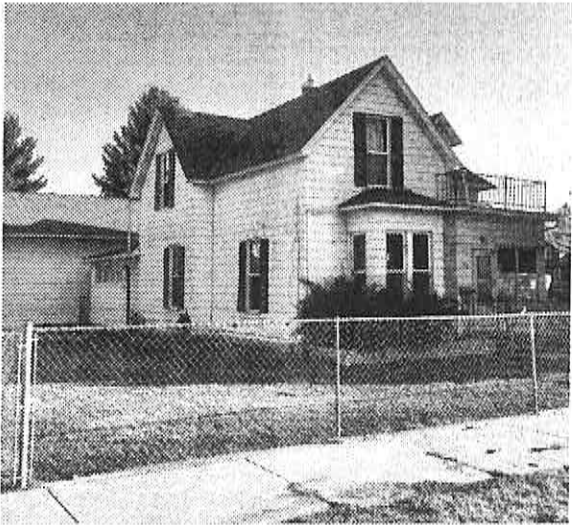
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Dillon Municipal Code Title 6 – ANIMALS Section 6.04.020 requires all dogs that reside at premises within Dillon City limits to be licensed.

The City of Dillon will issue 2025 Dog Tags beginning December 1, 2024. Tags are sold at a reduced rate during the month of December. During that time, the cost for a City dog tag is:

Dogs that <u>ARE NOT</u> spayed or neutered	\$20.00
Dogs that <u>ARE</u> spayed or neutered	\$8.00

These fees increase to \$25.00 and \$10.00 beginning January 1, 2025.

Dillon Municipal Code Title 6 – ANIMALS Section 6.04.035 Kennel License:

"1. It is unlawful for any person, group of persons in the same dwelling, or family to own, keep, harbor, or maintain more than three (3) dogs or three (3) cats over six (6) months of age on any property, single-family residence, apartments, townhouse, condominium, or any building not used as a dwelling."

The City of Dillon will issue Kennel Licenses beginning December 1, 2024. Licenses will be sold at a reduced rate during the month of December. During that time, the cost for a City Kennel License will be \$20.00.

This fee will increase to \$25.00 beginning January 1, 2025.

****Kennel Licenses Do Not Include the Individual Animal Registration Requirements****

Dogs will not be licensed if rabies information is not current.

Proof of current rabies vaccination must be provided at time of license purchase if current proof is not on file with the City of Dillon.

Pet owners who have not licensed their dog(s), or purchased required Kennel License, by January 31, 2025 may be subject to a fine. If you no longer own a dog, please contact City Hall at 406-683-4245 so your pet's name can be removed from our database.

Thank you,

City of Dillon

CITY OF DILLON, MONTANA

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DILLON, MT 59725

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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



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Dr. Peter Jennings is a Podiatrist at Barrett Hospital & HealthCare, who provides excellent podiatric care through conservative and surgical treatment methods. He completed his Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) at Midwestern University in Glendale, Arizona, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology from Arizona State University.

Following his formal education, Dr. Jennings completed a highly respected residency program at Aultman Alliance Community Hospital, where he honed his skills in diagnosing and treating a wide range of foot and ankle conditions that affect people of every age. As a dedicated professional, Dr. Jennings is a proud member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS). He is fluent in Spanish having spent time in El Salvador, with English being his first language.



Dr. Jennings specializes in non-surgical and surgical podiatric treatments, including but not limited to:

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**An Order for Blue Christmas to
be held on Thursday, December 19, 2024
at 5:30 PM**

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Blue Christmas is traditionally held on or close to December 21st, the longest night of the year, to offer hope and healing to individuals experiencing grief or loss and for whom the holidays can be a time of sorrow or sadness.

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Sunday 10 am

Pastor Rick Hulbert

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