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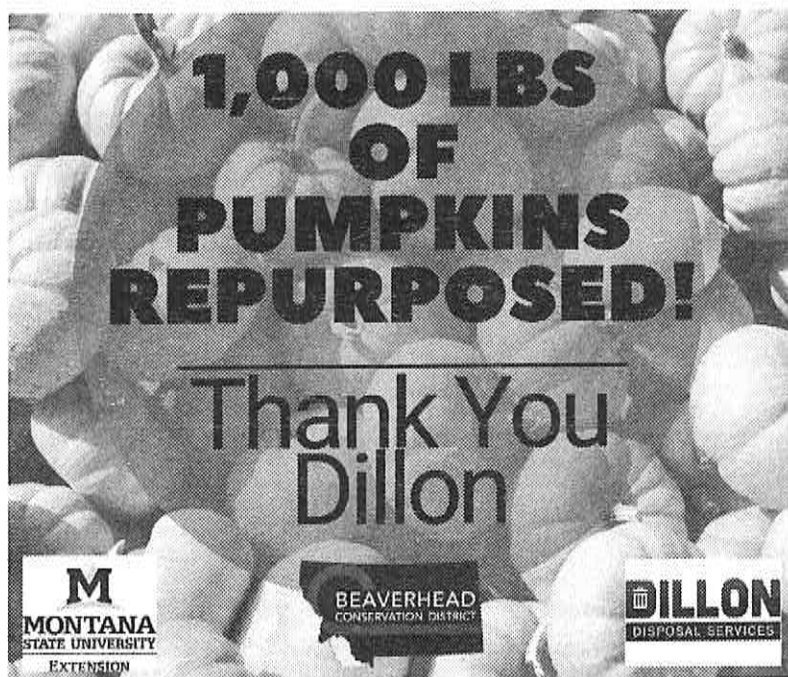
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Wednesday December 18th at the Museum's Depot Theatre at 4:15 p.m.;

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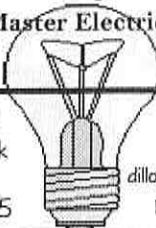
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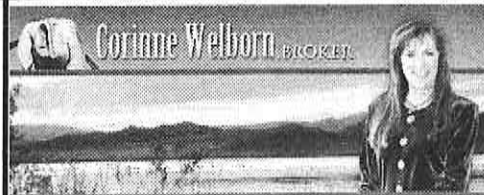
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And were there really boots that wouldn't let out all the heat?

I drove on down to Merkel's store. The snow boots were on sale.

But even at the lower price my face was turning pale.

I spied a pair of boots that bragged, "Your feet will not be cold".

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Are these snow boots made of gold?

The tops were made of leather and the bottom's rubber sole.

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I pointed to her price of boots. "That's why it's been abused."

She said, "The boots are rated down to 45 below." I paid her

the extortion price. Now, something you should know.

It wasn't but a day or two I put my boots to use.

My first thought was they're overrated, sorriest excuse.

I'd crawled out of my sleeping bag and slipped my new boots on.

The mercury said 5 below. Did someone say, "Moron?"

My feet would not warm up. I felt dumber than a bag of rocks.

Why did I pay that much for boots? It's called the school

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But then a fellow cowboy handed me a pair of socks. He said,

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I pulled up my new woolen wear. I sure could feel the heat.

I'd say that 45 below meant sheep hair on your feet.

I guess I'll stop complaining 'bout the price of winter boots.

I should have known that woolen wear and boots are in cahoots.

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The next thing I should work on is to warm my frozen brain.

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of wool socks. They'll keep your feet warm in the snow.

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December 17, 2024 • 4:00 P.M.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

December 17th, 2024 • 7:00 P.M.

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The dinner is open to anyone interested in Bannack State Park. Membership renewals or new memberships include the cost of the dinner and can be paid for at the dinner: Single membership - \$25, Family membership (includes 4 immediate family member) - \$40, Business Membership (2 people) - \$50.

Please RSVP by January 3rd, so we can make sure all who attend will be served. For reservations, please call the park and leave a message with the visitor center at 406-834-3413 or Arlis Vannett at 406-925-2209 or arlis_v@hotmail.com

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Questions contact Russ Schwandt @ 406.498.1753.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

December 17th, 2024
City Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. November 11th, 2024 Meeting
 - b. December 3rd, 2024 Public Hearing
3. Election of Officers for 2024 and 2025
4. Review/Decision on Johnson Variance
5. Public Comment on Items of Significant Public Interest Not on the Agenda and Within the Jurisdiction of the Board of Adjustments.
6. Adjourn

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Beaverhead Food Pantry: open Tuesday Nights 5:30 - 7:30 & Wednesday 12-2:30
- Community Christmas Dinner: Dillon Elks Lodge 11 am - 4 pm Christmas Day

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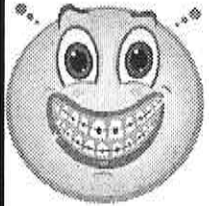
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Beaverhead Gun Club Annual Meeting

Thursday 12/19/2024 @ 7 pm

Calling all members And non-members are invited to learn more about the club and membership. Join us at the clubhouse (2155 White Ln)

Re-Elect Officers

President - Jed Munday

Vice President - John Hawkins

Treasurer & Secretary - Tim Jones

Seeking nominations for one (1) Field Captain officer and three (3) Directors - Please e-mail nominations to beaverheadgunclub@gmail.com or contact the officers to submit nominations:

President - Jed Munday (406) 925-0031 jedmunday@gmail.comVice President - John Hawkins (406) 925-1570 jhconst@msn.comTreasurer & Secretary - Tim Jones (859) 393-7258 tim4jones2@gmail.com

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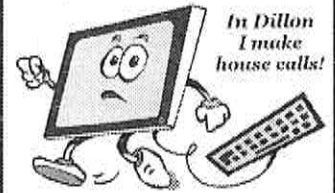
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Bulldogs Come Up Short Against No. 9 Mustangs

The Montana Western men's basketball team (7-4) faced a tough challenge on Saturday, taking on the no. 9 ranked The Master's University Mustangs. The Bulldogs ultimately fell 91-64 in a neutral-site matchup.

The Bulldogs worked hard on the boards, totaling 13 offensive rebounds and 39 total rebounds as a team.

Turnovers proved costly for the Bulldog as they committed 16, leading to 24 points for The Master's.

Stepney led the way for the Bulldogs with 22 points, including four three-pointers and an impressive 8-for-9 showing from the free-throw line.

Kane added 9 points and 4 rebounds, while Carlson contributed 7 points off the bench.

Bulldogs Fall in Rematch Against No. 24 Jamestown

The Montana Western women's basketball team (2-5) faced the no. 24 ranked University of Jamestown in a rematch from their Dec. 5 meeting in Dillon. The Bulldogs fell in the contest by a final score of 76-54.

In the opening minutes, the Bulldogs showed promise with quick scores from Kenzi Pedersen and Trinidie Nichols. However, turnovers and missed three-point attempts allowed Jamestown to capitalize on transition opportunities, helping them to take a 20-10 lead after the first quarter.

The Bulldogs shot 38 percent from the field compared to the hot shooting Jimmies who posted a 49.0 shooting percentage in the game. UMW was out-rebounded 40-26 and managed only four three-pointers on 24 attempts.

Montana Western forced 19 turnovers and collected 11 steals in the game.

Nichols led Montana Western with 16 points and three steals, while Pedersen contributed 12 points and four rebounds.

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Bulldogs Battle Hard but Fall Short to OUAZ in Cactus Classic Opener

The Montana Western men's basketball team (7-3) came up short in a neutral matchup against Ottawa University Arizona to open the Cactus Classic, falling by a final score of 80-71.

How It Happened: The Bulldogs started strong, grabbing a seven-point lead early in the first half. However, turnovers and missed opportunities allowed OUAZ to claw back and claim their first lead after a three-pointer from Hunter Richardson with 12 minutes left in the half.

Kolter Merritt flipped the lead back in favor of the Bulldogs, but the Spirit rattled off 10 straight unanswered points to take control of the game.

Montana Western fell behind by as much as 18 points in the second half but refused to back down. A late surge brought the Bulldogs within single digits. UMW's Kyle Gruhler brought the game within five points twice with under four to play, but OUAZ's composure at the charity stripe helped them to a free-throw shooting percentage of 86.7%, shutting down the Bulldogs' hopes of a comeback.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

December 18th, 2024 7:00 P.M.

City Council Chambers

Full agenda available at City Hall.

NOTICE OF ASSEMBLING A COMMITTEE
TO UPDATE BEAVERHEAD COUNTY
RESOURCE USE PLAN

The Beaverhead County Commissioners are taking letters of interest to work with a committee to update the Beaverhead County Resource Use Plan.

The Commissioners request these letters be delivered to the Commissioner's Office by December 31, 2024.

These letters should include your interest, experience, and any past involvement in working on any and all resource issues in the county.

Submissions may be dropped off at the courthouse, mailed or emailed to dbasile@beaverheadcountymt.gov.

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Attorney General Knudsen announces new DCI administrator

Attorney General Austin Knudsen announced today the appointment of Lee Johnson to the position of Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) administrator. Prior to his appointment, Johnson served as the bureau chief of the Division's Investigations Bureau.

"I'm confident Lee has the knowledge and experience required to lead the Division of Criminal Investigation in its mission to serve and protect Montanans," Attorney General Knudsen said. "It's a challenging job as DCI is at the forefront of our battles against dangerous drugs and human trafficking; and investigates the state's most complex crimes to ensure Montanans are safe and criminals are held accountable. I know Lee is up to the challenge, and I look forward to continuing to work with him."

"I am honored and humbled to be selected by Attorney General Knudsen to lead DCI into the future," DCI Administrator Lee Johnson said. "As the Department of Justice combats crime daily, our talented team at DCI will continue to stand ready to serve and protect the public around the clock."

Johnson has served Montanans at DCI for 31 years. He began his career in 1993 as a major crimes investigator where he worked major crimes across the state. In 2012, he became the supervisor for the Investigation Bureau's Major Case Section. Eight years later, he was promoted to bureau chief where he oversaw the Major Case Section, Fire Prevention and Investigation Section, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Social Security Fraud Task Force, Office of Consumer Protection, and DCI's newly formed Elder Justice Unit.

Johnson is a Butte native. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Montana State University. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.

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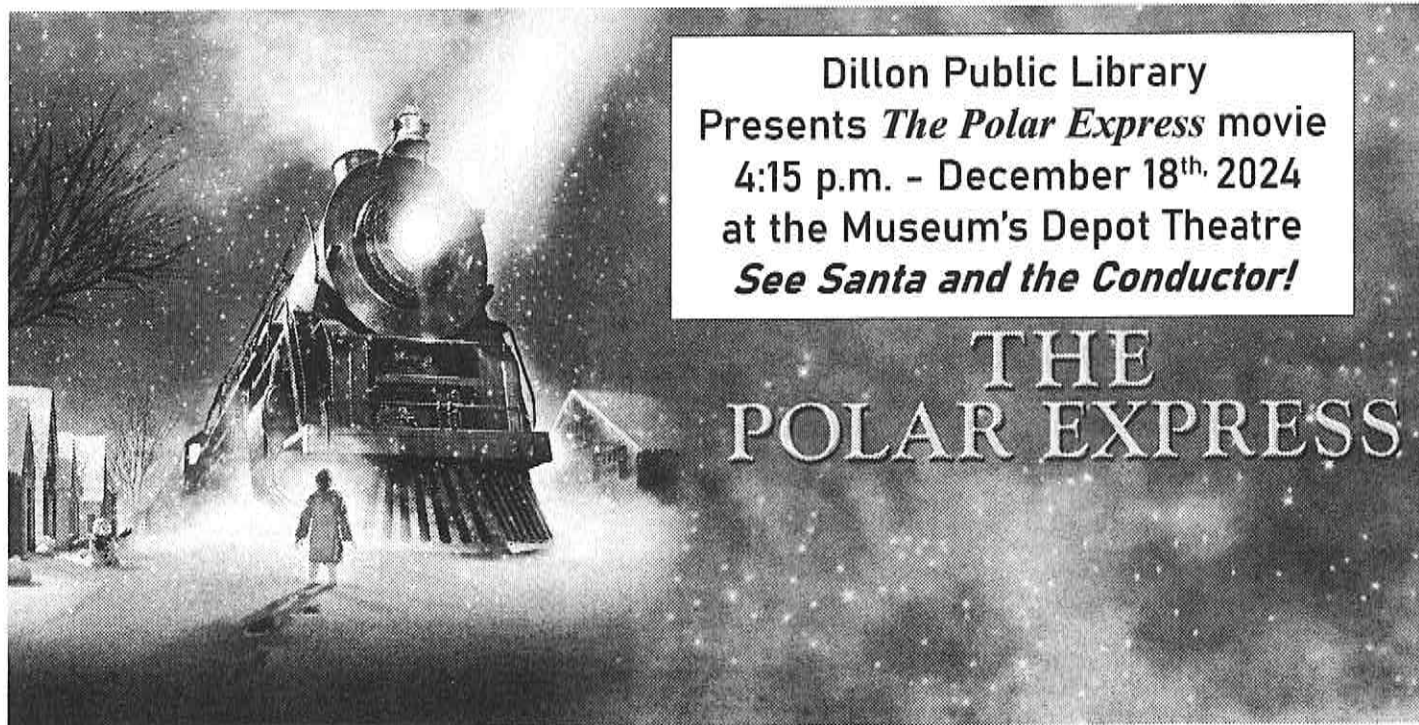
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Bids may only be for one lot, but multiple bids may be submitted. To examine items or for more information please contact Justin Killebrew (Fairgrounds Facilities Director) at (406) 660-7383 or Jack Bazemore (County Extension Agent) at (406) 683-3785.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

12/11-17 BILL

Registered Dillon Elementary School District #10 Voters:

The Board of Trustees of Dillon Elementary School District #10 will be appointing a qualified candidate to serve as Dillon Elementary School District #10 Trustee at the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2025. This individual will serve on the Board until the May 2025 election.

If you are interested in being appointed to the Board, please submit a letter of application by 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 3, 2025, to:

**Kasey Swisher, District Clerk
Dillon Elementary School District
22 North Cotton Drive
Dillon, MT 59725**

The Board of Trustees may interview interested applicants at the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

Qualifications:

- Must be a resident of the Dillon Elementary School District
- Must be qualified to vote in the Dillon Elementary School District
- Must complete and file an Oath of Office once appointed

Beaverhead Gun Club Annual Meeting

Thursday 12/19/2024 @ 7 pm

Calling all members And non-members are invited to learn more about the club and membership. Join us at the clubhouse (2155 White Ln)

Agenda:

1. Re-Elect Officers
President - Jed Munday
Vice President - John Hawkins
Treasurer & Secretary - Tim Jones
2. Seeking nominations for one (1) Field Captain officer and three (3) Directors - Please e-mail nominations to beaverheadgunclub@gmail.com or contact the officers to submit nominations:
President - Jed Munday (406) 925-0031 jedmunday@gmail.com
Vice President - John Hawkins (406) 925-1570 jhconst@msn.com
Treasurer & Secretary - Tim Jones (859) 393-7258 tim4jones2@gmail.com
Please note: The Club will provide officers and directors insurance in 2025
3. Recap 2024
4. Plan for 2025
5. New Business for 2025?

**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.

Join us for this quiet service, all are welcome.